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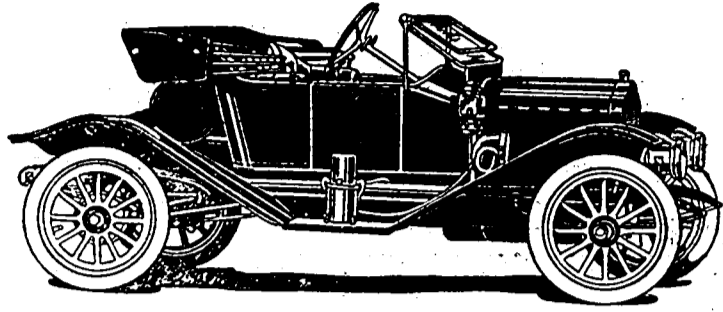
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AYER, MASS.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Henry Nye, who has been ill for a week past, is improving in health.

A large party from the Backlog club indulged in a pleasant sleighride to Groton on Thursday evening, making the objective point the men's supper and entertainment at the Unitarian vestry.

Members of the G. W. Sanderson family spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blanchard in West Acton, the day being the twenty-first anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard's marriage.

Mrs. Arthur Wright, of Allston, was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Dodd, on Thursday.

Mrs. Fairbank, of Fitchburg, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles V. Flagg. Little Donald Flagg returned with his grandma after a visit of two weeks in Fitchburg.

Albert Bradley, of South Acton, has again leased the town farm and will take possession the first of March.

Through the generosity of E. P. Wilcox, who furnished horses and sled, the Junior Endeavorers of the Congregational society, with Mr. and Mrs. Packard, as escorts, had a delightful ride about town on Thursday afternoon.

The Missionary Study class of the United Workers will meet with Mrs. N. B. Conant on next Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Conant, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Conant, Miss Julia Conant and Mrs. A. M. Parker spent the day on Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Conant of Shirley, at John Conant's home in Shirley, observing the birthday of the three brothers, John, Edwin and Waldo Conant.

Mrs. Annie C. Smith and Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence were chosen delegates to the quarterly meeting of the State Federation of Women's clubs held on Thursday in the Park Street church, Boston. They remained with friends over Sunday.

Home talent in the lyceum course will be observed at the town hall next Tuesday evening. The entertainment will consist of orations and essays by high school pupils and a musical program in charge of the ladies' quartet. Everyone is cordially welcome.

On February 8, the Backlog club will listen to an entertainment prepared by twelve ladies whose chairman is Mrs. Caroline A. Hosmer. A good program is assured.

The Backlog club drama, "The colonel's maid," which was to have been presented in town hall on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week, has been postponed on account of sickness. The date now being arranged for is on February 27 and 28. The cast of characters is as follows:

Colonel Robert Budd, N. H. Whitcomb
Colonel Richard Byrd, F. A. Hosmer
Majorie Byrd, Mrs. F. B. Priest
Bob Budd, B. F. Jacobs
Mrs. J. John Carroll, Col. Budd's sister-in-law, Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb
Julia Carroll, her daughter.

Ned Grayden, Harry Barker
James Baskom, G. L. Priest
Ching-shing, N. A. Taylor
The Worcester-Middlesex Pomona will meet with Littleton grange in the town hall on February 29.

The weekly prayer meeting of the Congregational society met last evening with Deacon John W. Thacher.

At a private reception given by the artist, Orlando Rouland, of New York, in the Doll and Richards' galleries, Boston, Miss Gertrude Sanderson was a guest of honor last week Thursday. Mr. Rouland's portraits include John Burroughs, James Lane Allen, Richard Gilder, the Duke of Argyll, Melba

beautiful. The interment was in Westlawn.

Mrs. Adams, who was, previous to her marriage, Miss Emily Kendall Porter, was born in Sterling, seventy-two years ago this month. During her early childhood she moved with her parents and other children to Stow, where she spent most of her girlhood and received her education. Miss Porter was married to John Ware Adams of Littleton, and has made her home in this town ever since. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams were born six children. The oldest son, William, passed away twelve years ago. Mrs. Adams is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Nahum H. Whitcomb and Misses Lucy and Emily Adams of this town, two sons, John and James of Concord Junction, four grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Smith of Stow and Misses Harriet and Lydia Porter of West Acton.

By these dear ones and the many friends who cherish her memory Mrs. Adams will be greatly missed, for in their lives and affection she held a large place. To her home they were ever welcome and in her presence they found peace and joy and fond companionship. A lover of home and family, she ever devoted her love, her thought and her activities to their highest interests.

Sorrow, disappointments and other trials she met with a stout heart and a cheerful countenance, trusting herself to divine guidance, hoping and reaching for those abiding possessions which make life sweet and bring heaven close to earth. In the community Mrs. Adams had formerly taken her place and honored it. Her high regard for the town and its institutions particularly the church and the King's daughters' circle, found frequent expression in her life. Broad in her sympathies and free in her charity, she did good as she had opportunity, winning the approval, the respect, and the love of all who were blessed by her friendship, well earning an entrance into that larger and more abundant life that is free from physical limitations.

The many friends of Fred C. Moore were surprised and pained to learn of his sudden death in St. Petersburg, Fla., Monday, January 29. He had been in the south for his health during this last year, making this home with Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Sawyer, and engaging somewhat in the real estate business. From recent letters his father, James F. Moore, learned of improved health, and intentions to return to his home in Littleton this spring, and Monday evening came the sad intelligence of his death from heart disease.

The two brothers, Frank and George Moore, and the latter's wife and son left Chicago as soon as possible and arrived here early in the week.

Services will be held this Saturday afternoon at the Unitarian church, brother Masons having direction, and Rev. O. J. Fairfield officiating in part. The remains will be taken to Westlawn cemetery, attended by a special escort, Charles A. Hartwell and George H. Kimball representing Mr. Moore's high school class, Harry W. Ireland and Charles A. Kimball the Masons, and two members of Company H, from Stoneham, representing his Spanish war comrades. A squad from his company take part in the committal service and will fire the customary salute as the body is laid to rest.

Fred C. Moore was born in Littleton, in 1874, and at the time of his death lacked but a month of being thirty-eight years old. He attended the public schools and graduated from the high school in the early nineties. Afterwards he took a commercial course at a business college in Boston and by recommendation of his instructors was given a responsible position as bookkeeper in that city.

At the outbreak of the Spanish war he and his brother Albert offered their services and joined the same regiment, but in different companies. When the war closed they returned home, where they were received with public demonstrations by their fellow townsmen. Afterwards they engaged in business that kept them much in Boston and suburban towns, but their love for home and the associations of boyhood days brought them as often as it was possible to Littleton. Albert, the younger of the two brothers, died three years ago, leaving a record of ideal manhood, and of Fred C. Moore, the same may be truly said. None who knew him ever discovered a fault. His sunny disposition, the genial atmosphere that he created, and his loyalty to friends made him beloved by everyone who knew him. His habits were clean, and his life pure. Nothing could tempt him to swerve from the course of true manliness.

Cheerfully and willingly he performed his duty, whether it was in the home, the schoolroom, at his place of business, or on the battlefield, and the act was performed with intelligence and care. His death comes as a distinct loss to his large circle of friends, and the deep sympathy of the entire community is extended to the sorrowing father and two remaining brothers.

Items of Interest.

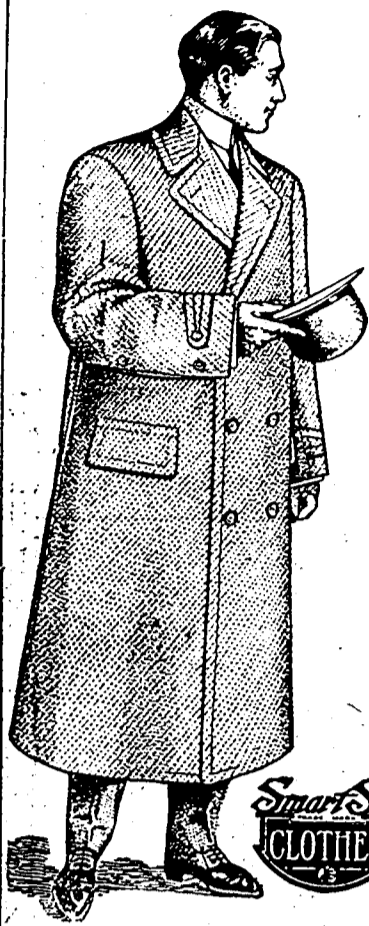
There are now three thousand people in the new Swatika gold mining camp, thirty-one miles north of the Cobalt silver area.

Women lawyers in France are permitted to act as magistrates in cases of children under thirteen years of age.

According to Danish laws, automobiles are forbidden to pass trolley cars at a rate faster than one mile an hour.

A machine has been patented in England for redressing worn wooden paving blocks at a rate of one thousand an hour, so that they may be used again.

The cocoon is not only valuable as a source of food and drink in tropical countries, but is also said to be the best of all trees for shade.



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OUR ANNUAL MID-WINTER

Make Way Sale

It is the well-known policy of this store that goods of one season shall not be carried over to the next season. Hence our regular semi-annual sales.

On Saturday, we shall begin this 1912 sale in order to dispose of the balance of our regular, high-grade Fall and Winter

Clothing, Caps and Furnishings

All small lots, slow sellers, and discontinued lines in every department must now "MAKE WAY" for the incoming stock of Spring Goods. Most of the better grade of Suits and Overcoats come from A. Shuman & Co., Boston, one of the most reliable makers of good clothing in the country.

Look over the following list of goods and prices, and you will be sure to see something that will interest you. Be sure to come early while the assortment is good.

MEN'S SUITS

The sizes are broken, not many suits of a kind, but all sizes in something.

\$10.00 Suits, make way price..... \$7.47
\$12.00 Suits, make way price..... \$8.47
\$15.00 Suits, make way price..... \$10.47
\$18.00 Suits, make way price..... \$13.47
\$20.00 Suits, make way price..... \$14.47
\$22.00 Suits, make way price..... \$16.47

Also One Lot of Odd Suits for Boys, ages 15 to 19, now reduced to..... \$2.47

FURNISHING DEPARTMENT

All our 50c. Fleece-lined Underwear in Single or Double-breasted, our regular 50c. goods, price for this sale 39¢

All our 50c. Derby-ribbed Underwear in Blue or Ecru Colors, our regular 50c. goods, price for this sale..... 39¢

All our regular 25c. Fleece-lined Underwear for Boys, now reduced to..... 19¢

Gloves

All our regular 25c. Woolen Gloves and Mittens for Men and Boys now..... 19¢

One Lot of Heavy Working Gloves and Mittens, worth 50c., price for this sale 29¢

One Lot of Heavy Working Gloves, a regular \$1.00 value, price for this sale..... 75¢

One Lot of Jersey Gloves for Women, Boys and Children, reduced to 15¢, 2 pairs for 25¢

Sweaters

One Lot of Men's Coat Sweaters, regular 75c. and \$1.00 goods, price for this sale 43¢

One Lot of Boys' Plain Gray Coat Sweaters, now for..... 43¢

One Lot of Men's Coat Sweaters, Red Trimmed, sizes 34, 36, 38 only, actual value \$3.00 to \$3.50, reduced to \$1.50

Shirts

One Lot of Men's Fancy Shirts in Coat or Neglige Style, the regular \$1.00 Grade, now reduced to..... 79¢

One Lot of Men's and Boys' Fancy Shirts, our regular 50c. kind, price now reduced to..... 39¢

One Lot of Men's Working Shirts, made of Domet Flannel or Fancy Cheviots, our regular 50c. kind, now go for 43¢

SHOE DEPARTMENT

We have many odd pairs and discontinued lines of Shoes for Men, Women and Boys, which we have put upon the Bargain Counter for this sale. Such well-known makes as Queen Quality Shoes for Women, W. L. Douglas and J. O'Donnell are included in this lot.

MEN'S FANCY OVERCOATS

Every overcoat in stock now goes at a cost price. All new, up-to-date styles. Sizes 32 to 40.

\$10.00 Overcoats, make way price..... \$7.47
\$12.00 Overcoats, make way price..... \$8.47
\$15.00 Overcoats, make way price..... \$10.47
\$18.00 Overcoats, make way price..... \$13.47
\$20.00 Overcoats, make way price..... \$15.47
\$22.00 Overcoats, make way price..... \$16.47

Black Kersey Overcoats

\$10.00 Overcoats, make way price..... \$7.47
\$15.00 Overcoats, make way price..... \$11.47
\$20.00 Overcoats, make way price..... \$15.47

MEN'S FUR LINED COATS

Astrakhan Shell, Dog-skin lined, \$30.00 value, now reduced to..... \$25.00

Kersey Shell, Dog-skin lined, \$35.00 value, now reduced to..... \$25.00

Kersey Shell, Dog-skin lined, \$40.00 value, now reduced to..... \$27.47

Kersey Shell, Natural Muskrat lined, blended Muskrat Collar, a coat of \$75.00 value, now reduced to..... \$50.00

MEN'S FUR COATS

\$20.00 Dog-skin Coats now..... \$15.47
\$25.00 Fur Coats, now reduced to..... \$20.00
\$30.00 Fur Coats, now reduced to..... \$25.00
\$35.00 Fur Coats, now reduced to..... \$30.00

BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS

Every coat now at a cut price. Ages 8 to 16.
\$5.00 Overcoats, now reduced to..... \$3.47
\$7.00 Overcoats, now reduced to..... \$4.89
\$8.50 Overcoats, now reduced to..... \$6.47
\$10.00 Overcoats, now reduced to..... \$7.47

Ages 4 to 10

\$3.50 Overcoats, now reduced to..... \$2.50
\$5.00 Overcoats, now reduced to..... \$3.47
\$6.00 Overcoats, now reduced to..... \$4.47

Also One Lot of Boys' Odd Overcoats and Ulsters, regular \$4.00 to \$6.00 values, now go for..... \$2.47

CHILDREN'S SUITS

Ages 6 to 16
\$3.50 Knickerbocker Trouser Suits now \$2.47
\$4.00 Knickerbocker Trouser Suits now \$2.89
\$5.00 Knickerbocker Trouser Suits now \$3.47

Straight Pant Suits

Ages 13 to 16 only
\$3.00 Straight Pant Suits now..... \$1.50
\$4.00 Straight Pant Suits now..... \$1.98
\$5.00 Straight Pant Suits now..... \$1.98

Children's Odd Knee Pants

One Lot in Regular Straight Cut Only, ages 5 to 12 only, Regular 75c. and \$1.00 values now..... 23¢

WINTER CAPS

Every Winter Cap at a Cut Price
50c. Caps for Men now..... 39¢
\$1.00 Caps for Men now..... 79¢
\$1.50 Caps for Men now..... \$1.00
25c. Caps for Boys now..... 19¢
50c. Caps for Boys now..... 39¢
Misses' 50c. Angora Tams, now..... 19¢

A FEW SPECIALS

Men's White Handkerchiefs 3¢
Men's Police Brace..... 15¢
Men's Police Brace, the 50c. kind..... 35¢
Way's Mufflers, with slight imperfection, the 50c. kind, now..... 25¢

NECKWEAR BARGAINS

One Lot of 25c. Bows, now 15¢
One Lot of 25c. Four-in-hands now..... 17¢
One Lot of 50c. Four-in-hands now..... 35¢
One Lot of 25c. Button-on Ties, now..... 15¢
One Lot of 15c. Bows, now 5¢

Also price reductions on the following lines of goods, running from 20% to 30% from the regular price. The original and the cut-price tags on every garment and every article.

MEN'S SHEEP-LINED COATS

MEN'S RAINCOATS

The system of electing London aldermen for life dates back to the year 1394.

Very thin sheets of the metal aluminum are now used for wall covering in place of paper.

New Zealand is preparing to spend millions of dollars in developing its water power resources.

Havana is meditating an auto omnibus service, as in many European cities.

One of the most famous restaurants in Paris, the Grand Vessour, closed its doors a short time since after an unbroken existence of 136 years.

In six seconds the cotton factories of Lancashire, England, spin enough thread to go around the world.

Alabastron derives its name from Alabastron, a place in Egypt, where it was found in great abundance.

During the summer 1816, known as the "cold summer," New York had frost and real outdoor ice in July.

New Guinea, which covers 306,000 square miles, is the largest island in the world.

New South Wales was recently overrun with mice. Ten thousand were caught in one day in a store in the town of Merriion.

An English physician asserts that fishes are the only living things that do not have a taste for alcohol.

Hawaii is pouring out money like water in support of her public schools. She has no taste for alcohol.

The first attempt to illustrate news was made in 1607. The illustration depicted a flood in Monmouthshire, England.

A new German specific agent against seasickness is composed of bright red spectacles and internal doses of calomel.

J. Pierpont Morgan has given ten big charitable institutions to the city of New York, but none bears his name.

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WESTFORD.

Center.
Mrs. L. J. Marden, of Woburn, was the guest last week of her sister, Mrs. A. H. Sutherland.
Cable messages to the Hamburg-American New York office from the SS. Cleveland, in the around-the-world cruise of which Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Wright are passengers tell of their stay at Honolulu and expecting to arrive in San Francisco on February 1. Mrs. Whitney plans to remain in California for a time, but Mr. and Mrs. Wright start east at once.
Miss Edith A. Wright has been at home from her school in Ayer this week, which was closed owing to the prevalence of measles among the pupils.

Master Warren Baker, the little three-year-old son of the late Mrs. Josephine Bright Baker, whose sad death was chronicled in these columns last week, is making an indefinite stay with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wright. Fortunate little motherless boy to come into this environment of loving care.
Mrs. Edith Fletcher Wilson's Westford friends are glad to hear that she is making good convalescence from her serious illness at the Lowell General hospital.

The pupils of the high school, under the direction of their teachers, are preparing a dramatic entertainment to be given in the town hall on Friday evening, February 9. The play is a two-act drama called "Old age folks," and promises well for a good entertainment. The Colonial orchestra has been engaged, and dancing will follow the entertainment.
Through the generosity of Mrs. John C. Abbot, hot cocoa is being served to the pupils of the William E. Frost school with their noon-time luncheons. The hot cocoa is occasionally alternated with hot soup. The same as in previous years this gracious generosity of Mrs. Abbot is much appreciated, and with so much of the zero temperature of late must have been particularly acceptable.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Carver are rejoicing over the advent of a little son into their Somerville home.
Tadmuck Club.
The postponement of the regular meeting of the Tadmuck club this week Tuesday was much regretted by the executive board but it seemed the only thing to do. The special speaker of the afternoon, Miss Sara A. Drew of Cambridge met with an accident that made it impossible for her to come to Westford Tuesday.
The previous day while on the way out to Brookline to see her cousin, Miss Mary Drew, at the hospital she slipped and fell on the ice receiving a bad shaking up and a sprained wrist and was totally unable to keep her appointment.
The executive board of the club notified the membership just as far as possible. At this time no arrangements have been made for the future presentation of this lecture but notice will be given accordingly when it is.

The next regular meeting February 13 will be a lecture by Miss Ellen A. Kimball of Worcester on "The good new times." This will be in the evening in the Congregational church. The pleasing impression Miss Kimball has previously made before Westford audiences made the club's committee on programs resolved to secure her for this season.
Resigned.
The board of overseers of the poor have received the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Edson G. Boynton as master and matron of the town farm after seven years of capable service, to take effect April first. Mr. and Mrs. Boynton succeeded Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Balch and they have always maintained the same excellent standard of efficiency in caring for the place and the inmates. The state inspector of almshouses has always reported this as one of the best cared for in the state.
Mr. Boynton with his brother, Arthur Boynton of Lowell, has purchased a large milk farm in Winchester and will move there as soon as he is through at the town farm. Their helpful presence in church and grange will be genuinely missed.

Obituary.
Word was received Monday morning by the Westford friends of the death of Miss Mary E. Drew, at the Deaconess hospital in Brookline. Several days previous Miss Drew had undergone an operation for appendicitis, and reports of her condition had been most satisfactory, but the vitality proved insufficient to withstand the shock of the operation and at the last death came suddenly. Deceased was born in Westford forty-seven years ago and had lived here all her life. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Sarah E. Drew, and is survived by one brother, Ernest, of Boston, and a sister Nellie.
Miss Drew was a member of the Unitarian church and while health permitted, was a capable worker for its welfare. She was also a charter member of the Tadmuck club and was always interested in its progress.
Some few years ago Miss Drew and her mother purchased for a home for themselves the home of the late Mrs. Phebe Childs, and Miss Drew had put much thought and effort into making it the convenient and attractive dwelling that it was, only this fall installing a modern, new heating arrangement.
The funeral was held from her late home on Wednesday afternoon, where

a large attendance of relatives and friends were gathered. The floral offerings were numerous and of great beauty. Rev. Lyman B. Weeks, of the Unitarian church was the officiating clergyman, and he paid a very wise and tender tribute of appreciation to the memory of the deceased. Mrs. Homer M. Seavey and John S. Greig sang two beautiful selections, "No sorrow there," and "The Christian's good night." The bearers were Aaron Tuttle, William E. Wright, J. Herbert Fletcher and Harwood L. Wright.
Interment was in the family lot in Fairview cemetery.

About Town.

The H. E. Fletcher Granite Company on Oak hill, still continues to equip with everything new and saving. The latest addition is an electric trip hammer for drawing steel and iron to the desired size.
The West Chelmsford Debating society will hold the next debate at Historic hall on Tuesday evening, February 6, when the following question will be discussed: Resolved: "That women should have right of suffrage in Massachusetts." A drama is being rehearsed, to be given in April. The play is entitled "Oak farm."
The pheasants are very numerous in town this winter and make quite a brilliant display, being exceptionally tame. They can be seen a desirable length of time in all the grandeur of dress parade. For variety, last Saturday, a large bald eagle was making a display on the large elm tree at the arch bridge at Westford station. It made a great display as it flew down the valley of the Stony Brook and lit on a large elm near the arch bridge on Stony Brook road.

Last Sunday, at the Unitarian church, Rev. L. B. Weeks made an eloquent and searching review of Mormonism, Dowdism and Sanfordism, regarding them all as shrewd tactics to obtain goods by false pretences. His advice was as of old. Beware of the false prophet. Sunday he will speak on "The annexation of New England to the church of Rome," speaking in the spirit of charity and not from the standpoint of animosity.
Farmers' Institute.
Middlesex North held an extra Farmers' Institute at North Billerica on Wednesday. It was expected that Secretary Ellsworth, of the State Board of Agriculture would speak on "Milk production," but owing to his inability to be present, Ex-Senator Bailey, of Newbury, substituted, and gave an address on "Forestry: how to encourage it, and how to deal with the pests." In the afternoon, an address was given by Prof. North, of New York, on "Scientific dairying." The next institute will be at Westford on Wednesday, February 14, when it is expected that Dr. Twichell, editor of the Maine Farmer, will give the address.

Accident.

Monday forenoon a rear-end collision occurred at Westford station between a through freight leaving Ayer for Portland, and the local freight. The local freight had orders to sidetrack at Westford and let the Portland freight pass. They were making preparation to sidetrack when the Portland freight crashed into the caboose. The engine telescoped the caboose but little, but the caboose was telescoped by a heavy carload of stone in front of it. This made the caboose look as though it were not. The engine received some compound fractures of the face and other ornaments, but was not incapacitated from duty. A wrecking train from Lowell was summoned and soon had everything in running order. The accident did not obstruct the long switch, and trains with a little delay were running as usual. The engineer, fireman and brakeman jumped, only the latter was slightly injured.

Entertainment.

A social was held in the vestry of the Unitarian church last week Friday evening in charge of Mrs. Edward Fisher. In connection with the social, an entertainment was furnished by members of the grange, consisting of two short plays entitled "Borrowing trouble," and "Interviewing a stranger." The following took part in the drama: John P. Wright, Mrs. Perley E. Wright, Mrs. Clara Greig, Mrs. Alvin Nelson, Joseph Wall, Rachel Wall, Fred Blodgett and Alvin Nelson, and W. R. Taylor and S. L. Taylor appeared for the "Interview." Music was furnished by Miss Evelyn Hamlin and Everett Miller, violins, and Miss Hazel Hartford, piano. Entertaining songs were given by Miss Rachel Wall, Miss Lillian Sutherland and John S. Greig.
Death.
Maitland S. Knight, of Tyngsboro, died after a long and painful illness at the Lowell General hospital last week Friday. He leaves a wife, Carrie Fletcher, three sons—Claude, Carl and Perley, and one daughter Myrtle; a brother, Frank, of Townsend, one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Collins, of Pawtucket, R. I., another sister, Mrs. Granville Queen, of Tyngsboro, died a few weeks previous to his death.
The funeral took place from his residence on Sunday afternoon, Rev. George E. Brown conducting the services. Mrs. F. L. Roberts, of Lowell, sang several appropriate selections. The bearers were Leon Perham Otis L. Wright, Thomas Lambert and Frank Webster.
Burial was in the family lot in Tyngsboro. Mr. Knight belonged to an old Tyngsboro family, well-known in Westford. He was a brother-in-law of Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher.

In Good Hands.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Westford Water Company held at the residence of Julian A. Cameron last Saturday afternoon, the following directors were elected: George T. Day, Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher, Julian A. Cameron, John C. Abbot and Charles O. Prescott. The following officers were elected: Chas. O. Prescott, clerk and treas.; Chas. F. Kellogg, aud.; Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher, man.; Alonzo H. Fletcher, supt.

During the past year 1063 feet of pipe had been laid in Forge Village to supply water to tenements erected by the Abbot Worsted Company, and one hydrant for fire protection. With these addition there are about nine miles of mains and forty-five hydrants. In the early spring a break down occurred. For nearly a week no water could be pumped, but fortunately both standpipes were full, which kept up the necessary supply.
As a result of this accident it was decided to make a contract with the Lowell Electric Light Corporation to furnish motive power at the pumping station. A contract satisfactory to both parties was agreed upon, at a minimum of fifty dollars per month. This electric water power has been so satisfactory that it has been used exclusively in place of the gas producer and engine, the expense being about the same. Besides an financial consideration directly, it has proved a valuable investment in many other directions.
From the trial balance of the treasurer, the following statement is taken: Construction account, \$83,232.02; capital stock, \$40,000; bonds, \$35,000; notes payable, \$5,454; profit and loss, \$2,877.91; sinking fund, \$500; cash, \$599.99; total, \$84,232.01. Of the income during the year, \$2,777.92 was applied to construction. Amount of floating debt, \$5,454.10; amount received from water takers over last year, \$208.39.

The Westford Water Company is in a healthy condition and is in the hands of exceptionally good management—men with sagacity, sound business principles. The water supply is one of the best in quality in the state. Good water and good management ought to add to these villages enlarged prosperity.
An Anecdote.
We have the following anecdote of young Elijah Fletcher's boyhood, the son of Timothy Fletcher, born on June 8, 1747, whose home was the Decatur place, a half-mile from Samuel L. Taylor's home, on the road to the Center from Brookside. That has a marker as the home of Peletiah Fletcher, a revolutionary hero.
When about twelve years of age, young Elijah was, for some reason, allowed one Sunday morning to remain home from meeting. A neighbor had just set out in front of his house some young elm trees, and himself and family had gone to church. Young Elijah dug up the elms and transplanted them to the front of his father's house before the meeting was over.
The neighbor was astonished upon his return home to find his trees over in front of Mr. Fletcher's, but would not, however, deprecate the sacred duty by making any inquiries. Early Monday morning Elijah was called to account, the result of which was that Mr. Fletcher supplied other trees for those taken away, and the purloined elms remained and spread their lofty branches among the many stately elms of the beautiful town of Westford. Anyone can see them around that place now.
Elijah Fletcher grew up, went to college and became a Congregational minister, married Rebecca Chamberlain, of Westford, and was the second minister at Hopkinton, N. H. One of their daughters, Grace, became the wife of Hon. Daniel Webster, of national fame as a U. S. senator and secretary of state, and also one of Massachusetts' best lawyers in Boston.
He had a law partner by the name of Peter Harvey, a Vermont man, a son of Col. Alexander Harvey, who was sent out by a syndicate of farmers in 1775, from Dundee, Scotland, and located the lands for the Scotch emigrants who came and settled in Barret, Vt., on the lands he bought for them. He was one of the three earliest Free Masons of northeastern Vermont. He became a very prominent man in Barret and Caledonia county. His farm is at present owned by a grandson, by the name of Harvey. He represented Barret in the Vermont legislature for eighteen years, and held many other offices.
At one of the sessions of the legislature that he was present, a very pompous man, who came from another town and was quite a talker, and who made a speech of some kind every day. He being one of seven sons of the family, he referred to his brothers, himself and his mother, and the praise of the other members became tired of it. One day he mentioned his mother, himself and brother and said there never was such a mother and seven such sons. Mr. Harvey interrupted him and said he knew of just such a family. This man was unwise enough to ask who she was of Mr. Harvey, and he said Mary Magdalene. That ended his references to his family.
Mr. Harvey's widow married Gen. James Whitelaw, of Ryegate, Vt., great-grandfather of Hon. James Whitelaw Reid, now ambassador to England. William H. Lynds.

Granville.
An anniversary high mass of requiem for the repose of the soul of Catherine Harrington was celebrated in St. Catherine's church on last Saturday morning by Rev. M. E. Doherty. The mass was largely attended by relatives and friends.
Court Westford, M. C. O. F., held a very interesting meeting in its rooms on Thursday evening of last week with Charles E. Dubevoir, chief ranger, in the chair. Favorable action was taken on the invitation extended by Lowell Court to attend their regular meeting in Grafton hall, Lowell, on the following Tuesday night. A delegation from Westford Court attended at this time, during which the installation of officers took place, followed by a social hour, during which refreshments were served. All had a very enjoyable time.
Tickets are going rapidly for that pleasing cantata "The singing school," to be presented by the choir members in the M. E. church on Thursday evening, February 15. William F. Sargent has recently been appointed as chairman of the committee of arrangements and is looking forward to entertaining a very large number on the above date. Sleight parties are

now being formed in all the surrounding towns, the objective point being the M. E. church, Granville, February 15.

The members of Westford Court, M. C. O. F., will hold an entertainment to be followed by a social dance in Healy's hall, this village, on Saturday evening, February 3. The best of local talent will take part and a very good time is looked for.

Speed Trials.

The speed trials for horses that has been looked forward to with such deep interest of late, came off on schedule time on Forge pond last Saturday afternoon, but owing to the stormy condition of the weather the crowd was not so large as usual, and the trials were pulled off during a snow storm that continued throughout the races. Three interesting heats were run off that were closely contested by J. Austin Healy with Dolly C. Henry Harrington with his colt Little Derby and Dr. C. A. Blaney with his fast gelding Knox Gelatine Boy. Dolly C. nosed out a victory in the first two heats, Little Derby second, with Knox Gelatine Boy a close third. Henry Harrington took first in the third heat, Dr. C. A. Blaney second and J. Austin Healy third, an accident happening to the harness of Dolly C. in this heat, putting her out of the running.
Henry Harrington and Dr. Blaney then had another tryout, but Gelatine Boy fell on the ice in this heat receiving some bad scratches, so that the racing was called off for the day. Fred Swett, of Forge Village, officiated as starter, and Elmer Nutting, also of Forge Village, was the judge at the finish line. The snow storm coming as it did so shortly after the noon hour, doubtless kept many of the fast horses from out-of-town away, but it is hoped that another series of speed trials will be held shortly, and with fine weather conditions prevailing, the field will be much larger than on last Saturday. No doubt some prizes will be hung up for the next races, which will be an incentive to draw more entries, and make the sport more interesting. As it stands now, J. Austin Healy seems to have the goods with Dolly C., but Little Derby made her go the limit.

DUNSTABLE.
News Items.
On Thursday, January 25, Mrs. Laura Davis attained her ninety-eighth birthday. Many greetings on card and in letter, with calls from young and old, with beautiful flowers were greatly appreciated. A very pleasing incident of the day was that of four children bringing the wishes of the school for a happy birthday.
Saturday evening, a party from North Chelmsford enjoyed a sleigh ride to town and also a dance in the hall.
Rev. F. D. Sargent, of Putnam, Conn., occupied the pulpit on last Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Payne had the misfortune to strain the ligaments of her ankle recently. She will be obliged to forgo her early morning drives to the station for a few weeks.
BROOKLINE, N. H.
News Items.
Walter Corey and family were at Pepperell on Sunday, the guests of Mrs. Julia Lawrence.
Rev. James Seaver is reported as improving from his recent illness.
Henry Hall was a guest in town last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall, of Fitchburg, were in town over Sunday.
Horace Nye has returned to Whalonsburg, N. Y., for a few days.
Frances Lawrence, of Boston, has been a recent guest in town.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Greeley spent Sunday in Milford.
Many of the young people attended the coopers' ball at Townsend, and the firemen's ball at Pepperell, last week.
There are several cases of measles in town at present.
Mrs. Minnie Holcomb is caring for Mrs. Horace Nye during her illness.
The humane agent, E. C. Maker, of Nashua, was in town the past week.
Recent guests at the Elmwood have been F. B. Richards, South Londeboro; Miss Driscoll, Boston; Edward Patch, West Townsend; George Taylor, Milford; Mr. Gutherole, Fitchburg; N. E. Rogers, A. C. Bishop, F. C. Hewey, E. C. Maker, Nashua.

LITTLETON.
News Items.
The Forget-not circle of King's Daughters will meet on Tuesday afternoon, February 6, with Mrs. William H. Davis.
Christian Endeavor day will be observed tomorrow evening at the Baptist church by a union meeting of the Baptist and the Congregational C. E. societies, and Rev. Herbert Calkins will give the address.
Dr. Guterson, of the American Missionary association, will speak at the Congregational church tomorrow morning.
Mrs. John Lemley sailed last week for Bermuda, where she will spend several weeks. Upon her return she will remain in Albany, N. Y., her former home, for a month or more, before coming to her Boston home.
George M. Lovejoy, of Cincinnati, Ohio, arrived at Peter S. Whitcomb's last week Saturday.
The woodmen who are getting out electric light poles from the chestnut grove on Newtown road, began work on Monday. Last week they built a shack that serves as temporary home while they are filling their present engagement.
An all-day sewing circle was held at the Congregational parsonage, with Mrs. Packard as hostess, last week Wednesday. A good number of the ladies attended and much was accomplished. A very appetizing luncheon was served at noon.
Richard Conant, of Lowell Textile school, and Roland Fletcher, of Hyde Park, were at home over Sunday.

Clifford Shedd has recently joined the Unitarian choir, making a valuable acquisition to that body.
About Town.
Guild meeting topic, "Loyalty to death." Rev. O. J. Fairfield will have charge.
Miss Ida Dow, of Boston, with her mother, were over Sunday guests with Mrs. Leslie Hager. Miss Dow rendered a fine solo at the Unitarian church, which choir she is training, beside the large and successful choral union she is conducting here for a public entertainment later on.
Last Sunday, Mrs. O. J. Fairfield and Mrs. W. C. Brown were elected life members of the American Unitarian association.

Word was received on Monday by James F. Moore, that his son Fred had just died in Florida from heart failure, combined with other troubles. His remains were brought here for burial.
The carpenters are putting in the shingles and other work for the children's department in the library.
On the Backlog calendar the next number for Thursday evening, February 8, is postponed to February 15, on account of the ball. It will be a miscellaneous entertainment with a social.
The late Dr. Phelps' house has just been wired for electric lighting; also, the W. H. Davis house and barn.
On Sunday, February 4, Rev. O. J. Fairfield exchanges pulpits with Rev. J. N. Pardie, of Bolton. In the evening he will speak on "Country parishes as seen by country ministers," upon which he has spoken in many places.

HE WON'T LIMP NOW.
No more limping for Tom Moore of Cochran, Ga. "I had a bad sore on my instep that nothing seemed to help till I used Buckler's Arnica Salve," he writes, "but this wonderful healer soon cured me. Heals old, running sores, ulcers, boils, burns, cuts, bruises, eczema or piles. Try it. Only 25 cents at William Brown's, Ayer."
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FOR SALE—New Milk Cows and Springers at reasonable prices at the E. H. FLAGG FARM, one mile from Littleton Common, 1217.
TO LET—Cottage House with Six Rooms, also, Large Henhouse and land for garden, with same. Apply to HELEN A. PIKE, East Pepperell, Mass., 2011.
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CARD OF THANKS.
We take this opportunity of thanking neighbors and friends for the kindness so beautifully shown to our loved one during her sickness and death. For the beautiful flowers and words of sympathy, all of which helped to sustain us in the hour of affliction. We are sincerely grateful to each and all who helped or assisted in any way.
Mrs. I. S. Wallingford and Family.
Waltham, Mass., January 29, 1912.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
Middlesex, ss.
First District Court of Northern Middlesex.
In re Willfred C. Parsons et al petitioners.
Upon the foregoing petition it is ordered by the Court that said petitioners notify Etta Leslie and any or all parties interested in the subject matter of said petition to appear before our justices of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex to be holden at Ayer within and for the County of Middlesex within the judicial district thereof at the session held for civil business on Saturday the second day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to show cause if any they have why the prayer contained in said petition should not be granted.
And said petitioners are ordered to notify Etta Leslie and all parties interested in the subject matter of said petition to appear and show cause as aforesaid, by serving upon each a true and attested copy of the petition and the order of the Court thereon at least seven days before said second day of March, or by publishing the same once a week for three successive weeks in the newspaper called Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer in said County, the last publication to be at least seven days before said second day of March.
Witness Warren H. Atwood, Esquire, at Ayer, this twenty-sixth day of January in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twelve.

D. C. PARSONS,
Ass't Clerk of First District Court of Northern Middlesex.
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Ass't Clerk of First District Court of Northern Middlesex.
A true copy of petition and order of Court thereon. Attest:
D. C. PARSONS,
Ass't Clerk of First District Court of Northern Middlesex.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
Middlesex, ss.
Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of BOWEN H. CHURCH late of Ayer in said County, deceased.
Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate by ELLA A. CHURCH who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said 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 on one day, at least, before said Probate Court, and by mailing said citation, a copy of this citation to all seven days at least before said Probate Court.
Witness, Charles J. Melville, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.
321 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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- Storm Covers \$2.75
- Sweat Collars 25c.
- Feed Bags 50c.
- Extra Large Team Blankets, all Wool \$37.75
- Street Blankets, all Wool \$33.50
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- Good Stable Blankets \$11.00
- Montana Buffalo Robes \$7.50
- Heavy Plush Robes, extra large \$25.50

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Eddie Buckhelm, while coasting on Lancaster road last Sunday near his home, was severely prodded in the face by a stick he was holding in his hand, which had a nail driven part way in at the end. The nail caught him on the cheek, opening up an ugly wound, which required three stitches to close. Dr. Lilly, the attending physician, was assisted by the nurse from the State Industrial school for boys.

Miss Marion Ballou spent Saturday and Sunday at her home here.

Miss Barbara Hazen, of New York, has arrived home on a brief visit.

Miss Fannie Lowe, of Clinton, spent the week-end with Misses Elsie and Sarah Knowles.

Xairer Cote, of Nashua, N. H., was a week-end visitor at the home of Phillip Leger.

Mrs. Phillip Leger spent last week with relatives and friends in Nashua, N. H.

Mrs. Charles Wilson is confined to her home with an attack of quinsy sore throat.

The Franco Independent club will hold a smoke talk in their hall on Saturday evening, February 3.

John J. Chaisson spent the week-end with relatives in Lawrence.

W. Floyd Allen, of Boston, spent the week-end at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen.

Miss Lena Gately spent the week-end with relatives in Worcester.

Charles Chaisson spent a few days recently with relatives in Lawrence.

At a meeting of the members of the newly-organized Poultry association held on Tuesday evening, it was decided to name their association the North Middlesex Poultry association. Subjects for future meetings were also scheduled, the topic for the next meeting being "Matings for utility and for show room." New members were admitted and by-laws discussed.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold a dancing party in Odd Fellows' hall on Friday evening, February 16. Johnson's orchestra, of Leominster, will furnish music. Late cars will run to Ayer, Leominster and Fitchburg.

The people of Shirley will be pleased to know that Stanley White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. White, has successfully passed all his mid-year examinations at Worcester Polytechnic, where he is a student.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church will meet next Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock with Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook.

Orin Oliver, of the Industrial school, is critically ill with pneumonia.

Fred Whitcomb, nurse at the Industrial school for boys, has been appointed probation officer for the Shirley Industrial school, and also for the Lyman school at Westboro, at a salary of \$1200 a year. Walter Guinell, of Boston, will succeed him as nurse at the school.

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold their monthly supper and entertainment in the church vestry on Wednesday evening, February 7. Supper will be served at seven o'clock, followed by the entertainment.

Funeral.

Augustus P. Ecuver, H. O. Peasley's clerk, attended the funeral of his father, Thomas P. Ecuver, in Fitchburg on Monday morning. The deceased was sixty-four years of age, and the funeral was held from the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Gilbert, 16 Nashua street, with a requiem high mass in St. Francis church, South Fitchburg. A large number of floral tributes covered the casket. The bearers were Alexander J., Stephen J., Alfred A. and Augustus A. Ecuver, sons of the deceased, and James Gilbert, a son-in-law. The mass was celebrated by Rev. L. A. Langlois, and Miss Flora Davis presided at the organ. The interment was in St. Bernard's cemetery.

Presentation.

A surprise party was tendered to Miss Gladys Annis last week Friday evening at her home on Center road by a score or more of her young friends, who presented her with a gold bracelet. The evening was spent in games, music and refreshments. Those present were:

Walter E. Wheeler, Walter Badstuber, John L. Loebe, Corie Wells, Ralph Sargent, Doris White, Lester James, George Haskins, Alice Horton, Virginia Melroy, Lester Holden, Gladys Phillips, Gladys Bennett, Cora James, Sarah Stevenson, Hazel Bacon, Ruth Day, Ruth Knowles, Albert Bronson, Ernest Robinson, Edward Liley, Harry Ames, Arthur Annis, May Stebbins and Thomas Burrill.

Successful Entertainment.

The entertainment and dance held on Monday evening in Odd Fellows' hall, under the auspices of the Samson Cordage Works' Band, was a big success, the hall being well filled. The program opened with selections by the band, followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. Harry Collyer, who was assisted by Miss Annie Park Holbrook, as accompanist, and violin obligato by Mrs. Ernest Goodwin. Comic songs were also sung by Charles McDevitt.

The barn dance, by special request, was the last number and was given under the direction of Mrs. Charles K. White, the following taking part: Misses Jessie Love, Madeline Love, Blanche Wells, Fredora Wheeler, Mary Badstuber, Elsie Knowles, Gertrude Provost and Lillian Kelly. Music was furnished by Johnson's orchestra, Thomas C. Burrill acting as floor director with Harry Banks and John M. Leopold serving as aids.

The committee in charge consisted of E. J. Wilson, J. Albert Deardon and Harry Collyer. About sixty dollars was netted.

Large Initiation Being Planned.

J. C. Ayer lodge, of Shirley, is to participate in the big class initiation which is being planned by Rollstone lodge, A. O. U. W., of Fitchburg, to be held in city hall on the afternoon and evening of April 19. It promises to eclipse anything of its kind ever

held in Fitchburg. The committee from Rollstone lodge has been working untiringly on the proposition for the last week, and have lined things up pretty nicely for the affair.

At the suggestion of the local lodge, all of the lodges which are eligible, to have their candidates initiated at the big affair to be held in city hall, have appointed committees to secure new members and make the arrangements for their lodges and all the various committees will confer with the committee from Rollstone lodge at a later date.

There will be a meeting of the committee members in A. O. U. W. hall on Sunday, February 4, at three o'clock, and at that time it is expected that reports of progress will be received.

The following lodges will send candidates to be initiated and large delegations of members will also accompany the candidates: Tahanto lodge, Leominster; Gardner lodge; Clinton lodge; Hudson lodge; Orange lodge; Worcester lodge; Victor lodge; Winchendon; Wachusett lodge; Princeton; Hubbardston lodge; Nashua lodge; West Fitchburg; J. C. Ayer lodge; Shirley; Chocksepp lodge; Sterling; Pepperell lodge; Summer Hill lodge; Maynard; Star lodge; Baldwinville; Murdock lodge; Winchendon; Marlboro lodge; Artisan lodge, Athol.

They Got Away.

Chief Thayer, of the Fitchburg police, telephoned to Chief Goodwin on Monday afternoon that two men wanted for burglary in Fitchburg and supposed to be two yegg men, had jumped a freight and were on the way to Shirley, and if it was possible, to catch and arrest them. Chief Goodwin hustled for the freight and located his men who evidently got wise, for as Chief Goodwin boarded the freight they jumped off and started on the run down Phoenix street, with the chief in hot pursuit, who followed them at a rapid pace as far as Lancaster, where they were lost to view. Chief Goodwin sprained his ankle in the chase and telephoned Amos Parker to come after him with a team, which he did.

Center.

The friends of Wesley Weyman in this vicinity will be interested to hear that cables from London to New York papers have been received, stating that he recently appeared in London as soloist with the London Symphony orchestra, under Wassili Safonoff, conductor. He played the Rubinstein pianoforte concerto in D minor, with success, receiving several recalls from the audience and "bravos" from the orchestra. The honor of appearing as soloist at these concerts falls only to artists of high rank. The other gentleman pianist of their concerts for this season besides Mr. Weyman is Paderewski.

May Frary, of Lynn, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frary, of Woodsville.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel met on Saturday afternoon with Mrs. J. Otis Evans. The next meeting will be held with Miss Emma Hubbard on Saturday, February 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware, of Brookline, entertained a party of six, over Sunday, at their home on Hazen road.

Miss Sara Dunn, of New York city, with Mrs. Fred Wymann, of Ayer, visited friends in town on Saturday.

Robert H. J. Holden, of Harvard university, is having a short vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mattie P. Holden, on Horsepond road, during the mid-year examination period.

Mr. Redberg, of Boston, was a visitor last week at the home of William Jubb.

Homer P. Holden filled his icehouse at Dead pond last week. While working on the ice he slipped and fell into the water and injured three of his ribs. He was attended by Dr. Lilly, of the village, and is now able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves attended the funeral of Mrs. Graves' aunt, Mrs. Jonas Jenkins, at Townsend, on Saturday.

Miss Ruth Lawrence visited with her parents in Groton last week.

A petition has been circulated for the appointment of Mrs. Charles Casteel as postmistress of the Center postoffice. Mr. and Mrs. Casteel are to live with Mr. and Mrs. Wetzell in the apartment above the store. Mr. Casteel is to retain his position as wholesale salesman for the firm of Batchelder & Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Farrar and Elmer Hubbard are all suffering from severe attacks of the gripe.

The Matrons' Aid will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon, February 12, at the home of Mrs. J. Walker Ward.

Miss Hazel Cummings, of Fitchburg high school, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings.

Helen and Doris Wood, at the East, have recovered from the measles. The two youngest Buxton children are now suffering from them.

The furniture of John W. Farrar and Elmer Hubbard is being teamed to the village preparatory to shipping it to Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Farrar expect to leave for their farm in Vermont this week. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard are expected to stay until April.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of Ayer, will give a stereopticon lecture in the town hall, Friday evening, February 9. The subject will be "A trip abroad." The affair is under the management of the Girls' Sewing Guild, of Trinity chapel.

William A. L. Crockett, at the North, has obtained a position in Ayer.

Frank Farnsworth filled his icehouse at the East last week with a good crop of ice. Mr. Farnsworth expects to run an ice route through the Center and North next summer.

Fred Frary, at Woodsville, who was ill with pneumonia, is rapidly improving.

William Wilkins, at the East, attended the annual salesmen's reunion and banquet of the Grand Union Tea Company at Fitchburg last week.

Louis J. Farnsworth has purchased the farm of the late William Neat. It is situated at the North, near the Lunenburg line, and comprises the house and barn, besides several thousand feet of excellent white pine lumber.

Mrs. Morse arrived home from the Groton hospital this week, where she underwent an operation several weeks ago.

George Farmer and Wallace Farnsworth filled the icehouse on the property of the late Henry Farnsworth last week.

A large party of young people enjoyed a sleighride to Lunenburg Center on last week Friday evening, where they attended the performance of "The cool collegians," given by the Lunenburg Athletic association. Those who attended were Ruth M. Graves, Edith Locke, Beale Ross, Stanley F. White, Ralph Graves, Earl Graves, Ralph I. Evans, Elsie M. Holden, Mrs. J. Otis Evans, Margaret Evans, Mildred Evans, Walter Woods, Thomas E. Evans, Howard M. Longley, Margaret Longley, Horace Harris, Franklin Horton, Emma Hubbard. Dr. Fuller, of Boston, was a guest of Howard Fuller over the week-end.

Word has been received from J. Edward Adams from New York city. He went first to Worcester, then to Providence, and from there to New York.

The program at the next meeting of Shirley grange, Tuesday evening, February 6, will consist of a debate on "Is the telephone of more use to the farmer than rural free delivery?" The ladies' degree team will go to Ayer the next evening to confer the third degree at the grange there.

Miss Anna E. Colwell was a visitor in town last week.

The shade trees around the common at the Center have been trimmed during the past week by Fred Rich and John Stickney, greatly improving the appearance of the common.

Death.

Ernest Bohanon passed away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. Holden on Monday morning, at the age of 36 years and 2 months. He was born in Brookline, N. H., his parents being John and Phemia A. Bohanon. He spent a large part of his life in Shirley, and lived for five years in Springfield. He had been married eighteen years. The cause of his death was tuberculosis, from which he had suffered for about two years. He lived for ten months in the open-air camp on the farm of Homer P. Holden, but moved last year to Springfield, where his wife, Mrs. Minnieola Bohanon, died six weeks ago from the same disease. After his wife's death he moved to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. Holden, where he died on Monday.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Allen A. Bronson, of the Congregational church at the village, officiating. A special vocal duet was given by Miss Nina Holbrook and Mrs. Harry Collyer, of the village. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in the Center cemetery, to await burial.

Mr. Bohanon is survived by a father, John Bohanon, a son, Ernest Bohanon, and two sisters, Mrs. Homer P. Holden, of Shirley, and Mrs. Charles Haywood, of Nashua, N. H.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

The Epworth league held a business meeting on Tuesday evening, the Ladies' Aid met on Wednesday afternoon, an old-fashioned class meeting on Thursday evening and the Lincoln club on Friday evening, all in the Methodist chapel.

The special town meeting called on Monday evening to see if the town would elect three road commissioners at the annual town meeting in March was attended by about fifty voters. The sentiment of the meeting seemed to be in favor of three commissioners and it was voted so, 19 to 10. The session lasted only seven minutes.

D. M. Kilburn, of New York, spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kilburn.

The wood and lumber men are taking advantage of the fine sleighing by getting in a good supply of fuel, and many fine logs are being drawn to the sawmills.

Mr. and Mrs. John Riley, Jr., of Templeton Center, with three little ones, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Paige. Mr. Riley returned on Monday, Mrs. Riley and the children remaining through the week for a longer visit.

Rachel and Mary Spencer have been entertaining the chicken-pox for the last week or so, necessitating their absence from school.

Mrs. M. E. Barney and daughter Blanche have moved into the upper tenement in Mrs. Fred A. Nicholson's cottage, Mrs. Nicholson occupying the lower tenement.

Cleson C. Paige has vacated George Cornwell's cottage and moved into the Henry O. Adams cottage, so-called, recently vacated by Mrs. Barney.

Horace Brooks, of Worcester, gave his daughter, Miss Lucy Brooks, a teacher in the Center school here, a very pleasant surprise last Saturday morning, by coming quite unexpectedly to spend the day with her, returning to Worcester on Saturday evening.

The funeral of Stephen Adams was held at his late home in Goodrichville last Saturday afternoon. Interment was in the North cemetery. Mr. Adams was one of the oldest citizens in town, being 86 years and 2 days of age.

Rev. A. T. Kempton will preach before his new congregation in the Broadway Baptist church, on Sunday morning, February 4. He intends to preach here on the first and last Sundays in March and to be here at the mid-week meetings on Thursday evenings until the last of March.

The competitive debate between the high schools of Lunenburg and Townsend, which was to have taken place on February 9, has been postponed until Friday evening, February 23, and will be held in the town hall in Lunenburg.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Old Home Week association will be held in lower town hall on Saturday evening, February 10. Every resident in town is a member of this association, if they will only attend the meetings, and everyone is most cordially and earnestly urged to be present at the annual meeting.

Worcester North W. C. T. U. held its annual winter convention in Lunenburg on Thursday, January 25. There was large attendance, over fifty ladies coming on the ten o'clock car, and others on each succeeding car until there were over one hundred. Much business was transacted, letters given and an address from Mrs. Harriet T. Todd. All combined to make this one of the most pleasant as well as profitable conventions of the year.

Play Well Acted.

The two-act drama entitled "The cool collegians," given by the Athletic association last week Friday evening was a most successful entertainment, full of fun from beginning to end, amusing and embarrassing situations and complications. After explanations and apologies the offenders are forgiven and everything comes out all right. There were seven characters in the play, all of which were taken by young men, four acting the part of ladies, which created a great deal of amusement. The high school boys sang before the play and between the acts, and received hearty encores each time, to which they very kindly responded. After the drama the floor was cleared for dancing, which was indulged in until twelve o'clock, when a special car carried the many visitors to Whalom, Fitchburg and Leominster.

A Rare Treat.

All who heard the illustrated lecture by Rev. Sumner P. Vinton in the Congregational church last Sunday evening enjoyed a rare treat. The pictures were excellent, and were taken by Mr. Vinton when he was a missionary in Burma. Many of the people represented in the pictures were some of whom he was personally acquainted, which made it all the more interesting. Before the lecture Mr. Vinton read the scripture in English and also parts of it in native Karen and in native Burmese, and repeated the Lord's prayer, parts of it, in each language. He was dressed in native Burmese costume, and having been a missionary there for several years, his parents and grandparents before him, and he having been born there, he was thoroughly acquainted with his subject. All who heard him on both occasions when he has been in Lunenburg will gladly avail themselves of another opportunity if he ever comes this way again.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Rev. C. H. Davis closed his labors as pastor of the Congregational church last Sunday. Mr. Davis has served the church faithfully and earnestly the past five years. His labors have been blessed with good results and will be greatly missed as a citizen as well as pastor. He left town Wednesday for his new field, the Second Parish church, Portland, Me.

Charlie Bell is at home for a ten day vacation from his duties at the State college, Durham.

George Jones, who is taking a course at a business college in Boston, was at home for a week-end visit on Saturday and Sunday.

Otis Goodwin of Lynn, Mass., visited his mother a few days, coming to Hollis last week Friday.

The friends of Richard Matson, the young high school boy who went to the tuberculosis sanitarium at Warren some weeks ago, were pained to hear Tuesday afternoon, by telegram, that he was suddenly taken worse and his family notified to visit him. Only a few days before word was received that he was greatly improved, which made the news Tuesday more disappointing.

Miss Lucy Goodwin of Mason is visiting Mrs. E. F. Goodwin.

Items of Interest.

Out of every ninety-three persons in Germany one is a railroad employee.

Germany's newest canal, connecting Berlin with the River Oder, will be completed next year.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of LAURA A. HILDRETH late of Townsend in said County, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by CHARLES J. MCINTIRE who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of February A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3120 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 JAMES GLEASON late of Pepperell 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 JOSEPH GLEASON of Pepperell 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 thirteenth day of February 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 twenty-second day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3120 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM HENRY SHAW late of Townsend in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by HENRY B. HILDRETH who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of February A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And said 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 by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, fourteen days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3120 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY E. HOLDEN late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by MINNIE A. SHATTUCK who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of February A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said 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 by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

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Saturday, February 3, 1912.

GROTON.

News Items.

Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Cressey have named their little son, born on January 22, Richard.

Died on Sunday, January 28, at her home in New York, after a brief illness from pneumonia, Mrs. Mary Haven Southard, mother of C. Z. Southard, of Groton. Madame Southard has lived more or less with her son since the removal of the family to this town. Those who met with Mrs. Southard were impressed with her most pleasing personality, and regret to hear of her death. Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Southard, who have been in New York, returned to Groton on Thursday.

Mrs. Frank H. Palmer, with little daughter Elizabeth, and her sister, Miss Ella Blakeney, went to the home of their sister, Mrs. Randall Whittier, in Bedford, last Saturday and returned home on Monday night. They went to meet their sister, Mrs. Royal E. Heuter (née Levina Blakeney), and husband, who had just arrived from an absence of two years and six months in Germany. Prof. Heuter immediately resumed his former position as instructor in mechanical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on his return from abroad.

The girls employed at Groton School enjoyed a sleighride to Townsend on Monday evening. They went in Johnson's barge and stopped at the Squannacook house for supper.

James Bywater came home from his Tuesday's call on Dr. Paine, of Boston, appearing and feeling better. There seems to be a more hopeful outlook for improvement in his eye trouble.

District Deputy Grand Master, Mrs. Dunlap, and suite, of Peppereil, installed the officers of Middlesex Rebeccah lodge on Friday evening, February 2. Mrs. Mary D. Boynton, noble grand-elect, being absent, the retiring noble grand, Mrs. Janet P. Wood, will hold the office until the installation of her successor.

Mrs. Belle Monroe Thomas, who lived here in Groton through her girlhood years, and is well remembered, is ill at her home in Peppereil. She is very low and not expected to survive but a few days.

Miss Mary Dunphy, teacher at North Attleboro, came home for Saturday and Sunday, but returned to her school on Monday.

Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., hold a concert and ball in the town hall next week Thursday evening. Collins' orchestra, of Marlboro, will furnish the music.

Miss C. E. Wood goes to Waverley on Tuesday, February 6, to stay while her cousin, E. A. Brown, accompanied by Dr. L. B. Clarke, and some friends of Dr. Clarke, of Waverley, sail from New York on February 7, for the West Indies and Panama, to be gone a month.

Those who attended the vespers at Lawrence academy on Sunday afternoon were much pleased and interested with the services from start to finish. Miss Willoughby, the visiting former teacher, was, as always, admirable in her violin selections.

The Neighborhood club met with Mrs. Clarence Tuttle last week Thursday afternoon. Selections from different periodicals and newspapers were read and commented on. The phonograph did its part in making an enjoyable afternoon and the appetizing refreshments added further to the pleasure of the meeting.

The Groton Improvement society holds its next regular meeting with Mrs. E. B. Branigan on Monday afternoon, February 12. At the last meeting, which was with Mrs. Needham on January 8, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Mrs. F. F. Nutting, pres.; Mrs. E. A. Torrey, Mrs. F. A. Shreve, vice-pres.; Mrs. E. B. Branigan, sec.; Miss N. M. Richards, treas.; Miss G. A. Boutwell and Mrs. F. F. Woods, ex-officio; Mrs. M. H. Robinson, Mrs. E. W. Mansour, Mrs. Hodgman, Miss E. J. Smith, ex-com.; Mrs. M. J. Wood, Mrs. H. W. Whiting, Mrs. W. H. Bruce, nom. com.

The required fumigation after scarlet fever was performed at George L. Moison's on Monday, and quarantine removed. The children have returned to school.

Next week Friday evening, Byron Platt, lectures in the town hall in the Luther Blood fire course. Subject, "The mass against the man." Mr. Platt lectured here in this course last year and gave great satisfaction.

Rev. C. A. Finnigan, of the Sacred Heart church, returned on Saturday evening and officiated as usual at his church last Sunday.

Some cousins, from Nashua, N. H., visited the young people of M. P. Swallow's family last Saturday and Sunday.

The next meeting of the Groton Historical society will be held in lower town hall on Tuesday evening, February 6, commencing at eight o'clock. Edward Adams Richardson, of Ayer, will address the meeting, his subject being "The history of a house in Old Groton." The public is cordially invited.

The congregational church supper and entertainment, which in regular order would come on next week Thursday evening, is postponed until the week after, to Thursday evening, February 15, when the usual socialable will be held. The annual gentlemen's night will not be held until March.

It may interest those who read the item a week or two ago about Arthur Carlin cutting off his little finger, to know that the finger seems to

be getting along all right and unting again, as was hoped by Dr. Priest when he took the stitches.

Fred C. Tuttle's trotting horse, "Nancy," another winner on the race courses, also died the first of this week.

Mr. and P. J. Benedict entertained Peppereil friends at a whist party on Monday night.

Miss Christine Rockwood had an illness of a few days this week, requiring a physician.

Warren H. Whitehill, of Lowell Textile, spent last week at home, it being the mid-year examinations.

Miss Ellen Priest is visiting her niece, Mrs. Northrup, and family, at Somerville.

The Brown Loaf club members are talking of visiting Boston as a club, whenever a good day presents itself and a good play is running.

Mrs. Ellen Adelaide Ellis, of Brown Loaf farm, found on coming up from her Cambridge home last Monday, that somebody had taken out a panel from the back door of her cottage at Brown Loaf and making an entrance had robbed her. Some silverware, table linen, blankets and canned goods had been stolen. She found the front door unlocked and snow in the front hall, showing that the door had been opened before, at least, the last snow storm. There has been no one living on the place this season.

Mr. Healde has given up working on the railroad and has gone to work for the Swift Pork Packing Company, of Boston. His family will remain in Groton at their home on Pleasant street.

G. A. Durant, employed at Groton School, is having an attack of sciatica. H. T. Fletcher and his brother-in-law, C. A. Hodgman, tried their luck fishing through the ice at Cady pond on Wednesday. They got a string of about twenty good sized pickerel.

Shadrack Evans went up to Nashua, N. H., on Wednesday and underwent an operation on his nose. Dr. Kirtledge performed the operation, which was necessarily a skillful one. Mrs. Evans was with her husband.

The Brown Loaf club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Samuel H. Raddin. The members and guests present numbered fifteen. Among the latter were Mrs. Aitken, Mrs. Tolles and Miss Muriel Moison. The hostess, by sending invitations on "valentine" note paper, and having "valentine" paper napkins at refreshments made this into a sort of "valentine" observation. Each person had her own needlework and the leading topics of the day was the general subject for talk and consideration. The much relished refreshments served were sandwiches, fruit gelatine, cocoa and cake. The next meeting will be on February 21, with Mrs. F. H. Palmer.

Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., hold their annual concert and ball in town hall on Thursday evening, February 8. The music will be furnished by Collins' orchestra, of Marlboro, who have arranged a fine concert program. The dance follows the concert, with W. A. Wood, v. g., floor director, assisted by the following aids: F. H. Torrey, H. H. Rockwood, S. F. Davis, C. M. Raddin, George F. Sampson, Edward Roache, Jr. A turkey supper will be served at 11:30.

Mrs. William McMahon, who has been feeling poorly, is better.

Mrs. Catherine Coughlin is staying at present at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Dilbert.

The Nashua River Union C. E. meets on February 22, at Townsend.

K. T. Fletcher's trotter, which was found dead in his stall on Sunday, held the track record for town horses, having won the blue ribbon. His name was "Prince Greenland."

Interesting Information.

A query was raised a few days ago by one of our prominent women as to whether women in town generally understood how the chief of police is called at night. She then went on to say she supposed the men knew all about it, but that she had just heard how it was done and it was quite interesting to her. You give a telephone call for Chief Riley to the Central station. The operator immediately causes a red light to show on the electric light pole opposite the town house. It stands near Miss Boutwell's and Mrs. Shumway's residences. This red light can be seen up and down Main street, Station avenue and vicinity. When spied by the police he goes directly to the selectmen's room in the town house, calls up central, finds where he is wanted and starts off. After twelve o'clock, midnight, he must be called up at his room at J. A. Dunphy's, Hollis street.

Clipping.

The following clipping is from "The Watchman," of January 18, and will be read with interest by former Groton parishioners and other Groton friends of Rev. C. W. Turner, now pastor of the Baptist church at Brandon, Vt.

"The annual meeting and roll-call of the Brandon church, Rev. C. W. Turner, pastor, was held on December 28, and the ladies of the parish prepared a splendid dinner, which was enjoyed by a goodly company and was followed by a season of informal speechmaking, the annual business meeting coming at two o'clock and the reports were full of interest and encouragement. The treasurer's report showed a splendid response to the regular and benevolent offerings of the church so that all bills were paid and it was voted to put a bathroom in the parsonage and to increase the pastor's salary for the coming year. The cottage prayer meetings and the pastor's study class are being well sustained and the people are feeling the spiritual uplift of these special efforts and are looking forward expectantly to the coming of the missionary conference on February 22, and the series of special meetings by State Evangelist Myers in March."

West Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley entertained their son, D. M. Shepley, of Sheldon, Vt., from Saturday until

Monday, when he left en route for Boston.

Mrs. Isabel Wiggins, teacher of the grammar department of the Tarbell school, was forced by the temporary loss of her voice to leave her school-room during Monday forenoon. The work of the morning session was finished by the assistant, Miss Lawrence. The school was then closed until Wednesday morning, when Mrs. Wiggins resumed her duties, though still suffering from a painful throat and cough.

Mrs. George Gay is very ill, but at time of writing is pronounced more comfortable.

Mrs. J. T. Shepley is in care of her physician with her injured wrist, which is quite troublesome.

Some days ago Mrs. Edmund Blood was taken with a severe nasal hemorrhage, by which she was seriously prostrated. She is now critically ill, and is being cared for by Mrs. C. E. Blood. It is understood that the latter's family is in care of her sister, Mrs. H. E. Lindall, of Roslindale.

Rudolph and Harvey, little sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bixby, are ill with whooping cough.

At the Ladies' Aid meeting on Thursday, Mrs. Florence Briggs was elected as a member of the literary committee, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mrs. A. W. Adams. During the half-hour devoted to entertainment, readings were given by Mrs. Charles Bixby and Mrs. H. Spaulding; also, piano solos by Miss Lillian Harrington and Miss Ruth Bixby. The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. K. Harrington on February 15.

Squannacook lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., is preparing for an entertainment on February 14, which is intended to eclipse anything of the kind previously given here. Five Boston artists have been engaged. Details of the affair will be given later.

The L. A. society will give a supper at the usual time and place on Wednesday evening, February 7. The chairman of the committee is Mrs. John Young.

Earl Sleeper, who has been treasurer-elect of the Odd Fellow lodge since the new year, was installed in office at his home on Wednesday by five past grand masters. Mr. Sleeper has as yet been unable to visit the lodgeroom.

Rev. Edward E. Aiken, of the South China mission, now stopping in this country, will speak in the church on Sunday morning on his work in China, and the present condition of that country. This a timely address since the parish gives its annual offerings to foreign missions in the month of February. Envelopes for this purpose have already been distributed.

AYER.

Harlow & Parsons finished cutting their supply of ice on Flanagan's pond on Tuesday. The ice is of excellent quality.

Paul, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Medie Devarney, of East Main street, had his hip broken last Saturday by a refrigerator falling upon him at his home. He was swinging on the door of the refrigerator with his sister Gertrude, which was the cause of the accident. Dr. Bulkeley attended the boy. The youthful patient has been afflicted with attacks of infantile paralysis, and he has still a crippled arm owing to the disease, which makes matters still worse.

The moving picture show this week is to be featured as usual with the best pictures and illustrated songs that can be procured, with the best singer that can be had. On Saturday evening, February 10, the show is to be featured by Colleen Bawn, a three-reel picture of Dion Boucicault's play. This is an elaborate pantomime picture that has scored a wonderful success and is much in demand, and is a departure from the beaten track that is becoming somewhat tiresome. The management of the moving picture show is to be congratulated on their success in being able to show it in our town, and will be greeted no doubt by a full house.

Mrs. Charles H. Webber, for the first time since her illness, was able to call upon her mother, Mrs. John Curran, of Park street, Friday.

Services at St. Andrew's church tomorrow, Holy communion and sermon at eleven o'clock. Sunday school at twelve. Rev. T. P. Thurston, bishop of East Oklahoma, will administer the rite of confirmation at this church on March 22, at 7:30 in the evening.

At the Baptist church on Sunday, the pastor will preach at 10:45 a. m. Communion service will follow. Sunday school at twelve o'clock. At seven o'clock in the evening there will be a service in recognition of the sixtieth birthday of W. H. Leane, the noted musical composer. The choir will render several favorite selections of his compositions.

Unitarian Notes.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. George J. Burns. The postoffice mission committee reported tracts ready for distribution on Sunday. The program included graphophone selections of hymns, current religious news by Mrs. Ida C. Perkins, questions on some doctrinal points with answers by Mrs. Eugene Barry, report of the meeting of the New England Associated Alliance held in West Newton on January 18, by Mrs. Susan M. Barker, and a reading from "The lady of the decoration," by Mrs. Alice F. Butterfield. Following this refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, during a social hour.

The Y. P. R. U. will meet on Sunday evening at seven o'clock, and the leader will be Miss Lily Baker. There will be a reading by Miss Madeline Whitney from Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatty's book, "Social service work for young people in the church school." All are welcome.

Rev. A. Judson Rich will speak at the Unitarian church on Sunday with the topic "Windows opened toward Jerusalem."

At the Y. P. R. U. last Sunday, Miss Pauline Sherwin was leader. There was a piano duet by Misses Etta

Green and Mona Steadman, a vocal solo by Miss Ruth Fenner, and the address by Rev. O. J. Fairfield, of Littleton was a very interesting talk on "The west," where the speaker preached at one time.

Rev. A. Judson Rich preached a fine sermon on Sunday in the Unitarian church from the text "Sympathy."

Deaths.

Capt. Reuben C. Blatchford, who was taken ill three weeks ago with a severe cold with congestion on the right side, died on Friday morning at one o'clock, the immediate cause of death being heart trouble. Dr. Hopkins attending him throughout his illness.

Mr. Blatchford was born in West Yarmouth, February 2, 1847, his death occurring on his birthday. He has been a resident of this town for the past sixteen years, and went into the fish business soon after locating here, and had a fish market in the building now owned by Harlow & Parsons, in the place where is now the barber shop.

In his early life he shipped on board of a vessel as seaman before the mast, and for three years on that vessel he sailed to the west coast of Africa and engaged in the peanut trade. After the three years of service he was made the first officer of the ship and visited many foreign ports.

His next position, that he filled for several years, was the first officer of a steamer plying between Boston and Halifax. Giving up this position, that he had held for three and a half years, he commanded the steel yacht, "Shearwater," owned by the Hon. John L. Forbes, of Boston. Mr. Blatchford was the first officer of the very large three-masted schooner, "Maggie," making one trip to the Mediterranean, and after that trip did service as a coaster.

He was the son of Benjamin and Lydia Blatchford, and was the youngest of seven children, his survivors being a wife, and a brother, Henry Blatchford, of West Yarmouth, who occupies the old family home.

Mr. Blatchford was an excellent citizen, a man of sterling integrity, fair and upright in all his dealings with his fellow man. No man in town was more respected than he.

Funeral services will take place at his late residence on Nashua street, Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. J. E. Whitley, pastor of the Congregational church, will officiate. His body will be taken to West Yarmouth on Monday, where burial will be in the family lot in the cemetery in that town.

John Curran, one of our oldest and respected citizens, died at his home on Park street shortly after midnight on Wednesday morning of arteriosclerosis. Mr. Curran was a native of County Fermaugh, Ireland, where he was born on September 2, 1832.

He was a stone mason by trade. He leaves a widow, one son, Andrew Curran, of Concord, N. H., and three daughters—Mrs. Jennie Devlin, of Lowell, and Mrs. Charles H. Webber and Miss Matilda Curran, of Ayer.

Mr. Curran has been a resident of this town for the past forty-five years and previous to locating here he resided in Lowell. He was a great reader and few men in town were better informed than he on a great many subjects. The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Curran was festively observed four years ago last Thanksgiving.

The funeral was held from his late home on Friday morning. A requiem high mass was said at St. Mary's church at nine o'clock by Rev. P. J. Sheedy. The interment was at St. Mary's cemetery, where Rev. Sheedy performed the committal service. The bearers were James J. O'Brien, Martin Carrigan, Nelson Root and George Davis.

SHIRLEY.

The Atrurians held a very spirited meeting on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. J. Harlow. The chairman of the committee, Miss Grace M. Kilburn, with Mrs. Harlow and Mrs. Brockelman, arranged for an afternoon with Dickens. Roll call was responded to with quotations from the author.

A short reading was given on the life of Dickens by Mrs. Julia F. Kilburn. A selection from the Old Curiosity Shop was read by Mrs. Ida H. Wolf, and a very amusing chapter from David Copperfield was read by Mrs. Mary W. Hazen in a very impressive manner. Piano selections were given by Mrs. Page and Miss Bessie Farnsworth. The ladies' quartet, consisting of Mrs. F. M. Ballou, Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook, Mrs. M. L. Allen and Miss Grace M. Kilburn, rendered a number of songs with much expression.

The usual business was transacted. A notice was given of the mid-winter federation meeting to be held in the Park Street church, Boston, on Thursday, February 8.

The next club meeting to be held, Thursday, February 15, will be open to all. Rev. James Chalmers, of Fitchburg, will be the speaker.

A dainty collation was served by the committee after meeting adjourned. The program for the afternoon was greatly enjoyed by the large number present.

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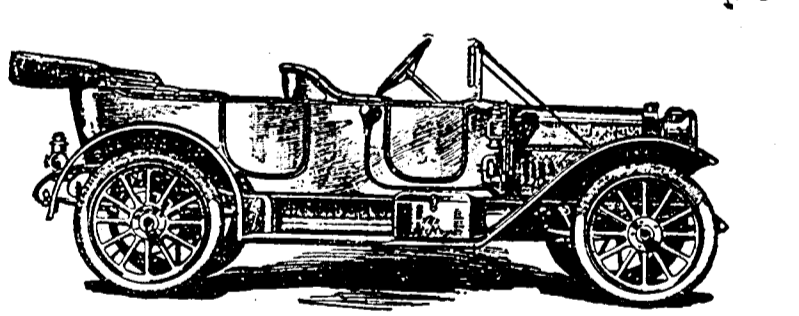
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Saturday, February 3, 1912.

AYER.

News Items.

Archie Messenger was with "The
girl of the golden west" company last
week at Portland, Oregon. The city
is known as the Rose City, there are
so many roses there in constant bloom
and where cold weather is unknown.

The men connected with the M. E.
society are to have a clam supper in
lower town hall on Wednesday, Febru-
ary 14.

The young daughter of Oscar F.
Rand was operated upon for appendi-
citis at his residence on East Main
street, Monday, by Drs. Hopkins and
Bulkeley. She is doing nicely.

A special communication of Caleb
Butler lodge will be held in Masonic
hall on Saturday, February 3, at
twelve m. instead of Friday as the
notices called for on account of the
non-arrival of the body. This com-
munication is called to pay the last
tribute of respect to their late brother,
Fred C. Moore, of Littleton. All mem-
bers of St. Paul lodge and resident
Masons are invited to meet with Caleb
Butler lodge on this occasion.

The Hayden concert company are
to give an entertainment in Page hall,
February 27, under the auspices of
the Middlesex Country club.

There will be a minstrel show and
dance in Page hall, Tuesday night,
February 20. Twenty people—four
end men, up-to-date songs and spec-
tacles, Paragon male quartet, music
by Brodick's orchestra. Dancing
after the show. There will be a late
car to Forge Village, Granitville and
North Chelmsford.

Joseph Carman, with his mother,
left for Boston Wednesday. They
were here visiting relatives since last
Saturday. Mr. Carman is a window
trimmer for the Riker-Jaynes drug
stores in Boston, and one day last
week while trimming a window in one
of their stores in that city the plate
glass window was broken by the frost
and his left cheek was badly cut by
the flying pieces.

Edward James on Grove street is
afflicted as Job was with boils. He
is not able to go to work, but is
crawling about.

At the food and candy sale of St.
Andrew's guild a week ago last Sat-
urday sixteen dollars was netted.

Miss K. E. Lynch, Grove street, vis-
ited her brother, T. Worcester Lynch,
in Nashua last Sunday.

Mrs. Patrick Clark, Grove street,
who is with her husband spending the
winter with her daughter in Lowell,
was in town a few days ago, seeing to
her house.

There are several new cases of
measles in town, Wm. Mullins' daugh-
ter Catherine is down with them; one
of Ernest Childs' little boy is also
down with the measles and pneumo-
nia and another boy and girl sick with
them at their grandmother's, Mrs.
Palmer's.

Hon. George J. Burns left for New
Haven, Conn., Tuesday night on a
business trip and returned Thursday
night.

John Maloney, Grove street, who
has been confined to his house for a
couple of weeks with a bronchial
trouble, returned to his post last Sun-
day morning as flagman at Planagan's
crossing.

Friday being clear and bright,
means according to the old adage, a
late spring. The woodchuck was able
to see his shadow.

The barbershop conducted by John
Anno, of Boston, brother of Joseph C.
Anno, of this town, was burned on
Thursday morning. Mr. Anno lost
everything. He formerly worked for
his brother here and is well-known in
town.

Through the kindness of Mr. and
Mrs. Morris Kozlov, a Swedish girl
who was bound for Greenville, N. H.,
and arrived here too late to make
connections for that place last Sat-
urday night, was taken care of by
Mr. and Mrs. Kozlov at their home on
Merchants' row until the next train,
which left on Sunday afternoon. The
girl was unable to speak any English.

The meeting of the grange on next
Wednesday evening promises to be a
very interesting one. The competitive
entertainment previously announced,
will take place. The third degree
will be worked by the ladies' degree
team of the Shirley grange, and the
fourth by the officers of the local
grange. On account of there being so
much to be done, the members are
requested to be on hand so that the
meeting may be opened at 7.45 sharp.
The members of the grange are con-
templating presenting a comedy-
drama directly after Lent.

The program for the meeting of the
Ayer Woman's club on next Wednes-
day afternoon is an afternoon with
Dickens, in charge of the literary
committee, Mrs. Clara F. Hill, chair-
man.

A Lincoln memorial service will be
held at the town hall on Lincoln's
birthday at eight o'clock, under the
auspices of the George S. Boutwell
post, G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps
and Capt. George V. Barrett camp.
The public is cordially invited. The
speakers will be announced next
week.

Hon. Edwin L. Curtiss, a member
of the civil service commission of
Massachusetts, will speak before the
Ayer Board of Trade on Wednesday
evening, February 7, at 7.30, on "The
civil service legislation of the com-
monwealth."

Fred J. Livingston and Charles W.
Milliken have been drawn as travers
jurors for the term of the superior
court beginning at Cambridge on next
Monday.

The presentation of the drama, en-
titled "The last loaf," by the Baracca
club in Page hall on Monday was well
attended and proved to be a success.
Mrs. C. S. Viail, of South Royalston,
a former resident, gave a reading be-
fore the play. Out-of-town parties
are trying to arrange to have the
show presented in Groton.

Frank Rugg, one of the oldest and
best known freight conductors on the
Worcester and Nashua division of the
Boston and Maine railroad, was killed
at West Boylston on Monday even-
ing. Mr. Rugg was fifty-one years of
age and was employed in the railroad
service for thirty-two years. He was
well and favorably known among local
railroad men.

Fred Simonds has purchased the
house he has been occupying on Cam-
bridge street of Henry C. Rife, of
Concord, who lived there with his
family before his removal to that
town.

The Boston Ice Company finished
getting its supply of ice for its houses
at Sandy pond last Saturday. The
company now has a force of men
loading cars for shipment.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Savon have
moved out of the quarters on Mer-
chants' row, formerly occupied by
Mrs. M. J. Hill, where they moved last
week with the intention of engaging
in the restaurant business.

The following officers of Court Na-
poleon Bonaparte, F. of A., were in-
stalled last week Friday evening by
P. H. Hooley, d. g. c. r.:

M. F. Fitzgerald, c. r.; L. M. Martell,
s. c. r.; J. C. Martell, treas.; G. E. Carl-
son, l. s.; H. P. Chauvin, r. s.; George
Chauvin, s. w.; P. Y. Cote, j. w.; John
Boisseau, s. b.; David Baker, l. b.;
Michael McNeil, trus. 1 yr.; John De-
varney, 2 yrs.; Michael Connors, 3 yrs.

The fourth grade of the schools,
Miss Brown's and Miss Jenness'
rooms will open on Monday morn-
ing, February 5. Miss Wright's and
Miss Neyland's rooms in Washington
street school building, and the Main
street primary, Miss Cochran's room,
will remain closed another week, and
they will probably reopen on Monday,
February 12.

Robert, son of Judge Sanderson,
who was taken with the measles last
week, is getting along nicely, and
George A. Jr., the youngest son of
the Judge, was taken with them on
Friday morning. Miss Helena T. Mc-
Govern, the nurse, is caring for them.

Melvin L. Savage left last Sunday
night for Montreal, on business, and is
expected here today or tomorrow.

The Lawrence freight, which leaves
here every morning, figured in a
wreck at Westford early Wednesday
morning, when a through freight from
Deerfield to Lawrence crashed into it.
The caboose of the preceding train
and a car loaded with granite were
badly smashed. The train is usually
in charge of George Corner, of this
town, but on that morning Conductor
Pattee was in charge.

The carpenters commenced work on
the addition to the north side of
Austin E. Lawrence's house on Wash-
ington street on Thursday. The founda-
tion was put in late last fall. This
addition will make the house consid-
erably wider, and will be the same as
the main part of the house, two stor-
ies. C. H. Hardy is doing the work.

On Thursday last, Miss Addie Har-
low very pleasantly entertained at ten
five of her formerly Harvard friends,
Mrs. Adeline Turner, Misses Myra
Hosmer, Emma Butterfield, Clara T.
Whitney, L. E. Green.

Other Ayer items can be found on
the opposite page.

Farm Sales.

Edward H. Bliss, although a Har-
vard farmer this winter, is still awake
on the farm selling end as shown by
his recent sales as follows:

For Adelaide L. Mosher, of Cam-
bridge, her 12 1/2-acre bungalow prop-
erty at corner of Old Mill road, Har-
vard, to Dr. J. P. Sutherland, of Bos-
ton.

For Florence A. MacRae, her 35-
acre farm, which she bought of Dr.
Rogers in the same district through
the agency of Mr. Bliss. The buyer
is Daniel E. Stacey, of Worcester.

For John Leahy, his farm in Sha-
bokin district of forty-five acres. The
buyer is an artist, and plans to have
a stone bungalow some day in place
of the present cottage, which has a
very pleasing location beneath two
large elm trees.

Assisted by Mr. Bliss, Mrs. Mead,
of Groton, buys of Samuel Ramsden,
the 23-acre farm he bought two years
ago of the same agent. This farm
joins the present home of her daugh-
ter, Mrs. Nowill, to whom Mr. Bliss
also sold the Willis farm not long
ago.

After some delay and disappoint-
ment in getting the immediate use of
part of her money, Mrs. Jennie L.
Hobbs, of Fitchburg, has taken title
to the 44-acre farm of Charles E.
Sprague on the Ayer road in Harvard.
To help out Mr. Bliss becomes owner
of stock and tools, part of which he
has already sold, including hay in
barn.

Of the above sales, only one buyer
is through his Boston connection, the
rest from his personal advertising and
efforts.

Basketball.

The Civic club team again defeated
the Normal school five of Fitchburg
in that city last Saturday evening 20
to 14. Although the local team de-
feated its rivals it was by a much
closer score than when the first game
was played between the teams here
two weeks ago when the Fitchburg
boys were beaten 49 to 7.

The Normal school team were
considerably disheartened by this bad
defeat and prepared to get the return
game if possible last Saturday night.
The game was close and interesting
throughout. The teams broke even
in the first half with ten points each.
In the second period the Ayer five
came back strong and succeeded in
gaining by a comfortable margin upon
their aggressive opponents, which led
they kept to the end.

A cheering squad composed of the
students of the Normal school were on
hand to encourage their team, but
their efforts were unsuccessful. The
Civic club team were without the serv-
ices of Sullivan and Ryan, two of its

regular players, and Coach William
Forbes, its physical instructor, used
three substitutes during the game,
Ryan, Hurley and M. Donahue, all of
whom did good work. The summary:
CIVIC CLUB NORMAL SCHOOL
Green, lf. rb. Casey, Drake
M. Donahue, c. lb. Blair, Fitzroy
Hookey, lb. c. Oakes, Lewis
Ryan, rb. lf. Tenney
Score—Civic club 20, Normal school
14. Goals from floor, Hookey 3, J. Dona-
hue 3, M. Donahue 2, Hurley, Green,
Tenney 3, Cleveland 2, Oakes. Goals
from fouls, Tenney 2. Referee, J. W.
Waters. Time, 20 and 15-minute peri-
ods.

What promises to be two of the
most hotly contested games to be
played in Ayer this season will come
off at town hall, Friday evening, Feb-
ruary 2, at eight o'clock. Leominster
high school is coming down deter-
mined to defeat the Civic club team,
while the L. H. S. second team ex-
pects to take Ayer H. S. into camp.
The two local teams do not intend to
be found sleeping and are prepared
to do their best to have two victories
chalked up for Ayer. Leominster first
team has to date lost but one game
and only last Saturday defeated South-
bridge 62-12. Deady, the star center,
scored nineteen baskets. This is the
same player who played part of the
game at center for the Colonial club in
the exciting game of last week,
when he scored six times. His game
with Donahue was nip and tuck but
"Joe" intends to make the Leominster
star go extra fast to outdo him this
week.

The local high school boys are
banking on a win, after their week's
layoff.

Saturday night the high school team
goes to Fitchburg for a return game
with the Employed Boys' class of the
Y. M. C. A.

Leominster thinks that the referee
might have an influence in the outcome
of the games and have insisted on an
outside man, after being told that an
official from Leominster which they
wanted to use would not be allowed
to referee.

The team went up to the Groton
School on Wednesday afternoon and
succeeded in gaining a victory over
the regular school five by a score of
27 to 24, in a closely contested game.
The game was played in the school
gymnasium in the presence of quite
a number of the students and their
instructors.

The Civic club gained a lead of
eight points in the first half, the score
being 16 to 8. In the final period the
Groton boys made a great spurt and
made sixteen point to eleven by their
rivals. The summary:

AYER GROTON
Sullivan, rf. rb. Amory
Green, lf. lb. Blair, Curtice
Donahue, c. c. Clark
Hookey, lb. lf. Davidson
Ryan, Burns, rb. lf. Wilcox, Duvée
Score—Civic club 27, Groton School
24. Goals from floor, Sullivan 2, Green
2, Donahue 5, Hookey 3, Blair, Clark 2,
Wilcox, Davidson 3, Duvée 4, Curtice.
Goals from fouls, Sullivan 3, Referee,
Forbes, Tinner, Carman. Scorer, Mul-
lin. Time 20m. halves.

Absorb All Leased Lines.

It was officially stated at Concord,
N. H., January 26, before the New
Hampshire Public Service Commis-
sion by William J. Hobbs, vice presi-
dent of the Boston and Maine railroad,
during the progress of the rate in-
vestigation, that the present policy of
the management is to absorb all its
leased lines in this state. This means
the simplification of the railroad situ-
ation in many ways.

Mr. Hobbs called attention to the
recent acquisition of the Worcester,
Nashua and Portland railroad as an
example of the policy to be inaugu-
rated. A controlling interest in this
line was purchased from the New
York Life Insurance Company when
the New York Insurance Commission
compelled the company of that state
to unload their railroad stock.

Mr. Hobbs declared that the pur-
chase of this stock was necessary in
order to prevent it from falling into
the hands of a competitor. The lease
of this line had only about twenty-
five years to run and it was thought
advisable to purchase the balance of
the stock rather than be compelled to
pay more at a later date. He believed
that as a general proposition the line
would be profitable in and of itself,
especially the section between Wor-
cester and Nashua.

District Court.

Emile Lawgive, John Monroe and
Arthur Pelletier, all of Lawrence, and
John Hawkins, no home, were found
guilty of vagrancy in court on Monday
morning and their cases were placed
on file.

Boutras Weskiluski, of Pepperell,
was brought in by Chief Monteth last
Monday charged with assault and bat-
tery. He was found guilty and fined
ten dollars, which he paid.

Joseph Grigas, also of Pepperell,
was found guilty of assault and bat-
tery and fined ten dollars, which he
paid.

John Smith, of Westford, who is
charged with larceny in that town,
was to be arraigned on Monday. His
case was continued until February 29.

James Manning, who has no regular
home, was found guilty of vagrancy
at Ayer, and was sentenced to four
months in the house of correction
on Monday morning.

Bert Perry, of Groton, was found
guilty of hunting on the Lord's day
and was fined ten dollars last Sat-
urday morning, which he paid.

The inquest on the death of Lucy
T. Lambert, of Westford, who died re-
cently under alleged suspicious cir-
cumstances, was held in the district
court last Monday morning before
associate justice, C. F. Worcester. The
witnesses were medical examiner
Frank S. Bulkeley, of Ayer, and Dr.
Sherman, H. O. Keyes, C. T. Keyes
and C. E. Keyes, all of Westford. The
court reserved its decision.

Gentlemen's Night.

The most social event of the winter
came on Wednesday night on the oc-
casion of the annual gentlemen's
night in the Woman's club. For this
gathering Page hall was made very
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\$18.00 Suits reduced to.....	\$13.47	\$3.50 Suits, Knickerbocker Trousers, re-duced to.....	\$2.75	
\$15.00 Suits reduced to.....	\$10.47	Boys' Straight Cut Pant Suits at 1/2 price		
\$12.00 Suits reduced to.....	\$8.47	UNDERWEAR BARGAINS		
\$10.00 Suits reduced to.....	\$7.47	Boys' 25c. Fleece-lined Underwear.....		19¢
One Lot Youths' Suits reduced to.....	\$3.47	Boys' 50c. Wright's Fleece-lined Underwear.....		39¢
MEN'S TROUSERS		Men's 50c. Fleece-lined Underwear.....		39¢
All broken lots of our famous "Duchess," all sizes and shades, to close out at the following prices:		Men's 50c. Jersey Ribbed Underwear.....		39¢
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\$4.00 Pants reduced to.....	\$3.15	Men's Contocook W Underwear.....		75¢
\$3.50 Pants reduced to.....	\$2.85	Men's Wright's Health Underwear.....		79¢
\$3.00 Pants reduced to.....	\$2.45	Men's \$1.50 All Wool Underwear.....		\$1.15
\$2.50 Pants reduced to.....	\$2.00	NEGLIGEE SHIRTS		
\$2.00 Pants reduced to.....	\$1.65	Your choice from any of our Coat Style Neg- ligee Shirts as follows:		
\$1.50 Pants reduced to.....	\$1.15	\$1.50 Earl & Wilson and Cluett Makes Shirts.....		\$1.15
\$1.00 Pants reduced to.....	89¢	\$1.00 Stag and Congress Makes Shirts.....		43¢
BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS		50c. Negligee Shirts.....		43¢
\$5.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$3.75	WINTER CAPS		
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\$3.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$2.25	Men's \$1.50 Caps.....		\$1.00
MEN'S AND YOUTHS' OVERCOATS		Men's \$1.00 Caps.....		79¢
The balance of our Stock of Men's and Youths' Overcoats in all the latest shades and styles.		Men's and Boys' 50c. Caps.....		39¢
\$20.00 and \$22.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$15.47	Boys' 25c. Caps.....		19¢
\$18.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$13.47	MISCELLANEOUS BARGAINS		
\$15.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$10.47	One Lot Men's Part Wool Hose, all sizes, at.....		11¢
\$12.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$8.47	One Lot Men's Police Braces at.....		15¢
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Lois E. Porter, Mrs. Viola Cole, Mrs.
Ida C. Perkins, Mrs. Clara F. Hill and
Mrs. Ruth C. Sherwin. Members and
guests were cordially received by the
officers of the club, Mrs. Carrie B.
Bigelow, Mrs. Carrie S. Lynds, Mrs.
Avis B. Fisher, Mrs. Mary J. Farr and
Mrs. Alice Butterfield. To these of-
ficers the people were presented by the
ushers, Mrs. Harriet H. Bixby,
Mrs. Blanche Whitney, Miss Blanche
Livingston, Miss Edith Hassam, Mrs.
Margaret Cushing, Mrs. Ruth C. Sher-
win, Mrs. Sadie Bennett and Mrs.
Elizabeth Kyle.

The reception hour was a very so-
cial period and was enlivened with
orchestra music by George Peterson,
Charles Mullin, Wallace Kit-
tridge and the Misses Pauline Sher-
win and Madeline Carlson.

After the reception, Mrs. Carrie B.
Bigelow, the president of the club,
cordially welcomed the guests of the
evening and presented those who were
to entertain the audience. There was
a vocal solo by Reginald MacDonnell
and a vocal duet by Miss Ruth Fen-
ner and Master MacDonnell, with Mrs.
Avis B. Fisher as accompanist. Then
came the reading by Miss Irene Bew-
ley. After a short introductory read-
ing, she gave the play, "Polly of the
circus." She impersonated in a very
realistic manner every character, and
held the close attention of her audi-
ence as she carried them with her
through the whole of the fine story.
Miss Bewley is a native of Tennessee,
but has been studying for some years
in Boston. She has a charming per-
sonality and has had a wide experi-
ence, having entertained many audi-
ences, south as well as north.

After the entertainment refresh-
ments were served in charge of Mrs.
A. M. Spaulding, chairman, Mrs. Eliz-
abeth Kyle and Mrs. Estella Farns-
worth, who presided at the punch
bowl, Mrs. Emma Wood, Mrs. Sadie

Sanders, Mrs. Ida Preble, Mrs. Bertha
Cole Mrs. Margaret Cushing and Mrs.
Maud Sullivan.

The whole evening was a successful
and very delightful occasion, and did
great credit to the efficient president,
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HOW TO BUY A HORSE.

Practical Hints on Selecting Animal That Will Be Useful.

The first things always to consider in a horse are his feet and legs, for it is clear that even if he were absolutely perfect in other respects he would be of little value if anything were the matter with his feet or legs, says David Buffum in the Saturday Evening Post. His feet should be symmetrical in shape and neither too deep nor too flat, for the too deep foot is more liable to become contracted, and the flat foot always gives trouble on hard roads. Of these two defects, however, the flat foot is the worse. The limbs should be clean—that is, free from fleshiness—and they should have plenty of bone and substance. The fore legs should be long from the horse's body down to the knee and short from the knee to the fetlock joint. It is well to remember that this point is an exceedingly important one in a road horse.

The hind legs should be both clean and flat. A round leg is always to be avoided, and it cannot be too clean. If it looks as if the skin had been removed, the bone scraped and the skin then put back again, so much the better, but limbs as clean as this are found only on high bred horses and are not to be expected in cold blooded or draft stock.

Much hair on the limb is also to be avoided. There are, it is true, many good draft horses that are rather hairy limbed, but the feature adds nothing to their value and in a road horse would be intolerable. The gambrel joint should be strong and well developed, and it is better that it be relatively near the ground, though this is not as important as in the case of the fore knee.

Unsoundnesses of the limbs, such as spavins, ringbones and the like are not much to be feared in buying "new" horses, but should always be looked for. They are very easily described, but it would be well to study them further by examining some horse that is known to have them. A spavin is a bony enlargement on the inside of the gambrel joint.

A ringbone—worse of all defects of this character, though all are bad enough—is a bony enlargement running around the ankle between the hoof and the fetlock joint. Splints are small bony enlargements on the inside of the fore leg between the knee and the fetlock joint. They rarely do much harm unless unduly large or situated too near the knee. The horse should stand squarely upon his legs. His feet should be well under him, not sprawled apart, and his hoofs should be straight fore and aft, neither toeing in nor out.

We now come to the body. The back should be short. The hind quarters should be well developed, with the hip joints fairly well forward. The hind quarters are most elegant when the line from the top of the hips to the root of the tail is only moderately oblique—neither too straight nor too drooping. The straightness or obliquity of this line does not seem to affect the horse's usefulness very much, but the degree I have mentioned is one of the points of equine perfection and as such should receive consideration whenever possible.

The body should be nicely rounded and "well ribbed up"—that is, the space between the ribs and the hip bone should be short. Horses that are deficient in this respect are hard keepers and, as a rule, less satisfactory generally than those that are more compactly put together. The shoulders should be slanting. This conformation makes a shoulder that is both strong and elegant. An upright shoulder is a bad thing and always to be avoided. The chest should be deep, so as to give ample lung capacity.

The neck, so far as its utility goes, may be either short or long, but the latter is more elegant. It should not be fleshy nor "beefy," and at a point a little aft of where it joins the head it should be bent a little. This conformation leaves the windpipe curved instead of bent at an angle and so gives the breathing apparatus free play.

The head on high bred horses is rather small and very clean and bony; the cleaner the head the better on horses of all kinds. In shape, when viewed from the front, it should slant in a little from the eyes to the top; when viewed from the side the face line should be straight, not aquiline. The eyes should be medium in size, not too near the top of the head, and set well apart from each other. The ears should be fine, pointed and of medium length. When pointing forward they should be parallel, not slanting apart.

How to Make Baby Pillow.

A dainty baby pillow is made in this way: A plain center of the material is left quite large enough for the baby's head and a circle of oval eyelets worked which are run with pale blue or pink ribbon, tied at the top in a soft bow of loops and ends. A wreath of small flowers worked solid can also be embroidered just beyond the circle of eyelets if one wishes a more elaborate pillow. Finish the pillowcase with a hemstitched hem, on the edge of which fine narrow valenciennes lace can be whipped.

How to Sharpen a Pencil.

In sharpening a pencil turn the point away and whittle from you. This will prevent getting the lead on your fingers. Whittle as if the pencil were a stick, and a little practice will enable you to make a perfect point.

How to Whiten Tea Towels.

Save all your lemon peels and boil them with your towels. It will whiten them beautifully.

Burma's Gilded Pagoda.

Rangoon, the principal city of Burma, grew up around the sacred spot on which is built the great Shony Dagon pagoda, one of its principal wonders. "Rising to a height of 300 feet, its size is greatly enhanced by the fact that it stands on an eminence that is itself 100 feet above the level of the city," says a writer. "It is covered with pure gold from base to summit, and once in every generation this gold is completely renewed by public subscription. Yet throughout the interval the process of regilding goes on perpetually. Pious people who seek in this way to express their veneration and to add to their store of spiritual merit climb up daily with little fluttering packets of gold leaf, which they fasten on some fraction of its great surface. There is no more picturesque sight offered by it than that of a group of these silken worshippers outlined high against its gold in the act of contributing their small quota to its splendor. The pagoda itself has no interior. It is a solid stupa of brick raised over a relic chamber."

Old Man of the Mountain.

The title "Old Man of the Mountain" was first applied to Hassan Ben Sabal, who founded a formidable dynasty in Syria A. D. 1090. He was the prince or chief of the sect of the Mohammedans. Having been banished from his country, he took up his abode in Mount Lebanon and gathered round him a band of followers, who soon became the terror alike of Christians, Jews and Turks. They paid the most implicit obedience, to his commands and believed that if they sacrificed their lives for his sake they would be rewarded with the highest joys of paradise. For 200 years these "assassins," as they called themselves, continued to be the terror of the country. Whenever their chief, the "Old Man of the Mountain," considered himself injured he dispatched some of his assassins secretly to murder the aggressor. This is the origin of our use of the word assassin for a secret murderer.

Serpents and Music.

Barnard concludes from his personal observation of cobras in Ceylon, says the Scientific American, that the serpent's traditional love for music is a pure fable and that the only effect of music is to arouse the reptile's curiosity, which is excited by any loud and acute sound. The cobra protrudes its head from its burrow alike on hearing the snake charmer's flute, the rattling of a chain or the sounds made by beating the ground with a switch. It appears to perceive only sounds of high pitch, for it pays no attention to the low notes of the flute or the beating of the drum. Barnard also confirmed in Ceylon the results of observations made in the London zoological garden on the supposed power of fascination exerted by serpents upon birds, and he concludes that this power of fascination is also purely imaginary.

Arms and the Men.

"I see you have your arm in a sling," said the inquisitive passenger. "Broken, is it?" "Yes, sir," responded the other passenger. "Meet with an accident?" "No. Broke it while I was trying to pat myself on the back." "Great Scott! What for?" "For minding my own business." "I see. Never could happen to me, could it?" "No." "And if it did I wouldn't be blame fool enough to tell it." Then there was silence in the car.—Chicago Tribune.

The Change of a Name.

How family names change in the course of many years is illustrated by the conversion of "Boteville" into "Thynne." An English deed bearing date in the closing days of the fifteenth century shows three brothers then flourishing—John Boteville of Boteville and Thomas and William Boteville. The trio are distinguished from all other Botevilles by the explanation "of the Inne," or family residence, the title to which had come to their joint possession. John's grandson was known as Ralph Boteville-of-the-Inne, from which the transition to Ralph Thyme is easy. His descendants have been Thynnes ever since.

He Wanted Figs.

At a small stag dinner the only young and unnoteworthy person present sat throughout the meal communing with his own bashful soul, afraid lest by speaking he betray his sophistication. Dessert being served, he felt he must have some of the candied fruit at the other end of the table. Clearing his voice, he fixed the nearest waiter with a glittering eye and, amid a sudden total silence, peremptorily called out from the top of his voice, "Figs, figs!"—Exchange.

Found Wanting.

Mrs. Laytebyrd (as Laytebyrd comes in unsteadily at 3 a. m.)—You have no excuse for coming home at this hour and in this condition. Laytebyrd—I had one, my dear, and it was a grand one, but I can't think what it was.

The Head of the Family.

In Germany the father is the head of the family, in France the mother, in England the eldest son, in America the daughter.—Don C. Seitz.

The Present Time.

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TOWNSEND.

Center. John and A. K. Tyler attended the funeral of their uncle, Stephen Adams, at Lunenburg, on Saturday.

The Seniors and Juniors of the high school went to West Townsend on Tuesday evening and presented their drama, "The Kentucky belle," which was recently given here to an appreciative audience. Quite a few from here also went up, besides those who were in the cast.

A party of business men from Fitchburg enjoyed a sleighride to Townsend on Tuesday night and took supper at the Park hotel.

Miss Carrie Shattuck, of Pepperell, is substituting in the third and fourth grades for Miss Harrington, who has been obliged to remain at her home at North Amherst, on account of the continued illness of her mother.

David Howard, of Worcester Polytechnic, and Arthur Eastman, of M. I. T., have been enjoying vacations at their respective homes.

Parker Higgins, of Dorchester, recently visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins.

Will Copeland got a fine fox on Wednesday afternoon toward Pepperell.

Sleighride.

Quite a number of the high school scholars and several of the teachers enjoyed a sleighride to Mason, N. H., last week Friday night where they gave Louie Smith a surprise party. Mr. Smith is one of the most popular students attending the Townsend high school, and has had the leading part in the last two school plays, which have been given with great success.

The evening was spent in playing games and in singing, and the host and his parents were most hospitable in their entertainment. Refreshments were served during the evening. All had a delightful time.

Stricken.

Samuel Gillis was seized with a paralytic shock last week Friday morning. At this writing he is getting along comfortably and it is hoped that he may recover. Mr. Gillis has for several years been janitor at Memorial hall, and took great pride in keeping the hall in good order and in having his audiences quiet and orderly. He was always on hand with cheery suggestions on such occasions as the coppers' ball, and although he has been quite ill he was determined to be there last Thursday during the preparations for the ball, but was, of course, firmly, but gently, denied the privilege on account of his very weak condition.

West.

Mr. and Mrs. George Upton are in Hillsboro, N. H., where Mrs. Upton's mother is quite ill.

John Powers is quite ill and under the doctor's care.

Mrs. Phillips of Albany is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Duncan Rusk.

The L. B. S. will hold an all-day meeting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Ringrose on Wednesday, February 7. Dinner will be served at noon.

Mrs. E. A. Craig, who has been visiting relatives in Troy, N. Y., for a few weeks, has returned to her home here.

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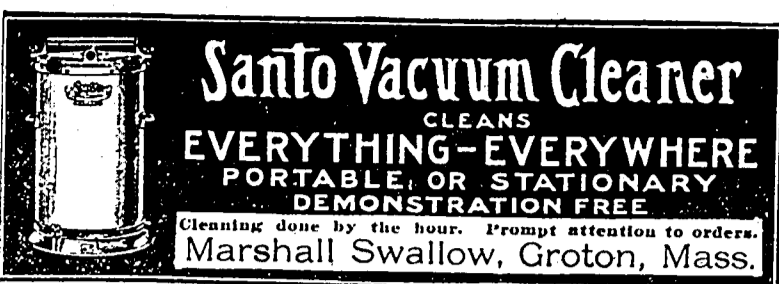
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9.30	4.29	8.10	4.22
11.00	6.19	8.30	5.53
11.30	5.14	9.15	6.11
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And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Guide, a newspaper published in said County the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court.

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Should these lines be the outcome of a continual giving way to anger the disfigurement will spread to the cheeks and the corners of the mouth, for no emotion is so destructive to beauty as continual outbursts of passionate rage. Therefore let every woman keep a continual guard over her emotions and over her facial tricks if she wishes to preserve her beauty.

Every woman should learn to rest if she wishes to preserve her good looks. Should she lead a very busy life she must acquire the habit of availing herself of every few spare minutes for this purpose. Let her analyze the art of relaxation and practice it in the following manner:

Hang the arms loosely at the side and then begin to move them slowly backward and forward from side to side. Then open the fingers wide and shake the hands loosely from the wrists, and after this practice the same exercise with the legs and feet.

One beauty expert considers that too many hot baths tend to destroy beauty and advocates a tepid bath every day. Exercise, she urges also, can be indulged in to the point of extreme fatigue and taken in excess does much more harm than good.

Doing Without Powder.
How shall one avoid the use of powder on the face? This question is so often asked that any solution of it should be of general interest.

To tell the truth, few women can get along without powder in some form, and there is not the slightest objection to it if one is chosen that is simple in composition. If the application is washed off at night and the face always cleansed before retiring, the pores will remain unclogged and the skin smooth. It is only when powders having lead and other injurious ingredients are used habitually and permitted to remain on that the complexion is harmed.

Yet when there is a deeply rooted prejudice against powder daily applications of pronounced astringents sometimes act as substitutes by neutralizing the natural oil of the skin. But in order to apply any such liquids successfully a woman must study her face carefully and know which part requires it. If the nose is not greasy it sometimes follows that the cheeks near it and the chin may be, while the outer edge of the cheeks and the forehead are dry. A strong astringent if put over those naturally dry sections will simply act to give them a chapped appearance, because there is no oil in those regions to require neutralizing. Therefore the nose is not to be treated, but only the skin near it.

Gum a Destroyer.
"The worst enemy we beauty specialists have to combat is the gum chewing habit. You may not believe that chewing gum destroys a woman's good looks, yet I can assure you that it does," said an expert to a New York Sun reporter. "I had a young client who fell off in looks in spite of all I could do. One day I studied her face to discover the reason, and I saw that her jaw was getting square; there was a heavy look that was destroying the oval of her face."

"Do you chew gum?" I asked. "She replied that she did; it helped her digestion and she liked the habit."

"Well, stop it," I said. "It is making your jaw square, and as your face gets heavy jawed your eyes grow smaller. The eyes must be set in an oval face to be effective."

"She stopped the gum chewing, and the jaw seemed to subside. Perhaps it did not really grow less, but her cheeks got plumper and the squareness was not so apparent."

Two Beauty Tips.
Pineapple juice is good for cleaning stains out of the hands. It should be well rubbed in, left for a few minutes and then thoroughly washed with plenty of soda and warm water.

Stout people should limit the amount of potatoes and sugar they eat, as these articles of food favor the deposit of fat underneath the skin. Dry toast, lean meat, stewed fruit and fish are suitable foods in treating obesity, and rich, fat, sweet and greasy dishes ought to be avoided.

To Reduce Waist Measure.
Deep breathing will help to reduce the waist measure and enlarge the bust. The stretching exercises, too, are splendid as waist depleters. Raise the arms high above the head; then, holding knees straight, try to touch the floor with the finger tips. Stand erect, place hands on hips, bend from waist as far as possible to the right, then to the left.

Mated.
Any one with half an eye could see that he was madly in love with her, but he had not courage enough to put his fate to the test. But she was a young lady who knew her way about, as the saying goes, and one night she suggested a game of chess. He, poor fellow, eagerly swallowed the bait. If he was a novice at lovemaking he was certainly no novice at chess, and he soon had the fair maid hopelessly beaten.

"Ah!" he exclaimed as he put her in a hopeless corner. "You're in a tight corner now, Miss Mabel."

She looked at him with those beautiful eyes of hers and then said: "I hadn't noticed any compression, George. Have I no escape?"

"None whatever," said the gulleless George. "I shall mate you next move."

"Oh, George!" said she, with a becoming blush. "Er—hadn't you better ask father first?"

They are married now, and George often wonders if she is as dense at chess as she would make him believe.

Lincoln With His Children.
It was a frequent custom of Lincoln, this of carrying his children on his shoulder. He rarely went down street that he did not have one of his younger boys mounted on his shoulder, while another hung to the tail of his long coat. The antics of the boys with their father and the species of tyranny they exercised over him are still subjects of talk in Springfield. Mr. Roland Diller, who was a neighbor of Mr. Lincoln, told one of the best of the stories. He was called to the door one day by hearing a great noise of children crying, and there was Mr. Lincoln striding by with the boys, both of whom were wailing aloud. "Why, Mr. Lincoln, what's the matter with the boys?" he asked.

"Just what's the matter with the whole world," Lincoln replied. "I've got three walnuts and each wants two."—From Tarbell's "Life of Lincoln."

Paying For Extras.
In one of the luxurious golf club houses in the south of England a visitor approached the steward and asked for a luncheon ticket.

"Five shillings," said the official. "That's rather a lot, isn't it?" inquired the visitor.

"A lot? Think of the cost of this club. See those pictures? They're worth thousands of pounds. And those tapestries? Their value is simply enormous."

On the following day the visitor again asked for a luncheon ticket and tendered half a crown.

"I've already told you, sir," said the steward, "that the charge is five shillings."

"Yes, I know," was the reply, "but I only want half a crown's worth today. I saw the pictures and the tapestries yesterday."—World of Golf.

Dynamite.
The action of dynamite is comparatively precise. The firing point is 180 degrees C. At that temperature it either burns or explodes. If free from all pressure, jar, vibration or force of any kind it merely burns. That is how it comes about that one can burn dynamite safely in the hand if all conditions be wholly favorable. But any least vibration from such requisites will cause an explosion, which is an excellent reason for avoiding too intimate ventures with the compound. When ignited in small quantities in the open air dynamite does nothing more startling than to burn fiercely. When, however, larger quantities are ignited explosion almost invariably results, as the temperature is raised by the flames.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Old Time Carving.
An ancient book on carving says that the only meats that were "carved" were mutton and beef. You had to "break a deer, rear a goose, lift a swan, sauce a capon, spool a hen, frush a chicken, unbrace a mallard, unlance a cony, dismount a heron, display a crane, disfigure a peacock, unjoint a bittern, untack a curlew, always a pheasant, wing a partridge or a quail, mince a plover, thigh a pigeon or any other small bird and border a game pie."

Fascination of Golf.
"I've heard of Nero a-playing on his fiddle, sir, when 'is 'ome was a-burning," said the landlady, putting down the local paper. "but this 'ere game of golf must be the most fascinating 'obby in the world. I've been reading about the fire up at the golf ground last Friday, and it says, 'The fire brigades promptly responded to the call, and when darkness closed in they were still playing upon the ruins of the clubhouse.'"—Golf Illustrated.

Foiled Him.
"Why am I like a pin?" asked Mr. Jones triumphantly of his wife. He expected she was going to say, "Because you are so sharp," and he was simply paralyzed when she replied: "Because if you should get lost it wouldn't be worth while to spend time looking for you."

Yes, He Was Good.
"Were you a good boy in school today?" "I think so, dad. Anyway, teacher called me a holy terror."—Buffalo Express.

Lived on Water.
The Tramp—I once lived on water, indy, for six months. The Lady—You don't look like it. How did you manage it? The Tramp—I was a sailor.

To have failed is to have striven; to have striven is to have grown.—Maltbie D. Babcock

TOWNSEND.

West.
Rev. S. D. Ringrose will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church tomorrow morning, and the Y. P. S. C. E. will be conducted by Miss Ina Wilder. This is the regular business meeting and it is hoped that a good attendance will be on hand, as there is business of importance to be transacted.

The West Townsend Brotherhood met in the vestry on Sunday from twelve to one o'clock, with an attendance of twenty-two, and completed plans for their banquet on Thursday evening. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the president, Dr. H. B. Boynton, Warren Elliott was elected chairman, and the topic of the lesson for the day was "The presentation in the temple," studied with Rev. S. D. Ringrose as teacher.

On Friday of last week, a party of thirty-two, including old and young, enjoyed a sleighride to Ashby and partook of a bountiful supper at the Ashby Inn, followed by dancing until the early hours of the morning.

Joseph Thompson is confined to his home by illness. Mrs. George A. Seaver and Mrs. Charles E. Patch have also been on the sick list, and Daniel Coffey, who has taken Benjamin Hodgman's place as teamster for Mr. Rusk, has been confined to his home for a few days with an attack of the gripple.

Mrs. E. A. Prime, who has been employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Adams, has returned to her home in Marlboro.

Mrs. Monroe and her daughter, Miss Inez, who have been visiting Mrs. S. D. Ringrose, at the parsonage, returned on Friday of last week to their home in Marlboro.

Walter E. Wilder, of Josselynville, went to New Ipswich on Monday evening where he gave an account of the work of the Men's class and sang several selections at a meeting there.

Mrs. E. T. Davis, who was operated upon for appendicitis at her home last week, is reported as improving.

Miss M. A. Taft and Mrs. Fred Coburn, from Lowell, have been recent guests of their sister, Mrs. Josephine Boynton.

Mrs. Alden Sherwin has been entertaining her sister, Miss Troupe, and friend, Miss Donovan, from Quincy, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dawes, who have been stopping at E. W. Seaver's cottage on Main street, have returned to their home in Cambridge.

A sleighing party of thirty-three from Groton, arrived at Seminary hall about ten o'clock on Monday evening and enjoyed a picnic supper in the hall and dancing until the early hours of the morning.

Entertained.
Mrs. Josephine Boynton entertained the Ladies' Literary and Social circle at her home on last week Friday afternoon, with ten in attendance. The subject for the day was "Robert Burdett," and the meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Albert H. Wilson.

After the usual calling of quotations and reports of current events from each member, sketches of his life were read by Mrs. Charles E. Patch and Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence. An account of one of his sermons was given by Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, who had the privilege of hearing him speak in Los Angeles, Cal., and proved to be very interesting, and selections from his poems were read by Mrs. E. A. Craig, Mrs. Fred A. Patch and other members of the club. At the close of the program the party adjourned to the dining-room where a dainty lunch of sandwiches, cake, cookies and tea was served, and home-made confectionery was partaken of, and a social hour greatly enjoyed. The guests of the occasion were Mrs. Fred Coburn and Miss Mary A. Taft, from Lowell.

Well Given.
A very excellent performance was the presentation of the five-act comedy "A Kentucky belle," given by the senior and junior classes of the Townsend high school in Seminary hall last Tuesday evening, and it met with an enthusiastic reception by a large audience. The parts were all unusually well taken and some of the acting was exceptionally well done for amateurs, reflecting great credit on the pupils and their managers. The songs and dancing introduced were much enjoyed and heartily applauded, while the selections rendered between the acts of the songs "Marguerite," by Miss Alice Welch, of this village, and "Sing me to sleep," by Miss Estelle Farrar of the Center, won several encores. At the close of the performance a social and promenading was enjoyed, music being furnished by an orchestra of three pieces from the high school. The affair was a complete success in every respect and was well worth the price of admission.

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Lawrence—5:15, 6:15, 6:40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:40 p. m. Sundays—5:15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:40 p. m. Return—Leave Lawrence—5:20, 6:10, 6:50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:35 p. m. Return—Leave Lawrence—7:20 a. m. then same as week days.

Nashua—6:45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10:45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12:45 p. m. until 10:15 p. m.) Sundays—7:15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6:45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10:35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1:35 p. m. until 10:35 p. m.) Sunday—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:35 p. m.

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Cars leave Forge Village for Ayer—40 minutes past the hour.

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Leave Westford for Lowell—6:55, 7:40, 8:40, 11:40 a. m., 12:40, 1:40, 2:40, 3:40, 4:40, 5:40 p. m.

Sundays—7:40, 8:40, 9:40, 10:40 a. m., 12:40, 1:40, 2:40, 3:40, 4:40, 5:40 p. m. All schedules subject to change without notice. L. H. CUSHING, Superintendent.

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PEPPERELL.

Items of News.

The firemen's ball which was held last week Friday evening was a grand success. A fine concert was given by Newell's orchestra, of Marlboro. The grand march was formed at nine o'clock and was led by the foreman of steamer company, W. C. Shattuck and Miss Lottie Farrell, of Fitchburg, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Warren M. Blood, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hutchinson, followed by others to a large number. There were a great many present to enjoy the occasion. A fine turkey supper was served at twelve o'clock by the ladies of Acoma lodge to about 250 people.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, February 8, at 2:30 o'clock.

The adjourned meeting of the Peperell District Nurse association will be held at the vestry of the Congregational church on Tuesday evening, February 6, at 8:30 o'clock. All members and all interested are requested to be present and hear the reports of the past year. The annual membership fee will be payable at this meeting.

Miss Anna King, of Nashua, N. H., was a week-end guest of Mrs. Caleb Richardson.

William Annis, of High street, has been very sick the past week, but is improving.

Mrs. Alice Blood Bartlett, who has been quite ill, is improving slowly.

Miss Margaret Kane and Gertrude Sullivan, of Fitchburg, and Daniel Collins, of Lynn, were week-end guests of D. F. Sullivan and family, of Nashua street.

The Peperell Woman's club will hold their next meeting on Tuesday afternoon, February 6, at Saunders' banquet hall. It will be federation day and the speaker will be Mrs. Hattie M. Douglas, of Boston, who will speak on "Economics." A board meeting will be held at 2:15.

Mrs. F. A. Harrington and Edith Gerrish, of Worcester, spent last week Friday with her sister, Mrs. Horace Drury, of Pleasant street.

Mrs. George Mahony and son have been ill but are now on the road to recovery.

George E. Shattuck, of Nashua road, is having a serious time with a carbuncle on his neck.

On Friday evening of last week, the firemen made merry at their ball which was held in the town hall, about three hundred being present to enjoy the evening. W. P. Shattuck and Miss Lottie Farrell, of Fitchburg, led the grand march to the music furnished by Newell's orchestra, of Marlboro. Mrs. Warren Blood turned the details of the supper over to Mrs. Nellie Guterson, as Mrs. Blood's recent illness had not left her strong, and everyone praised the roast turkey supper and fixings.

Mrs. Elmer Foss, of Park street, is ill with the mumps.

Mrs. King, of Nashua, N. H., spent last Sunday with Mrs. Susie Richardson.

A meeting of the District Nurse association was called for Monday evening, January 29, but it was so stormy that those present thought it better to postpone the meeting until Tuesday evening, February 6, at 8:30 o'clock, in the vestry of the Congregational church, following the closing of the prayer meeting. The church will be warm and a full attendance is desired.

Monday evening the Ladies' Whist club enjoyed a sleighride to Nashua, N. H.

Mrs. May Tarbell and Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, with Mrs. Nelson Tower and Mrs. P. J. Hayes, as alternates, are expected to attend the federation meeting of Women's clubs to be held with the Park Street church club of Boston on Thursday, February 8, at the Park Street church, and a number from here are making plans to attend.

Eddie Duffy, who attends the Main Street school, is at home on South road, at Wellington Gillespie's, where he is ill with measles, and this quarantines four other children.

The Oak Hill Improvement society held an entertainment followed by a dance on Wednesday, January 31.

Miss Lovella V. Shattuck, who has been shut in for four weeks, took advantage of the pleasant day on Thursday and visited some of the neighbors.

Monday and Tuesday was a busy day in town for some of the men who handle freight and do teaming, as they were summoned to testify in the Scipione case at Boston.

The sleighing is at its best and many are taking advantage of it in the way of sleighing parties. Tuesday evening, Mr. Durant drove a party to Nashua and on Wednesday evening a party from the eighth grade enjoyed a ride to Ayer, driven by Mr. Durant, Mrs. Durant acting as chaperone.

At the Unitarian church on next Sunday, Rev. D. R. Child will speak on "Jesus sending the seventy, and the world scout movement of today." At seven o'clock in the evening, Mr. Child will lead the meeting of the Babbidge Guild, and will take for his subject, "The history and traditions of the old town church." All persons are welcome to attend.

Miss Carrie E. Shattuck is teaching in the grammar school in Townsend Center.

Francis and Miss Emma Regnier, of Lowell; William Middleton, of Boston, and B. F. Rines, of Lunenburg, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Rines.

The Peperell Council, K. O. C., will hold a bazaar in Tarbell opera house commencing on Thursday night, April 11, and closing on Tuesday night, April 16, with a social dance.

At the M. E. church on Sunday morning, the pastor will preach on the subject, "The greatest and best message this world has ever heard." In the evening, at seven o'clock, Rev. S. L. Hayward will preach on the subject, "The signs of the times."

There has been a good deal of sickness among our church people of late. Lewis Bean, who was very sick, is slowly improving at the time of writing.

E. P. McCord, tax collector, announces that he will not be a candidate for reelection. He will be at his office in the Aldine block on Saturday, February 17, Wednesday, February 21, and Saturday, February 24, and every following evening, including March 4, from six to eight o'clock. All unpaid bills after that date will be positively collected as the law directs.

Letters remaining uncollected for at the East Peperell postoffice for the week ending January 29: A. Everett Brown, Timothy Horace, James Parker, J. Wood.

Anniversary.

Arrangements have been perfected for the celebration of the 165th anniversary of the First Parish church on Friday, February 9. The parish supper will be held at 6:15, when articles of historic interest will be exhibited, and a special anniversary cake will be cut. The ministers of the Congregational and Methodist churches and the Unitarian church in Groton, will take part in the service, which follows, at eight o'clock.

Rev. George M. Howe, of the Congregational church in Groton, and Dean W. W. Penn, of the divinity school of Harvard university, will speak of local and New England church traditions. Mrs. Elberfeld, of Charlestown, N. H., will be the soloist, and an anthem will be sung by the chorus choir.

Although the First Parish, or Unitarian church, is the legal descendant and possessor of the records and property of the original town church, yet the history and traditions of the "Church of Christ," as it was first called, cannot be claimed or held exclusively by any one denomination, but are the heritage of the townspeople of Peperell. This anniversary is therefore of general interest and all persons are welcome to attend the evening service.

Clipping.

The following is taken from the Fitchburg Sentinel of Friday, January 26:

"The regular business meeting of Fitchburg Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, Thursday night, was followed by an entertainment, the program consisting of vocal and instrumental music and recitations by members and visitors and an address on the money question by Mrs. L. E. Starr, of Peperell.

Mrs. Starr, who was the principal speaker, told not only of the history of United States money, the changes which have been made in it and legislation affecting it, but also spoke at some length of money in general, the early forms of barter and how at certain periods of history fish, animals of various kinds, and the products of the fields were used as money, which, in the final analysis, is but a medium of exchange. She had with her many specimens of money of this and other countries, to show not only the changes in design from time to time, but also the various substances which have been used for money in different parts of the world."

Grange.

Friday evening, January 26, the officers of Prescott grange were installed, the work being done by T. E. Flarity, assisted by Mrs. Flarity and Mrs. Knight, of Townsend. The officers installed for 1912 are:

Walter Shattuck, m. Forest O. Andrews, G. Mrs. Minnie Green, Mrs. Lucy Perry, s. w. George Shattuck, asst. s. w. Rev. Dudley R. Child, chap. Parker J. Kemp, treas. S. L. Chap. Parker, sec. Arthur Pillsbury, s. c. K. Miss Ethel Brown, G. Mrs. Florence Flynn, Flora Miss Jennie Holmes, Patroness, Miss Ellen Miller, I. a. s. S. Susie Andrews, pianist; Sarah B. Tucker, asst. sec.

A supper and social followed the installation. Some things were queer on that evening, as at the meeting before a secretary pro tem took the notes of the meeting, where the plans were made for the wedding reception of the master, who was away in Florida on his wedding trip, and the regular secretary did not know what the record contained till she commenced reading them in the grange meeting. As she read them the faces of the members grew grave, but it was pure fun for the newly-wedded couple who sat there, taking notice and their smiles extended and their eyes told the story of "the surprise." "Mum" is no use in Peperell in anything to do with grange weddings.

Wedding Reception.

Tuesday night, January 30, even in the storm, was a memorable evening in the history of Prescott grange, as it was the occasion of the wedding reception tendered to its worthy master, Walter Shattuck, and wife, who were married on January 3, in Fitchburg, and who have since been at Jacksonville, Fla., on their wedding trip. The hall never looked so beautiful with its decorations of pine, laurel, hemlock, bitter sweet berries and white streamers and white bunting. Anywhere a lovers' knot could be used to advantage, it was placed there.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dennen assisted the young couple in receiving. Rev. Dudley R. Child in making the presentation speech, told how his mind returned to a similar occasion in his own life, only a few years back, and urged Mr. Shattuck to try and not make a lengthy return speech. He could sympathize with him and his audience could appreciate his position, and he then presented them as gifts from the members of the grange, a handsome French clock and three pieces of expensive cut glass. In one of the dishes was a five-cent piece that remained unspent.

Hot coffee, many kinds of cake and fruit were then served. Several selections on the mandolin and piano were given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell, whose kindness was appreciated. Mrs. George Kimball read "Ki's her every day." Miss Mollie Frazee and Mrs. Maxwell gave a piano duo, and Charles F. Spaulding sang "omebody." After a jolly evening and good all departed for their homes.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Lawrence Shores, of Vermont, and Bert Shores, of Chippewa Falls, visited last Saturday and Sunday with their cousin, William F. Shores and family.

A party of young ladies from this town, with their gentlemen friends, attended the leap year party at Bolton on Saturday evening, January 27. They all report an excellent time and the delightful sensation of being the escorts and paying the bills involved. Those who went were Misses Georgie M. Bryant, Bernice E. Sears, Alice M. Chadwick, Nora H. Brooks, Nina A. Perkins, Mary E. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gale visited this week with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Gale, at Providence, R. I.

We get direct the very agreeable news that our former townsman, Alfred R. Hussey, has been in New York for several months, occupying a high salaried position in inventing and building his automatic cup machine for making his own patented individual paper drinking cups. We wish him success and hope to see him with us soon again.

Miss Eva Brown visited this week with her friends, Mrs. Mary Reed and family here. Miss Brown comes from New Hampshire.

Miss Mary Davis enjoyed a short rest from her duties at the Memorial hospital last Saturday afternoon and made a flying visit to her father and mother here, returning to Worcester at six o'clock.

On Friday evening, February 9, the ladies of the Unitarian society will give a supper and social at the town hall. Suppers will be served at the usual time. Musical program at eight, to be followed by dancing until 10:30. Music will be given by Walter S. and Ruel P. Lougee and Miss Etta Green.

William F. Shores took a four-horse sled load of young people on a straw ride Thursday night. Nine couples enjoyed the moonlight ride. They went to Sterling Inn, where a supper awaited them. After satisfying the inner man and storing some artificial heat the party started for home, arriving in the larger hours on Friday morning. Prof. and Mrs. Leonard chaperoned the party.

Mrs. Carrie Hussey and her daughter, Miss Emily Whitney, started this week Saturday for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wetherbee at Pittsburg, Pa. They are due to arrive on Sunday morning at 7:30.

Miss Emma Bagster is a guest this week with her mother, Mrs. Thomas Bagster, on Oak Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, of Bolton, drove over and called on Mrs. H. Emma Whitney on Thursday last. They were very much interested in the collection of antiques of Mrs. Whitney's.

Richard V. Kinsman is remodeling the interior of his house and building in a bathroom, which is to be fitted up with the modern improvements along that line.

Ralph Whitney, who has been in the city hospital, under operation, and since under quarantine with diphtheria, is doing well and expected home very soon now.

Birthday Parties.

Miss Mildred E. Carman celebrated the seventeenth anniversary of her birth with a house party on last Monday evening. Owing to the fact that the regular meeting of the Musical society is on Mondays, several of the guests were late in arriving, but all had a very enjoyable time. Mrs. Carman served cake, ice cream and orange punch to the guests. Games were played and singing interspersed. Miss Thayer presided at the piano. Mr. Webster did some stunts with the high kicks, and Mr. Lyon showed "some class" as a slight-of-hand performer. Those present were Miss Harriet Thayer, Herbert A. Dickson, Miss Josephine Baker, Cedric Webster, Miss Grace Morse, Edwin Sawyer, Miss Madeline Parker, C. Leroy Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur West and Ellery Royal. Miss Carman received many pretty gifts.

Miss Pauline Harlow gave a party to her sister, Nancy Harlow, at their home near the mill on Tuesday. The event was the birthday anniversary of Nancy Harlow, and her teacher in the Center school, Miss Nina A. Perkins. A number of the school friends and neighborhood children were invited. Miss Harlow served light refreshments to the guests and all had a very pleasant time.

Still River.

The supper and social given by the Ladies' Benevolent society last Thursday evening was well attended. Seventy-five partook of the supper at six o'clock. A large number was present from Clinton and Harvard. After the supper a pleasing entertainment was given under the arrangement of Mrs. Harrod.

Frank Rugg, a freight conductor on the Boston and Maine railroad, was killed at West Boylston on Monday evening. Mr. Rugg was well-known in Still River.

On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. C. H.

Haskell and Walter Haskell spent the day in Boston, and attended the Boston theatre.

Miss Grace Goodwin, who was mentioned last week as being very sick at the Clinton hospital, passed away last week Friday morning. Burial was at her old home in Berwick, Me., last Monday morning. Mrs. Mabel Sprague and son Morrill attended.

Thursday was the eighty-fourth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Susan Read. Quite a number of friends called to make the day pleasant for her.

Miss Emily Cole, who has been keeping house for Mrs. Haynes during the latter's convalescence, since the middle of November, went to her home in Ayer on Saturday of this week, as Mrs. Haynes is so far recovered as to be able to take up her household.

In letters received from Warren O. Willard, who went to Florida in December, and who did not find that state to his liking, states that he has gone to Thomaston, Ga., where he is settled for the winter.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Miss Florence C. Dodge has returned to her duties in Lawrence.

Simon Hager has been appointed as town clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Dodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Littlefield spent the week-end with friends in Alston. Saturday evening they saw the "Never homes," at the Shubert theatre.

Arthur Houghton, of Worcester, visited with C. T. Wetherbee's family last Sunday.

Many have been taking advantage of the cold weather and have filled their icehouses.

Miss Mary Nelson is to spend the week-end in Alston with relatives.

Miss Alice Fairfield, of Kingston, Canada, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Poland.

Albert Hartwell spent Wednesday in Boston.

Mrs. Myers, who has been on the sick list for a long time, does not seem to be recovering very quickly.

Mrs. C. F. Libbe has been sick the past week with laryngitis, and has been under Dr. Royal's care.

The last meeting of the grange was past master night and the following program was given: Song, grange; "Reminiscences," Past Master Nelson; songs, Mr. and Mrs. Salmon; "Exemplification of the unwritten work," Past Master Littlefield; song, grange. There were several more numbers on the program, but the members were unable to be present. All enjoyed the evening, which has been the first fair night since the last meeting in October. The next regular meeting of the grange will be held on February 9. At roll call each member is to respond from Dickens.

WESTFORD.

Forge Village.

Communion services will be held on Sunday morning at 9:30, Rev. A. L. Bumpus officiating. Sunday school will be held at 3:30 in the afternoon. The evening service is to be omitted.

The sleighride which was to be given the children of Cameron school on last Saturday, was postponed to February 19, owing to the stormy weather.

Mr. and Mrs. John Campling and family, of Lawrence, are visiting relatives and friends in the village.

Florence Boucher and Vincent Garvey, of North Chelmsford, visited at Cameron school on Monday.

The many friends of Mrs. R. D. Prescott will be pained to hear of the death of her mother, Mrs. Holt, which occurred last week Friday afternoon, at the home of her son in Andover, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with great christian fortitude. Mrs. Holt spent her summers in the village with her daughter, and more with every year's visit. The sympathy of the village is extended to Mrs. Prescott in her time of sorrow. Burial took place on last Sunday afternoon.

George Cougle, who has formerly managed and run the mill boarding-house on Bradford street, has accepted a position with the Abbot Worcester Company.

Entertainment.

Abbot hall on last Tuesday evening was the scene of an extra fine concert given by the members of the Groton School orchestra, which was well attended. C. S. Griswold, musical director, opened the concert by a few remarks, and after a hearty welcome by the audience, the program was opened. The numbers were exceedingly well rendered and proved most pleasing, judging from the repeated encores received.

The violin playing of the Misses Lawrence certainly were excellent, and won much applause. The piano solos of Murray Taylor made the encore ring with music and the encores he received were well earned. Mr. Call and Mr. Cabot, in their French horn duet, "How can I leave thee," was fine and was heartily enjoyed.

The program on the whole was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed, and the people of Forge Village are always sure of an evening of rare music when the Groton School orchestra visit them.

At the conclusion of the concert a supper was served the members of the orchestra by the ladies of the parish. The proceeds of the affair will be for the benefit of St. Andrew's mission.

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The Blue Ribbon Pumpkin

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It was Moses Smith who founded and named the village of Unity, in a western state. Moses was the head and front. It was only when the inhabitants got to number 200 that trouble came to him. A church was wanted, of course. For two or three years the people gathered in a barn when a circuit preacher came that way, but the day came when Moses Smith said the devout must be ready to make personal sacrifices. Not a family in the village but agreed with him. Each subscribed all, and in some cases more than he could really afford. Lumber was bought and piled against the day it would be wanted, and things were going along placidly and peacefully when the county decided to hold its first fair. It was to mean much to all farmers and villagers, for each family of the latter had a big garden and could compete for prizes.

The soil around Unity was fine for all sorts of vegetables, but particularly pumpkins. Pumpkins had been grown there that had been the wonder of four counties. As soon as the fair was announced every head of family in the village at once mentally decided to grow a prize pumpkin for the blue ribbon to be given. They carried this decision to the public meeting called, and at which Moses Smith presided and said:

"Friends, I have sorter planned this thing out for all of us. Aaron Tompkins will grow the prize squash; Felix White will grow prize cucumbers; Samuel Davis will grow prize tomatoes; old Mrs. Tompkins will grow prize beets," and he read the list to the end and announced that he would grow a prize pumpkin as big as a flour barrel. There was a row at once. Each was willing to give way. Moses argued and protested, but it was pumpkins or nothing.

Moses Smith couldn't positively forbid the others to grow pumpkins, however he might discourage, and the result was pumpkins on every hill and in every hollow.

One day it was reported that at night some one was to make a raid on every pumpkin patch in the village and wreak his spite. That night a score of men sat up all night prepared to sell their lives and their pumpkins at any cost. After that the situation became more tense. The circuit rider came again and again, but to find that the church interest had been overshadowed by the pumpkin interest and that most of those who should have formed his congregation were in the fields or gardens. He went to Moses Smith, as the head and front, to see how the church building progressed and was met by the reply: "Nothing doing, elder, and may not be for two or three years to come. I'm sorry to say that the town seems to be a bit surprised to see lightnin' strikin' around us any time."

By the date of the fair a stranger coming into the village would have found everybody down on everybody else. He would also have learned that forty-one families were growing prize pumpkins and that each family fully expected to get that bit of blue ribbon.

The show pumpkins must be got to the county seat ten miles away. Two wagons could have conveyed them, but no! Each pumpkin must be got there by itself. It was carried there in a sheet, on a stretcher, in a buggy, by a team. When they were on exhibition at last they all looked to be about the same size and weight, and as a matter of fact they were. Each one had been nursed and encouraged to do its best. Of course a row could be looked for. The pumpkin committee had heard about the trouble at Unity and did not wish to add to it. The contest was so close that they could very well bring in a report of no decision, but that was far from satisfying the exhibitors. The upshot was an almost complete failure of the whole show.

The fair over and the pumpkins returned home to be made into pies, the common sense way would have been to drop the whole matter and let unity prevail in spirit as well as name. Common sense had nothing to do with it, however. The exhibitors blamed the judges as well as each other, and that kept the quarrel alive for another year. Meanwhile nothing more was done toward a church, and the sorrowful circuit rider got the people together for a last sermon and said:

"Where pumpkins prevail instead of the teachings of the gospel there is no vineyard and no work for a pilgrim. As many of you as will pledge yourselves not to grow pumpkins for exhibition another year please stand up."

Not a person arose, and the good man closed his Bible and put on his hat and rode away. Oh, no, he didn't take the town with him. It's there yet. The name of Difficulty has been substituted for Unity, and I've simply been telling you how it came about. I had a curiosity to inquire and I didn't know but you had some as well. Right opposite one of the half dozen saloons in the place under the new state of affairs is the church lumber rotting away, and Moses Smith will answer your inquiries with:

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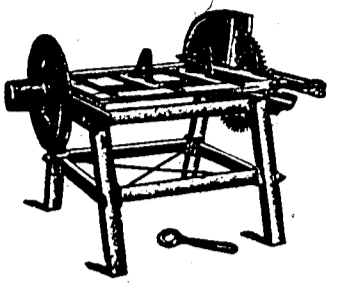
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