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TOWNSEND.

Center.

The Monday club met this week with Mrs. Ellen Howard. The subject for the afternoon was "The boy scouts," and Mrs. Abbie A. Barber gave a delightful and interesting account of them in her most estimable paper, which showed that she had put much time and pains into the writing of it. Current events at home and abroad were in charge of Mrs. K. Frances Flagg and Miss Edna Haynes gave a violin solo, accompanied by Miss Beth Haynes. Miss Marion Hamblett of Mason also gave a reading which was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served and a social time followed.

Fifteen or twenty members of the Sons and Daughters of Veterans from here had a fine sleighride to Ayer on Thursday night, where they attended the triple installation of the S. of V. G. A. R. and W. R. C.

Mrs. Clarence King is ill with the measles.
Ruth Stearns, who is sick with scarlet fever at her grandfather's, S. J. Stearns, is improving and no other cases have been reported in town as yet.

Miss Minnie Shattuck of Lowell, a niece of the late Mrs. Mary Holden, visited friends and relatives in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tyler have gone to Lunenburg to help care for Mr. Tyler's uncle, Stephen Adams, who is ill. They will stay as long as they are needed or until other arrangements are made.

The business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held at Harry Winchester's, Tuesday evening and after it was over, Mr. Winchester treated his guests to a dainty lunch and also played several selections upon the piano. There were about thirty young people present and the rest of the evening was spent in enjoying music and playing games.

The Country club met last week Friday with Mrs. Albert Powell. Papers upon the Chinese were read by Mrs. Annie Greenleaf and Mrs. Mabel Brackett and current events were given. This week Friday they met with Mrs. Frank Woods at her new home at the Center.

Judson McMackin, of Lancaster, is visiting at his sister's, Mrs. Rouy Cowdrey.

T. E. Flarity installed the officers of the Lexington grange on Wednesday evening.

The Cooper's annual concert and ball will be held on Thursday evening, January 25. Brigham's orchestra, of Marlboro, ten pieces, will furnish the music, and an oyster supper will be served at intermission.

Clippings.

The following clipping, taken from the Boston Herald, is of interest here inasmuch as the car which sank in the lake was to have been driven to Townsend this coming week to receive an overhauling at C. W. Smith's automobile shop, and Bertram Gurley, of Boston, the owner of the machine, participated in the accident. Mr. Fairfield, who has an interest in the Dorchester Ice Co., and according to reports here and contrary to this clipping, was the only one in the car when the ice gave way. Mr. Gurley is now in town for a few days.

A large touring car, owned by the Dorchester Ice Co., sank in Silver lake at Pembroke on Sunday afternoon, and it was found to have struck bottom in forty feet of water. The car was filled at the time of the accident by several young persons, who went to the lake for a day's outing. A ride on the ice was proposed, and the driver of the car started over the frozen surface.

The lake abounds in deep spring holes, and the first that the occupants of the car knew the rear wheels of the car were in the water and the body was slipping into a hole.
"Those in the auto jumped to firm ice, and did what they could to save the machine, but it gradually sank from sight, and could not be reached with any appliances that the men could find at the lake."

On Tuesday morning, in the severe gale that was blowing, an alarm of fire was sounded for a chimney fire at the home of Mrs. Cutting. The department responded promptly and little damage was done, but the extremely high wind made a fire of that sort doubly dangerous.

The reading-room is rejoicing in the gift from Mrs. C. S. Homer of "The life and works of Winslow Homer," the famous American artist, by Downes. This book goes onto the shelves on Saturday afternoon and there are many in the village anxiously waiting opportunity to enjoy its pages.

Miss Mildred Seaver, who has been spending a week's vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver, left on Wednesday for several months' employment at Albany, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Wilson and Mrs. Josephine Boynton visited Boston on Wednesday and attended the poultry show.

Mrs. H. W. Lawrence and her daughter, Mrs. Louis Welch, enjoyed a brief visit to friends in West Acton the first of the week.
Rev. S. D. Ringrose has resumed his duties at the Boston university after a fortnight's vacation, and is going back and forth on the cars every day.

Banquet.

On Monday evening, a very pleasant gathering at the vestry represented the men of West Townsend, who were given a banquet and listened to a very pleasing address by W. W. Main, who assisted Rev. S. D. Ringrose in forming a class called the West Townsend Brotherhood, with a motto "The other fellow," with the following officers: Dr. Henry B. Boynton, pres.; Carl B. Willard, sec.; Alexander Reed, treas.; Charles Stickney, vice pres.

Several committees were appointed to be further filled out at the meeting which will be held in the Baptist vestry from twelve to one o'clock on Sunday afternoon, January 14. The supper was arranged and served by the social and executive committees of the Y. P. S. C. E., and consisted of salads, cold meats, pies, hot rolls and coffee, and the room was very tastefully decorated with flags and bunting.

The program consisted of a solo by James Dodds, entitled "The gift," followed by an encore, "My dear." Remarks of welcome by Walter E. Wilder, superintendent of the Sunday school. Then Rev. Ringrose introduced W. W. Main, of Boston, a very popular and celebrated Sunday school worker, whose address was followed with the closest of attention and appreciation, as frequent bursts of applause testified.

At the close of the address, while a nominating committee, consisting of S. D. Ringrose, W. E. Bruce and John Campbell were conferring in an adjoining room, another selection was rendered by Mr. Dodds and remarks by a guest, A. S. Howard, of Townsend Center, were much enjoyed. After singing "Onward christian soldiers," speeches were called for from Drs. R. S. Ely and H. B. Boynton, which were heartily applauded.

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In spite of the severe snow storm fifty-four men partook of the banquet and the affair was most heartily enjoyed.

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morning train came down from Greenville. Mr. Whitney's milk wagon was at the upper crossing and the rear of the wagon was struck by the train damaging it slightly, but the horse and driver escaped without injury.

At a business meeting of the Sunday school it was voted to send the superintendent, Walter E. Wilder, to the association meeting in Still River on January 19.

At the business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. on Sunday evening the name of Walter Bennett was added to the active membership list.

Mrs. F. A. Hardy of this village is visiting friends in Montpelier, Vt.

Charles Smith, who has been in a hospital in Boston for a number of weeks, undergoing operations for cataracts on both eyes, has returned to his home in Josselynville with recovered sight.

Miss Alice Seaver was fortunate enough to win a prize in one of the recent puzzle contests in Harper's Bazaar, a nicely bound, illustrated "Becky Sharp" edition of Thackeray's "Vanity Fair."

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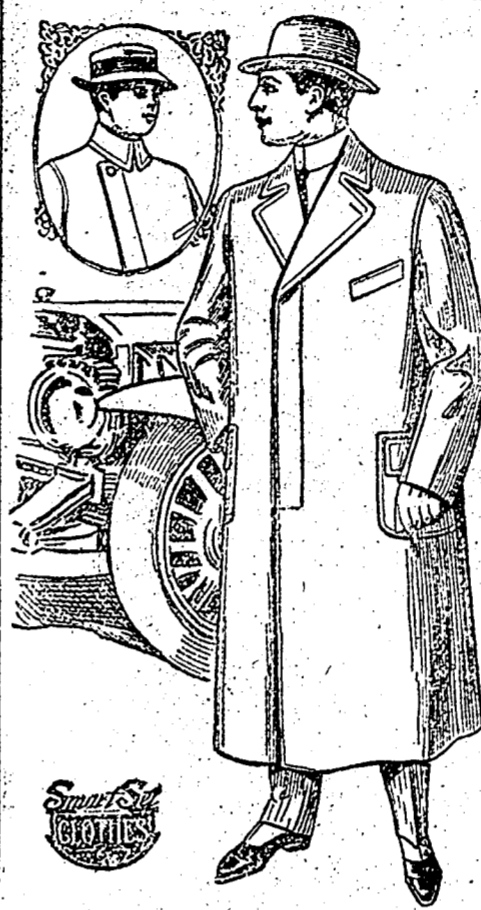
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WESTFORD.

Center.

It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Cole, formerly of Washington, D. C. have bought the large and valuable farm of the late George E. Crosby, of Tewksbury. Mrs. Cole was formerly Miss Edith A. Seifer, of South Westford, and her marriage to Mr. Cole took place in the Union Congregational church here a few years ago. Incidentally, the late Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Crosby were known to quite a few Westford people through their grange affiliations.

Miss Laura Lambert, of Billerica, has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Lillian Lambert.

Pleasant reports come this week from the world tourists, Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prescott Wright, and their experiences in the Japanese cities of Nagasaki and Kobe.

The ladies of the Unitarian society are preparing to hold a food sale in their church parlors next Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Light refreshments will be served free to all. A musical entertainment will be furnished by Cambridge talent. This promises to be an attractive event and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

W. M. Wright, accompanied by Mrs. Wright went to Groton on Tuesday evening to install officers of Groton grange.

Some good, lively games of basketball took place in the academy gymnasium on Wednesday afternoon. The Scouts scored from the Independents 25 to 3. The academy team beat the Parrots 12 to 4.

Calvin Howard, whose pleasant farm is on our western town boundaries, has been visiting his son, Charles Howard and family, of Concord, N. H. Mr. Howard has gained a good deal from the injury to his knee, but is obliged to go slowly and use much care.

We note in one of our Boston dailies that the late John Tetlow, for many years head master of the Girls' English high school of Boston, left an estate of \$50,000. Mr. Tetlow was a son-in-law of the Mrs. Howard, who formerly lived in this village and was well-known here in his residence and taking care of his aunt, Mrs. Francis K. Proctor, whose home was where the E. J. Whitneys now live. Mrs. Howard now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Tetlow, in Greater Boston.

Grange.

The annual installation of officers, degree work and an oyster supper were the attractions at the first meeting of the year last week Thursday evening. This called out a large attendance of the members and visiting strangers from Littleton and Groton. The list of officers installed have previously appeared in these columns at the time they were elected.

Past master W. M. Wright was the installing officer for the evening. Mr. Wright is thoroughly proficient in this work and Thursday evening performed the ceremonies with dignity and absolute accuracy. He was assisted very capably by Mrs. Henry B. Read, past master of the ladies' degree staff. During the evening the third and fourth degrees were conferred upon a class of four, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Polley, Mrs. Joseph Sargent and Walter Blanchard. The third degree work was done by the ladies' staff, under the direction of Mrs. Fred L. Snow. Owing to the evening being so filled up, the floor work of this staff was much simplified and abbreviated.

An excellent supper was served under the direction of J. Henry Colburn and a group of men waiters in white jackets. The oysters, under Mrs. S. L. Taylor's skillful preparation, were pronounced just right. Reports were given by the secretary, treasurer and Flora, all showing excellent conditions.

The retiring master, Frank C. Wright made an appropriate speech, to which the incoming master, W. R. Taylor responded in well chosen words. Mr. Taylor is a charter member of the order, has held various offices, and the outlook is good for a prosperous term, and the loyal support of the membership.

Mrs. Clara E. Greif, the newly installed lecturer, announces for the next meeting a dramatic entertainment, and also the programs for that year ready for distribution at that meeting.

Obituary.

It was a sad announcement that circulated about the village in the early afternoon last week Friday that Mrs. John B. Fletcher had passed away. Mrs. Fletcher had been in falling health for a year past, and about six weeks ago was taken seriously sick with angina pectoris, and doctor, nurses and friends had done all possible to alleviate conditions. Mrs. Fletcher had recently been comparatively comfortable and had been moved to a downstairs room and had enjoyed the change of outlook that this afforded. The day she died she had seemed much stronger and more comfortable and death came very suddenly.

Emily Melissa Chandler was born in Westford and lived here all her life. She was one of a large family, the Chandler homestead being situated in the north part of Westford, bordering on Flushing pond, or frequently called Chandler's pond. Brought up in one of the typical New England families of those days, the inculcated virtues of capability and energy, thrift and upright living characteristics all her life. In 1869, she was married to

John B. Fletcher, at that time postmaster and village storekeeper.

Mrs. Fletcher united with the Union Congregational church on September 30, 1866, and had always been faithful and devoted to its best welfare, and her helpful presence will be genuinely missed. She was also a member of the Tadmuck club since its organization and interested in its work and success.

Mrs. Fletcher met all life's conditions with the gentle, but well-poised personality of a strong, upright character. She was loyal in her friendship, consistent and helpful in her church relations, and always the kind and pleasant neighbor.

The large family circle of her generation had been sadly depleted by death, but she is survived by one brother in the west, and one sister, Mrs. Caroline Miller, of Middlesex, one niece, Miss Jennie M. Chandler, a teacher in the schools of Boston, two step-sons, John M. Fletcher, of this village, and Frank L. Fletcher, of Somerville, and their families.

The funeral was held from her late home, the home over which she had so long presided with gracious efficiency, Sunday afternoon at 2.30. Rev. David Wallace, her pastor, officiated and spoke words of comfort and sympathy and rendered a just appreciation of her who had gone.

The flowers were of great beauty and profusion. Among the many pieces was a beautiful spray of roses from the Congregational church. Two beautifully rendered solos, "Come unto me," and "The Christian's goodnight," were sung by Miss Edna Ferguson and Edson G. Boynton. The bearers were J. Herbert Fletcher, Hammett Wright, John Wilson, of Chelmsford, and Fred Chandler.

Interment was in the family lot in Fairview cemetery. Undertaker David L. Greig was in charge of all arrangements.

Death.

A sad happening of the week has been the death of Miss Lucy Tolles Lambert under especially sorrowful circumstances. Miss Lambert lived with her father, Henry O. Keyes, at the Keyes' homestead in the north part of the town, acting as his housekeeper.

A great-uncle, Freeman Keyes, a very aged man, also lived in the house. During the night, last week Friday, the girl gave birth to a baby boy. Early in the morning, Saturday, Dr. W. H. Sherman, of Granitville, was hastily summoned by E. H. Keyes, another uncle of the girl, and brother of H. O. Keyes.

Dr. Sherman, upon his arrival, found the girl unable to speak, but she pointed to a box which apparently contained strychnia pills. After a little she was able to tell of taking what were in the box. In spite of the use of the proper antidotes administered by Dr. Sherman, with convulsions she lapsed into unconsciousness and soon died.

The circumstances were such that medical examiner, Dr. Frank S. Bulkeley, of the Ayer district, was summoned, who turned the case over to District Attorney Higgins, of Middlesex County, and he has detailed two officers who have visited the Keyes home with Constable Boynton, of Westford, and a search of the girl's effects were made to see if anything could be learned possibly bearing upon the identity of the father of the child, as it may become a public charge.

It has since been found that the strychnine was bought in the shape of one-sixtieth grain pellets of Frye & Crawford, druggists, of Lowell, last spring on a prescription given by Dr. S. Lees Joslin, Dr. Sherman's predecessor in Granitville. This prescription had previously been filled in Northfield, where Miss Lambert was at that time.

An autopsy having been held and the stomach analysis, permission was given for the burial of the body and the funeral services were held at the Keyes home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Lewis H. Havernalde of Granitville being the officiating clergyman. Interment was in the Keyes family lot in Fairview cemetery.

Miss Lambert's age was given as twenty-two years.

A Trying Combination.

The combination snow and rain storm of Tuesday proved the first real trouble maker of the season for the branch line electric. Nothing like schedule trips were accomplished until late in the afternoon. The fall of snow, followed by rain settling through onto the cold rails, and the weather turning cold, formed an obstinate coating of ice that was hard to contend with. The crew, assisted by some volunteer work from citizens, put in some hard work clearing the rails; also, Frank Miller, road superintendent, went over the route with the three-horse snowplow, with the result of getting the line open by noon.

All would have gone well if, on the second trip through, the car, probably owing to ice, had not left the rails about one-third of a mile from the Brookside end. The crew secured some jackscraws and with the volunteer help of one of the citizens, who had been helping clear the tracks, worked hard to get the car back onto the tracks, after which the last three trips of the day were accomplished.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Union Congregational church took place on Monday of this week. This was preceded by a dinner at noon, which proved the usual pleasant event, the one occasion during the year when the church members get together around the board in the intimate fellowship of the church family, and later to discuss the affairs of the church's vital activities. The dinner was in charge of Mrs. L. W. Wheeler and Mrs. S. L. Taylor and other willing helpers.

At its close the roll was called by the clerk and met with a good as well as varied responses from those present, as well as absent members some disclosing substantial tokens to forward the church's work.

The business meeting was opened by prayer by the pastor, after which Arthur E. Day was chosen moderator. Reports were given from deacons, pastor, auditor, treasurer, collector,

trustees, superintendent of Y. P. S. C. E., secretary Ladies' Missionary society, historian and supply committee. During the year all bills have been met and a balance left in the treasury.

It was voted that the installing of electric lighting into the church be left with the trustees to do as seems wise.

Voted, that the treasurer be authorized to renew any expiring insurance policies.

Voted, to pay the pastor fifty dollars additional this year.

The following officers were chosen: L. W. Wheeler, clerk; Miss L. B. Atwood, treas.; John P. Wright, asst. treas.; H. G. Osgood, col.; Miss Mary P. Bunce, aud.; L. W. Wheeler, A. E. Day, H. G. Osgood, C. D. Colburn, Miss L. B. Atwood, trus.; Miss Sarah W. Loker, Miss L. B. Atwood, L. W. Wheeler, H. G. Osgood, A. E. Day, supply com.; Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, his.; A. E. Day, dea. 3 yrs.; Miss Mary P. Bunce and Miss L. B. Atwood, asst. col.; G. Osgood, supt. S. S.; Charles D. Colburn, asst. supt.; Otis Day, treas.

Firemen's Ball.

The firemen's ball, which had been looked forward to for some time, took place at the town hall on Friday evening of last week. The severity of the weather doubtless had its effect upon the attendance, but estimates of attendance have been reported by those present varying all the way from fifty to seventy-five couples. Brigham's orchestra, of Marlboro, with their excellent music were very much of an attraction.

After the concert program the march was formed, the leaders being Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding and her brother, Robert Prescott. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served at intermission, the ice cream and coffee being from the D. L. Page Company. The committee in charge were J. Herbert Fletcher, Will E. Wright and Robert Prescott. Proportionately speaking, there were a large number of guests present from out-of-town.

About Town.

Whidden's corner on the Groton road has all its houses supplied by a water system. The tank is filled by an electric motor, being installed at Walter Whidden's. Mr. Whidden is an ingenious man and has completed wiring his house and greenhouses. The greenhouse is a beautiful sight when under the glow of the new lights.

Henry Jeffrey, of West Chelmsford, has started working nights for the Elison Worsted Company of North Chelmsford. Mr. Jeffrey is a brother of Mrs. David L. Greig.

Mrs. Thomas Bartlett and son William, of Brookside, spent new year's with her mother in Manchester, N. H. Mr. Bartlett is having his winter vacation in Vermont.

George C. Moore is cutting off the handsome pine forest close to the Nabnasset school. This is made necessary to avoid the expense of fighting the moths. This lot contains some of the finest lumber in town. It is being hauled to Proctor's mill at North Chelmsford by John Marline. Mr. Moore owns several hundred acres of valuable pine timber around Nabnasset pond, but will be preserved as a park for pleasure parties in connection with summer parties at the pond.

A horse belonging to James Harrop became unmanageable on Tuesday on Oak hill and ran as far as the Nabnasset schoolhouse where it fell on the stone doorstep and received injuries that proved fatal.

Harold Hildreth has been chosen superintendent of the Unitarian Sunday school.

At one of the regular meetings of the W. C. T. U., a competitive contest was arranged to see who could add the most members to the organization. Sides and captains were chosen, and Mrs. J. Wright and Mrs. David Wallace were chosen to represent the contest, the losing side to furnish entertainment and refreshments. As a result of this agreement the friends of this contest gathered at the home of Mrs. Wallace on Thursday afternoon, where the terms of this agreement were pleasantly exemplified.

Besides the regular Sunday morning service at the Unitarian church on Sunday, there will be an evening service at five o'clock, with an address by Rev. Lyman Weeks.

The directors of the Board of Trade held a meeting on Wednesday evening and discussed plans for an entertainment and address by some speaker some time in February.

Interesting Debate.

The West Chelmsford Debating society held the second debate of the season at Historic hall. The meeting was called to order by the secretary, Fred A. Snow. The question for the evening, Resolved, "That life in the country is more favorable to the development of human life than life in the city." Affirmative, Harold H. Fletcher, Samuel L. Taylor, Negative, Samuel Naylor, Charles Martin. After discussion by the regular debate, the question was open to the house. Among those who debated from the floor were Capt. John J. Monahan, Fred A. Snow, George H. Druyer. A vote was taken on the merits of the question and on the arguments and was decided in the affirmative.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, January 23, when the following question will be discussed: Resolved, "That capital punishment should be abolished." Affirmative, Loren J. Ellenwood, Chas. S. Edwards, Negative, John J. Monahan, David Olson.

Recovers His Pet.

Henry Fletcher has had a tame owl in his possession for several years. Recently it made a dash for liberty, but did not leave the vicinity of Nabnasset pond and the nearby quarry. The sporting fraternity tried to bring it to terms with the rifle, but failed. Attempts were made to capture it alive, this also failed. At last Walter Whidden came to the rescue. Finding it perched on a limb he secured a long pole and succeeded in gradually compelling it to lose its hold on the limb and take to the pole as a substitute. With the owl on the top of the pole Mr. Whidden started for his house about four hundred feet distant and

succeeded in landing it an inside prisoner, and afterward returned it to its owner, who is an expert hunter and authority on bird life.

Death.

Otis S. Caldwell, who died in Lowell on Monday, will be remembered by many of the people of Westford, as for many years he lived in the Nabnasset district on the small farm now owned by Augustus F. Whidden. He was the son of Francis and Mary (Gillon) Caldwell. He leaves a widow, one brother, George Caldwell, of Nashua, one sister, Mrs. Augustus F. Whidden, of Westford. The funeral took place in Lowell on Wednesday, and burial in Fairview cemetery under the direction of Undertaker David L. Greig. The bearers were George Caldwell, Augustus F. Whidden, Walter A. Whidden, Elmer E. Whidden. He died suddenly of heart failure, being sixty-six years old.

Forge Village.

Services at St. Andrew's church will be held on Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday school will commence at 3.30, under the charge of Mr. Griswold, of Groton.

Mrs. George Wyman and daughter Mabel, of Camden, N. J., who has been visiting her parents for the last two weeks, are spending a few days with relatives and friends in Arlington Heights.

Miss Alice L. Prescott, formerly a teacher in the seventh and eighth grades at Stow school, Andover, has resigned her position to become principal of the grammar school at Rowley.

Mrs. Henry Catchpole is just recovering from an attack of the gripe.

Miss Della Drake returned on Sunday from a visit with her mother, Mrs. Lena Drake, of Ellsworth, Me.

Cameron school reopened on Monday after the Christmas vacation of two weeks.

The Ladies' Sewing circle held their regular meeting in Recreation hall on Wednesday afternoon at the usual hour.

The many friends of Daniel Sullivan, of Roxbury, formerly of this village, will be pained to hear of his death, which occurred on Tuesday at Rowley. Although Mr. Sullivan has not been well for some time, still his untimely death has come as a shock to his numerous friends in this vicinity. Funeral will take place from the home of his sister, Mrs. John Sullivan, of Pond street.

Rev. Endicott Peabody, of Groton, will lecture on his journey to Egypt and surroundings in Recreation hall on Thursday evening, January 18, the lecture to be illustrated by stereopticon views.

Mrs. William Weaver, of Pond street, who has been confined to her home since Christmas by illness, suffered intensely on last week Friday, but it is reported that she is now resting comfortably.

Miss Letitia V. Ward, principal of Cameron school, spent the last of her vacation at Morrisville, Vt.

James Wilson, on returning from work on Tuesday, met with an injury caused by falling on an icy sidewalk. He is confined to his home on Pleasant street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Sweat announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Edith Marion, to Dr. James Dearborn Christie, of Littleton.

Mrs. Nelson Prescott has been confined to her home the past week by illness.

The members of St. Catherine's choir, West Granitville, will hold a dance in Abbot hall on Friday evening, January 19. The Glee Mandolin club will furnish music for dancing. At the conclusion of the concert, and a most enjoyable evening is promised to all who attend.

Polander Disappears.

The police of Lowell and several cities are on the watch for a Polander named Tygmunt Wolascenicz, who left here on Monday night with \$20, together with a gold watch, belonging to Miss Margaret Aelskan, a Polish girl, and to whom he was to have been married last Saturday. The man was last seen at Ayer, and as he is said to have friends in Worcester, it is of the opinion of many that he was journeying to that city. Officer John Sullivan, being notified, immediately sent word to the police at Worcester and Fitchburg. The young man, as well as Miss Aelskan, boarded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mattox, of Pleasant street. Any information in regard to the case will be appreciated by Officer Sullivan of this village.

New Club Formed.

Mrs. Warren Sturgis, of Groton, visited at St. Andrew's mission on Monday evening, where she met the young ladies of the parish for the purpose of establishing a dramatic club. The meeting was opened by Rev. Arthur L. Bumpus, who after making a few remarks, was followed by Mrs. Sturgis, who explained the advantage of social meetings and gatherings, and the pleasure it would give her to make monthly visits to the club. When the club is formed and under way, rehearsals will begin for entertainments. Mrs. Sturgis kindly offered to coach the members and help them in every way she could. After the meeting Mrs. Sturgis entertained those present with readings which were thoroughly enjoyed. A musical program followed, the entertainers being Mrs. Sturgis, Mary H. Cherry, Edith Spinner and Miss E. Marlon Sweet. All present spent a most pleasant evening and are looking forward to their next meeting.

Granitville.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. George Gilson on last Thursday afternoon and perfected arrangements for a sale and entertainment to be held in the church vestry next week.

Good old New England winter weather has prevailed here this week and the pickers of violets and dandelion blossoms have suspended operations until spring.

Misses Etta, Mary and Alice C. Sheehan, of Lowell, have been recent visitors in this village.

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Martin Hanson, while returning from the postoffice on last Saturday night, slipped and fell on the ice roadway, injuring himself quite badly. He was assisted to his home and Dr. C. A. Blaney, of Westford, who is the physician for Loyal Self Help lodge, M. U., of Forge Village, of which Mr. Hanson is a member, was summoned. Dr. Blaney found the patient suffering with fractured ribs and a dislocated shoulder. Mr. Hanson is now getting along nicely, although he will be laid up for some time.

Miss Catherine Rafferty, who is now employed in Brookline, made a short visit to relatives and friends here this week.

All the schools were opened again on Monday morning at the usual hour, after the annual Christmas and new year's vacation.

Miss Mary A. Dunn, of the Sargent school, has resumed her duties after having spent a very enjoyable vacation with friends and relatives in Worcester.

Joseph Wall, with his son William L. Wall, attended the Master Painters' convention that was held at the American house, Boston, this week.

J. B. Carmichael is now confined to his home suffering with fractured ribs, the injury having been sustained while attending to his duties as foreman at the C. G. Sargent's machine shop.

All the newly elected officers of Cameron circle, C. of F. of A., were duly installed at their regular meeting held in this village on last Tuesday evening by Mrs. Julia B. Wall, g. l. g., of this village.

Judging from the present weather conditions everything seems favorable for the usual crop of ice this winter, and incidentally it may be mentioned that no doubt if the condition of the ice warrants it, horse racing on Forge pond will again be revived and the followers of speed will once more demonstrate as to who is the owner of the fastest horse in this town.

St. Catherine's Church.

Two masses were celebrated in St. Catherine's church on last Sunday morning by Rev. M. E. Doherty, and both were largely attended. Mr. Doherty announced that there would be a meeting of the Ladies' Sodality on next Thursday evening at 7.30, in St. Catherine's church, to which all the ladies of the parish are invited to be present. After the second mass there was a special meeting of the members of the Holy Name society, in which favorable action was taken on attending the union meeting of the Holy Name societies to be held in St. Peter's church, Lowell on next Sunday evening. The members of the local society will leave here on the 5.30 car, and meet the North Chelmsford delegates at St. John's church, where, after a brief service in the church, a special car will convey the North Chelmsford and Granitville delegations to Lowell.

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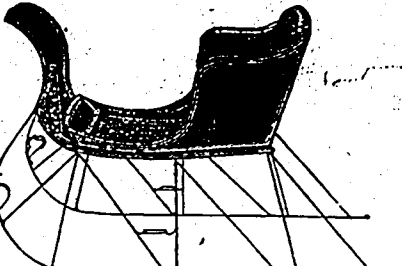
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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Miss Arline Wilbur attained her nineteenth birthday last week Friday evening, and in honor of this event entertained a few friends at her home on Center road that evening. Dancing, with vocal and instrumental music, and refreshments kept all in a happy mood and the evening was very enjoyably spent. Those present were Miss Eleanor Miner, Miss Flora Shephard, Forrest Hooper, Jr., Arthur Annis and Sylvester Chesbrough. Miss Wilbur returned on Monday to her studies at Cushing academy, after spending the school vacation of two weeks at home.

Miss Annie Fuller is confined to her home with sickness. Mrs. Moserve has been secured to care for her for a time.

Russell Miner, of Allston, spent the week-end at home.

Miss Etta Gately, of Boston, spent the week-end at home.

Mrs. Ida M. Warren spent the week-end at the home of his brother in Putnam, Conn.

The Samson cordage works band have postponed their dance from January 22, to January 29. Johnson's orchestra has been engaged and other features of entertainment will be given.

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

About twenty from Shirley attended the firemen's ball in Groton last evening.

Percy Holden, who is confined to his home with rheumatic fever, is improving.

The leap year party given under the auspices of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will be held in Odd Fellows hall on Saturday evening, January 20. Much interest is being evinced and the evening gives promise of one being a gala social event. The young ladies of the lodge are leaving no stone unturned to make the event a record breaker. Refreshments will be on sale under the direction of the committee which consists of Mrs. Ida M. Warren, chairman, Miss Margaret Love, Miss Evelyn Miner and Miss Emma Knowles. Late cars will run to Ayer, Leominster and Fitchburg.

Mrs. Martha Cooper, who a few weeks ago broke her hip by accidentally being knocked down by the team from the Holiday house, is in a very serious condition. A trained nurse has been in attendance since the unfortunate affair happened, but owing to the fact that she seems to be gradually failing, an additional trained nurse has been engaged, so that every attention can be given her night and day.

William Lougee and family have rented the house on Chapel street formerly occupied by the Newton Wilson family, and are moving today from the Holbrook house, so-called, corner of Main and Fredonian street, owned by Brockelman Bros. Frank C. Brockelman and wife, who now reside in the cottage house on Harvard road, will move into the flat vacated by the Lougees.

The St. Jean society will hold installation exercises on Sunday, January 14, at four o'clock, at St. Anthony's hall.

Mrs. Martha Williams, who recently lost her husband through death, has met with two very painful accidents the past two weeks. Last week she slipped while going out of the back door into the yard, and fell against the door sill and broke three ribs. On Monday of this week, in an attempt to light the fire with the aid of kerosene, the blaze suddenly started up as she was leaning over the stove and burnt nearly all the hair from her head and badly scorched her head and face. In both cases medical attendance was required.

Runaway.

A horse and carriage belonging to Augustus B. Cram was slightly damaged last week Saturday evening by the bolting of the horse through the gates of the Depot square crossing, breaking one gate off and partly damaging the other. Mr. Cram, who engages in a livery business was waiting for the 6.20 train from Boston, which was late. The horse was as usual hitched to a weight and became badly frightened at the puffing of an engine attached to a local freight and stampeded. He evidently started for his home on Center road, and the gates being down he bolted clean through, breaking away from the carriage fortunately just at the moment when the railroad tracks were clear.

The damage to the horse was slight, he receiving only a few bruises, while the damage to the team will not exceed fifteen dollars. The horse was found in his barn on Center road.

Funeral.

The funeral of the late Savillion W. Longley took place last week Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Services were held in the Universalist church. The members of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F. and Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge attended in a body. The pastor, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, paid a practical and beautiful tribute to the life and memory of the deceased. The Odd Fellows' funeral service was then performed, the noble grand and chaplain of Fredonian lodge reading the rites. The pall bearers, members of Fredonian lodge, were William H. Wilbur, Charles R. White, Jacob C. Beach and Philip E. Hocquard.

Burial was in the family lot at the village cemetery. A brief committal service was held at the grave, the Odd Fellows' burial service being used, the noble grand of the lodge, Ralph Jenkins, officiating. The members of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., and Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge then deposited into the grave, the final resting place of their brother, the never fading evergreen, a symbol of Odd Fellowship emblematic of eternal life. This ended the service and the curtain in the last act of a useful life was solemnly rung down.

The church auditorium was well filled notwithstanding the extreme cold which prevailed throughout the day, and men and women leaders in the business and social life of the town were present to pay their last tribute

of respect to their friend and townsman, Savillion W. Longley.

The organization of Odd Fellows was splendidly represented, over fifty members in line from Fredonian lodge, members of Odd Fellows lodges from nearby towns being also in evidence. A woody number from Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge attended the funeral, which made the line of march from the church to the cemetery a long and imposing one, and had the day been more favorable it would in all probability been one of the largest attended funerals ever held in Shirley.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the legal voters of the Shirley village water district will be held in the engine hall on Monday evening, January 1, at 7.30 o'clock, when the following articles will be acted upon after a moderator is chosen:

Article 2. To elect a clerk to serve for one year.

Art. 3. To hear and act upon the report of the water committee.

Art. 4. To hear and act upon the report of the auditor.

Art. 5. To elect by ballot a commissioner for one year.

Art. 6. To choose an auditor for the year 1912.

Art. 7. To determine the sum to be raised by taxation for the year 1912, and to fix a time for the payment thereof, and to determine what rate of interest, if any, shall be collected on overdue taxes.

Art. 8. To act upon any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Brotherhood Meeting.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening. A prize supper was served at 7.30, consisting of escalloped oysters, potatoes, cold meats, hot rolls, coffee, pies, cake and fruit, with other miscellaneous viands. At the close of the supper hour the president, Mr. Fowler, called the meeting to order. The secretary, Joseph H. McClellan, read the records and also a letter from President Taft, in acknowledgement of a set of resolutions petitioning for the ratification of the peace treaty now pending at Washington, D. C. The resolutions were adopted by the Shirley Brotherhood and forwarded to the president of the United States.

Ex-mayor Harvey, of Waltham, was the originator of these resolutions, and when the guest of the brotherhood a month ago, asked for their consideration and adoption. The brotherhood has also recently received a communication from U. S. Senator Lodge, and Crane on this same trial school for boys, was the guest subject. Thirty-five members were present and five new ones received, making a total of forty.

George P. Campbell, superintendent of the Shirley Industrial school for boys, was the guest and speaker of the evening. At the close of the business session he gave a very exhaustive account of his experience of the west. Mr. Campbell gave a good description of the mining operations from all points of view and a very interesting account of the life, habits and moods of the Mormons in Utah. Mr. Campbell also touched on the natural beauty of the scenery, mountains, etc., of the west. In short the address was excellent, being listened to with the closest attention. Mr. Campbell was given a rousing vote of thanks at the conclusion of his address.

The supper committee consisted of J. Albert Deardon, chairman, H. M. James, J. H. McClellan and Mr. Nelson of the Industrial school, and have the honor of giving the finest supper ever given at a brotherhood meeting and were showered with compliments. Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy, Mrs. Harding M. James and Miss Nellie Gardner assisted in the preparation of the collation.

D. A. R.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., held a very interesting meeting on Monday evening with Mrs. Mary J. Harlow. After a short business session a very interesting program was given, which had been prepared by Mrs. Hattie W. Evans and Mrs. Mary J. Harlow, which was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Mabel Miner; songs, Miss Nina Holbrook; violin solos, Mrs. Mabel Goodwin. Songs were sung from the new Massachusetts song book. Miss Annie Holbrook served in the capacity of accompanist for the evening.

Miss A. A. Haskins, Mrs. Lillian Rose Pratt and Miss Hartwell were present from the Fitchburg chapter. Mrs. Pratt explained that on account of sickness the farce expected could not be given and then read "The allegory of the great white bird," which was listened to with closest attention. Mrs. Harlow served refreshments during a social hour, assisted by Mrs. Florence Ballou, Mrs. Doris Wilson and Mrs. Alice Savage.

A committee appointed during the business hour, afterward decided to engage the Lyceum Dramatic club to give an entertainment in Odd Fellows hall on Monday evening, January 12. They come highly recommended from the same bureau that sent the Tyrolean singers to the Brotherhood early in the season.

A. O. U. W.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., held its regular meeting on Monday evening when officers for the coming year were duly installed by Edward H. Harlow, d. d. g. m., of Leominster, and the following suite: Joseph Talbot, p. m. w.; Albert W. Allen, fore.; James Gove, o.; Leo Rolfe, g.; C. W. Foster, treas.; George Miller, rec.; J. A. Perry, in. and out. w.; Emil Dohla, pianist.

The lodge was also honored by the presence of William Sullivan, g. m. w.; Charles C. Fearing, g. rec.; D. Chester Parsons, ad. coun.; John B. Gallagher, g. l. g.; George H. Gorman, d. d. g. m., of Fitchburg.

The following officers were installed by Deputy Harlow and suite: Jacob C. Beach, p. m. w.; Thomas C. Burhill, m. w.; John B. Adams, fore.; Arthur H. Bassett, o.; Sylvester Chesbrough, g.; Alvah A. Walton, i. w.; Edwin Beckholm, o. w.; William J. Flynn, trus. 3 yrs.; Charles W. Wolf, treas.; Walter Knowles, rec.; John M. Leopold, fin.

The work of the installing officer and his suite was splendidly executed. Charles C. Fearing, grand recorder, then occupied the floor and after a well rounded, brief address, presented

to the lodge the block and gavel won by the lodge in the class initiation contest at Clinton on November 17. D. Chester Parsons, advisory counsel, responded for the lodge in words of appreciation.

William J. Sullivan, g. m. w., then presented to Arthur H. Bassett a signet ring, the gift of the grand lodge, for obtaining new members. The deputy of the lodge, Edward H. Harlow, then presented to Jacob C. Beach, the retiring master workman, a gold jeweled badge, the gift of the lodge, for services rendered, passing through the several chairs. This custom of presenting a badge to the retiring master workman has been in vogue by J. C. Ayer lodge for a number of years past.

John B. Gallagher, g. g., of Clinton, presented, in behalf of J. C. Ayer lodge, a very serviceable fountain pen to Walter Knowles, the recorder of the lodge. Mr. Knowles is now entering upon his tenth year as recorder of J. C. Ayer lodge.

At the close of these pleasing exercises, brief remarks were made by Edward H. Harlow, when all adjourned to the dining hall below, where a bountiful collation was served, the menu consisting of oysters, cold meats, tongue and ham, hot rolls, coffee, pies, cake, fruit and ice cream. The supper was excellent, the committee in charge ably assisted by Charles R. White, who played the role of chef to the queen's taste. The waiters consisted of Miss Rena Churchill, Mrs. Minnie Gately, Miss Grace Adams and the Misses Emma, Sarah and Elsie Knowles.

At the close of the supper hour cigars were lighted. The advisory counsel, D. Chester Parsons, acted as toastmaster, and appropriate addresses were delivered by William J. Sullivan, g. m., Charles C. Fearing, g. rec., and John B. Gallagher, g. l. g. Brief remarks were also made by George H. Gorman, d. d. g. m., and Edward H. Harlow.

The evening as a whole was full of enthusiasm and enjoyment, and will go down in the annals of the lodge history as a gilt-edged social event. About eighty sat down to supper, including the invited guests of the evening.

The sum of \$969,000 has been paid out by the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. to widows and orphans during the year of 1911, and the total membership is now nearly 33,000.

During the past year J. C. Ayer lodge has made a net gain in membership of fifteen percent, its lodge roster now calling for a membership of 107, and the prospects for a steady, healthy growth is excellent. It also pays out every year a goodly sum of money to relieve members in distress, and its standing at grand lodge office is excellent.

Installation.

The officers of the Société l'Assomption were duly installed at their regular meeting last Sunday afternoon at St. Anthony's hall. The installing officers consisted of Alphege Leger and suite, of Fitchburg, which included Hilaire Hebert, grand treasurer. The following is the list of officers installed:

Edward Gonet, chan.; Sylvester Thomas, pres.; William Gonet, Frank Thomas, sec.; Michael Gonet, fin. sec.; Philip Leger, cor. sec.; Auxin Gonet, treas.; Charles Gonet, 1st sergt. arms; Joseph Thomas, 2d sergt. arms; Joseph Gonet, Maxime Gonet, John J. Chaisson, directors.

At the close of the installation ceremony, a brief address was made by Rev. J. H. Cote, chaplain of the Court Jaque Cartier. The tone and sentiment of Rev. Cote's address was loyalty to their society and words of encouragement for the past results. Rev. H. S. Lachapelle was the next speaker, who occupied the floor for a full hour, and he commenced by complimenting the members for the splendid work they had accomplished in the past and the good they were doing among the French Arcadians in Shirley in the brief time they had been organized, and emphasized with much feeling the honor that was due the French people of Shirley for erecting a church edifice, where the word of God could be preached in the French language.

The installing deputy, Alphege Leger, was the next and last speaker of the afternoon, who gave a brief sketch of the excellent work done by the society since its organization, and told what was possible to do in the future by each and all working in harmony together for the best of the lodge and members.

The following members from Court St. Cecilia, of Leominster were present: Edmund Leger, P. L. Vantour, Albert Girard, Arthur Bernard and Telephone Cormier. Those present from Court Beauséjour, of Fitchburg, were Mr. and Mrs. Vital Poirrier and Miss Amanda Poirrier, Miss Eva Gallant and Jaddus Maillet. Those present from the home office, or grand lodge staff, were Mr. and Mrs. Hilaire Hebert, Alphege Leger and H. Gallant.

The exercises of the afternoon were brought to a close with a reception tendered to the members of the society and the guests by Mr. and Mrs. John J. Chaisson at their home on Leominster road, which continued until late in the evening. A collation was served and a pleasant program of entertainment rendered. The guests before departing for home voiced their sentiments of appreciation for the bountiful hospitality accorded them in a unanimous vote of thanks.

Center.

The Girls' Sewing guild will hold their next meeting on Saturday afternoon, January 13, at the home of Miss Ruth M. Graves.

Elsie M. Holden is visiting this week at Nashua with Mrs. Charles Hayward, whose family are suffering from the measles.

On Wednesday of last week, a little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thomson at the North.

Arthur Moulton, who was a visitor last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Farnsworth, at the North, has returned to his home in New York.

A sixty-day injunction to restrain John W. Farrar from proceeding with the foreclosure sale at the general store was issued last week at the superior court at Worcester in a bill of equity brought by Ernest E. Dexter through the law office of Walsh

& Walsh, Fitchburg. Mr. Farrar has charge of the postoffice and will carry on his market business the same as before.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware entertained a large party of friends at their home on Hazen road over Sunday.

Junior Darling, Hilda Hitchcock and Henry Martin were guests at the home of Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, last week.

John Johnson, at the North, is confined to his home under the care of a physician.

Edson H. Price has purchased a lot of land on the road over Flat hill from Bertha E. Russell.

The services at the First Parish church were omitted last Sunday.

The Matrons' Aid met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Homer P. Holden, for the annual election of officers.

The housekeeper in the Hancock family at North Shirley, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Kilbourne hospital at Groton last week.

Miss Bessie V. Farnsworth was a visitor in Boston the first part of the week.

Nancy Souther, who was to return to Beverly last week to the school for the deaf and dumb, is to stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilkins at the East for several weeks more, as upon examination her physical condition was found to be below standard.

Miss Helen M. Winslow spent a day in town last week with her sister, Miss Harriet Winslow.

Miss Edith Frary, at the East, has secured a position in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Wildman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton, together with Professor and Mrs. Mark, of Simmons college, spent the week-end at Mr. Bolton's summer home on Center road.

Rev. Endicott Peabody, of Groton School, preached a very fine sermon at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon. On Sunday afternoon, January 14, Rev. Arthur L. Bumpus, of Ayer, will again resume his duties as pastor. The Sunday school classes, which for the past three weeks have been in charge of three of the young ladies of the bible class, will be again taken charge of by the Groton School boys.

The First Parish Branch Alliance met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Elmer H. Allen at the village.

Grange Notes.

At the last meeting of Shirley grange the officers for the year of 1912 were installed by Mrs. Ella D. Rice, of Leominster, a member of the Wachusett grange and Pomona of the state grange. She was assisted in the installation by Mrs. Carrie Smith, of Wachusett grange. Speeches for the good of the order were made by the masters of the Groton and Ayer granges. The following officers were installed:

Ardie A. Adams, m.; George H. Farmer, o.; N. Otis Colburn, stew.; Elsie M. Holden, lec.; Margaret Evans, sec.; Edward Farnsworth, treas.; Mrs. Homer P. Holden, chan.; William Thompson, asst. stew.; William Jubb, g. k.; Ora E. Holden, Ceres; Mrs. Elsie Farnsworth, Flora Louise M. Chevrette, Pomona; Ruth M. Graves, i. a. s.; Arthur R. Cummings, e. com. 3 yrs.

Mr. Adams, Mr. Farmer, Mr. Colburn, Mr. Farnsworth and Miss Ora Holden held the same offices last year and were re-elected. After the installation a fine oyster stew was prepared and served by Mr. and Mrs. Eldon H. Price to all present. There were visitors present from Groton, Ayer, Lunenburg and Freedom, Me.

Seven members of Shirley grange attended the installation of officers at the Ayer grange last week Wednesday evening.

At the next meeting of Shirley grange, Tuesday evening, January 16, the new lecturer, Miss Elsie M. Holden, will have charge of the program. Each member is requested to come prepared to tell the most amusing incident which he has experienced during the past year. The Grange Journal, which was postponed from the first meeting in December will be a feature of the program. Ralph I. Evans and Mrs. Eva Holden are the editors. The lecturer expects to have the printed programs for the year ready for distribution at this meeting.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Flora Hardy returned home last Monday from a week's visit in Lynn. Mrs. Charlotte Leslie was in charge of her art and fancy work store during her absence.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hardy left home last week Wednesday evening for New York to attend the fruit show, for which they received complimentary tickets. They intend to go further west, their final destination being Grand Rapids, Mich. They intend to be away one month.

At the communion service last Sunday the following united with the church: by profession, Hazel Olive Marshall, Evelyn Amanda Brown, Ralph Locke Lovejoy, Edwin Sinclair Wheeler; by letter, Mrs. L. J. Hayden from the Presbyterian church, East Craftsbury, Vt.

Fred Holden suffered a severe injury to his hand last week at Worcester Bros' mill. It was cut between the thumb and fore finger on a stove saw.

The week of prayer is observed with special meetings on Monday evening, Tuesday afternoon, Thursday evening, the regular meeting on Friday evening.

The regular meeting of the Hollis Woman's club was held on Wednesday afternoon with the vice president, Mrs. Sanders. The program was roll call, current events being given by the members in response. A paper by Mrs. George F. Hills, "The Imperial university and education in Japan," and a paper by Mrs. Parker on "Men of new Japan," were read and highly interested and instructive.

The Ladies' R. and C. society met on Thursday afternoon with Miss M. A. Hardy, gentlemen being invited to five o'clock tea, a most delightful time being enjoyed.

Mrs. Anna D. Bell, who was taken suddenly ill last week, is improving.

Annual Meetings.

At the annual meeting of the Evangelical society last week, the following were elected committee to serve the ensuing year; M. J. Powers, C. P. Brown, Miss Emma Van Dyke, Miss M. L. Stratton was re-elected treasurer. Committee to serve with the church committee in calling the council to act on the resignation of Rev. C. H. Davis: Hon. Franklin Worcester and Mrs. Elsie J. Hayden.

The annual church meeting was held at Orange hall on last week Thursday. At the forenoon meeting reports of the pastor, Sunday school, Ladies' R. and C. society, Christian Endeavor society, and W. C. T. U., were read. E. L. Hind was elected as deacon for four years. Deacon P. M. Farley, who has served the church for thirty-five years, resigned because of failing health. He was elected honorary deacon for life, and E. A. Hills was elected to fill out the term of three years.

After a bountiful dinner the members re-assembled and Miss L. F. Read was re-elected clerk; Miss M. L. Stratton re-elected treasurer; Miss E. L. Van Dyke, church committee. The pastor gave as the watchword for the ensuing year, "He is risen from the dead; and lo He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him." It was then voted to print the church record.

After the close of the church meeting, the Sunday school assembled for its annual meeting. Reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted. The report of the nominating committee was also read and accepted, which resulted in the election of the following officers:

Mrs. Emily K. Jewett, supt.; Miss Lucinda F. Read, asst. supt.; Carroll Read, sec. and treas.; E. A. Hills, Miss Hattie B. Hayden, A. A. Lovejoy, dir.; Mrs. Lucy E. Brown, supt. home dept.; Miss Minnie A. Bancroft, supt. primary dept.

Interesting Meeting to Attend.

The farmers of Hollis and adjacent towns have an unusual opportunity to attend the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Granite State Dairy-men's association, which will be held in City hall, Nashua, on Wednesday and Thursday, January 17 and 18, with the following program:

Afternoon, 1.30, invocation, followed with address of welcome by Mayor William H. Barry; response, George H. Yeaton, president of the association, and his annual address, Prof. O. L. Eckman, professor of animal husbandry at the state college, will give a demonstration of "The dairy type," having cows on the platform; "Making prize butter on the farm," by F. A. Stone of Whitefield.

The evening session will be opened by music, and William D. Gibbs, president of New Hampshire college, will give an address. This will be followed by an address on "Milk and its relation to health and diseases," by Ivan C. Weld, secretary and treasurer of the International Association of Dairymen and Milk Inspectors, Washington, D. C. Address on "Dairying as I saw it in the old country," Prof. John K. M. Farquhar, Boston. Prof. Wild and Farquhar will illustrate their talks with stereoscopic views.

Thursday forenoon at ten o'clock, Prof. Rasmuson of the state college will tell of "One year's work of the South Lyndeboro cow test association," followed by remarks by Butler Judger; "Corn growing," by Prof. Fred Taylor, of the state college. Thursday afternoon addresses will be "What I saw at the national dairy show," will be given by William H. Caldwell, secretary of the American Guernsey Cattle club, Peterboro; "Important points of the retail milk business," Herbert M. Sawyer, Adkinson; "The economic relation of tubercular testing to the farmer," by an expert from the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.; "Methods employed in the production of high scoring milk and cream," Prof. Weld.

The program promises to be full of interest at this meeting and it is a fine opportunity to hear these speakers of state and national fame.

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Saturday, January 13, 1912.

From some cause or other, three of the mail bags that were sent from the postoffice in Ayer last week, containing copies of this paper, went astray, and no tidings as yet has been heard from them. We have received word from many of our subscribers who have not received their papers, and as far as we are capable we will mail copies to those who have applied for them. This is the first time in forty-three years that we have published this paper, that this loss of mail bags has occurred. Steps have been taken to trace their whereabouts.

GROTON.

News Items.
Rev. and Mrs. Byron F. Gustin, formerly of Groton, were happily surprised at a new year's reception in the North church, Amherst, by being presented with one hundred dollars in gold as an expression of the love of all the people in the parish, and their appreciation of the work done during the last four years.

Rev. and Mrs. Endicott Peabody have been entertaining a house party at their home at the Groton School, several of the guests having arrived in time for new year's. They were all young people, friends of Miss Helen Peabody, who was presented two years ago, and of Miss Rose Peabody, a debutante of this winter.

At the Young People's guild of the First Parish Unitarian church on Sunday evening, January 14, Dr. Herbert B. Priest will speak on "The conquest of tuberculosis." The meeting will open at seven o'clock.

Miss Alice Ames is recovering from an attack of quinsy-tonsillitis.

There will be an exhibition at the public library until January 29, a set of pictures illustrating the following children's stories:

Baby Bunting, A Frog he would a-wooing go, Hey Diddle Diddle, The House that Jack built, The Milkmaid, The Three Jovial Huntsmen.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bigelow and Mrs. Charlotte Robbins, according to their plans, left for Florida on Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Lawrence Blood has gone on a visit to friends in Philadelphia. Mrs. Blood traveled in company with the Bigelows as far as New York, where their routes separated.

The next in the Luther Blood free lecture course will be a musicale on Saturday evening, January 20.

Miss Annie L. Gilson is in town this week, staying at Groton Inn for a few days.

Miss Ruth Gerrish is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ellnor Ebert, at her home in Arlington.

Miss Mary Parker is teacher in the Butler primary school, taking the position of Miss Batchelder, who resigned to go to Beverly.

W. E. Wheeler, of Ayer, who was operated on at Groton hospital, returned to his home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osgood, who have spent several weeks in Ashby with a friend, will return to their home on Champey street this week Friday.

Mrs. Maria C. Sawyer leaves town the last of the week for Westbrook, Me., to spend the remainder of the season with her daughter, Mrs. French.

At the grange on Tuesday night, Past Master Wright of Westford installed the officers-elect to their several positions. Miss Hattie Woods assisted in the installation, doing her work in an excellent manner. There was no regular entertainment program. Each member was called upon as to any new year's resolutions made and nearly all responded, the answers being largely humorous, others in a serious vein. There was a piano solo by Miss Eva Blodgett, with an encore. An oyster supper was served.

The meeting of the Woman's Alliance was held with Mrs. E. M. Needham on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Bickford gave an account of the meetings of the national conference at Washington, D. C., which she attended in the fall.

There has been and still exists in town a scarcity in the coal supply, amounting to a coal famine. Some families have been entirely out, and in one or two cases were for a short time out of wood also.

Mrs. Elvira Ames has gone to Belfast, Me., to make her home with her son, Rev. Charles B. Ames.

Those who braved the zero weather of last week Friday night to attend the illustrated lecture by Donald MacMillan, felt well repaid for the effort. There was a good attendance.

Dr. D. R. Steers went on Thursday to visit relatives in Providence, R. I., instead of going west as he had planned, and as he intends to do after his return from Providence.

Miss Mildred Foss, of South Framingham, was a recent guest of her friend, Miss Elizabeth Crowley.

During one of the recent cold nights, when the gale was blowing fiercely, Chief Riley was called to Mr. Lackey's in the mill neighborhood. Some one seemed to be prowling around the house and hurling stones or something against the windows, breaking them. An investigation showed that the fierce wind had taken the icy snow in a sheet from the roof, whirled it around the side of the house and dashed against and broke the windows.

Eber Kierstead has just had a telephone put into his residence. Call 61-13.

The Neighborhood club met last week with Mrs. Jewett, whose home is the former Sumner Graves place on the Ayer road. Readings, discussions on recent events, etc., made up a part of the pleasant social gathering. The

usual appetizing refreshments, added to the afternoon's enjoyment.

Dr. Kline, dentist, who has been working with Mr. Goble, left on Sunday, December 31, for Norton, where he is working professionally.

Rev. W. J. Smith, whose death occurred recently in Athol, was well-known in the eastern part of Groton, particularly in the Rocky Hill neighborhood, where he had frequently held religious meetings in the Trowbridge schoolhouse. He was at that time the minister hired to preach at Long Sought For chapel in Westford, a chapel supported by the Baptist Home Missionary society.

Miss Bertha Clarke returned on Monday from a week's stay with her friend, Mrs. Varena Adams Dugas, at her home in Milford, N. H.

Bertha Frazee has the scarlet fever. She is an older sister of Marie Frazee, who was the first in the family to come down with the disease, thus making two of the family who have it. Mrs. Frazee, their mother, and another daughter, Blanche, have been ill with the grippe.

During some of the recent gales, a telephone pole in front of J. E. Adams' residence on Elm street was blown to the ground.

The Reading club met with Mrs. Milo Harrington on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Martha A. Kimball suffered a severe attack of neuralgia on Wednesday.

Mrs. Estella Collier returned last week Thursday to J. B. Raddin's having passed a very pleasant visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Perrie, in New Haven, Conn. Mrs. Maria Bruce, who has been staying at Mr. Raddin's during Mrs. Collier's absence, returned on Thursday to her home in Charlton.

Mrs. Dutton, wife of Dr. Richard Dutton, of Wakefield, was the guest on Tuesday and Wednesday of Mrs. E. B. Branigan.

Mrs. Stephen Gilson had the misfortune to break her wrist some days ago, although thus disabled, Mrs. Gilson does her work besides waiting on her husband, who is an invalid, not being able to care for himself.

Groton School boys returned on Tuesday night for the re-opening of the school on Wednesday.

Supper and Entertainment.

The Unitarian church sociable of last week Thursday night was of unusual excellence, both as to the delicious supper served and the entertainment which was a musical treat with other things. The program, without giving the numbers in order, consisted of three violin and piano selections with encores by Misses Hester, Mary and Geraldine Lawrence, two solos by Everett Gerrish with encores, song with encore by Miss S. P. Hill, songs by the Misses Gertrude and Ruth Gerrish, readings by Mrs. Alice Needham Barnard with several encores, all very enjoyable. About midway of the program there was an illustrated proverb, "When the cat's away the mice will play." There was a very good attendance both to the supper and entertainment.

Death.

Word was received here on Wednesday of the death of Mrs. Mary A. Carlton, wife of Walter Chase, at their home in Platow, N. H. The funeral was held there on Friday with interment at North Andover on Saturday.

Mrs. Chase, as Miss Mary Carlton, is well remembered here, living for many years with her parents at the family home on Lonley street, the place now owned and occupied by William Lury. She attended the public schools and Lawrence academy and afterwards taught the Hobart school at North Groton, and the Butler primary.

Mrs. Chase had been a very industrious, hard working woman, but for some months has seemed out of health. A year ago she visited in Groton and attended the installation of the officers of Groton grange. Her husband, Walter Chase, is a younger brother of George Chase, of this town. They had no children. Mrs. Chase leaves a mother and brother.

Annual Meeting.

The annual business meeting, roll call and dinner of the First Baptist church was held on Wednesday. At the business meeting the following officers were chosen: Mrs. A. D. Peabody, Miss Charlotte Floyd, Mrs. W. A. Parkhurst, Mrs. H. C. Rockwood, visiting committee; Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst, treasurer of church benevolence; T. R. Clough, A. F. Parkhurst, ushers.

The noon hour was spent partaking of an excellent dinner that left nothing in that line to be desired, and in social intercourse. At roll call thirty-three responded in person or by message. Tender mention was made of the six members of the church who had finished their course during the year now past. Remarks in the interest of the Sunday school work were made by the superintendent, T. R. Clough, and a practical, helpful address by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Cornell. At the close of his address to the church, Mr. Cornell read his resignation, to take effect on May 1.

Poultry Notes.

A record kept by one of our poultry raisers shows that a flock of 128 hens laid during December, 1096 eggs. Twenty-seven R. I. R. pullets of this flock laid 410 of the eggs. Highest price received during December was fifty-five cents, lowest price forty cents.

From another poultry raiser, his record shows a flock of twenty R. I. R. pullets laid in December 346 eggs, and there are others in town whose hens have been equally industrious.

Another item of interest is the exhibit of White Rocks about two weeks ago at the Beverly show by Bennett & Cunningham, of East Groton. They won blue and red ribbons.

Still another is the sale last week of a Columbian Wyandotte Cock from the Baddock farm poultry yards. This was bought by Mr. Houghton of Athol, who paid thirteen dollars for it and was well satisfied with his trade.

West Groton.

Tarbell school re-opened on Monday with the same teachers: Mrs. Isabel Wiggins, Miss Bertha Bixby, Miss Sylvia Lawrence.

Robert Bixby returned on Sunday from a two-weeks' visit with his grandmother, Mrs. Mason, of Groton; Mrs. Woods, of Lowell, was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Talmage Kierstead.

Miss Angeline Farnsworth and her niece, Miss Ruth Mellich, spent several days recently with out-of-town friends.

Going on Wednesday, Mrs. E. K. Harrington visited until Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Tuttle, of Groton.

Miss K. A. Tarbell has partially recovered from the attack of acute indigestion, with which she was confined to the bed during several days last week.

At the annual business meeting of the Stansbury club last Saturday, the following officers were elected: Miss Marion Parker, pres.; Miss Ethel Robinson, v. p.; Miss Dorothy Thompson, sec.; Miss Ruth Bixby, treas.; Miss Gertrude Young, Miss Grace Young, Miss Mildred Blood, dir. The club was also divided into fruit and flower or committees, half of the members serving on each.

On account of the severity of the weather, causing a small attendance at Sabbath school last Sunday, the election of officers was postponed.

At the new year meeting of the C. E. S. officers were elected as follows: Leo Bixby, pres.; Mrs. Florence Briggs, v. p.; Miss Bertha Bixby, sec.; Richard Lawrence, treas.

A recent guest in the village whose name was omitted from the list of holiday visitors was Miss Grace Bixby, of the Children's hospital, Boston, at the home of her parents on the last few days of the old year. Miss Bixby is at present receiving a part of her training at the Massachusetts General hospital.

The next meeting of the Ladies' Aid society will be with Mrs. Charles Bixby on Thursday afternoon, January 18.

Going on Friday, Mrs. Florence Briggs spent the week-end with relatives in Groton.

To the Editor:

I wish to speak a word of warning to our boys—regarding older men, who have formed the taste for strong drink I have only pity for them. Referring to the item in your valuable publication of January 6, regarding the death of one Jerry Newell, at Sheldon, Vt., I have taken pains to inquire into this tragic death. I find liquor was the cause. He was the father of two small children and had a pleasant home, and by his own and his good wife's efforts it was nearly paid for. But the demon strong drink was the cause of breaking up of a happy home. I feel sure more than seventy-five percent of all accidents are caused by this accursed habit of liquor drinkers. When accidents happen on railroads, in factories, or on the street, it is usually attributed to any cause but the correct one. Now boys, let me say do not touch the first glass. Then you are safe. It is often said, such and such a person inherits a taste for strong drink. It may be so, but never allow yourself to touch it, and you will not be troubled by this fearful curse. J. T. Shepley.

TOWNSEND.

Ladies' Study Club.

On last week Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Study club met at the Reading-room and took up the final reading of "Macbeth," under the direction of Mrs. L. O. Barker. The president, Mrs. R. S. Ely, presided at the meeting and it was voted to take up the "Taming of the Shrew" for the next three meetings and then complete the winter's work by two evenings' study of Dickens. Current events were taken up. Mrs. Joseph Thompson giving a very interesting account of a naval engagement off Tripoli; Mrs. G. A. Seaver, further news from the Chinese rebellion, and Miss Alice Seaver reported for Russian in regard to the Persian situation, the abrogation of the treaty with the United States and the reported invasion of Mongolia. Mrs. Lees gave a report of the discovery of Shakespearean manuscripts by Dr. Owens, and the sudden deaths of Charles Dickens' son, and of "Bob" Evans were spoken of also.

A series of selections upon the life of Shakespeare were read, an account of his early life being given by Mrs. C. B. Stickney, his love affair and marriage by Mrs. L. O. Barker, his early writings by Mrs. Josephine Boynton, the stage in his day by Miss Alice Seaver, his faults by Mrs. E. J. Lees, and "Belief in witchcraft," by Mrs. Barker. This was followed by the closing acts of "Macbeth," all the parts being well taken. The next meeting, on Thursday evening, January 19, will be held under the direction of Mrs. Joseph Thompson, and the induction and act one of the "Taming of the Shrew" will be read.

Townsend Harbor.

On Wednesday, Edward Wharf called upon some of his old neighbors at the Cape.

George Doran has been unable to attend school for several days this week on account of a severe cold.

On Friday, Will Wharf made a business trip to Boston.

For two days the early part of the week, Fred Taft was confined to the house by the grippe.

On Monday, Mrs. Bryant closed her house for the winter and left for Boston, where she will remain most of the time until spring.

Frank Conant and Lester Spear left on this morning's train for Boston, where they will spend the day.

Will Hill is in the employ of Frank Knight at the blacksmith shop.

Mrs. Sanborn was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Doherty.

Mr. Holohan, the station agent, on account of the measles, is unable to attend to business. His place is being filled temporarily by Mr. Milestone.

Patrick Kervin, of the National Cloak Company of New York, spent last Wednesday at his father's.

On Friday, Miss Anna Kelly returned from a week's visit to friends in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Josselyn visited Fitchburg on Thursday.

Herbert Wilson, of Sterling, a nephew of Mrs. Henry Spaulding, has bought the Keenan place adjoining that of Mr. Babcock.

C. E. Smith and G. A. Proctor are harvesting ice from the Proctor mill pond.

Hubert Leadbetter has been another victim of a severe cold. At one time he was threatened with pneumonia.

Charles Conant has charge of the school team while the regular driver, Gilman Conant, is assisting in the ice business.

Mr. Christian has a cow which daily yields sufficient milk for a pound of butter besides supplying seven quarts to customers.

Mrs. Mitchell is still on the sick list.

Last Wednesday, on account of a shock in one leg, Daniel Spofford was obliged to kill his horse at the age of twenty-two years.

Mrs. Kervin was out on Thursday for the first time since Christmas.

Mrs. Babcock, a victim of asthma, is unable to leave her bed.

Mrs. Oren Ball is still under the care of her doctor.

Mrs. Conant and little son Ralph visited friends on Wallace hill on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones spent Thursday in Fitchburg.

On account of illness, Mr. Andrews was unable to return home from his Christmas vacation until last week Friday.

Mrs. Doherty recently entertained a house party of twenty-four.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Union meetings have been held here during this week in the following order: Last Sunday evening in the Congregational church; Tuesday evening in the Methodist; Thursday evening in the Congregational and Sunday evening, January 14, in the Methodist church. Everyone in town has been most cordially invited to attend these services. The invitation holds good in all services in either church from this time on. Everyone most welcome.

Mr. McKenzie of Marblehead, an agent in the employ of the Gypsy Moth commission of the United States government, visited Lunenburg Wednesday. Mrs. McKenzie accompanied him.

Rev. Arthur Fenderson and family of Vineyard Haven, visiting in town for a few days, attended church last Sunday morning and by invitation from Rev. A. T. Kempton, Rev. Fenderson participated in the service and also assisted in the communion service afterward. Mrs. Fenderson will be remembered as Miss Mabel Ayers, a sister of Mrs. C. C. Lane and one of the successful teachers in the schools of Lunenburg a few years ago.

Stephen Adams of Goodrichville, eighty-six years of age, received a slight shock about a week ago, which affected his left side, but he apparently recovering nicely from it and is able to sit up and suffers very little pain but cannot use his left arm very much as yet.

George H. McIntire is quite seriously ill at his home on Lancaster avenue. His son Walter is at present assisting in the care of him. A chimney fire, which came very near resulting disastrously occurred at his home on Monday evening, and called out the fire department at ten o'clock, keeping them busy until nearly morning before it was thought safe to leave it.

The Lunenburg brass band, with past members and invited friends, held their annual "love feast" and social assist at the band room last Sunday afternoon. Guests were present from Gardner, Fitchburg, Leonistown, Shirley and Townsend. A delicious fish chowder with all the accompanying good things was served for supper, after which the time was spent with a pleasant smoke talk, stories and music. Two of the friends presented the band with a sum of money.

There will be a joint debate at the town hall here, February 9, between Lunenburg high school and Townsend high school, three members from each.

Accepted the Call.

About four weeks ago, Rev. A. T. Kempton received a call from the Broadway Baptist church in Cambridge to become its pastor. Since then he has been considering the call and last Thursday evening his letter of resignation was read at the mid-week meeting to take effect the last of March.

Rev. A. T. Kempton has served the Congregational church here for nearly eight years as its pastor and during that time, himself and every member of his family, have made many sincere friends—who regret exceedingly to have him leave here. At the same time they rejoice to know that he is worthy and believe that he is fully capable of filling the place.

So he is to be congratulated upon receiving so favorable a call, which will offer himself and family many advantages which he could not receive here—educationally, socially and financially. And even while regretting his departure, those who know and love him best will wish him "God-speed," as he goes to his new home and new charge.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

George Brown concludes his services for Hartwell & Hosmer tonight, and next week, he and Mrs. Brown go to Dobb's Ferry, N. Y., to take charge of one of the cottages in the State Industrial school for boys.

Members of the home department of the Congregational Sunday school were very pleasantly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant at their attractive home on Thursday from seven to four o'clock.

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Mrs. George W. Whitcomb is a sufferer and confined to the house. Mrs. Addie Russell Loring is visiting with Mrs. Whitcomb and incidentally lightening the burdens of housekeeping.

The Baptist Sewing circle met with Mrs. Hiram Sawler on Wednesday afternoon.

The annual business meeting of the Baptist C. E. society will take place tomorrow evening.

Edward Wesley, Douglas Whitcomb, Willard A. Munson and John H. Hardy filled their icehouses on Thursday.

Mrs. Carrie Gilman Edwards, of Springfield, made a short visit with Mrs. C. F. Johnson this week on her way to Milford, N. H., where she gave one of her popular lecture recitals before the Milford Woman's club. Saturday Mrs. Edwards will entertain in similar manner a branch of the D. A. R., at a private residence in Boston.

Following a lunch, which will be served in the vestry at 12:30 next week Saturday, the Congregational church and parish will hold the annual business meeting.

Wedding.

Palms and ferns decorated the Second Presbyterian church of Roanoke, Va., in which Miss Hazel Wood and Rev. Harold B. Draw, of New Bedford, were recently married. Preceding the ceremony a number of beautiful selections were played by Miss Emily Campbell, organist, accompanied by Miss Mary Stone on the violin. To the strains of Lohengrin's "Bridal chorus," the bridal party entered the church.

Two of the groomsmen were Dr. Harry and Carroll Wood, brothers of the bride. The four bridesmaids were exquisitely gowned in white messaline with overdresses of white chiffon, trimmed with duchess lace, crystal fringe and American Beauty roses. Their head dresses were fashioned of white tulle ornaments of American Beauty buds and the crystal fringe, and they carried shower bouquets of maidenhair ferns.

The bridesmaids were followed by Miss Alta May Wood, sister of the bride, who acted as maid of honor. She was gowned in ivory satin, draped with crepe and crystal fringe, and wore a head dress of white tulle with a white algrette. She carried Richmond Red roses.

The bride was preceded by the little ring bearer, Miss Janet Botts, daintily clad in white lace and carrying a basket of trailing moss and red roses, which contained the ring.

The bride entered with her father, Dr. F. L. Wood, who gave her away. She was handsomely dressed in white crepe miteor, with court train, embroidered with chiffon roses and pearls, and trimmed with point Russian lace. Her veil was caught with a tiara of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

A prettily grouped tableau was formed before the altar, the groom, accompanied by his best man, Rev. Albert Thomas, of Providence, R. I.,

entering from the vestry room. The impressive and beautiful old ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Arthur Rowboham, assisted by T. Claggett Skinner.

To the triumphant strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march the party left the church. Immediately after the ceremony an informal reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Only the bridal party and a few intimate friends were present. The house was lovely with decorations of green and white, smilax, roses and tulle being used. Lilies in forms of bride's slippers, wedding bells and flowers were served with fancy cakes and bon bons. The cutting of the wedding cake by the bride and groom caused much merriment.

Rev. and Mrs. Drew have come north and he has taken up his work in the Y. M. C. A. headquarters at New Bedford, where they will ere long establish their home.

BOXBOROUGH.

Items of News.

Eben Mead has been visiting with his parents.

Albert Littlefield, assisted by Mrs. Littlefield, installed the officers of the Stow grange last week Tuesday evening.

The church held its annual parish meeting last week Wednesday and re-elected all the officers. It was voted to raise the minister's salary fifty dollars.

Mrs. Charles Myers is very sick with dropsy, instead of rheumatism.

Miss Minnie Waterman has been visiting in Connecticut.

West Acton Woman's club held their regular meeting on Monday, January 8. They were addressed by Mrs. Anna Spurgis Duryea, whose subject was "World peace through world union." Vocal solos by Miss Bertha Wilson, of Concord Junction, completed the afternoon.

The Middlesex concert company will give an entertainment in the Odd Fellows' hall, West Acton, January 17, for the benefit of the West Acton fire department, the following to take part: Josephine L. Libbie, reader; Evelyn Bailey, soprano soloist; Madeleine Staples, pianist, and Louis Sullivan, violinist. A little skotch, entitled "An impromptu rehearsal," will be given to complete the evening. Tickets are on sale at C. H. Mead's.

Miss Laura Brown, president of the West Acton Woman's club, accompanied by Mrs. Bertha Shattuck, visited the Woman's club in Worcester on Wednesday. She was accompanied by Mrs. MacManus, Irish poet and novelist, addressed the meeting on "Irish life and character."

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AYER.

News Items.
A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, January 16, at Masonic hall. Work—Mark Master Mason degree. Lunch will be served after the work.
Mrs. A. G. Tarrant, a former resident of this town, whose home is in Malden, and who has been ill for some time past, is in the enjoyment of better health. Her nephew Harold Marquis, who visited here with Mrs. Tarrant and made many acquaintances, is a very sick man and has been confined to his bed for the past eleven months.
C. J. Cleveland, of Rutland, Vt., is spending a few days with Mrs. L. J. Titus, of West street.
The newly-elected officers of Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., were installed by Edward A. Richardson, district deputy grand master and suite on Tuesday night, January 9, going from here in an auto. The members of the suite were as follows:
M. C. Peterson, treasurer; S. L. Cotton, chap.; H. W. Winslow, l. g.; L. Kennison, sec.; Austin E. Lawrence, herald.
Frank S. Bennett moved into his new house on Washington street this week Wednesday.
Marion Farnsworth, daughter of C. L. Farnsworth, returned to her studies on Tuesday at Northfield seminary.
Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., held a special meeting on Wednesday evening and Mr. Bradstreet, of Boston, grand patron of the grand chapter of Massachusetts, was present and delivered an interesting address which was listened to with the greatest attention. It was obligation night and the ceremony was very impressive. The officers of the lodge were highly complimented for their good work. It was the first opportunity that Mr. Bradstreet had of witnessing the work in any chapter in his jurisdiction. Mrs. A. C. Fillebrown was elected secretary. A large number were in attendance.
The freight train which carries the local freight from Boston to the merchants here, which used to arrive here about three o'clock in the afternoon, is not due now until 6.30 o'clock, and it is often much later than that when the train actually arrives. As a result the local merchants cannot get their freight to their places of business until the next morning after its arrival, instead of the same afternoon as formerly. This is a decided inconvenience, and a committee of the Board of Trade has been appointed to look into the matter.
The moving pictures for Saturday night are "The black arrow," "Tobacco industry," "Her exclusive hat," "Willie's conscience," "Too many burglars," "The child crusoe," and others of interest. Frank O'Neil, from Boston, will sing three illustrated songs. Funny slides with different popular choruses will also be shown to be sung by the audience, which is some thing new, and extra from the regular show, and they will be sure to please everybody.
At St. Andrew's church tomorrow morning there will be morning prayer and sermon at 10.45. Sunday will be held at twelve.
St. Andrew's Junior Auxiliary will meet next Monday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock with Mrs. George A. Sanderson.
Associate Justice, John M. Maloney, is the acting judge of the district court during the illness of Judge Atwood.
St. Andrew's Guild will have a food and candy sale in the parish rooms on Saturday afternoon, January 20, at three o'clock.
The hearing on the petition of the Standard Oil Company for permission to erect a tank for storage and sale of petroleum products on its property here will be held in the selectmen's room on Tuesday evening, at 7.30 o'clock.
It is easy to see who the public-spirited citizens are by noticing where the ashes and sand are spread on the slippery sidewalks.
At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank on Monday afternoon, the following directors were chosen: H. B. White, D. W. Fletcher, O. K. Pierce, of Ayer; T. L. Hazen, Shirley, O. W. Mead, Acron, and Waldo Spaulding, Peperell. After the election of these officers, they chose Howard E. White as president and O. K. Pierce, vice president.
Calvin Blood, treologist, who has been quite sick, is slowly improving, and is able to be about his room.
Six box cars were wrecked in the upper yard on Tuesday night.
These officers of Ayer Junction Aerle, F. O. E., were installed on Thursday evening by William J. Donlon, past president, assisted by W. F. Fitzgerald.
Martin Scullano, w. pres.; M. F. Fitzgerald, w. v. p.; J. J. Horan, w. c.; C. A. McCarthy, w. sec.; Joseph Foley, w. l.; Dr. L. D. Sullivan, phy. Calista Girard, w. l. g.; John Sherman, w. o. g.; trustees, Patrick Cheasty, 3 yrs.; Dr. L. D. Sullivan, 2 yrs.; Fred O'Clair, 1 yr.
Edward E. Sawyer attended the reunion of the jurors of the fall term of court in 1909, at the Quincy house, Boston, on Thursday.
It is currently reported that Daniel E. Stacey, architect, of this town, has purchased the Dr. Rogers place in old mill district in Harvard.

On Tuesday afternoon the members of St. Andrew's guild will meet in the parish room at three o'clock.
Mrs. Charles H. Webber, who was so seriously ill, and who underwent a surgical operation on Wednesday of last week, is getting along nicely and is considered out of danger.
Dr. Fisk, who was taken ill on the Thursday before Christmas, is very low with no hope of recovery. His trouble is of a bronchial nature, and being a man of great vitality may live for some days yet. His mind is as clear as ever.
William E. Wheeler, blacksmith, who went to the Groton hospital three weeks ago this Friday, and was operated upon for appendicitis, returned to his home last Sunday and it will be a couple of weeks before he will be able to be at his place of business again.
A drama, entitled "The lost loaf," will be presented in Page hall on Monday evening, January 29, by the Young Men's club of the Congregational church, with the assistance of the young ladies.
Bennett Sanderson and Thomas, son of Rev. T. L. Fisher, attended the violin recital of Miss Nina Fletcher in Steiner hall, Boston, last Saturday afternoon.
Mrs. S. N. Lougee, who has not been in the best of health for some time past, was taken suddenly ill on Thursday night and is a very sick woman. Dr. Hopkins, the attending physician, was with her the greater part of the night.
Miss Amy Lougee is assisting at the Ayer National bank.
A daughter was born on January 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Barry.
Bennett Sanderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sanderson, returned to Groton School on Tuesday, having spent the holiday vacation at his home here.
Judge Warren H. Atwood was taken seriously ill on Wednesday of this week and is confined to his bed. He had a specialist from Boston, Dr. Codman. His trouble is an internal one, the nature of which is not definitely decided upon.
Rev. Sherrard Billings will lecture before the Ayer Woman's club in the vestry of the Congregational church Wednesday afternoon, January 17, at 3.45. Subject, "Our boys and girls." This lecture is open to the public by paying a small admission charge. Program in charge of Mrs. Mary L. Hutchins, chairman of Civics committee.
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brooks leave Tomahawk, Wis., Thursday, January 18, for Santa Monica, Cal., with their three children to spend the remainder of the winter with Mrs. Brooks' sister, Mrs. Flora Vermille. They are frozen out and snowed out at their home in Tomahawk, where there has been so much snow that there was no sleighing, the roads being impassible, and where the cold weather has been so severe that it was almost impossible to breathe the air without freezing the nostrils. Mrs. Brooks is a daughter of Mrs. Charles Brown of East Main street.
W. Edward Murphy left Wednesday morning for New York city to attend the automobile show in that city, and he expects to return the first of the week.
The Ayer Military band will give a social dance in Page hall Wednesday evening, January 17. The band orchestra, six pieces, will furnish the music.
A regular communication of St. Paul lodge will be held in Mason's hall on Monday afternoon, January 15, at one o'clock, at which time dinner will be served in the Banquet hall. Work—M. M. degree.
Miss Margaret Whelan, teacher of the Shirley street primary, had both arms burned Friday forenoon by the flames coming out of the stove on opening the stove door, and school was dismissed for the rest of the day.
Mrs. Joseph F. Wheeler of Pearl street went to St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, on the one o'clock train on Thursday to undergo an operation for the removal of a tumor that has been troubling her for some time.
The Middlesex Country club has secured the Hayden concert company for Tuesday night, February 27, as they gave such excellent satisfaction here December 12. They will give an entire change of program.
The annual dance given by the members of the senior class of the high school took place in Page hall last week Friday evening. The occasion as usual attracted a large number, and was a success in every way. Previous to the dance there was a reception, the matrons being Mrs. Gleason, wife of the principal of the high school, and the assistant teachers, Misses Leavitt, O'Neil and Benson. The hall was very tastefully decorated for the occasion with the class colors and white draperies on the windows.
The officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary, A. O. H., were installed in A. O. H. hall last Sunday afternoon by Mrs. Jennie Gavin, of Watertown, county president, assisted by Miss Courtney, of the same town as marshal. These officers were installed:
Mrs. Annie Wilson, pres.; Miss Mary Skerritt, v. p.; Miss Sante Neylan, f. s.; Miss Catherine McCarthy, t.; Mrs. Maude E. Sullivan, f. s.; Miss Mary Carrigan, s. at a.; Miss Hannah Hackett, sec.
Joseph S. Lapierre, a public administrator, of Lowell, and Anthony L. Bennich, of Boston, have applied to grant letters of administration for the estate of Nicholas Fatutis, who was killed at the tannery a few weeks ago. The hearing will take place in the probate court at Cambridge on January 29.
The ice on Sandy pond is nearly a foot thick. Mr. Daley, the foreman of the Boston Ice Company, says that work of filling the icehouses will in all probability begin on Monday and possibly before that time.
The Savings bank has elected officers the same as last year.
Medical examiner, Frank S. Bulkeley was called to Westford last Saturday morning to view the body of Lucy Lambert, who it is believed died through taking poison, which was self administered.

Mrs. M. J. Hill and daughter Ruth returned on Tuesday night from a visit to New York, Troy and Springfield, Vt.
Basketball.
The basketball attraction for this week will be the fast Normal school team of Fitchburg, while the Fitchburg high school reserves will go against the local high school. This insures two fast, close games. The Normal school team is composed of players who have played on various high school teams in the past year or two and are now taking a course at the State Normal school, including Oakes, Harvey, Cleveland, Fitzroy, Tenney, Casey.
The Fitchburg high school reserves is made up of players from the first squad and will make the locals play every minute to win. Although a new team, Ayer high school is coming along fast and will make matters interesting for any team they meet.
Both local teams will use the same lineup as in the last game, although there is apt to be one or two changes in the Civic club team. Donahue's hand should be fully healed by Saturday and he will be ready to play his usual star game. Green has been a little under the weather, but will be ready for the Normal team with his good eye.
The first game will start promptly at eight o'clock on Saturday evening.
In the junior basketball league on Monday afternoon, the Bears, captained by Ralph Brown, defeated the Lions, captained by Frank Parker, by a score of 6 to 1. The Tigers, under Capt. Percy Fowler, defeated the Elephants under Capt. Reggie MacDonnell 4 to 2. Capt. Fowler scored all points for his team, while Capt. Brown scored twice for the Bears.
Clipping.
The following clipping is taken from last Sunday's Boston Globe, in regard to Chief of Police Thayer, of Fitchburg, who was formerly at the head of the police department of this town:
The reappointment of Chief of Police Thayer has given general satisfaction. During the three years he has spent at the head of the police department he has demonstrated that he possesses those elements which are essential to the enforcement of discipline and the maintenance of harmony among the members of the force, and at all times the preservation of good order and respect for the law has been insisted upon by him.
When Mr. Thayer was made chief by Mayor Hardy's predecessor three years ago, the latter was criticised severely by the leaders of the Citizens' party and the now staunch supporters of the present mayor for displacing Chief Tinsley. The friends of the latter circulated a petition, which was presented to the aldermen, urging them to keep him at the head of the department.
All efforts to influence Mayor O'Connell to retain Chief Tinsley proved unavailing. He picked out Chief Thayer after learning that he had been a member of the police department of Worcester for eighteen years, where he made a splendid record as a patrolman and had the reputation of being one of the best officers who ever served in the department.
Among the members of the department Chief Thayer is popular and is generally credited with showing no partiality or having any favorites.
Clipping.
From the Boston Transcript of January 8, in part:
One says much about Miss Nina Fletcher when one reports that the best playing she did in her violin recital Saturday afternoon at Steiner hall was in an encore piece, the "Aria for the G string." Here, in one of the most intimate pieces ever written, music (in spite of its name), pure and undefiled by any sense of virtuosity, she established the mood, developed her plan, and maintained the temperamental tension without a break. Her tone was unfurlingly organ-like, her phrasings internally coherent. Every note of Miss Fletcher's "Aria" was perfect melody.
It is worth noting that she is almost consistently good in the genuine, the intense, the intimate things, such as Bach and Handel have written supremely well.
With admirable restraint she can speak directly to the listener and make him hear a sincere musical message. She can achieve brilliancy, when it is the brilliancy of the musical material and not the stucco of the virtuoso playing. She has full, and gentle, and human tones; she has an adequate technique.
Handel's D-major sonata opened the program, and was played, as might have been expected, with a restraint and sincerity which suited its naive straightforwardness. She chose the Meditation from "Thais" as her final encore.

St. Mary's church, the contracting parties being Miss Katherine G. Markham, daughter of Mrs. Katherine Markham, of this town, and Thomas A. Davin, of Worcester, and Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, of Ayer, and John Gray, of Worcester. Miss Leora Elkins, of Nashua, N. H., a cousin of Miss Markham, presided at the organ. Rev. P. J. Sheedy performed the double ceremony. Miss Markham and Mr. Davin were bridesmaid and groomsmen for Mr. Gray and Miss Fitzgerald, who were first to be married, and the latter couple, after they were married, performed a similar duty for the other couple. A large number of relatives and friends were present.
Following the marriages a reception was held at the home of Mrs. Markham on West Main street, after which both couples left on their wedding journey to New York city.
Both couples received many fine wedding gifts of silver, cut glass and china. On their return both couples will live in Worcester.
Triple Installation.
The largest number of people ever assembled in a similar occasion attended the triple installation of the officers of George S. Boutwell post, Woman's Relief Corps and Capt. George V. Barrett camp, Sons of Veterans on Thursday evening. The exercises were as usual very interesting and the social features in connection with them proved of a very enjoyable character. A party of seven, consisting of members of the Sons of Veterans, Tent and of A. D. Fessenden camp, S. of V., of Townsend, came to witness the ceremonies.
The officers of George S. Boutwell post were the first to be installed, which duty was performed by Capt. George V. Barrett, assisted by Francis Lojovoy, as officer of the day. The installation of the Woman's Relief Corps came next and was performed by Mrs. Nellie F. Libby, the department president, assisted by Mrs. Alice Crawford, as conductor. The last ceremony of the evening was the installation of the officers of the Sons of Veterans, which was done by Henry Weller, department secretary, of Boston, assisted by John J. Harvey, of the Townsend camp, as guide.
The work of the installation was noticeable for its promptness and efficiency and was praised by the visiting members of the organizations. Mrs. Sawyer, the president of the W. R. C., presented the installing officers, Mrs. Libby and Mrs. Crawford, with handsome work bags, to which the recipients thankfully responded.
Previous to the exercises in the hall, a first-class supper was served in the Unitarian vestry to 150 people at six o'clock. After the installations, remarks were made by Mrs. Libby, Rev. A. A. Bronson, of Shirley; Mr. Fessenden, of Townsend; Capt. Geo. V. Barrett, Francis Lojovoy, Rev. A. L. Bumpus, Mrs. E. G. Sawyer, E. D. Martell, Patrick Donlon, E. E. Sawyer, all of Ayer, and Henry Weller, of Boston. Peterson's orchestra furnished music throughout the evening. The following officers were installed:
G. A. R. post—E. D. Marcell, com.; J. J. O'Brien, s. v. c.; B. P. Morris, l. v. c.; Augustus Lojovoy, sur.; H. C. Sherman, s. c.; E. G. Craig, o. d.; H. M. Clark, s. c.; S. N. Zengel, chap.; Lucie Dickinson, adj.; S. B. Frable, s. m.; C. H. Stone, q. m.; O. W. Balcom, p. i.
W. R. C.—Mrs. E. G. Sawyer, pres.; Mrs. Abbie Wells, s. v. p.; Mrs. Ruth C. Phelps, l. v. p.; Mrs. Nina E. Lojovoy, treas.; Mrs. A. D. Scruton, chap.; Mrs. Crawford, com.; Miss Millie Beverly, sec.; Mrs. Jessie Crawford, asst. com.; Mrs. William Craig, asst. chap.; Mrs. Richardson, p. i.; Mrs. Emma Wood, p. c.; Miss Ethel Andrew, mus.; Mrs. Elizabeth Kyle, Miss Bessie Glazier, Mrs. Alfred Yates, Miss Dorcas Scruton, color bearers.
S. of V.—J. Walker Ward, com.; H. E. Evans, s. v. c.; H. S. Davis, l. v. c.; J. J. Adams, s. c.; Mrs. Nina E. Lojovoy, E. B. Harlow, J. M. Butler, s. c.; E. B. Harlow, chap.; S. Bassett Dickerman, sec.; H. C. Harlow, treas.; J. M. Doloff, s. v. p.; Mrs. A. J. Adams, g. l. A. Downing, m. g.; G. P. Beverly, o. g.
Unitarian Notes.
At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning there was a service of song by the newly-elected choir—Mrs. Geo. J. Burns, Mrs. A. C. Perkins, Mrs. J. W. Kittredge, Mrs. Chas. E. Sherwin, Harry Fisher and Dr. E. B. Butterfield. There were also readings from the Christian Register, including "The new year's charge to the churches," by Rev. Samuel A. Elliot, president of the A. U. A.
A very interesting meeting of the Y. P. R. U. was held last Sunday evening. Miss Evelyn Sanderson was leader. Mrs. Ruth Sherwin, pianist and Miss Martha Wilson, teacher of the sixth grade school, gave a fine paper on "Florence Nightingale."
At the Y. P. R. U. next Sunday evening the leader will be Miss Margaret Hume and Mrs. Nina M. H. Beverly will give a paper on "Municipal forests."
The parish committee of the Unitarian church has organized with Stanley L. Cotton as chairman and Mrs. Susan M. Barker as secretary.
A Noted Wedding.
John F. O'Brien, of this town, son of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien, West Main street, was married in East Pepperell on Wednesday forenoon at St. Joseph's church, to Miss May Molanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Molanson, Rev. Thomas J. Coughlan performing the ceremony. In the evening the newly-married couple took the train at East Pepperell, arriving in Ayer at 7.30, taking the train for Boston, and from there they went to New York city to spend their honeymoon. It is their intention to return to town next Monday and make their home on Union street.
John D. Carney, of this town was best man and the bridesmaid was Miss Ella Lachapelle, of Marlboro. The wedding march was played by Miss Anna Thayer, who played other choice music during the wedding services.
Leslie Martell, in behalf of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, presented the happy couple, with forty-five dollars in gold, besides some silver. They were also the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents, among them a silver service, other silverware, linen, several pieces of cut glass, glassware, cutlery and a china set.
There were a number of relatives and friends of the bride present at the wedding, and those of the groom who

attended from Ayer were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Martell, Mrs. Anne Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. David Rynn, Miss Marle Barrett, Avery Smith, Ephraim Gilman, Joseph Sullivan, John Barry, John O'Connell, John McMill. There were also present Mr. and Mrs. James T. Calman of West Upton, Mr. and Mrs. John Frohn and Miss Margaret Coughlan, of Boston.
A splendid turkey supper was served at the home of the bride. It was one of the most noted weddings that was taken place in East Pepperell for some time. The newly-weds were accompanied to the train by a host of friends and relatives, who bade them a hearty good-bye on their wedding trip, for both are very popular young people.
Death.
Charles H. W. Waterman died at his home on Fletcher street last Saturday afternoon of Bright's disease, after a long illness. Mr. Waterman was born in Shutesbury, April 14, 1856. He came here to live from Nashua, N. H., nearly five years ago. He was a member of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., of this town.
He leaves a widow, Mrs. Emma J. (Baker) Waterman, and eight children, Mrs. Della Jones, of Winchendon, Mrs. Hattie Kimball, Westfield, Henry W. and Harry L. Waterman, of this town, Delbert R. Waterman, of Groton, Misses Flora M., Eva B. and Gladys M., of Ayer. He also leaves his father, Benjamin D. Waterman, of Ashuelot, N. H., and a brother, George B. Waterman, Bernardstown.
The funeral was held from his late home on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Paul E. Secrest, of the M. E. church, performing the services at the house. The bearers were the three sons and the brother of the deceased. The burial was at Woodlawn cemetery, under the direction of L. B. Tuttle, undertaker.
HARVARD.
News Items.
George E. Bagster reports about seven inches of ice on Hill pond, not quite enough in thickness for storage as yet.
The Afternoon Whist club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. H. H. Gale. Refreshments were served and a pleasant afternoon enjoyed.
Mrs. Fiske Warren was a house guest over new year's of Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. MacVeagh at Washington, and received with the latter last week Wednesday afternoon.
I. E. Green, of Boston, was in town this week, a guest of his cousin, O. A. Fairbank. He is completing arrangements for installing a electric plant to light the grounds and buildings of the W. H. Roberts farm on the Ayer road.
The first regular meeting of the Musical society, which was to have been held on Monday evening, was postponed, the date of the meeting to be on Monday evening, January 15, at the town hall.
Tuesday evening, January 16, the grange will hold its regular meeting. Mrs. A. F. Ripley, who has charge of the entertainment, has assigned topics to different ones, the general subject being, "Improvements in 1911." Music will be interspersed.
Jerry Mongovin is laid off from work for a few days, being slightly indisposed with a bad cold.
The ladies of the Unitarian society will hold the next of their series of socials on Friday evening, January 19. Suppers will be served at six and seven o'clock in the lower hall. The entertainment will be at eight o'clock and will consist of a comedy play, followed by dancing.
Frank Dedgman, who has been with Fiske Warren as herdsman at Tahant farm, is working his notice, and Willis Walker of Still River is to take his place in the barn.
Miss Bernice E. Sears was called suddenly to Providence, R. I., on Wednesday last to attend the funeral of her aunt.
Dr. H. B. Royal entertained this week his brother from Maine as a guest at his home here.
Installation.
On Monday evening, January 8, A. A. Bronson, d. d. e. m., and suite, made an official visit to Harvard lodge of Odd Fellows and installed the officers for the ensuing year. His suite consisted of the following:
Arthur T. Parker, g. w., North Attleboro; Harry E. Fowler, g. w., Fitchburg; Ellis B. Harlow, g. chap., Ayer; Eugene A. Sisson, g. sec., Worcester; Harlan B. Howe, g. trans., Southwick; Richard Pomret, g. g., Herbert W. McCoy, s. h., Shirley.
The officers installed were as follows:
George E. Hardy, n. g.; William Hanna, o. g.; A. H. Bigelow, chap.; Percy Beard, sec.; F. A. Houghton, treas.; A. H. Turner, l. g.; John H. Bigelow, o. g.; B. J. Priest, r. s. h. g.; A. T. Weston, g. g.; R. C. Davis, r. s. v. g.; Clarence Board, l. s. v. g.
The work of installing the officers was very interesting, and after the work was over very interesting remarks were made by Rev. A. A. Bronson and Arthur T. Parker, of North Attleboro, and Eugene A. Sisson, of Worcester. Other visitors, including some from Waltham, Worcester, New Hampshire and Nova Scotia lodges made a few remarks of interest to the lodge.
Supper was served at seven o'clock by the home lodge. It was a very interesting and instructive meeting and all who attended were amply rewarded. While in town, Mr. Sisson was a guest with Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Atherton.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ELBRIDGE W. WHITAKER, late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate. Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court, to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to MARY J. WHITAKER, widow of said deceased, without giving a surety on her bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirtieth 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and is further directed to deliver to the Treasurer of said Commonwealth a copy of said citation fourteen days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. -3118 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY E. BALDWIN, late of Townsend in said County, deceased, intestate. Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court, to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to GEORGE A. BALDWIN, son of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-ninth 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. -3118 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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News Items.
The Alliance meeting last Friday afternoon was attended by fifteen members. At the business section of the meeting it was proposed that the Sewing Circle and the Alliance unite and have a branch committee elected to conduct the various departments. Should this plan be agreeable to all concerned the union would take place in May. A very interesting and profitable hour followed when Rev. O. J. Fairfield read the play entitled "The Living Valuable Literary Comments and Explanations."
Roy Houghton, of Chicago, head of Swift Company's wool department, has been on his eastern trip recently, and spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Houghton.
Phillip Prescott, of Rindge, N. H., was a week-end visitor at J. H. Kimball's.
A few Littleton couples attended the women's annual ball at Westford last week Friday evening.
Miss Elizabeth Robinson of Concord, N. H., was at home several days last week and over Sunday.
James F. Moore is reported on the sick list.
Littleton friends are interested in the announcement of Dr. James D. Christie's engagement to Miss Edith Marion Swartz of Forge Village.
Joseph and Richard Harwood were at their Littleton home over Sunday.
Edward Brant, of Dorchester, was an over-Sunday guest at L. W. Bartlett's.
C. A. Kimball, G. W. Sanderson and Thacher E. Ireland harvested a fine quality of twelve-inch ice from the Mill pond Thursday. The Boston Dairy Co. will begin next Monday to fill their large icehouses from the same pond.
Mrs. Henry F. Works installed the new officers of the Daughters of Veterans at Townsend last week Tuesday night.
Much interest centers in the study of the poet Browning and his poems begun at the Woman's club last Monday afternoon, under the leadership of Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield, who, with the aid of Mrs. Florence Wilcox and Mrs. Mary Brown, readers, presented an excellent program. There will be no meeting of the club next week. The date of the next meeting is January 22, instead of the 15th, as given in the club calendar.
Miss Ida Dow begins training the Unitarian choir this evening. A Heywood Knowlton will play the organ for rehearsals.
Last week word was received of the death of Charles W. Adams of Oregon, youngest brother of the late John W. Adams. Mr. Adams lived in Littleton about thirty years ago and will be remembered by many of our townpeople. A few years ago he came east and stayed among relatives for several months. He leaves a widow, two daughters and a son, all of whom are living in the far west. Mr. Adams was sixty-seven years of age.
Rev. Loren B. McDonald, minister of the First Parish, Concord, will preach at the Unitarian church tomorrow in exchange with Rev. O. J. Fairfield. Mr. Fairfield will also preach in the afternoon at Bedford, where he was once settled as minister.
Rev. William J. Cloues, of Newton, preached at the Baptist church last Sunday, and is expected again tomorrow. He is the guest of Deacon W. H. Tenney.
At the Congregational church, Rev. H. L. Packard, the pastor, will preach on the subject, "The measure of a man."
"The congress of nations," to be given at the Congregational vestry on Tuesday evening, January 16, is a novel and unique kind of entertainment. It will open with an Indian song, followed by the landing of the Pilgrims, the Indians' welcome to the white people, after which the Goddess of Liberty appears. Twelve persons, representing the different nationalities will march into the auditorium, and each will perform some part in the entertainment that follows, closing with the singing of "America." A small admission fee will be charged.
Mrs. Paul Brown and Misses Marion L. Whitcomb and Mary V. Gardner attended the recital given in Boston last Saturday by their cousin, Miss Nina Fletcher.
George A. Cook, plumber, probably wore the broadest smile of any man in Littleton on Sunday and Monday mornings when his telephone calls came almost incessantly for repairs on "busted pipes." The thermometer registered only eight below zero in the coldest localities heard from. Annual harvesters of ice are not finding fault, as the ice, now ten inches, is rapidly approaching the desired thickness.
J. H. D. Whitcomb sold three Holstein animals to go to Arizona last week.
Ninetyeth Birthday.
Mrs. Sarah C. Rockwell observed the ninetyeth anniversary of her birth at the home of her son, ex-mayor Rockwell, at Fitchburg, last Saturday. Friends called and she received flowers and other remembrances during the day. Mrs. Rockwell is in comparatively good health, considering her advanced age.
She is a native of Peterboro, N. H., daughter of William and Lucinda Laws, and has lived in Fitchburg seventy years, during which time she has been a member of the Methodist church, and until late years was a regular attendant at the services. Her father lived to be ninety-three years old.
Mrs. Rockwell was married in 1842, at Westford, to Henry O. Rockwell. She has two sons, ex-mayor Rockwell of Fitchburg, and William B. Rockwell, who lives in California, and two grandchildren, Miss Jessie K. Rockwell of Fitchburg and William H. Rockwell of New York. She also has two sisters living, Mrs. Charles Hartwell and Mrs. Emily Byam, both of Littleton.
Weddings.
Miss Mabel R. Sargent, Fitchburg normal graduate, class of 1910, and Harry W. Ireland of Littleton, Har-

vard university, 1907, were married at the bride's home in Montague City on Wednesday afternoon, January 10, by Dr. Morley, pastor of the Congregational church in Turner's Falls. The bride and groom were attended by a normal classmate of the former, Miss Mabel I. Mathewson of New Bedford, and Austin L. Hartwell of Littleton, cousin of the groom.
Miss Sargent was becomingly gowned in white messaline with pearl trimmings and white silk fringe, and the bridesmaid wore a pretty gown of blue messaline. Miss Eva L. Magoon of Montague City played the wedding march.
Relatives and friends were present from Littleton, Pepperell, Harvard, Ayer, New Bedford, Montague City and Northampton, also from North Hartland and Norwich, Vt. The bridal couple was well remembered with presents of silver, cut glass, linen, bank notes and bric-a-brac.
Upon their return from a short bridal trip Mr. and Mrs. Ireland will reside in Littleton, where both enjoy popularity among their large circle of friends and acquaintances.
A pretty home wedding was celebrated at Edwin N. Robinson's residence last week Thursday evening when Miss Rose Annie Davis and Wallace Albert Robinson were united in marriage. Miss Clara L. Fletcher played the Lohengrin march as the bride and groom entered the parlor and stood within the bower of hemlock and spruce boughs. Sweet peas and carnations added a touch of color to the decorations.
The double ring service was performed by Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few friends.
The bride wore a traveling dress of blue broadcloth and a becoming hat that matched. After congratulations were extended to the newly-married couple, dainty refreshments were served. In an adjoining room were displayed presents of silver, glass, hand-painted china, useful household articles and pictures.
During her brief residence in Littleton the bride formed many warm friendships. The groom, a native of this town, and progressive clerk in the Conant Co. store, enjoys an enviable popularity.
Amid a shower of confetti and rice Mr. and Mrs. Robinson left for a trip to New York. Upon their return they will set up housekeeping in their new home in the upper tenement of W. H. Brown's house at Littleton Common. The first of April they take possession of the town farm which Mr. Robinson has leased for five years.
Annual Meeting.
Owing to the illness of William H. Davis, the annual business meeting of the Forget-not circle of King's Daughters was held with Mrs. E. A. Hopkins Tuesday afternoon. Reports of the various officers were read and acted upon. Approximately one hundred dollars has been given by the circle to home and outside charities. Among the latter receiving funds from this organization are Ingleside Home, Gordon Rest, Sailors' Haven and Floating hospital.
The officers chosen for the ensuing year are Mrs. Alice C. Kimball, pres.; Mrs. Anna W. Brown, Mrs. Gertrude P. Hosmer, vice-pres.; Mrs. Edith M. Jacobs, sec.; Mrs. Adeline W. Knowlton, treas. To these officers were added two auditors—Mrs. Ellen M. Hartwell and Mrs. Ellen F. Johnson.
There was a general discussion of the annual Easter sale which supplies the society with its working fund for the year.
Interesting Address.
Those who braved the cold weather on Sunday morning and went to the Unitarian church had a great treat in the discourse of Rev. W. S. Key, of Watha, N. C., who told about his interesting work among the poor whites of eastern North Carolina. He has twelve preaching stations in a circuit as large as Middlesex county, and besides preaching he ministers to their bodies in curing the hook-worm and other diseases, and shows them how to farm and keep out of debt, and teaches them blacksmithing, cobbling, printing and cooking, and has established a number of excellent schools for them.
Mr. Key is sometimes referred to as the "Dr. Grenfell of North Carolina," and well deserves the tribute. The problem of the poor whites, of whom there are some ten million in the south, is an ever greater problem in many respects than that of the negroes, as it is more discouraging. Mr. Key came north a few weeks ago to undergo treatment in a hospital for an accident that befell him in his circuit, and we were fortunate to have him speak for us just before his return to the south.
Will Be Sadly Missed.
In the death of Capt. William H. Sawyer, which occurred in Orange on December 30, Littleton has lost another of its highly valued and universally esteemed citizens. Prior to the removal of the body to his home town, services were held at E. Orville Sawyer's in Orange. From there the remains were accompanied by relatives on Tuesday, reaching Littleton in the early afternoon.
The local G. A. R. and other members of the Grand Army met the one o'clock train and escorted their fallen comrade to his late home at Mr. Kimball's. Rev. O. J. Fairfield, pastor of the Unitarian church, officiated, paying a high tribute to the life and character of the deceased. Mrs. M. K. Priest sang "Jesus, lover of my soul," and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell and Mrs. Priest sang "Lead kindly light." The impressive G. A. R. service followed. The casket was draped with the U. S. flag, and surrounded by many beautiful floral tributes, prominent among which was a pillow made of everlasting flowers, given by army veterans, and representing in color and design the flag under which Capt. Sawyer had fought as a valiant soldier.
James E. Smith, James F. Moore, Jeremiah T. Warren and Charles A. Kimball, the pall bearers, with members of the G. A. R., escorted the body back to the station at the conclusion of the services. Burial in the family lot at New Salem took place later in the week.

William Henry Sawyer was born in Wendell, October, 1837. He was the second son of Sally and Jabez Sawyer. His early years were spent on the farm in his native town, and in New Salem, where the family afterwards resided. He received a district school education, which was supplemented by a year or two of schooling at New Salem academy. For a year or more he taught school in Baltimore, Md., and at the opening of the civil war enlisted in the 21st Regiment of the Massachusetts Infantry. Mr. Sawyer entered as a private and rose through the different offices to the position of captain. He was in active service throughout the war and had many narrow escapes and thrilling experiences, although never seriously injured.
Among the engagements in which Capt. Sawyer served were the following: Roanoke Island, Newburn, Camden, North Carolina, second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Vicksburg, Jackson Miss., siege of Knoxville, Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Petersburg, Poplar Grove Church and Campbell Station, Tenn.
Shortly after the close of the war Mr. Sawyer came to Littleton and, with his older brother, engaged in general grocery business under the firm name of A. W. & W. H. Sawyer. For four years he engaged in a similar business with George Clark as partner in Arlington, afterwards returning to Littleton, where he has lived in all nearly forty-four years. Several winters in recent years he has spent with relatives in California, but as the infirmities of advancing years were beginning to assert themselves, the idea of crossing the continent again seemed less favorable.
Captain Sawyer was well-known throughout this community and was regarded as a thorough gentleman. His life was the embodiment of the high ideals that he cherished. He was strong in his convictions and ever true to his dictates.
His successful business career gave evidence of wisdom, good judgment, honesty, uprightness, and methodical ways. On the field of battle he was valiant, heroic and loyal to his country. His interests were many, but to none was he more loyal than to those of the Unitarian church and the G. A. R.
The memory of his good life will be treasured by his many friends. Particularly will he be missed by the neighbors who have seen him so frequently in his daily walks and enjoyed his genial presence in their midst throughout all these years.
Besides one brother, Orville Sawyer of Orange, the deceased leaves three nephews and three nieces, one of whom is Mrs. Edward H. Brennan, of Ware.
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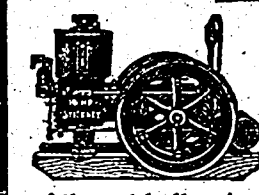
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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.
Wednesday evening was installation
of officers at Brookline grange. Mr.
Dudley of Hollis, N. H., installed. An
oyster supper was served.

The ice at the lake is now nine inches
thick. The company will soon be-
gin to harvest their ice.

Several young people attended the
fireman's ball at Hollis January 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Parker of
Lowell announce the engagement of
their daughter Louise to William Hen-
drix Scarritt, of Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Mada Nye and Blanche Hall
were in Milford the past week.

Miss Winnie Stewart of Maine has
been the guest of Miss Blanche Fes-
enden.

There was a social dance in Tar-
bell's hall January 9. Music was by
Johnson's singing orchestra of Leom-
inster. An excellent time was re-
ported.

Recent guests at the Elmwood have
been Jack Dwyer, Fitchburg; C. Jones,
Herbert Lush, Boston; Mr. Brown of
Ayer.

Miss Mertie Lawrence was at her
home in Hollis for a few days last
week.

\$100 PER PLATE
was paid at a banquet to Henry Clay in
New Orleans in 1842. Mighty costly for
those with stomach trouble or indiges-
tion. Today people everywhere use
Dr. King's New Life Pills for these
troubles as well as liver, kidney and
bowel disorders. Easy, safe, sure. Only
25c at William Brown's, Ayer.

New Advertisements.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-
SETTS.** Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin,
creditors, and all other persons inter-
ested in the estate of DANIEL J. HAR-
RINGTON, late of Ayer in said County,
deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented
to said Court to grant a letter of
administration on the estate of said
deceased to JULIA HARRINGTON of
Brookline in the County of Plymouth
without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge,
in said County of Middlesex, on the
twenty-ninth 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 the petitioner is hereby directed
to give public notice thereof, by
publishing this citation once in each
week, for three successive weeks, in
Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper
published in Ayer the last publication
to be one day, at least, before said
Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,
First Judge of said Court, this fourth
day of January in the year one thou-
sand nine hundred and twelve.

318 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

**By-laws of the
Town of Ayer.**



ARTICLE I
Town Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Town Meet-
ing shall be held on the first Monday
in April of each year.

Section 2. Every Town Meeting
shall be notified by posting attested
copies of the warrant calling the
same in three or more public places,
one of which shall be the Town Hall,
seven days at least before the day
appointed for said meeting.

ARTICLE II
Financial Affairs

Section 1. The financial year shall
begin with the first day of March
each year and shall end with the last
day of February following.

Section 2. No money shall be paid
from the Treasury without a warrant
therefor signed by a majority of the
Selectmen, except State and County
Taxes, money paid on account of the
water works, and any other payments
required by law to be made by the
Treasurer. No money shall be so
paid on account of the water works
without a warrant therefor signed by
a majority of the Water Commission-
ers.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall have
the custody of all receipted bills and
receipts except those of the Water
Department which shall be in the cus-
tody of the Water Commissioners, of
all notes, bonds, and coupons which
have been paid, and of all bonds run-
ning to the Town except his own of-
ficial bond, which shall be in the cus-
tody of the Town Clerk.

Section 4. No bill, charge, or ac-
count against the Town shall be paid
without being first approved in writ-
ing by the person or board incurring
the same.

Section 5. Any portion of an ap-
propriation other than for specific
purpose, on which the work has not
been completed, remaining unexpended
at the close of the financial year
shall revert to the Town Treasury
unless otherwise provided by law, or
by vote of the Town.

Section 6. During the interval be-
tween the last day of February in each
year and the time of making the nec-
essary annual appropriations, the
various Town officers, in order to
meet the liabilities of their several
departments incurred in carrying on
the business of the Town, shall have
authority to make expenditures and
payments from the Town Treasury
from any available funds therein, and
the same shall be charged against
their next annual appropriations, but
no such expenditure shall be made
or any such liability incurred for any
purpose beyond the absolute needs of
the Town or in excess of one-sixth
of the last appropriation for said de-
partments.

ARTICLE III
Legal Affairs

Section 1. The Selectmen shall have
authority to prosecute, defend, or

compromise all claims, suits and con-
troversies to which the Town is a
party and to employ counsel therefor.
They shall have custody of the law
library of the town.

Section 2. The Town Clerk shall
keep a true copy (in a book to be
kept for such purpose alone) of all
deeds or conveyances executed in be-
half of the Town by any Town officer.
It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk
to see that every conveyance to the
Town of any interest in real estate
is properly recorded in the Registry
of Deeds.

ARTICLE IV
Records and Reports

Section 1. All boards and officers
of the Town shall cause records of
their doings and accounts to be kept
in suitable books, which shall be kept
in their respective offices while in use,
and in the town vault when not in
use.

Section 2. The Selectmen shall
cause to be distributed, not less than
three days before the annual meeting
among the voters of the Town, the
annual reports of the officers, the
various departments and boards of the
town and reports upon such other
matters as directed by the Town and
these by-laws.

Section 3. The Town Clerk shall
furnish for publication in the annual
Town Report an abstract of the of-
ficial records of all Elections and
Town Meetings held during the pre-
ceding financial year. He shall also
furnish for the same purpose an ab-
stract of the vital statistics for the
preceding calendar year.

ARTICLE V
Junk Dealers and Collectors

Section 1. The Selectmen may li-
cense suitable persons to be dealers
in and keepers of shops for the pur-
chase, sale, or barter of junk, old
metals, or second-hand articles in the
Town. They may license suitable
persons as junk-collectors, to collect,
by purchase, or otherwise, junk, old
metals and second-hand articles from
place to place in the town; and they
may provide that such collectors shall
display badges upon their persons or
upon their vehicles, or upon both,
when engaged in collecting, transport-
ing, or dealing in junk, old metals,
or second-hand articles; and may pre-
scribe the design thereof. They may
also provide that such shops and all
articles of merchandise therein and
any place, vehicle or receptacle used
for the collection or keeping of the
articles aforesaid, may be examined
at all times by the Selectmen or by
any person by them authorized to
make such examination.

Section 2. Every keeper of a shop,
for the purchase, sale, or barter of
junk, old metals or second-hand arti-
cles within the limits of the town
shall keep a book in which shall be
written, at the time of every purchase
of any such article, a description there-
of, the name, age and residence of the
person from whom and the day and
hour when such purchase was made;
such book shall at all times be open
to the inspection of the Selectmen or
any person by them authorized to
make such inspection; and every
keeper of such shop shall put in a
suitable and conspicuous place on his
shop, a sign having his name and occu-
pation legibly inscribed thereon in
large letters; and such shop and all
articles of merchandise therein may
be at all times examined by the Se-
lectmen or any person by them author-
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no keeper of such shop and no junk
collector shall, directly or indirectly,
either purchase or receive, by way of
barter or exchange, any of the articles
aforesaid of a minor, knowing or
having reason to believe him to be
such.

ARTICLE VI
Removal of Snow and Ice from Side-
walks

Section 1. The tenant 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, from, 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 re-
moved, and if the same cannot be
wholly removed shall sprinkle, or
cause to be sprinkled thereon, sand,
ashes, sawdust, or other suitable sub-
stance, so that such sidewalk shall
not be slippery and shall be safe and
convenient for public travel.

Section 2. Whoever violates the
provisions of the preceding section
shall be punished by a fine not ex-
ceeding ten dollars.

ARTICLE VII
Police Regulations

Section 1. No owner or person hav-
ing the care of any sheep, goats, swine,
cows, oxen, horses or other grazing
animals shall permit or suffer the
same to go at large or to graze on
any street, way, common, square, or
other public place within the Town,
nor permit any such animal to go
upon any sidewalk therein except for
the purpose of crossing the same.

Section 2. No person shall hitch his
horse or suffer any horse to remain
hitched across any sidewalk or draw
or propel any handcart, wheelbarrow,
or any carriage of burden or pleasure
(except children's carriages drawn by
hand) over any sidewalk so as there-
by to cause any injury either to per-
son or property of others or to ob-
struct the safe and convenient pass-
ing of persons lawfully using the
same, or to injure or encumber any
such sidewalk. No person shall stop
his team, carriage or other vehicle or
unnecessarily place any obstruction
on any foot crossing made in and
across any public ways in the Town.

Section 3. No person shall leave
any vehicle or material or place any
obstruction in any sidewalk, street,
or public place without the permis-
sion of the Selectmen or suffer the
same to remain there after dark with-
out maintaining a sufficient light and
suitable guards over or near the same,
or allow the same to remain after no-
tice from a police officer, constable,
or the Selectmen to remove the same.

ARTICLE VIII
Repeal and Amendment of By-Laws
and Penalties Thereunder

Section 1. These by-laws may be
repealed or amended at any annual
Town Meeting or at any other Town
Meeting specially called for the pur-
pose, an article or articles for such
purpose having been inserted in the
warrant for such meeting.

Section 2. Every violation of any
of the provisions of the foregoing by-
laws, unless otherwise provided by
law or these by-laws, shall be punish-
ed by a fine not less than five (\$5)
dollars nor more than ten (10) dol-
lars for each violation or breach there-
of.

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into effect upon their acceptance by
the Town and their approval and pub-
lication in the manner required by
law, and all by-laws heretofore exist-
ing are hereby repealed.

Ayer, Mass., Dec. 21, 1911.

I, Guy B. Remick, Town Clerk of
the Town of Ayer, hereby certify that
the foregoing By-Laws were adopted
at the annual meeting held on the
third day of April, A. D. 1911, and that
they have been approved by the At-
torney-General of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts.

GUY B. REMICK,
Town Clerk.

Section 4. No person shall place or
maintain over any sidewalk, any awn-
ing, shade, shade frame, canopy, sign
or sign-board without a permit from
the Selectmen, but no such awning,
shade, shade frame, canopy, sign or
sign-board shall be less than seven
feet from the ground in the lowest
part or extend beyond the line of the
sidewalk.

Section 5. Not approved.

Section 6. No person shall, by any
means or in any manner willfully
frighten any horse, or play at any
game in which a ball is used, or shoot
with bows and arrows, fly any kites,
or throw stones or other missiles in
any street or any sidewalk.

Section 7. No person shall skate or
coast upon any sidewalk, any street,
or public place except at such times
and upon such street or places as
the Selectmen may, by public no-
tice, designate for such purposes.

Section 8. Not approved.

Section 9. No person, other than a
duly authorized officer or employee,
shall dig a trench or lay a pipe, in,
or in any way disturb the earth or
materials on, in, or under, any street
or public way without a permit in
writing given by the Selectmen upon
application by said person made to
them; and whenever such a permit
is so issued the person or persons to
whom it shall be issued shall when-
ever a pipe, drain or any other struc-
ture is placed in, along, or under such
street or public way, file with said
Selectmen a plan of the same showing
the location and elevation of such
pipe, drain, or other structure, said
plan to be of such size and standard
as said Selectmen may require.

Section 10. No person shall behave
in a rude, indecent, or disorderly man-
ner, or use any indecent, profane or
insulting language in any public place
or on any street or sidewalk in the
Town or near any dwelling house or
other building therein, or upon any
doorstep, portico or other projection
from any such house or other building
to the annoyance or disturbance of
any person; nor shall any person
throw or drop in or upon any foot-
path, sidewalk, or highway in the
town any piece of wire, nail, metal,
mineral or other material that might
or would be a source of annoyance or
danger to anyone lawfully passing
over or using the same.

Section 11. Three or more persons
shall not stand in a group or near
each other on any public way or side-
walk in such a manner as to obstruct
a free passage for pedestrians after
a request to move on made by any
constable or police officer.

Section 12. No owner or occupant
of property shall permit any gate
leading to premises abutting on any
public way in the town to swing out-
wardly upon said public way.

Section 13. No person shall throw
or deposit in any manner upon any
public way, place, or square in the
Town any article, substance, or mat-
terial which may prove injurious in
any respect to the hoofs of animals,
the tires of bicycles, or the rubber
tires of automobiles and other vehi-
cles.

Section 14. No person having the
charge of a vehicle in any street shall
neglect or refuse to stop the same
as directed by a police officer.

Section 15. No person shall distrib-
ute or deposit advertising circulars,
papers or other matter on the streets
of the Town or shall team manure,
hay rubbish, ashes, liquid, or other
material in such a manner as to litter,
pollute, or injure the streets of the
Town; nor shall any person throw
or deposit in any street or on any
sidewalk, ashes, dirt, rubbish or other
refuse of any kind except in the man-
ner provided by the Board of Health.

Section 16. No person shall cart or
convey garbage, manure, rubbish, or
filth of any kind nor any noxious or
refuse liquid or solid matter or sub-
stance in any public street or place,
except in such manner and at such
times as the Board of Health by regu-
lation or permit shall prescribe.

Section 17. No owner or driver of
a vehicle shall bait or feed in a street
or public place a horse or beast con-
nected with such vehicle except in a
place or places designated by the
Chief of Police, nor unless the horse
or beast while being baited or fed is
under the care of some suitable per-
son and is properly secured to prevent
it from getting beyond such person's
control.

Section 18. No person shall, with-
out proper authority, extinguish or
remove any light placed to denote an
obstruction or defect in a street or
way.

Section 19. No person shall make
any figures or write any indecent or
obscene words upon any fence, build-
ing or structure in any public place,
or commit a nuisance upon any side-
walk or against any tree, building, or
structure adjoining the same.

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GUY B. REMICK,
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ANNA SARTELL
Groton Street, East Pepperell, Mass.

ROSTON and NORTHERN ST. RY.
CO. LOWELL DIVISION.

TIME TABLE.
WEEK DAY TIME.

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Boston via Tewksburg and Reading to
Sullivan Square Terminal, Charles-
town—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 9:45 a. m. Sundays—Same as
week days. Return—Leave Sullivan
Square—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 9:45 a. m. Sundays—Same as
week days.

Boston via North Billerica, Billerica
Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winches-
ter and Medford to Sullivan Square
Terminal, Charlestown—5:25 a. m. and
every 60 mins. until 9:25 p. m. (Satur-
days every 90 mins. from 12:25 p. m.
until 9:55 p. m. and every 30 mins. un-
til 10:35 p. m. Sundays—5:55 a. m. and
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Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5:18
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