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HARVARD.

News Items.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning the chorus choir, which have been engaged by Mr. Thayer to sing for special occasions, will render Gounod's "Jerusalem, Oh turn thee to the Lord." The selection is taken from the Oratorio of Galla, and written for solo and chorus, and it is one of the great Frenchman's best and most popular compositions. Mr. Thayer will sing the solo.

On Tuesday evening the Harvard Male quartet, Messrs. Thayer, Cleaves, West and Turner, went to Bolton, and with a young lady reader from Clinton, gave a very interesting evening of song and readings for the W. C. T. U. of that town.

Edwin Savage and Horace Hildreth with friends from Cambridge, and Saturday morning with Mr. Savage's auto for New Haven, Conn. They have tickets and will attend the Harvard-Yale football game at Yale college grounds.

A. D. MacLennan, electrician, of this town, has been at Cumberland Mills, Me., doing some electrical work for Fiske Warren at his property there. James Madigan went with him as his helper.

John Preston was operated on in his arm for blood poisoning last week. His arm was opened at the shoulder and the large blood clot removed. Mr. Preston has been complaining of his arm for several weeks, but since the operation he is much better, although it will probably be several days before he will be at his shop again. He is improving right along and is out of danger from blood poisoning.

Miss Nellie McGovern, of Ayer, is caring for him.

On Thanksgiving night the members of the Harvard chemical company will give their annual benefit concert and ball. Music will be given by the Salem Cadet orchestra. At eight o'clock there will be a concert. Dancing will be from 8.45 to one o'clock.

Adin Murchie, who has been on a visit of his uncle in Ohio for the past three weeks, returned to his duties at the market on last Wednesday.

Harvard can now light up with electricity, the current being turned on Wednesday morning for the first time.

Many of the houses, including the town hall and store are lighted and several more residences are in process of wiring.

George C. Maynard is renewing the outside appearance of his residence "The Elms," with a fresh coat of paint.

Miss C. E. Sears has closed "The Pergola," her summer home on Prospect hill, and has gone to her winter residence on Beacon street, Boston.

Andrew Haskell recently received a carload of milch cows from Vermont. Here is an opportunity for the farmers to secure new stock. The cows have been carefully selected for good milking qualities.

Congregational Notes.

November 24, is the Sunday next preceding Thanksgiving day, and will be observed in a special manner as usual at the Congregational church. In the morning the pastor's theme will be "Men and oxen." The only evening service is that held in the vestry at seven o'clock by the Y. P. S. C. E. The subject of this meeting is to be "The Christian virtues—gratitude." Miss Madeline Foster has kindly consented to sing at the evening service and it is expected that a good number will be present.

The special missionary talks which are being given each Sunday at the sessions of the Congregational Sunday school will probably be concluded by a Christmas concert to be held at some time not yet determined. In this connection it may not be out of place to announce that the dolls and models being used at these talks may be secured at the close of the series by any who care enough for them to reimburse the school for the small amount expended.

The Willing Workers could not meet last week because of the work being done in the Congregational church parlors. The postponed meeting will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, November 30, at 2.30 o'clock.

Judging from the interest shown in the supper and entertainment given by the social committee of the Y. P. S. C. E. on this week Friday evening, the older constituents of the Congregational church are not sorry to see the young people becoming progressives. This being so the way is now

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set for sending Thanksgiving remembrances to the Home for Little Wanderers. Your own Thanksgiving day will be all the more enjoyable if you remember this worthy cause.

Still River.

The Light, Heat and Power corporation turned on the electric current on Wednesday afternoon and now everything is ready for the houses to get their connections made in order to get light.

Miss Laura Cook of Leominster was the guest of Miss Eleanor Haskell on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwood and daughter of Worcester, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stone over Sunday.

Charles Merrifield's son, of Waterville, Me., is visiting his father.

Early Monday morning the automobiles of the deer hunters were heard again through our streets and they have kept it up all the week, but as yet not many "kills" reported.

Wendall Willard shot a deer on Monday morning and in the afternoon Charles Merrifield got one. Both were taken to Luther Willard's barn and hung up ready for eating later.

Henry F. Haynes is very sick at his home just over the line in Bolton, and it is not expected that he will recover. His two daughters, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Spencer, are caring for him.

Eliza Bateman and Mrs. Haynes attended the Art Museum and other points of interest in Boston on Monday.

Mr. Hutcherson has commenced alterations on the house that he bought of Mr. Bliss, and as soon as done will move into it.

Willard Hudson, of Winchester, came to Still River on Thursday on his motorcycle and is the guest of Wendall Willard.

Luther Willard visited his daughter in Winchester over Sunday.

Mrs. Mabel Sprague and son Merrill visited in South Berwick, Me., over Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Fillebrown is putting a hot air furnace into H. R. Harrod's house this week. It was expected to be done two weeks ago, but the furnace shipped from New York went to Still River, Conn., by error of way billing, and did not get here until Wednesday. In the meantime another had been shipped from Boston, arriving on Thursday, so that Mr. Fillebrown now has an extra heater on his hands.

Orsamus Willard, of Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Howard.

George H. Chase has been quite incapacitated by a lame leg, which has pained him a good deal, but at last reports was better.

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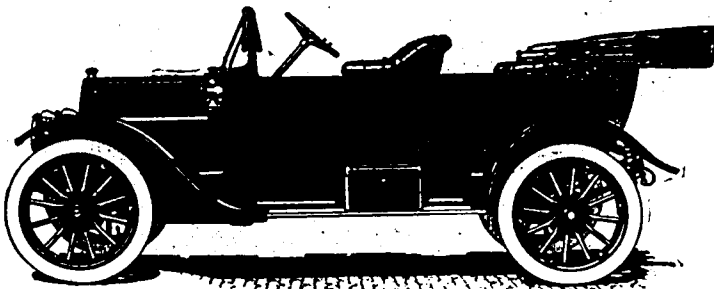
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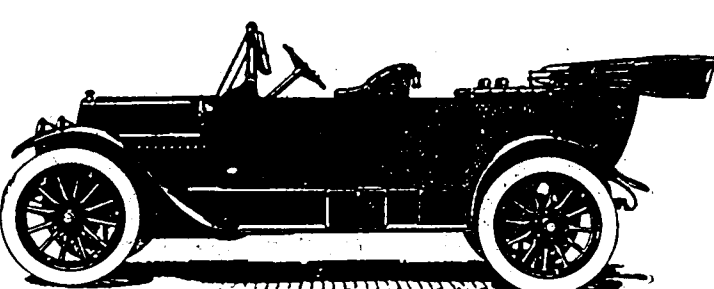
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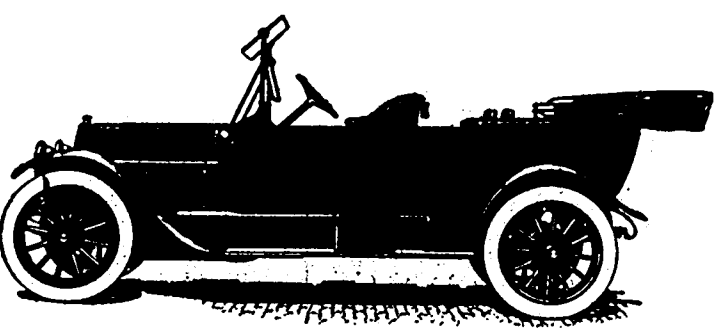
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WESTFORD.

Center.
William E. Wright has sold his Nashoba farm to C. I. Wetmore, of Boston. Before buying, Mr. Wetmore had an instructor from Amherst look the property over and test the depth of soil in various parts of the farm. The soil drainage and other conditions were found favorable and the farm will be used for fruit growing. The sale was witnessed by Frederick Smith, of Ayer, local agent for P. F. Leland. There are several sales pending, full and complete details will be furnished later.

Miss Alice Howard, who recently enjoyed a vacation at the parental home before returning to her library duties in Cotuit was the guest for several days at Mrs. Algerton Cooledge at her home in Boston and enjoyed some pleasant social affairs, especially the weekly reception of Mrs. Lowell at Harvard college.

Among out-of-town guests at the Congregational banquet on last week Friday evening were Miss Elizabeth Cushing, from Lincoln; Miss Mary Davis, from Providence; Mrs. Cooper and Miss Helen Cooper, from Beverly; and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Merrill, from Pine Point, Me.

Dr. O. V. Wells attended the Clinical Congress of Physicians and Surgeons during a part of last week in New York city. He was the guest, with Mrs. Wells, of his brother, Rev. G. Frederick Wells, during his stay in the city. Dr. Wells has been in charge of Dr. Wells' practice while Dr. Wells was absent, and upon his return went to New York for the remaining days of the conference, which lasted one week, leaving his patients in charge of Dr. Wells.

Recent presentations to the J. V. Fletcher library are a large owl mounted on a pedestal, given by O. R. Spaulding, and a hen hawk with his great wings spread, given by Edward Fisher. These are both fine specimens of their kind and also of the taxidermist's art, and the top of the book stacks makes a roomy and effective place to display them.

Banquet.
The annual banquet at the Congregational church took place last week Friday evening. This is the eighth consecutive season these events have taken place and good weather and attendance, fine speaking and a good supper combined to make it a successful meeting.

The long tables presented an attractive appearance laden with chicken pies and many other good things. The decorations were of ferns and bright red elderberries and carnations.

While the meal was being served an organ recital by Miss Mary A. Wood, the church organist, was given, and at seven o'clock promptly the time set for the dinner it was announced. After grace by the pastor, Mr. Wallace, the meal was thoroughly discussed along with much social good cheer. When this was over John P. Wright, toastmaster for the evening, rose and in his own happy felicitous manner and with many a bright story presided and introduced the speakers. It so happened at this banquet that the group of speakers were all laymen and with all due appreciation of the clergymen who have spoken so well at past gatherings of this kind the group Friday evening fully sustained the post prandial exercises and mingled with an earnest thought with their wit and fun.

Wm. H. Dooley, principal of the Industrial school in Lowell was the first speaker and presented an interesting account of the work and aims of the Industrial school. Points covered were the dropping of the old apprenticeship system, dropped because of the growth of industrial specialization. The stepping in of the state with industrial schools where young people both boys and girls have opportunity to get training in various industries along with the English part of high school work. There are different types of boys and girls. The boy who goes to technology is a different type from the boy who goes to Harvard, but just as much thought of, so the speaker urged that the boy who goes to an industrial school is another type and should be just as much respected.

The next speaker was S. H. Thompson, a leading business man of Lowell, who after putting his hearers in the best of good humor, set forth in an earnest plea for the church as an institution and why it should be supported and as a power in the community. Never a nation founded as this one. The pilgrims came here as a church, to make our communities better than in the past and we cannot afford to let such an institution as church has been to languish. The foreword has come to the industrial school, and we should have with its highest ideals and it is our problem to uphold and show that we believe in and cherish our church and its principles and that we realize that we are our brother's keepers.

Principal Rodenbush of the academy responded to the toast, "Impressions of Westford and its people," with such favorable and sincere goodwill that sentiments expressed were mutual and returned. Mr. Rodenbush bespoke the continued upholding of the high ideals for which old Westford academy has always stood.

Wm. R. Taylor was introduced as the best master that Westford grange has ever had and presented a fine sketch of the best that the order stands for.

Last but by no means least our Senator-elect Edward Fisher and Representative-elect Samuel L. Taylor were called upon to respond to "After the election, what?" Mr. Fisher ably presented the mutual obligations of the man elected and his constituency and Mr. Taylor was at his brightest and best in which the keynote of optimism prevailed.

The speaking was nicely balanced with interspersing some excellent music. A ladies' quartet under the direction of Miss May Atwood, accompanist, and consisting of Mrs. Charles D. Colburn, the Misses Pauline S. Wallace, Ailhea Symmes and Edna Ferguson sang with excellent effect during the evening the following numbers: "Oh, the days of the Kerry dance," "Bridal chorus" from "The rose maiden" and "The lost chord." Peter Picken of North Chelmsford, who sang here so acceptably last season, was a prince of after dinner entertainers in his comic character songs, giving "The riper playing in the morning," a splendidly played hearty recall with "A laughing song." His second character

song was "Dot little German band," and as an encore "The bold fisherman." Miss Ina Grace Lambert acted as Mr. Picken's skillful accompanist. The committee in charge of the after dinner exercises was practically a committee of one, namely Rev. David Wallace. The committee in charge of the banquet was Miss L. B. Atwood, Mrs. S. L. Taylor and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, assisted by many willing helpers.

Birthday Party.
A very pleasant surprise birthday party was enjoyed at the Greig Fairview farm last Saturday evening. The marked the forty-eighth milestone of David L. Greig, and a group of friends, about fifteen in number, in league with Mrs. Greig proceeded to make the event of happy memory to him. He had been enlightened to the extent that two friendly neighbors might drop in for the evening and when a knock came at the door to admit them was thoroughly surprised to find a large group of friends waiting to be admitted, laden with good wishes and the intention of having one of the hospitable, jolly good times well known to him possible at Greig farm. Brother David quickly recovered from his surprise and combined readily with the rest of the household in extending hearty welcome and helping everyone to enjoy themselves.

Known to all, both vocal and instrumental, was participated in later a bountiful oyster supper was served. A large birthday cake, properly ornamented and dated, was part of the feast.

After a thoroughly pleasant evening the company took their departure with many good wishes to their host for many happy returns of the day.

Tadmuck Club.
The regular meeting of the Tadmuck club was held in Library hall on Tuesday afternoon. It was a most successful afternoon with a Thanksgiving program. Miss Clara Smith was the hostess and the school children as guests of the day, and who in turn contributed much of the program. This was full of the spirit of Thanksgiving. A fine paper was contributed by Miss Caroline E. Heweth, a former member of the club, on "Thanksgiving, old and new," which was much enjoyed and appreciated. Miss Edith A. Wright contributed an article on "Thanksgiving, its origin and significance," and Miss Smith read Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Thanksgiving at Oldtown."

Good singing by the children and a group of recitations, all appropriate to the occasion, made up the remaining program. Those who recited were George Stranberg, Florence Wilson, Eben Prescott, Rachael Wallace, Amelia, Amesbury, Bertram Sutherland, Daisy Kabelle, and the singing in closing of "America" by all present. There were twenty-five school children, four guests and fifty-five members present.

On the next meeting, December 3, will be a lecture by Dr. David Sneden, of the State Board of Education, on "Vocational training." This meeting will be in the Congregational church at eight o'clock and a very cordial invitation is extended to anyone interested in this timely subject to be present.

Reorganized.
Owing to the fact that what was formerly known as the Ladies' Social Circle of the Congregational church has for some years been dormant, a meeting was held on Wednesday evening at the vestry to organize some sort of equivalent union. That there has been no lack of willing service and helpful interest in the past few years was fully recognized, but it has been felt for some time that this same interest and helpfulness properly organized could work more effectively. There were about twenty-five in attendance and much interest manifested. Mrs. Wallace was chosen moderator and later president of what is to be called the Ladies' Aid society. Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, vice-president, and Miss Mary P. Bunce, secretary and treasurer. Further details of the meeting were the time of meeting, dues and committees for the season's social work.

Discover Disputed Location.
In digging a drain for the cellar of Mrs. M. J. Wheeler's house, part of the foundation of the home of Rev. Willard Hall, first minister of this town, has been discovered. This accords with the statements of some former residents of this village who are now no more, although some have placed the location a little farther up the street. That Mr. Hall's home was here is proved as follows:

In Book 5, page 522, of Westford conveyances, in the Middlesex Registry of Deeds (these copies are in Lowell), we find that one hundred and ninety pounds "six acres of land—with a dwelling house and a Barn on the same, the house being the house which the Rev. Willard Hall lived in."

This parcel of land later formed part of the farm of George Davis referred to in our quotation from Book 10, page 293, where we find Stephen Davis, who lived where E. J. Whitney now lives, sold to Francis A. Leighton for \$2800. Nine and one-half acres about fifty rods east of the meeting-house, July 25, 1835.

In describing this parcel are these words: "The corner of wall at the George Davis, then east on the wall by said George's side to corner of the wall on the east side of the lane at land of said George, thence south on the wall by said George's land to the corner of said road."

The lane here mentioned is now called Paradise lane and fixes the location of our first mentioned parcel of land. Part of the old cellar is filled with pieces of brick and stones which showed they had been in a chimney by the burnt surfaces.

A souvenir of the uncovering is preserved in the shape of a button, the size of a half dollar, of brass, nickel plated, so that most of its surface is still bright, though it must have been where found at least seventy-five years.

About Town.
Henry O. Keyes has bought the Carew mill property located at the boundary junction of Groton, Dunstable and Tyngsboro, near the East Groton station on the Nashua and Acton railroad and close by Massachusetts pond. This mill is located on the water rights of the Vale mills at Nashua and they hold the key to the control of the water rights. However, this may be the first turn of the key by the new purchaser to the control of the Meadows in Groton, which has been considering.

The new dam at the water fall at Westford station has been finished and has added a thrifty and healthful appearance to other surroundings, and is one of many of the creditable business moves that explains more accurately than eulogies the interest of J. S. Moore. The two old-time granite mill stones laid at each corner of the abutment walls leading to the dam are conspicuous "trade marks."

reminders of the ancient days in the history of the town and down to our own time, when changed conditions are making the old New England saw and grist mill a thing that is almost soon to be spelled obsolete. The foundations for another building has been commenced, but orders at noon last Saturday discharged all the help and it looks now the closing down act until the frost and birds begin to whistle in the spring.

The weather by way of its agent, the frost, on Tuesday morning pinched as low as eight at the Old Oak Prairie farm, twelve at the Old Oak Buckle farm and twenty at the heights of Tadmuck hill, where everything good is welcome except good weather. This nearness to zero caused a chill in the water about drowning thickness, or about one-half inch thick. It had the appearance of double that. Better measure before you skate, it may save a good deal of rumpus under the ice.

Rev. Lyman B. Weeks will take for his subject on Sunday "The things where are they and what are they doing?"

Daniel H. Sheehan is running to its limit his cider-cotton-woolen mill on Tadmuck brook near the Lowell road.

Several carloads of apple pomace have been shipped from the Hayes-Piper mill at Ayer to Westford, where after a few chemical changes it is shipped to Boston in eight and one-half quart cans and sold for thirty-cent and one-half cents a can.

William H. Lynds, of Lowell, the genealogical dictionary of memory, was in town on Sunday calling at the Prairie farm, the Old Oak Buckle and the Bannister, and from there side-stepped to lingering meditations in the territory where he lived in 1866, Josiah Burge, for whom Burge pond was named and who owned the territory around this pond, which is in woods without inlet or outlet, about half a mile northwest of Westford station.

A grass fire started on Wednesday afternoon on land of Amos Polley, caused by loose relation to engines on the highway, which had been well hemmed in to prevent much of a spread to close-by lands—the Stony Brook railroad on the north, the Stony Brook town road on the east, the Stony brook on the south and a green highway on the west. The fire was much stamped of boots and spitting of shovels the fire was less of itself than when it first entered business.

The trustees of Westford academy have elected William C. Rodenbush as the successor of Principal D. E. Coggeshall, who resigned teaching in a position at Newton. Mr. Rodenbush graduated from Williams college and the year following his graduation studied at Yale university. He then spent a summer traveling in Europe and the next fall began teaching in a boys' private school in New York city, where he remained two years. Since leaving New York Mr. Rodenbush has taught in private schools, having charge of boys in their dormitory life as well as class work. He comes to Westford from Farmington, Me., where he was for two years the first assistant master in the Abbott school for boys.

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New Advertisements.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of GEORGE V. BARKETT late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, certain instruments purporting to be the last will and testament and one codicil of said deceased have been presented to said Court, for Probate, by MARY B. HANSON, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond, or delivering a copy of the citation to a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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 public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on 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.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirtieth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 310 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 ROBERT E. BAKER 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 EVERETT BAKER of Boston in the County of Suffolk, without giving a surety on his bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth day of November, 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 the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County the first day of October, to be on day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirtieth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 310 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of ELIZA J. GREENE late of Townsend, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to.

GEORGE A. WILDER, Adm.
Townsend, Mass., Nov. 8, 1912. 310

LITTLETON.
News Items.
The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held on Monday afternoon, November 25, when the Littleton Woman's club magazine, volume one, will appear. Mrs. Hattie W. Robinson, editor-in-chief and Mrs. Minnie T. Johnson, assistant editor. Music, original club poems by Mrs. Caroline A. Hosmer and Mrs. Lucy J. Dodge will form one of the attractions. Other music will be "Bedtime song," words by Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence, and music by Mrs. Adeline S. Flitz, and in conclusion a piano duet by Mrs. Elizabeth W. Flagg and Miss Fannie A. Sanderson.

Mrs. Nathan Taylor made a brief visit with her daughter, Mrs. Smith, in Hillsboro, N. H., last week, and upon returning home brought her older granddaughter.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton has been substituting in the ticket office for Jennie Sawyer, who was called to South Acton by the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Leavett.

Miss Gladys Lawton, of Sheffield, Ill., and Mrs. Hannah Benjamin, of Plainfield, N. J., both LaSelle seminary friends, were recent guests of Misses Margaret and Ruth Thacher.

News was received last week of the critical illness of William L. Kimball in a Jamaica Plain hospital, and there has been much anxious inquiry in regard to his condition. At the time of writing, Wednesday, he is reported as somewhat better. He has pneumonia with other grave complications, but his recovery is not dispensed of as was reported.

On Thursday evening, November 28, the Backlog club will hold the annual ball in town hall, Littleton. Music will be furnished by the new Fletcherburg orchestra of six pieces. Concert from eight to 8.30 o'clock. Usual price per couple and a small admission fee to the gallery will be charged.

By virtue and in pursuance of the authority contained in an order and decree of the Supreme Judicial Court, sitting in equity for the County of Worcester, upon the petition of Joseph Holden et als, which decree was filed March 17, 1906, will be sold at public auction on Monday, the second day of December, 1912, at one o'clock P. M., at the District Court Room in Ayer, Mass., the following described tracts of land:

First, a certain tract of land with buildings thereon situate in the northerly part of Harvard and southerly part of Ayer and is bounded:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the premises at a White Oak Tree at the edge of the meadow by land of the Harvard Shakers thence by said Shakers land N 35° E 93 feet to the end of a wall; thence by said Shaker's land as we wall now stands N 54° E 73 feet to an angle in the wall; thence by said Shakers land as we wall now stands N 39° 30' E to an angle in the wall; thence by said Shakers land as the wall now stands N 48° E 50 feet to the road from Harvard Shakers to Ayer; thence crossing said Ayer road and by land of said Shakers S 88° E 145 feet to a stake and stones in a Cart Path; thence by said Shakers land N 30° 15' E 472 feet to a stake and stones at a private way; thence by the south boundary of said private way N 80° 20' W 170 feet; thence by said south boundary of said private way N 79° W 235 feet to the said road from Harvard Shakers to Ayer; thence by south boundary line of said Ayer road N 70° 30' W 235 feet to a stone bridge at a brook; thence by said brook and said Shakers land S 23° W 105 feet to a stake; thence by said Shaker land S 12° W 205 feet to a stake in the meadow; thence S 8° E 490 feet by said Shaker land to the point of beginning. Containing 6 1/4 Acres more or less.

Second lot is situated in Northerly part of Lancaster in the County of Worcester and is bounded:

Beginning at the south westerly corner of the premises at stake and stones; thence northerly about 70 rods to a stone bound about 8 rods westerly from Oak Hill Pond; thence Easterly across the upper end of said pond about 75 rods to a bound near a white pine; thence Southerly about 85 rods to a corner thence westerly about 60 rods to the point of beginning. Containing 45 acres more or less.

Terms: \$25.00 at time of sale, balance on delivery of deeds.

For further particulars inquire of subscribers or D. C. Parsons, Ayer, Mass.

JOSEPH HOLDEN,
JOSEPHINE C. JILSON,
All of the Trustees of the United Societies of Harvard and Shirley,
Ayer, Mass., November 5, 1912. 10

WESTFORD.

Granvilleville.
Both masses in St. Catherine's church on Sunday morning were celebrated by Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, who delivered a very forceful sermon on "Friendship." Mr. Mitchell is an eloquent speaker and his sermon was followed with the deepest interest by the large congregation at both masses. He also announced that the instruction for the children will take place on Saturday afternoon between 1:30 and 2:30, instead of 9:30 to 10:30 in the morning as has been the usual custom. This change is made for Saturday only, in order to attend to other work in connection with the church.

Miss Martha Lorman, of Lowell, has been a recent guest of Miss Belle Carpenter.

The hunting season for deer is now on and several of the local sportsmen are now on the trail with high hopes of shooting a deer, and incidentally adding a nice side dish of venison for the Thanksgiving dinner. Everyone who owns a gun knows just where to locate a deer, but probably when the week has ended they will have another guess coming. Edward M. Abbott, of the Abbott Wood and Company, has been one of the lucky ones, however, for he shot a fine buck near the Grotto line on last Monday. The deer is now on exhibition at the store of J. Herbert Fletcher in Westford Center.

Miss Engla Mattson left here on last Tuesday for Chicago, where she will spend the next few weeks.

The special town meeting at the Center in the town hall on Wednesday night attracted a large number of the voters, and seldom has a question created such interest as this matter concerning the branch electric road between Westford Center and Brookside.

The mill pond was frozen over for the first time this season on last Monday night. During the past week the people here have experienced the first touch of winter.

In spite of the bad weather on Thursday of last week, the sale and entertainment given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church was well attended and the different tables were liberally patronized. In the evening a concert of a fine musical program was given in the church vestry under the able management of George Wilson, and this was really considered one of the finest programs that has been given in the church for a long time.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.
The new Mitchellville bridge which should have been open for traffic by November 15, according to agreement in the contract, is still closed and the bridge unfinished, waiting for constructive parts to be shipped from Canton, Ohio.

Mrs. Fannie McClellan has been brought home from the Elliot hospital at Boston.

The Shakespeare club held its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, ten of the members being present. The teacher, Mrs. Andrew Pratt, of Fitchburg, was present, and instructed the members in the tragedy of "Macbeth."

The building of the new road on Main street has been indefinitely postponed.

Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, while visiting her daughter in Gardner on Monday, had a very narrow escape from serious injury. Mrs. Conant accidentally slipped and fell while crossing the roadway and dislocated her left arm from the shoulder. She immediately arose with the assistance of Mr. Conant and hurried to the nearest drug store.

Mrs. Conant was fortunate in having a mind to realize what had happened, and with her right hand promptly placed her arm again in its right place and then consulted a physician who dressed the arm. Aside from the straining of the ligaments and muscles it is fully expected that Mrs. Conant will recover the use of her arm with the exercise of due care for some time to come.

Mrs. Alice L. Wright's class of the Congregational Sunday school were highly successful on Monday evening in carrying on their regular routine. The attendants at the Sunday school. Nearly one hundred were present and all were agreed that the evening was very merrily spent. Games were played and refreshments served. Elmer H. Allen, superintendent of the Sunday school, announced that the pupils who had been regular attendants at the Sunday morning church service would be substantially remembered a little later in the season.

Willie Gilmartin has left his position in the weaving department of the C. A. Edgarton Company and on Wednesday morning, in company with Maxine Gionet, left Shirley for New Haven, Conn., where they will both try to find employment.

A large number were present at the supper in the Baptist church on Tuesday evening which was served under the direction of Mrs. David Gooney. Mrs. Henry P. Burrage, Mrs. Joseph Peneseau, Mrs. Charles Dike and Mrs. George Blitch. The waiters were Miss Clara M. Peneseau, Miss Louisa Peneseau, Mrs. Jacob Beach and Miss Nellie Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Holmes, of Everett, spent over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy.

The Universalist choir have prepared a fine musical program for the Thanksgiving Sunday service. This will be Miss Felch's last Sunday with the quartet, of which she has been a most valuable member. The following music will be rendered: "Gloria"; anthem, "Still, still with thee"; response, solo, "Abide with me"; Miss Felch; offertory, "The Lord is my strength"; male quartet; postlude, "The heavens are telling." Mr. Colburn will preside at the organ.

Edward M. Davis, who runs an extensive apple tree and has shot and killed three deer last week on his farm. One buck and one doe was shot on Friday and one buck was shot on Saturday. Mr. Davis, within the past few years, has planted thousands of young apple trees and has experienced considerable annoyance from the deer who have destroyed quite a number of young apple trees. He caught these deer in the act of eating his young growth when he fired and killed them. Mr. Davis said that had he been a more accurate marksman he could have killed quite a few more, as there appeared to be a herd of them.

As the Woman's Home Missionary society are holding their annual convention in Boston this week, it will be interesting for our readers to know that the following ladies of the Congregational church are life members of this society: Mrs. M. Louise Butler, Mrs. Martha E. Scott, Mrs. Martha J. Hunter, Mrs. Mary H. Benjamin, Mrs.

Susie C. Bronsdon, Mrs. Martha J. Conant, Mrs. J. Elizabeth Pomfret.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant spent last Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the home of their daughter in Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Newton Damon. Mr. Damon has just returned home from the Haywood Memorial hospital, of Gardner, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. His recovery has been all that could be wished for consistent with the seriousness of the operation. Mr. and Mrs. Damon have only recently occupied their new house in Gardner. Mr. Damon, however, for some time past has taken charge of the new hardware store in Gardner opened by the Damon & Gould Company, of Fitchburg.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening.

Burt Seymour has given up his position as foreman of the foot power press machines at the C. A. Edgarton Company, and is now endeavoring to learn the moving picture business.

Winnie Weeks, son of Fred D. Weeks, left Shirley last week for Edmonton, Alberta, where Forest Hooper and son, and also Frank Dadmun, from this town, have located.

Mrs. George Adams is confined to home with sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Byram have occupied the upper flat in the residence of the late Henry Edgarton, and their telephone call is 15-2.

Rev. Allan A. Bronsdon gave an address before the members of Orient lodge, I. O. O. F., of Attleboro on Thursday evening.

Shirley residents who have shot and killed deer this week are Clarence Sanderson, Joseph Tremblay, Charles Haskins, Joseph Cassavoy and Ned Thompson. Quite a number from out-of-town killed deer this week in Shirley.

Phileas Gionet and family have moved from the tenement opposite the library into the so-called Ocean house on Phoenix street.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Chaisson spent the week-end in Providence. R. I. Mrs. Chaisson being summoned to the bedside of her sister, who is very critically ill.

Charles R. White will be the guest of his son Stanley at New Haven on Saturday when both will witness the Harvard-Yale football game.

Richard Weeks and Willie Connors go to New Haven on Saturday to attend the football game.

Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., will hold a grand ball in their hall on January 10.

Arthur Desmond has arrived home from St. Antholm school, Manchester, N. H., for a vacation.

The King's Daughters held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening with Miss Annie P. Holbrook.

The children of the parochial school will give an entertainment on Sunday evening, November 24, in St. Anthony's hall for the benefit of St. Anthony's church.

Louis Gorham of Ashley Falls, is visiting his sister, Mrs. John Burno.

Daniel Tatso, who has been employed by James E. Richardson, has left town, and Edward Marquis, of Alston, has taken his place.

The members of Le Société de St. Jean Baptiste held a special meeting on Friday evening for the purpose of nominating officers for the ensuing year.

Ladies' Circle Meeting.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church held its regular meeting on last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. Louise Butler, the president, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, presiding. The special and interesting feature of the meeting was the report of Mrs. Martha J. Conant, of the three-day convention of the Woman's Board of Missions in Andover on last week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and covered a volume of facts relative to the work of missionaries in foreign lands. A fine array of speakers, mostly missionaries who have been spreading the gospel message abroad, gave very inspiring addresses. Delegates to the number of 160 were present and the reports made that the sum of \$16,000 had been raised for foreign work.

Mrs. Conant was enthusiastic in her praise for the address of Miss Margaret Slattery, whose subject was "A grain of mustard seed." Mrs. Conant also exhibited views of Andover, which is a mecca for historical points of interest. The ladies of the circle were delighted with Mrs. Conant's report.

To Give Comedy.

The coming event of interest in Shirley will be the staging of "Mr. Bob," a two-act comedy, which will be presented under the auspices of the Amateurs of the club in Odd Fellows' hall at a very early date. The play will be given entirely under the direction of Mrs. Charles R. White, and preparations are now under way. The play was selected with a view to giving the audience an evening of laughter from start to finish. The proceeds will go into the building fund of the club. Watch for the date.

The following is the cast of characters:

Philip Royson..... Stanley G. Wells
Robert Brown..... Walter Knowles
Jenkins..... Earl C. Merriman
Rebecca Luke..... Mrs. Abbie J. Wells
Charles Rogers..... Miss G. Conant
Marion Bryant..... Miss M. S. Hastings
Patty..... Miss Bertha Weeks

New Barn.

A barn, 121x40 feet, has been built to the State industrial school during the late summer and fall. It adjoins a large barn built by the Shakers in 1867, and is one-story high with a basement. The side wall is brick, and the end and back walls are of cement. The roof is slate, and was laid under the direction of F. J. Potter, of Fitchburg.

The basement will be used for the storage of roots and farm machinery, is fire proof, and at present contains over 2500 bushels of roots for the use of the school. The floor of the barn is reinforced concrete. There will be sixty-four stalls, lined with corked brick, and the latest improvements installed.

The King system of ventilating will be used, and the ceiling arched and plastered. There are to be no posts in the cow floor.

The cows at present housed in the barn are to be moved to the new building and the space there used as a feeding floor. Box stalls will be built for calves, and the oxen tied there also. All feed will be moved on suspended cars.

The new barn has been erected under the supervision of E. Thornton Clark, head farmer, and all labor, with the exception of laying some of the brick and the slate, has been done by employees and boys of the school.

Work of excavating was begun in July, and it is expected that the barn will be ready for occupancy by the school's large herd of cattle, early in December.

The barn is at the North Settlement, so-called by the Shakers. Later, it is intended to move a large barn now near the cottages, in vicinity of the administration building, to a place near the barns used for cattle, to be used as a horse barn.

Center.
Mrs. Norman R. Graves, who has been confined to her home for the past two weeks under the care of Dr. C. J. Pierce, is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wyman closed their summer home last week and returned to their apartments in Ayer for the winter.

Miss Alice Gould, of Lunenburg, spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. L. Crockett, at North Shirley.

Mrs. Clifton Derby, of North Leominster, spent last week Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Holden.

Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman, of Brookline, spent several days in town last week.

Miss Celia Smith has resigned from her position in Fitchburg, and has accepted the position in the office of the C. A. Edgarton Co., recently left vacant by Miss Ruby Felch.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity church spent a very pleasant afternoon on last Saturday at their meeting at the home of Mrs. M. W. Longley.

Another excellent sermon was preached by Mrs. Euellie G. Fairfield, of Littleton, at the First Parish church on last Sunday. Rev. William Ware Locke, of Boston, will preach a sermon appropriate to Thanksgiving on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bonney have vacated their house at North Shirley and have moved into the house belonging to Mrs. Kate E. Hazen, on Munson avenue, at the village.

Miss Ethel M. Holden, of Simmons college, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden, on account of illness.

Miss Merle Crockett has returned home after spending a week in Brookline at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bridgman.

Alliance.

The Alliance branch of the First Parish church held its last regular meeting at the home of Mrs. LaForest J. Carpenter on the afternoon of November 14. Considerable interest was shown that day there was a good attendance. Arrangements were completed for a food sale to be held at the Altrurian club room on Saturday, December 7, from three o'clock to six in the afternoon. The committee of arrangements consists of Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, Miss Agnes M. Holden and Mrs. Lavonne J. Edgarton.

Mrs. David Lindenberg was admitted to membership at this meeting. Mrs. Miller then read an original paper describing two widely different Thanksgiving days spent by her. Mrs. Mary M. Nickless read the Thanksgiving proclamation of President Taft and Mrs. Carpenter told an amusing incident in connection with the first Thanksgiving dinner of her married life.

The hostess invited all into the dining-room, where refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. This is the last of the fortnightly meetings. From now until next June the meetings are to be held monthly. The next regular meeting will be held on December 12, with Mrs. Cynthia E. Lynch, of Pound hill, Center road.

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Boston, November 21, 1912. 3111

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
LAND COURT.

To James Dunn, William Deware, and Josephine Mault, of Pepperell, and Moses P. Palmer, of Grotton, in the County of Middlesex, and said Commonwealth, any heirs, devisees or legal representatives of Harvey E. Courceur formerly of Nashua, in the State of New Hampshire, deceased; and to all whom it may concern:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Jennie A. Winch, of said Pepperell, to register and confirm her title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Pepperell, bounded southerly by Main Street and there measuring fifty one and two one hundredths (51.02) feet; easterly by land of Mary J. Malt and there measuring one hundred sixty and twenty two one hundredths (160.22) feet; northerly by land of James Dunn and there measuring eighty two and twenty six one hundredths (82.26) feet; westerly by land of James Dunn and Moses P. Palmer and there measuring one hundred sixty five and twenty five one hundredths (165.25) feet.

The above described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition, and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.

You are hereby cited to appear at the Land Court to be held at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on the second day of December A. D. 1912, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted; and unless you appear at said Court at the time and place aforesaid your default will be recorded, and said petition will be taken as confessed, and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, Charles Thornton Davis, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fifth day of November in the year nineteen hundred and twelve.

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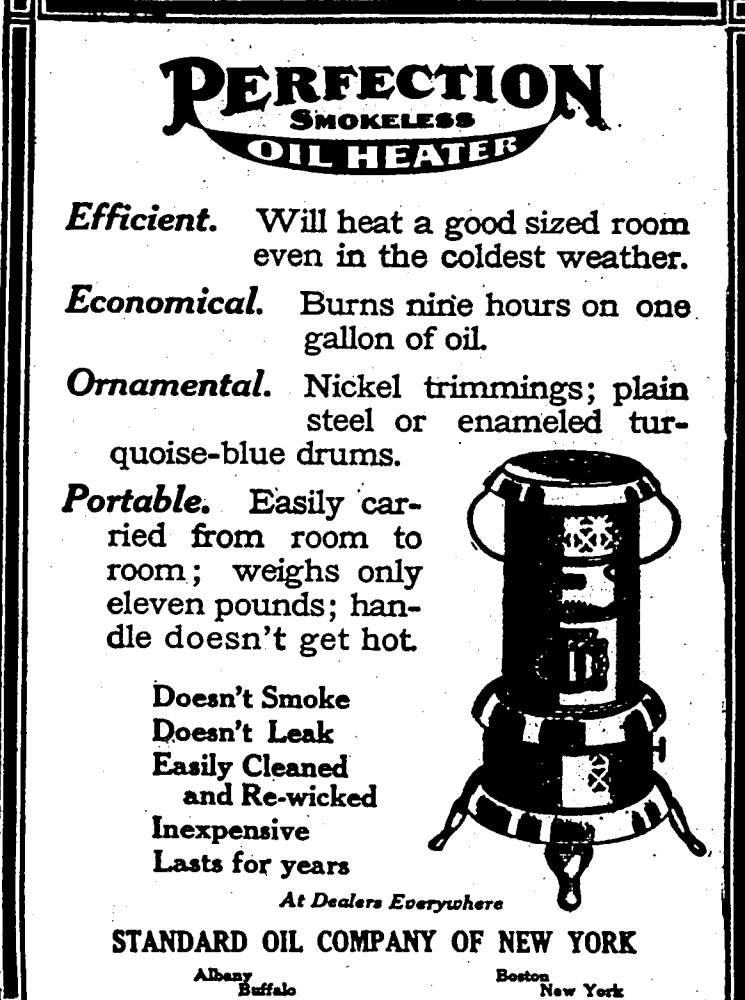
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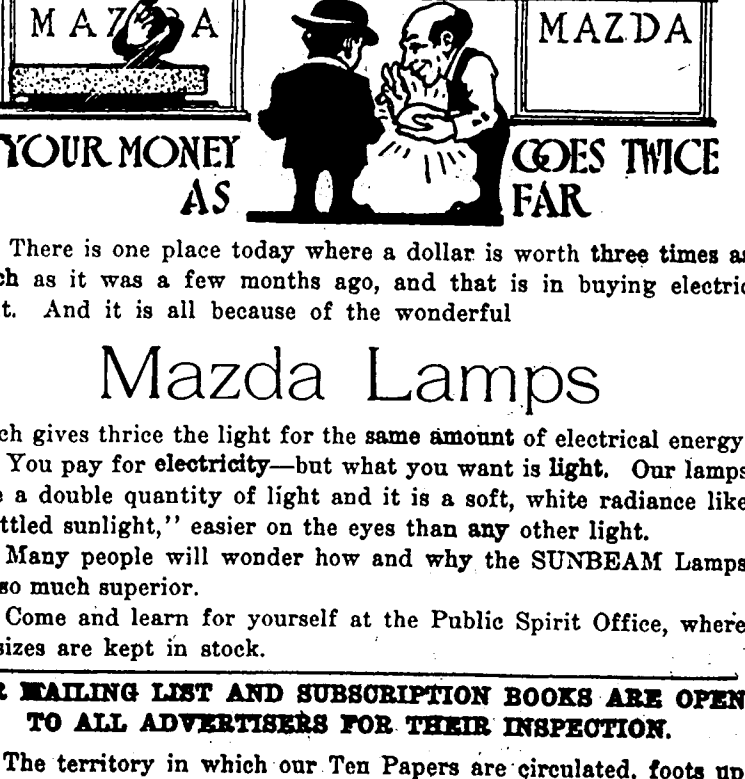
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GROTON.

News Items.

The first lecture in the Luther Blood free lecture course will be held in town hall, Friday evening, November 23, at eight o'clock. Lecturer, Arthur K. Peck. Subject: "Quaint and picturesque features of Holland life, the little villages, strange costumes and customs, art galleries, historic places, etc." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Herbert Woods, who lives in the Brown Loan neighborhood, got a deer Tuesday down by the race track. D. E. Murphy was another one who got a deer Tuesday. It was shot somewhere near John Lawrence's it is said.

The E. S. Clark W. R. C. held their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Cyrus Roberts was favorably voted on for membership and will be initiated at the next monthly meeting when also the election of officers for the coming year will be made. An invitation was received from the G. S. Boutwell W. R. C. of Ayer to be present at the inspection of that corps which will take place Monday afternoon, November 25, at two o'clock. The E. S. Clark corps members were also invited to remain after the inspection for a season of social enjoyment.

J. F. Peabody of Court street brought down a fine six-pronged buck, weighing 150 lb about eight o'clock Wednesday morning. He goes every morning in his auto to carry L. E. Blood to his work at the pepermill in West Groton and on his return on Wednesday spled the deer on the highway near the old Rockwood place. His shot at it was effective and landing his game he carried it to Hodgman's market for dressing. Mr. Peabody had been out gunning especially for deer on the two days previous with no success. Luck was reserved for Wednesday while on his accustomed drive.

Some hunters from Westford with dogs as well as guns, claiming to be out for foxes, have been in the woods and fields this week around in the Long pond vicinity. It would seem that fox hunting could be postponed from this particular open week on deer to a later date.

Mrs. Perry of Clinton and Mrs. Theodore Nickerson of Newtonville, mother and aunt of Mrs. A. Wood, were her guests last Saturday.

Two hunters coming from Fitchburg by auto, which they left by the roadside, got a deer Wednesday afternoon on a hill in Eugene O. Collier's land.

Mrs. Solomon Fletcher thought better is far from being well.

Harry L. Bruce, Louis H. Sheedy, two of the Lawrence academy boys, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Branigan were among those from Groton who attended the Harvard basketball game last Saturday at Cambridge.

Miss Gladys Mason, teacher at Malden, and her friend, R. F. Poland of Fitchburg, also attended the game.

Many owners of land in town have had their property posted and in some places keepers are on the lookout for trespassers. Cases are reported where inexperienced hunters have wounded their deer and let it escape. On the whole a feeling of relief for man and beast will be felt when the week of slaughter is ended.

Mrs. James Harrington had charge of the entertainment at the Rebekah meeting on last week Friday evening. Advertisements represented by tableaux, twelve in all, were to be guessed. George L. Boynton guessed correctly the largest number and received the prize.

The Neighborhood club held its guest meeting on last week Friday afternoon, when about thirty people represented the club families at the home of Mrs. Jewett. The regular program was not observed, but readings, songs and other musical selections were interspersed with pleasant social intercourse. A little change was observed also in the refreshments, ice cream and cake being served. At the close all joined heartily in singing the club song. The Neighborhood club are sorry to lose Mrs. J. H. Sargent and family. Mr. Sargent has recently bought a farm in Lancaster, lying between Leominster and Lancaster, and moved his family there.

Miss Gertrude Forbes returned home from the Groton hospital on Tuesday and her aunt, Mrs. C. E. Whitcomb, from Sharon, is visiting her.

George H. Woods is putting up another house in Ayer for Capt. Palmer, the cellar of which was finished on Thursday.

Arthur A. Wood and helpers are working this week on the steeple of the Baptist church which had been pronounced in a dangerous condition.

There was a meeting on Tuesday evening adjourned from the town meeting of November 5, to take action about rebuilding or repairing the Red and Squannacook bridges. It was decided to repair the Squannacook bridge. Further investigation is to be made in reference to the Red bridge. There is to be another meeting on Tuesday evening, December 3.

The public schools are to have a Thanksgiving recess after the close of Wednesday until the next Monday morning.

A horse dropped dead on Wednesday noon from a fit or heart trouble as it was being driven by a workman along by the corner of Main and Elm streets. It belonged to Lawrence Brooks, but was one of his most valuable ones. In falling it broke a shaft of the wagon.

Patrick Crowley, of West street, is not as well as usual and has been confined to his bed.

Electric lights have been placed in the Odd Fellows hall, Hollis street, the light being turned on for the first time on Monday night.

James B. Harrington is still kept from work at Shattuck's store. His hand is better, but now one of his eyes is giving him trouble.

At the business meeting of the Congregational church on Wednesday evening to see about the barn of the parsonage and the heater of the church, it was decided to do nothing at present about the barn, and a committee of Deacons H. H. Gay and H. K. Richards, J. B. Raddin and H. W. Taylor were to consider about the heater.

The P. J. Benedict family have completed their removal and are living in the Dr. Priest house.

Frank Woods, son of George H. Woods got a deer on Wednesday morning at about 8.30 o'clock. It was a buck of good weight and had four points. He got it down in the locality of Mr. Wheelock's, over towards Mr. Brown's land.

Wallace J. Carlin, of this town, and Mary E. Curtis, of Pepperell, were married in Ayer on Wednesday, November 20. Mr. and Mrs. Carlin

arrived in Groton on Thursday and will make their home here.

William Gale was another who got a deer on Wednesday.

The notice of the union Thanksgiving service given in this column last week is here repeated. It is to be held on Sunday evening in the Congregational church and the choir of the Unitarian, Baptist and Congregational churches will sing hymns or other musical selections as chosen by Miss Susan P. Hill. Rev. P. H. Cressey, of the First Parish Unitarian church will give the address.

The fire alarm sounded on Thursday afternoon was for a grass fire in the field back of Dodge cottage. The fire company responded and the fire was checked before any damage was done.

W. F. Gleason has been working as a spare man at Shattuck's store this week.

Thirty-eight members of Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., enjoyed the reception and banquet given by Apollo lodge, of Fitchburg, on Wednesday evening. Four hundred Odd Fellows were present. After the sumptuous banquet, features and music by an orchestra were enjoyed. The Groton members report a royal good time. A special train was made up for the accommodation of the Odd Fellows.

The woods have been full of deer hunters, the man is reported to have counted thirty automobiles ranged along the roadsides in this vicinity, their passengers being out shooting.

Henry Woods is another who got a deer on Monday.

Edwin M. Sampson arrived home on Monday from Ambridge, near Pittsburgh, Pa., on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Fanny Sampson, and other relatives. Mr. Sampson will remain over Thanksgiving.

William Ryan is suffering an ill turn this week.

We were misinformed last week as to C. S. Griswold's operation being performed at Groton hospital. He was operated on in Boston.

Mrs. Elinor Gerrish Ebert is in town this week.

The remains of Mrs. Hannah Elizabeth Burns were brought from Clinton for interment in Groton cemetery on Monday. Mrs. Burns was sixty-eight years old and died of some form of heart trouble. She was a native of Groton, the daughter of Luke Farnsworth, whose home was afterwards the W. T. Taylor place on Farmers' row. She was the widow of the late Thomas F. Burns, of Ayer.

Mrs. Burns was a sister of the late George Farnsworth, a civil war veteran, who died several years ago. In her youth she attended the old No. 2 school and the academy.

Miss Frances Ready, who was so very ill at Carney hospital a couple of weeks ago, has improved so much that she is expected to return home for Thanksgiving.

Carl A. P. Lawrence, of Dartmouth, came down to attend the Harvard-Dartmouth football game on last Saturday. He took a run out to spend the night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lawrence, then caught the train at Lowell, went back to Hanover on Sunday night.

On Tuesday morning the thermometer registered from 13° to 20° above zero, according to reports from different localities in town.

The alarm on last Saturday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock was for a fire at Mrs. Lawrence's residence, "The Homestead." The fire was in the butler's room and the press-room, and was all out when the fire company arrived. It probably would have been a very destructive conflagration but for William Woods, who is employed on the place. He promptly applied their fire extinguishers with successful results. The butler, William Clark, lost some personal belongings, but not in large amount. It is not known what caused the blaze.

The following was taken from the Boston Globe of November 17: "Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Bradlee sailed the past week for Bermuda, where, as usual, they will spend the winter. Their house at 107 Beacon street, Boston, has been rented by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, of Groton, who, with their family, will move this week. Miss Geraldine Lawrence, their daughter, is a debutante this winter, and has already had her coming out party in Groton."

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, made over sixty dollars at their food sale in the afternoon, and entertainment in the evening of last week Thursday. Clarence Tuttle, son of Arthur C. Tuttle, of the Ayer road, shot and killed a deer on their farm on Monday.

It is reported that seven deer were killed in town on Monday, the first day the law was off in this county.

Frank Blood, of Fitchburg, owner of "Old Pepper," and Mr. Hammond, proprietor of the American house in this city, were over here to shoot deer on Monday. They got one apeck down near the race course.

Mrs. Blanche M. Brown, president of E. S. Clark W. R. C., attended on Friday and Saturday the W. R. C. fair held in Lorimer hall, Tremont temple, Boston, during last week. Mrs. Brown was one of the committee for Middlesex county and was assigned to wait on the table of fancy work department.

The members of Groton grange are urged to be present in large numbers at the meeting on next week Tuesday evening. Business of great importance to this grange is going to be brought up and acted on.

Miss Ada Bradley, who is a nurse at the Massachusetts General hospital, was at home to spend Sunday.

Miss Annie L. Gilson, going on Saturday of last week, visited her brother, Robert T. Gilson at Boylston Center, returning on Monday night.

A. J. Douglas, of Milford, N. H., has been assigned to a position as telegraph operator at Ayer, and begins work there next month.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crowley went to Worcester on last week Friday to visit Mr. Power, Mrs. Crowley's father.

Miss Geraldine Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence, attending the coming out party of her cousin, Miss Sylvia Peabody, the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Peabody of Milton, last week Friday evening, when she was formally presented at a dance at the Country club. About two hundred guests were present, including many others of this season's debutantes.

D. R. Meeting.

The Groton chapter D. R. met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Bruce. Eighteen members were in attendance. After the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting, the program was followed. Papers on the revolutionary heroes were read by Mrs. Bruce, Miss Flora Smith and

Mrs. Clough, Mrs. Goble, as a change, read a paper on operative music. Miss Low played selections from the opera of Faust and Parsifal from the opera of Faust and Parsifal by the opera of Faust and Parsifal. Bruce gave a duet. Refreshments were served and a social chat was enjoyed at the close of the interesting gathering. These papers on revolutionary soldiers are being typewritten and placed in the library for future perusal and reference. Markers have been placed at the graves of these revolutionary heroes and heroines who lie in the old Groton cemetery.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

The record of the football season is as follows: Six victories, two defeats and one tie.

The boys are now playing out-door basketball, and will be ready to play any teams that wish to play the game outside.

Malden high school football team is coming to Groton for signal practice on Shumway field on Wednesday, November 27, preparatory to their Thanksgiving game with Medford.

The Thanksgiving recess will begin on Wednesday noon and continue until the evening service on Sunday.

Evangelical services will be held at the chapel here at five o'clock. Rev. G. M. Howe will be the speaker. The public is cordially invited to this service.

West Groton.

Mrs. E. P. Shores, with her two little daughters, and her mother, Mrs. Powers, is spending a week with relatives in Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams took an auto trip to Worcester on Wednesday.

George A. Harrington, of Brighton, visited his mother, Mrs. A. L. Harrington, for several days recently.

Eugene Sleeper, of Walpole, was a guest of his brother, Carl Sleeper, on the first of the week.

G. H. Bixby, manager of the leather-board mill, made a business trip to New Hampshire on Thursday and Friday.

Clifford Bixby has returned from his Cleveland trip. His business now calls him to Boston daily, though late he expects to travel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley entertained Mr. Shepley's grandnephew, Walter A. Petersilea, of Summersworth, N. H., on Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Petersilea is a grandson of Franz Petersilea, a noted piano teacher in his day.

Miss Flora Kemp spent Sunday in Gardena.

Dorothy Thompson is confined to the bed, though not considered seriously ill.

Charles Parkhurst is working for Bixby-Webber Co.

A little Polish girl, daughter of Mr. Wolburn, on Main street, is reported as quite seriously burned, necessitating a physician's attendance.

The famous Mozart Ladies' quartet in Boston, assisted by Miss Lucille Adams, a reader of note, will give an entertainment in Squannacook hall on Wednesday evening, November 27. These ladies also accompany upon the piano, guitar and mandolin. To say that this entertainment is given under auspicious circumstances is not an exaggeration. I. O. O. F., M. U., is sufficient guarantee of its excellence. All cordially invited. Tickets will be on sale by the usual committee.

Miss Ruth Humiston, of Jaffrey, N. H., who has been for a time at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Martha Tarbell, has returned to her home.

Deer hunters have been numerous during the past week. Early on Monday morning a deer was killed by Cadwell Bliss, another by G. A. Harrington, of Bronson, later in the day a "deer with antlers" rewarded the efforts of Raymond Sleeper. This deer was stolen and hidden deeper in the woods, but by following broken twigs, young Sleeper recaptured his prize.

Interesting Services.

The meetings of Home Mission week have been very interesting and instructive. On Sunday evening the subject was "Units of our country." A large map bearing across its top the legend "Our country, God's country," was hung where all could see it. It was covered entirely with white cardboard which was removed in sections as a description of each state was given. The landing of the Louisiana purchase, Florida, Texas, the Mexican cession, and the Gadsden purchase were each in turn the subject of a well-written paper, or a reading by the following young men: Raymond Sleeper, Webster Harrington, Lee Bixby, Cadwell Bliss, Richard Kirkwood and Ralph Lawrence. Readings, "what makes a nation great?" by Dorothy Thompson, and "I love the west," by Marian Parker, were given. The landing of the Pilgrims, was recited in a pleasing manner by Ruth Bixby, while Ruth Mellish, as a very appropriate close to the interesting exercise, recited the beautiful last stanza of "The building of the ship," by Longfellow, "Thou, too, sail on, O ship."

The song service from special hymnals for the occasion was led by Dr. Bowthorpe, who also gave the bible reading.

Just before the close of service, J. T. Shepley gave a fine rendering of a poem which he had never seen in print, but had learned from older classes while a very small boy at school. It was a poem of New England, chiefly containing a wonderful prophecy of the development of the west and the tide of immigration, which was to reach our shores and overflow the land.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Isabel Vesin gave an extremely interesting talk on Alaska, enumerating and describing the several resources which have made it so valuable a possession and speaking of the character, life and needs of the people. The same general outline was followed by Miss Ruth Lawrence in a finely written essay on Porto Rico. The difference in the characteristics of the Alaskans and Porto Ricans was sharply defined by the two speakers.

Mr. Lamb handed the subject of Panama in an interesting and instructive manner, giving much information with regard to its purchase and the wonderful sanitation and engineering projects which have been so ably conducted by our government and its representatives. A collection of fine photographs of scenes in Panama, which Mr. Lamb distributed among the audience for their inspection gave an added interest to his remarks. A vocal solo by Miss Susie Hill contributed greatly to the evening's enjoyment.

On Wednesday evening the subject was "Immigration." Mrs. Florence Briggs read an able paper on Ellis Island, giving many interesting facts and chiefly containing a wonderful prophecy of the development of the west and the tide of immigration, which was to reach our shores and overflow the land.

made it very plain that the aliens of today are to be the Americans of tomorrow, and that the responsibility for tomorrow shall bring forth rests upon the generation of today. A reading by A. H. Thompson, "Mighty Montana," the home of immigrants, enumerating the great and wonderful resources made one almost long to emigrate to so promising a region.

A reading by Mrs. E. K. Harrington followed, descriptive of woman's work in Montana. It was written by one of them and paid grateful tribute to the kindness of the women of the western churches for their generous gifts of boxes and barrels, which had been of incalculable benefit to the recipients.

Thursday evening's exercises were no less interesting than those that preceded them, and together with the Sunday evening program, will be reported later. The closing exercises to be given Sunday evening will be a Thanksgiving meeting, and will consist of a pageant of the nations by children in costume, with other interesting features. It will be held at the hall at seven o'clock, and to everybody, of whatever nationality, religion or color, a cordial invitation is extended by the pastor.

Accidents.

J. T. Shepley met with a very peculiar accident while on his way to town on Tuesday afternoon. While passing a team of one of the horses startled by the sudden appearance of the bicycle, kicked, throwing Mr. Shepley from his wheel, cutting through the clothing and puncturing a vein below the knee. Finding that no bones were broken, Mr. Shepley decided to remount and push on to the hospital for treatment. Upon reaching the top of Long hill he became faint from the loss of blood and lay upon the ground till a passing team came to his assistance. At the hospital he was attended by Dr. Kilbourn, who later brought him home by auto. Mr. Shepley says that he lost more than a quart of blood, but that owing to an extraordinary physique he will soon be on his wheel again.

A Ford touring car owned and operated by Ralph H. Estabrook, Fitchburg, and a Reo touring car, owned and driven by Lawrence G. Strand, were in collision at Leominster, Sunday night. The Ford suffered the worst damage. The right rear wheel was twisted, the right mudguard was bent and twisted and the right side of the car was sideswiped with sufficient force to scrape off the paint. Estabrook said he was turning into Park street from Pleasant when Strand's machine sideswiped him. Mr. Strand's machine was apparently no worse for the collision, and after giving his name and number of his machine to the police he continued on without giving his version of the accident.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Clarence E. Jackson is engaged in straightening Harwood avenue and is doing a good piece of work. The sharp curve, although perhaps no worse than some in other towns, made travelling very dangerous in these days of automobiles and reckless drivers, and the public will be greatly relieved to have a less dangerous place in a much frequented road.

Mrs. Emma Kimball Lemley arrived at her brother's, Austin Kimball, on Friday afternoon. After a brief visit here she will make her home in the Back Bay district, Boston.

Brooks Cook, who has been in New York state for several months, returned recently to Littleton. He has moved into the Merryfield bungalow, and the Merryfield family has moved into the winter home in Somerville.

The ladies of the Baptist church held their monthly missionary meeting Wednesday afternoon, November 20.

Elmer A. Flagg is building a barn just back of his house on King street.

Harry Hume has been confined to the house on account of a severe cold, but is out again and at his usual occupation again.

Mrs. Elbert P. Wilcox visited in Dorchester this week and attended opera and the symphony concert.

Miss Alice E. Chapman of Winchester has arrived in town to take charge of the Woman's club drama, coming from Laconia, N. H., where she recently put on a drama. Much interest is shown in the coming play as she made a remarkable hit with the "Cameron pride" four years ago.

The Bachelor Maids of the Catholic mission will give a dance and whist party in town hall Saturday evening, November 30. McNally's singing orchestra of Hudson will furnish music.

Again it has been necessary to change the date of the Congregational fair Thursday afternoon and evening, December 5.

The Choral society will meet in the Congregational vestry next Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Everybody, men, women, girls and boys, who are interested in music are urged to be present and help plan for a class in music this winter.

George F. Stone has been confined to the house on account of a severe attack of indigestion, but is reported convalescent.

The seventh anniversary of the Loy-ol Nashobah lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., will be observed on Saturday evening, November 23, when seven candidates will be initiated. After initiation the invited guests will be admitted to the lodge room for the entertainment and the oyster supper following. Each member is allowed to bring a lady friend and invitations have been given to members of the Ladies' lodge and their husbands, and also to the district officers. The initiation is called for at seven o'clock sharp. The above notice found its way into Peppereil's column last week, instead of Littleton's.

James E. Smith, who has been in St. Louis for nearly a month, attending the International convention of railway maintenance employees, auditing the books of the organization and attending to other duties connected with the order, returned home last Monday. He came with other delegates in a special car and stopped over at Niagara Falls and other points of interest on the way. In spite of repeated requests that he be relieved of former office Mr. Smith was unanimously re-elected chairman of the executive committee and will have a prominent place in the convention of 1914, which meets in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Lyman Reed is at home sick with diphtheria and his father's house is in quarantine.

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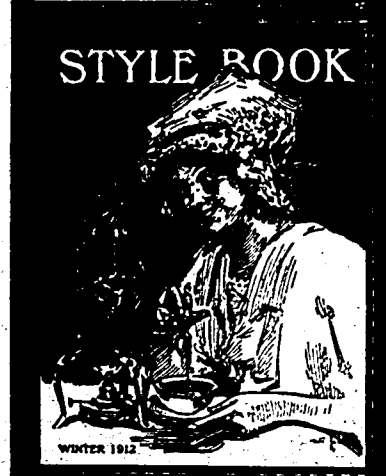
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AYER.

News Items. Mrs. Fannie Solomon, of Worcester, spent the week-end with her nephew, C. H. Kinney, station agent. Boys between twelve and fifteen years of age are invited to attend a meeting to re-organize the Boy Scouts, which will be held in the vestry of the M. E. church on Saturday afternoon, November 23, at three o'clock. The Peefless oysters that P. Donlon & Company have recently introduced into town, through a large house in Providence, are unexcelled. Try them and you will always have them. They come in glass bottles and are solid and compact. No charge is made for the bottles, which are handy to have in the house. Mr. Gleason, principal of the high school, attended the Harvard-Dartmouth football game last Saturday at Cambridge, and he was accompanied by Frank Brown, Victor Fillebrown and Charles Mullin. Mr. Gleason is a graduate of Dartmouth. Earl Buddington of Springfield, formerly of Ayer, was in town Wednesday calling on friends. The annual proclamation by Gov. Foss has been posted proclaiming Thursday, November 28, as Thanksgiving day. Unitarian church service at 10.45 with sermon by the pastor. Sunday school at twelve m. and Y. P. at six p. m. Union Thanksgiving service at M. E. church at seven p. m. Miss Florence Reed, of North Adams, coming on Tuesday, visited with the Huntingtons on Washington street this week. She left on Friday for Andover. Married, in this town, at the Baptist parsonage, November 20, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Wallace J. Carkin, of Groton, and Mary E. Curtis, of Pepperell. The deer hunters were out bright and early on Monday morning when the open season opened. In the week there have been but three deer killed in Ayer by Ernest P. Morse, Leon Briggs and Harry L. Waterman. The open season closes at sunset this Saturday evening. Mrs. H. H. Ellis, while standing on a chair at her home doing house cleaning on Wednesday, fell and broke her hip. Dr. Bulkeley is in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Winslow spent Sunday with her parents in Somerville. Lillian Boiseau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Boiseau, is seriously ill with pneumonia. Victor Gordon, formerly a barber in Ephraim Gilman's shop, is now a freight brakeman running between Lowell and Salem. Ruth Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Griffin, is sick with pneumonia. Mrs. Herbert C. Whitney and two children spent the week-end with relatives in Melrose. The Edward Everett Hale club met last Monday with Harold Cushing, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Cushing. After the meeting refreshments were served during a social hour. The schools will close on Wednesday afternoon of next week for the remainder of the week, and will re-open the following Monday morning. There will be a joint meeting of the school committee and selectmen in the selectmen's room on Monday, December 2, at eight o'clock, the object being to take action on the choice of a successor to Dr. William N. Cowles, formerly of Ayer, who has resigned as a member of the school committee. Mrs. Charles H. Crocker fell at her home on East Main street last week Friday and broke her wrist. Dr. Hopkins is attending her. The congregational church choir and male quartet with their wives were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy on last week Friday evening and spent a very pleasant evening. Refreshments were served. At the regular meeting of the Ayer grange on Thursday evening the usual routine business was transacted and plans discussed for those who wished to attend the neighbors' night at Wachusett grange on Friday night. A committee was chosen to plan for a dance to be given in the near future. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, December 4, at which the election of officers for the year of 1913 will take place. The town meeting of the towns in the seventeenth Middlesex representative district gathered here last week Friday and went over the returns of the votes cast for representative at the recent election in order to get the official figures. A basketball game has been arranged between Ayer high and Shirley high schools to take place in the town hall here on Thanksgiving afternoon at two o'clock. Work was commenced on Wednesday on the excavation for the new tower on the south side of the tracks near Flanders' crossing, and is in charge of Charles C. Wood. The building will be 27x38 feet. The material for the connections to be used for the tower has arrived and will be ready for use as soon as the preliminary work is done. The tower will be similar to the one now in use in the upper yard and will govern the movement of trains on the Fitchburg and Stony Brook divisions in that part of the town. There will be three shifts, the same as prevails in the other tower, each operator of the levers being on duty eight hours. The installation of this system of throwing switches and signals is necessary on account of the heavy traffic of railroad company. C. A. Putnam, of this town, H. C. Fair, and C. W. Dwinell, of Nashua, were injured in the railroad yard on last Sunday. Putnam is a fireman on one of the locomotives which was bumped by other cars, throwing him down and cutting a severe gash on the head. Fair, who is also a fireman, was injured about the head and back. Dwinell is a freight conductor and received cuts on the head by a window falling on him at the telegraph office. None of the injuries are serious. They were attended by Dr. Sullivan. A game of football has been arranged between the Shirley Industrial school and the Ayer A. A. team to be played at the town park on next week Thursday morning at 10.30 o'clock. At the meeting of George S. Boutwell post W. R. C. on Tuesday afternoon it was voted to endorse Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy for junior vice-president of the department of Massachusetts at the election to be held next April. A special meeting of the corps will be held this Saturday afternoon at the usual hour. All members are earnestly requested to attend. The corps will be inspected on Monday afternoon at two o'clock by Mrs. Annie R. Leighton, of Worcester, de-

partment senior aide. The E. S. Clark W. R. C. of Groton has accepted an invitation to be present. The entertainment and dance given under the auspices of St. Mary's parish in Page hall on Thursday evening was very largely attended. The entertainment began at eight o'clock and consisted of vocal and instrumental selections and a two-act drama, all of which were well received. Dancing followed the entertainment. Light refreshments were on sale during the evening. At the Baptist church on Sunday there will be an individual Thanksgiving service at 10.45 in the morning. There will be no meeting in the evening, so that all may have an opportunity to attend the union Thanksgiving service at the M. E. church. Mrs. J. W. Thomas entertained the members of her Sunday school class at the Baptist parsonage on last week Friday evening. The evening was spent in playing games and all had a most pleasant time. A collation was served. Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas visited their daughter, Mrs. L. H. Merchant, in Cambridge, this week. E. W. Carley contracted a severe case of poison, the cause of which he is unable to account for, but which is probably the dogwood or ivy poisoning. The poison was confined to those which was badly affected for a few days. The new transformers for the electric light plant have arrived and will probably be placed in position sometime next week. The new regulators arrived on Wednesday and will be used as a part of the equipment. Charles Lapas, aged twenty-three years, an employee of the Haynes-Piper Company, was caught between a string of moving cars and the platform of the plant on Friday forenoon and was quite severely crushed about the body. Dr. Sullivan was sent for and the injured man was taken by the doctor to the Emergency hospital in Nashua. Lapas is a Greek and lives with his wife and child on Forest street. It is thought that the injuries are not serious. The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold a meeting in the church parlor at three o'clock on next Wednesday afternoon. The collection of dues for the coming year will be taken. Mrs. J. S. Hall quietly observed her seventy-first birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Bixby, on last week Friday. Those present at dinner with her Friday evening were her children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Park, Miss Charlotte and Master Philip Park, of South Chelmsford; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall, Misses Dorothy, Katherine and Margaret Hall, of Chelmsford, and at and Mrs. H. A. Bixby, of Ayer. The musical and literary program given during the evening was prepared by the grandchildren. Ralph P. Kellogg, of Boston, employed as foreman in one of the largest printing establishments in the city in town on business Tuesday afternoon. He was a resident of Ayer with his parents many years ago and learned the printer's trade in the office of the Public Spirit and the book and job office of Huntley S. Turner. St. Andrew's Guild will meet on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at the parish room. The vestry of St. Andrew's church will hold an important meeting at the vicarage in Ayer on Tuesday at 7.30 o'clock in the evening. A Thanksgiving service will be held at St. Andrew's church on Thursday afternoon at ten o'clock. All are invited to come and join in thanks and praise to the giver. Mrs. R. M. Cahoon and two children left on Thursday afternoon for a two-weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. W. L. Deming, in Somerville. The State Board of Charities on the incorporation of the Ayer Hospital association at its room in the State house, Boston, on Monday afternoon, November 18. Those present from here were George A. Hill, E. A. Richardson, T. F. Mullin and J. M. Maloney. The charter was granted on Wednesday, November 20. A regular communication of St. Paul lodge was held in their lodge room on Monday afternoon. About twenty-five took dinner prepared by Mrs. Carrie E. Bigelow, of three o'clock the district deputy, Herbert E. Fletcher, of Westford, and suite, arrived. The work of inspection then took place. Remarks were made by the district deputy, grand master and members of his suite. The Y. P. R. U. meets Sunday evening at six o'clock. The leader will be Miss Lillian Baker. At the meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday, the program was in charge of the civics committee, Mrs. Mary L. Hutchins, chairman. There was an address by Guy A. Vraut, a master at the Groton School. He gave the story of the Boys' school in the Philippines which he helped to establish. It was very interesting. This is for guests who are ready and may be had of Mrs. Nellie L. Brown, the custodian. Each club member may have one and a few extra ones in the hands of the president are available if any one wishes more. Mrs. Susan M. Barker, of the Woman's club attended the State Conference on Education given by the education committee of the State Federation at Newburyport on Wednesday. The speakers were Edward Chandler, secretary of the Twentieth Century club, who spoke on moving pictures, and Prof. Maria L. Sanford, Professor Emeritus of Minnesota university, whose topic was "The moral influence of the teacher." This last paper was given at the June Biennial in California and has been pronounced by many as one of the finest numbers in that program. President White, of the National bank, is receiving the congratulations on the advent of a grandson born to his son, Howard A. White, of Ashby. The moving picture show will be given on next week Wednesday evening as usual, and the management has arranged to give a special show on Thanksgiving afternoon. The best singers and pictures have been prepared for both performances. William Grant the singer that created such a hit on Wednesday evening, is to be the singer on Saturday night. Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending November 18: Henry O. Babcock, Peter D. Ladeau, William H. Toohay. Deaths. John H. Burke, a former well-known resident of Ayer, died at his home in Lowell on Tuesday, aged forty-seven years. Mr. Burke, while living here, worked for years in the tannery, then conducted by Alley Brown, and Place. Later he moved to Lowell, where he has resided for many years. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Burke, and eight children. He was buried at Bridgeport, Conn., Wednesday, November 21, by Rev. T. Joseph M. Williams, H. James W.

It is expected will be taken with her alleged accomplice Gaskell. Clarence E. Baker, Nelson A. Baker and Earl Postlell, all of Ayer, were in court Monday morning on complaint of drunkenness and disturbing the peace here on Sunday, the preceding day. On trial they were found guilty of both complaints and were fined five dollars apiece on the charge of disturbing the peace and the drunkenness complaints were placed on file. These men caused considerable disturbance on Sunday morning, particularly on Merchants' row. Chief Beatty was notified that there was a trouble in that quarter and quickly responded. When he arrived on the scene the two first-mentioned were trying to force their way into the tobacco store of L. E. Walker through the open front door. The proprietor was making a valiant effort to keep them out when he was overtaken by the appearance of that official had a very wholesome effect on the would-be intruders, who immediately ceased their hostilities. They afterwards explained that they had entered the rooms in the building and got the two first-mentioned to the police station by Chief Beatty and Officer Thomas F. Meehan. James Caville, of Lowell, who has been before the local court on various charges in the past two years, was sentenced to the Concord reformatory on Wednesday after a trial in the superior court at East Cambridge. He was found guilty of breaking and entering, trespassing on the real property and assault on an officer at the police court at Lowell and took an appeal to the higher court, which sustained the sentence of the lower court. A peculiar thing about Caville is that he has not one leg. He goes about with the aid of a crutch and possesses agility that would do credit to a man with two legs. He is a freight train man on a local railroad and has had considerable trouble catching him when he was wanted here. His latest escapade was an assault on a Lowell policeman with his hand, which was one of the crimes alleged against him. The case of the Commonwealth against Corneller, which was set for this session of the superior court, has been continued until the next session of the court, which begins in January. The case was that of J. Narcisse Corneller, of this town, who was alleged to have sold a certain preparation called Weber's malt extract, which according to the government was a violation of law, as it contained arsenic and was a means of alcohol. The case was postponed because of the illness of a witness for the plaintiff. Richard Gaskell, alias John Richards, who it is alleged was implicated in the break at Proctor's garage in Ayer, was held in the Charles street jail, Boston, for crime committed there, was brought here on Friday morning on a writ of habeas corpus issued by the district judge, Mr. Rice, of Lowell. F. Tracy, deputy sheriff of Suffolk county, to whom the prisoner was handcuffed. In the absence of his counsel the prisoner, whose manner bears all the marks of a polished gentleman, conducted his own defence in a manner that clearly showed familiarity with court procedure. Each witness was sharply cross-examined by the prisoner, and the evidence given the court in such a way as to give the surprise by those in the court room. At the conclusion of the evidence Judge Atwood found probable cause to believe the prisoner guilty and ordered that he be held in the county jail until the next term of the superior court, and in default of which, that he be committed to the Charles street jail in Boston, from which place he was brought here for trial. He was testified were Chief Beatty, Patrolman McNamara, of the Belmont police, James H. Shea, Edward O. Proctor and George L. Donahue. The Boston officers said that the prisoner was a desperate man and would take any means to escape. For that reason he was carefully guarded while in his custody from Boston to Ayer. The prisoner was taken back to Boston on the 11th. Express learned by the Ayer and Boston police that the automobile that was in the prisoner's possession was stolen last July in Ohio. The machine carried a Pennsylvania name plate, it was also learned that Gaskell was a physician by profession but for some reason unknown, was prevented from practicing several years ago. John Sullivan, of Leominster, and Rocco Jambrocco, of Fitchburg, were in court on Thursday morning charged with vagrancy. Mr. Beatty told the court that the two boys, who are sixteen years of age, applied at the police station on Wednesday night and asked for lodging, and told him that they had been to Boston on a slight errand, but that their money for their return when their scanty funds gave out here. The stories that they told Judge Atwood did not agree. Sullivan stated that they went to Boston on a passenger train upon which they had their fare. Their money was getting short in the Hub so they went to the Salvation Army headquarters where they secured a bed. Wednesday morning he said that they returned to Boston and talked to Ayer that day. All except the last statement was corroborated by his companion. The latter said that they did not walk all the way from Boston, that they rode as far as Roberts Falls on the Fitchburg division and walked from there to Ayer on the railroad tracks. Mr. Beatty called up the Fitchburg and Leominster police on Wednesday night by telephone and learned that Sullivan had a good home with his parents in Leominster, and that Jambrocco's parents were dead, and that he was living with his sister in Fitchburg. Judge Atwood dismissed the complaints on the ground that the boys were under the age of seventeen years, under which age complaints for vagrancy cannot be drawn. O. E. S. Fair. A fair scene of beauty was presented in Page hall on Tuesday evening on the occasion of the fair given by the O. E. S. chapter, O. E. S. C. C. C. arrangements about the three sides of the hall and the decoration of the numerous booths with fruits and flowers presented an elaborate and artistic scheme of harvest and Thanksgiving very pleasing. The booths were in charge of efficient and successful committees: Candy, Mrs. E. O. Proctor, Mrs. Paul Fillebrown and Miss Nellie Fillebrown; domestic articles, Mrs. Amanda M. Spaulding, Mrs. Geo. L. Osgood and Mrs. Margaret K. Cushing; fancy, Mrs. E. G. Duncklee, Miss Hattie Whitcomb and Mrs. Geo. B. Turner; sample booth, Mrs. Annie E. Fillebrown and Mrs. Grace Lentz; flowers, Mrs. George C. Merriam, Mrs. Ida Proctor, Mrs. Edna Zoller. The mystery booth was a large jack-o'-lantern extending from the floor

to the ceiling, from whose capacious mouth came the wonderful music of this was cared for by Miss Esther Stone, Miss Lucy Wyman, Miss Gertrude Wyman, Miss Gertrude Stone and Miss Ethel Andrew. All about the middle of the room were small tables where dainty refreshments were served in charge of this committee: Mrs. Carrie Bigelow, Mrs. Alma Brown, Mrs. Annie Learned, Mrs. Cora Lyman and Mrs. Elizabeth Kyle, and these were assisted in the serving by Mrs. Carrie S. Lynda, Miss Gladys Fletcher, Miss Grace Murphy, Miss Bertha Stone, Miss Lucy Wyman, Miss Bertha Cole, Miss Millie Beverly, Mrs. Eva Harlow, Mrs. Helen Reynolds, Mrs. Callie Murphy and Mrs. Daisy Beckford. Following the supper was a very pleasing entertainment which included piano solos by the Misses Gladys Fletcher, Flora Cole, Edna Pearl Carley, several mandolin duets and a pantomime, "The bachelor's reverie," in charge of Mrs. F. C. Johnson. The evening closed with a dance, the music being Robbings orchestra, of Peppercell. The whole affair was planned by the matron of the chapter, Mrs. Ada C. Irwin. The ship of candy given to the one guessing its weight was won by Mrs. Edna Harlow and Mrs. Fannie Wyman. By previous agreement the names of the two were placed together and Harold Cushing drew one which chanced to be Mrs. Bigelow, to whom it was then awarded. The box of candy given to the one getting the right name was secured by Fannie Andrew, who had the winning name, which was Evelyn. For State Control. Providing for the purchase of the Boston and Maine railroad by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its operation for the benefit of the people by a directorate, consisting of a president and six other members, all to be elected by the people, the first real railroad bill of the present session was filed at the state house, Monday. The petitioner is Henry C. Long of Boston and according to the proposed act, which is to take the effect of its passage, the railroad is to receive no ratification at that time that within one year the state will operate the railroad. Under the provisions of this radical measure the government must call on the state supreme court within ten days of the passage of the act to appoint three commissioners to appraise the property, for the purpose of which the state shall issue \$50,000,000 in 25-year 4 percent bonds. It also provides that the profits from state operation of the road shall be used for building better terminal facilities and extending the service. The new president (salary \$20,000) and six directors (salaries \$5000 each) are to be elected by the people at the next state election and take office January 1, 1914. To get on the ballot, a registered voter must not less than five different municipalities are required. The state treasurer is to be the treasurer of the railroad. Hospitably Entertained. Apollo lodge, I. O. O. F., of Fitchburg entertained large delegations from five vicinity lodges at Odd Fellows' hall, Fitchburg, on Wednesday evening, in one of the most enjoyable strictly social sessions ever conducted by the order in that city. The hundred Odd Fellows were present, the affair being arranged for the purpose of promoting good fellowship between the members of the lodges in this vicinity. The evening's program included a regular meeting of the Fitchburg lodge, followed by a banquet, and attractive entertainment program, and many informal social features that contributed their full share to the pleasures of the evening. The lodges entertained were Robert Burns lodge of Ayer, 23 members; North Star lodge of Townsend, 30 members; Fredonian lodge of Shirley, 25 members; Groton lodge, 24 members; Beacon lodge of Peppercell, 24 members. The visitors from Townsend went in automobiles, while those from the other towns went on a special train arriving in Fitchburg at 7.45 and were met there at the station by a large delegation from Apollo lodge, who escorted them to the hall. Peter Tarbell of this town, said to be the oldest Odd Fellow in the state, 83 years of age, treasurer of Robert Burns lodge for 37 years, and an Odd Fellow for 67 years, was one of the special guests of the evening and one of the regulars. The regular meeting was comparatively brief, with no special features other than the exceptionally large attendance and remarks by a few of the invited guests. This was followed by a sumptuous banquet served in Grand room hall at nine o'clock, Pearl Hill lodge, D. O. E., providing an especially attractive menu, which was served in the large gathering in a capable and highly satisfactory manner. The hosts and visitors then returned to Odd Fellows' hall, on the floor above, in the same building where the entertainment program was presented. Many of the visiting dignitaries were called upon for remarks, a brief program of short addresses by prominent Odd Fellows being one of the entertaining features of the evening. Mr. Tarbell, the venerable Odd Fellow, spoke in the regular meeting. Mr. Tarbell's record as an Odd Fellow was given during the evening, he having been initiated as a member of Groton lodge in 1848, became a charter member of Fredonian lodge of Shirley when that lodge was instituted on January 21, 1846, withdrawing when Robert Burns lodge of Ayer was instituted on January 16, 1872, becoming one of the charter members of the younger lodge of which he has been a continuous member since that time, having been treasurer of the lodge for the past thirty-seven years. Past Grand George F. Bills, of Apollo lodge, presided, the list of speakers including Past Grand Marble, of North Star lodge of Townsend; John N. Cole, a member of Central lodge, Worcester, and the following visiting grand officers: J. G. V. Stevens, of Groton; J. E. J. J. Townsend; G. C. Peterson, of Robert Burns lodge, Ayer; L. P. Shattuck, of Peppercell, and Edward Proctor, of Shirley, followed by Past Grand Richardson and Irwin, of Robert Burns lodge of Ayer; Past D. D. E. H. H. Lynch, of Shirley, and E. A. Blood, of Townsend. Peter Tarbell also spoke briefly at the social session that came after the regular meeting. S. N. Lougee was called upon for some remarks and said that he had never been allowed at banquets of Odd Fellows, but that he was full of a certain kind of spirit which he was pleased to call a spirit of reminiscence, and told of his early introduction into the order, which was a little more than fifty years ago, and gave some particulars which were of interest only to the members of the order, and spoke especially of the position of lodge of Odd Fellows should occupy in our communities. A miscellaneous entertainment was

given followed by a social hour devoted to the renewal and formation of acquaintanceships, concluded the evening, the visiting delegations leaving for home at about midnight, after having been royally entertained by Apollo and given a sample of Fitchburg hospitality and good fellowship that cannot fail to strengthen the bonds of friendship and Odd Fellowship that have long characterized the relations between members of the order and lodge throughout this vicinity. Promoted. James D. Tyler, assistant superintendent of the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine, has been promoted to be superintendent of that division, the order becoming effective Sunday, November 17. S. Cheever, superintendent of the division for the past few years, has been transferred to special work in the operating department. The order announcing the change was sent over the division on Sunday and became effective on that date. Mr. Tyler commenced railroading as a water boy on trains. He later entered the freight department at Williamstown, where he became yardmaster and held the position for six years. He was transferred to the Charlestown yards, where he was yardmaster for several years, eventually being given charge of all of the yards in Boston and immediate vicinity. He was transferred to be superintendent of the western half of the Fitchburg division, extending from East Deerfield to Rotterdam, five years ago, holding the place over four years, with headquarters in North Adams. He was appointed less than a year ago to be assistant superintendent of the entire division, and now succeeds Mr. Cheever as its head. LITTLETON. News Items. The public schools will be closed from next Wednesday afternoon until the following Monday for the Thanksgiving recess. Paul L. Brown has sold to Arthur Blanchard of West Acton half his pine woodlot near Miss L. Jane Brown's residence on Hartwell road. The Herbert J. Harwood family will close their house shortly after Thanksgiving and take a new apartment on Linnean street in Cambridge for the winter. New Advertisements. LOST—Gold Dragon Tie Pin with small diamonds in center. Reward if returned to JOHN F. LENTZ, Ayer, Mass. Why Not Buy a Home? Why pay rent all your life and have nothing at the end? LOOK THESE OVER One Two-tenement House with Barn \$2200 One Five-room Cottage 11000 One Seven-room Cottage 22000 One Six-room Cottage 15100 All the above are in Ayer and well located. 2m8 THOMAS F. MULLIN Dealer in Real Estate Room 3 Bank Building, Ayer. P. DONLON & CO. DEALERS IN First Class Groceries, Etc. Also, Agents for the Cunard White Star Anchor AND Leyland Steamship Lines Tickets for sale to and from all parts of the world. Drafts for 1¢ and upwards for sale at lowest exchange rates. P. DONLON & CO., AYER Seasonable NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY A Thermos Bottle A blessing for the man who carries his dinner. They will keep coffee or other liquids hot twenty-four hours. We have them at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 DRUG STORE AYER

TOWNSEND.

Center. A little daughter was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stearns on Saturday morning, November 16.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woolley, of East Boston, spent a few days this week at their summer home here.

Carl Willard and Fred Stuart, principal of the high school, attended the Harvard-Dartmouth football game on last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Elmer, Miss Mabel Bliss and friend Sanford Johnson, and several band boys and quite a few others attended the concert at Fitchburg on last Saturday evening given by Sousa's famous band.

Mrs. C. W. Stevenson is visiting at her old home, the F. H. Warren place.

Bert Gurley, of Boston, was in town last week and took a party of eight in the auto which he had down to the Odd Fellows' ball at Pepperell on last week Friday.

W. F. Rockwood, Elmer Wallace, Arthur Huse, Charles Stickney, of this town, and William Kemp and Silas Nokes, of Pepperell, returned on Saturday from their hunting trip to Pittsburg, N. H., with eleven fine deer. Arthur Huse got the first one. A photo of the hunters and the deer was taken at Pepperell, and the deer were later shipped to market.

The Monday club met at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Fessenden this week, Mrs. Fessenden and Mrs. Carrie Doane being the hostesses. A very interesting program was given and the singing of Mrs. Caroline C. Tilton, of Boston, was a treat to lovers of music. The program was as follows, after which there was a social tea and refreshments were served: Roll call, Thanksgiving quotations; music, Mrs. Caroline Cram Tilton, Boston, foreign composers; paper, "Puritan children," Mrs. Abbie Barber; music, American composers, Mrs. Tilton. Mrs. Tilton played her own accompaniments. Mrs. Barber's excellent paper showed much preparation.

Mrs. Frank Maynard and Mrs. Fred Rockwood, of Brookline, N. H., were guests at Elmer Wallace's on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner left for their winter home at Orlando, Fla., on last Saturday.

Mrs. Ella Sheldon, of Ashby, has been enjoying a few days' visit among friends in town.

The entertainment attractions for Thanksgiving week are the play by the high school at Memorial hall, on Thanksgiving night, and a public reception to the baseball boys on Friday evening. Dancing will follow the exercises after the reception is over. The cast for the play was given last week.

Samuel Gillis returned home this week from a pleasant trip to western and southern states, where he has been visiting his sister and other relatives.

Mrs. Warren Seaver has returned from an extended visit at her daughter's, Miss Herbert Cook, at Harwich.

Arthur Sloan and Harry Gilson, while out hunting the first day allowed by law this week, shot a fine deer. Many hunters have been taking in this week's opportunity to hunt. Mr. Adney Gray and a cousin of Adney Gray's at the Harbor have been among the successful participants.

Quite a crowd of Odd Fellows attended the meeting at Fitchburg on Wednesday evening of the Odd Fellows from all the surrounding towns, as guests of the Fitchburg lodge. Many were conveyed from here in autos.

The E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge held a colonial costume party at their meeting this Friday evening. Old time songs were sung and a general good time held. Much time and pains were taken in preparing the costumes and in rehearsing the songs to make the affair a success. A fine program was given.

Mrs. M. J. Robbins, of Mason, N. H., has been spending a few weeks with Mrs. Angela Walters at her home on Bayberry hill.

West. Arthur Smith, of Waltham, spent Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle.

Mrs. Benjamin Hodgman is spending a few weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. Rowan Allen, of Groton. Mr. and Mrs. Allen welcomed another little daughter to their home last week.

A teachers' training class has been organized at the Baptist Sunday school for the teachers and officers of the school and any who are interested and willing to prepare to substitute teacher. The meetings will be held at the close of the regular Friday evening service and are in charge of the pastor. Six were in attendance last week and Miss Alice Seaver was appointed as secretary.

The Ladies' Literary and Social Circle met with Miss Mary A. Taft at the home of her sister, Mrs. Josephine Boynton on last week Friday afternoon, nine being present. The reading of the lives of famous women was continued, taking up Maria Mitchell and Jean Ingelow. A very interesting discussion upon the earliest recollection of life was presented, each giving their experiences, after which a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served. The next meeting will be on the afternoon of December 5, at the home of Mrs. Josephine Boynton, who will act as hostess for the occasion.

The social committee of the Brotherhood met at the parsonage on Monday evening and made plans for the coming meeting, the first Thursday evening in December. It is expected that Rev. George Baker, of Leominster, will be the speaker, and an entertainer from Boston university will also be on the program.

The Ladies' Study club held their fortnightly meeting at the reading-room on Thursday evening of last week, and in spite of the severe rain storm, which kept many away, five were present and a very enjoyable and instructive session was held. The vice president, Mrs. G. W. Seaver, presided, and a business meeting was held at which the matter of the next meeting, which would come on Thanksgiving day was brought up, and it was voted to meet on Tuesday before Thanksgiving, the leader and place being left subject to the leader and to be announced later. It was much regretted that the storm prevented the leader of the evening, Mrs. Frank Boutelle, to present her paper on "A Day in Massachusetts," but it is hoped that it will be on some future program.

Mrs. Frank Hamilton, from Webster, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Stevens, of Stevens Hill. Ralph H. Willard, of Boston, was in town for a brief visit Tuesday on a business trip to Ashby.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed announce the engagement of their daughter Nancy to Fred Dwinell, of Lyndonville, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Tenney have moved to Townsend Center for the winter, closing their house on Main street.

Mrs. Irena B. Richards has been removed from her old home, Bridge street to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, where she will be cared for at present. The house on Bridge street is closed until some further disposition can be made.

Mr. and Mrs. Kimball, from Mason, N. H., are moving into the Justin C. Hodgman house next to the cemetery, which they have recently purchased.

At the Sunday school session last Sunday the bags were distributed among the children for the collection of food and clothing for the Little Wanderers' Home in Boston.

A very interesting meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held in the vestry on Sunday evening with twenty present. Mrs. Fred Smith acted as leader, and the topic was "Our mistakes."

Mr. and Mrs. Rockwood are returning to Brookline, N. H. Mr. Rockwood being through with his work at Stickney's mill.

Ivers P. Sherwin brought in the first deer of the season here early on Monday morning, starting out at about 5.30, and returning with a fine looking deer before ten o'clock in the morning.

Father Hamilton and family are moving this week from the tenement in the Moore house in Josselyville into the cottage on Stevens Hill formerly owned by L. E. Bowen.

The Ladies' Mission Circle held their monthly meeting at the parsonage on Wednesday afternoon with four present. It was decided to send a barrel of clothing to the poor at a certain section in South Carolina and Georgia, and all who have any cast-off clothing for men, women or children will please bring it to the parsonage before the first of December. The program of the meeting consisted of a reading, "Thanksgiving on the plains," Mrs. Herman Lawrence; an account of the dedication of the first Mexican Baptist church by Mrs. Fred A. Patch, and letters from a missionary in the Philippines by Mrs. S. D. Ringrose.

The Knights of the White Shield held their weekly social at the reading-room on Tuesday evening with ten in attendance, in charge of Henry H. Hathaway.

LITTLETON.

About Town.

The topic for the Young People's Guild this week is "Thanksgiving customs," and each member is requested to narrate some Thanksgiving custom of ancient or modern times. The meetings are now held at 6.30 instead of at seven o'clock. All interested are cordially invited.

George Lovejoy, of Cincinnati, Ohio, on an eastern business trip, spent last Sunday at P. S. Whitcomb's. His son from Boston Technology was also here.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield's sermon subject for Sunday morning will be "Some of the underlying grounds urging us to thanksgiving, a sermon in connection with the national services on Thanksgiving morning."

For the union Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving morning, the bells of the Unitarian and Baptist churches will be rung, although the service is held in the Orthodox Congregational church.

The Chautauqua magazine and the books for the present season's course of study have been added to the public library for the benefit of any who may like guidance in their reading or to take this popular course of home study.

On last week Thursday afternoon, at the Amherst home for aged women, among the entertainers, Miss Lorna Chandler gave readings. She was a graduate of our high school last year.

On last Sunday there was a fine bouquet of nice large chrysanthemums, white and yellow, given by Mrs. W. C. Brown's class of fourteen misses sent to one of the shut-ins.

The Sunday school of the Unitarian church will give its concert of "Harvest praise and thanksgiving" on Sunday morning at the usual noon hour. The platform will be decorated with the fruits, vegetables, and country produce donated by the members of the school to be sent to needy families in Boston. The service will be interspersed with songs and solos, and recitations and quotations by the members of the school. A cordial welcome is extended to those who can bring their offering at that time. On exhibition in the library are some fine pictures of Deerfield and its surroundings and many old historic dwellings and places.

The union Thanksgiving service will be held at the Orthodox Congregational church on Thursday morning at the usual hour for church services, 10.45. The sermon will be given by Rev. H. L. Caulkins, of the Baptist church, and the other ministers of the town will join in the service. While culinary cares will keep some at home at this time, it is hoped that the attendance may be good and well representative of all the families in town, including the visitors for the day.

The following is a report of the school savings bank committee: The collections began on November 14, of last year, and for that month the total school collection was \$55.84.

This year the collections commenced on September 17, making two in September. In October, the only full month, I collected \$57.91, and for the year so far have deposited in Ayer \$115.10. It seems to me the children are as interested as a whole as they were last year. Miss Whittier's and Miss Hawley's rooms usually lead in the amounts collected each week. I have wondered if a banner in the room, for a month, would be any incentive for those who have been less active.

A. A. Fillebrown, auctioneer, will sell by public auction, the real estate and personal property belonging to Francis Brown on Saturday, November 30, at 2.30 o'clock p. m., at the residence of the late Harvey D. Brown in Pingreyville, Littleton.

Worth Notice.

As the smoke of the political battle has now cleared away and victory has passed on the democratic banner, it is perhaps worth the while to consider whether or not there are any lessons to be learned from the experiences of the late campaign.

The political advertisements published in the Boston papers favoring the progressive candidate Bird, were true, and as I did not see them contradicted, it is fair to assume that they were, it seems to me that there is a valuable lesson to be learned

from them by other large employers of labor.

It was claimed that he has never had any strikes among his employees for the reason that he anticipated their needs and improved labor conditions before they got to the point of demanding such improvement. This is in striking contrast to the policy of many employers who crowd their help to the limit of endurance, and when they are forced to strike, resist their demands for better conditions as long as possible.

It was also claimed that Mr. Bird has always paid decent living wages and treated his workers like men, being willing that the workers who contributed to his prosperity should share in it to a reasonable degree. His employees are not unionized, though he is not opposed to unionism, for the reason that he gives them voluntarily better wages, better hours and better working conditions than the union in that trade demands. It is not surprising that under such circumstances the help do not feel the need of a union.

Another point brought in the advertisement is remarkable. It was stated that an employee who had been in his service for ten years continuously and had lived in one of the Bird tenements and paid his rent promptly, was at the end of ten years, given a clear deed of the place. There is only one slight point of difference in this practice and that of most manufacturers. Pretty nearly all of them collect the value of their employees in rent in ten years, but mightily few give the deed at the end of that period, and herein lies the point of difference.

Mr. Bird himself stated on the stump that in spite of the liberal and humane policy he has pursued during his business career, he has accumulated more money than he could use if he should live four times as long as in the course of nature he can hope to live. All of which goes to prove that it is at least possible to accumulate property and at the same time treat the people who make the accumulation of property possible, decently and like human beings, rather than mere working cattle.

In Mr. Bird's case this seems to have proved a good business policy and it is a pity the policy were not more generally pursued. It is a subject for profitable thought. V. T. E.

PORTO RICO'S NEW WONDER. From far away Porto Rico come reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marchan, of Barcelona, writes: "I recently discovered a cure for my ailment. I have cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also my brother of a severe cold. For throat and lung troubles it has no equal. A trial will convince you of its merit. 50c and \$1.00 trial bottle free. Guaranteed by William Brown, Ayer.

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NOTICE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

District of Massachusetts Pursuant to the Rules of the District Court of the United States, for the District of Massachusetts, notice is hereby given that JOHN D. CARNY, Esq., in said district, has applied for admission as an Attorney and counselor of such District Court.

CHARLES K. DARLING, Clerk. Boston, November 19, 1912. 3t11

Mortgagee's Sale

By virtue of and pursuant to a certain mortgage deed given by Frederick A. Sherwin and Bessie E. A. Sherwin, wife of the said Frederick A., in her own right, to Frank D. Lewis, dated October 12, 1907, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, book 3331, page 595, and for breach of conditions of said mortgage deed, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on the premises hereinafter described on Saturday, the 21st day of December A. D. 1912, at ten o'clock in the A. M., all and singular the premises described in said mortgage deed to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Groton Center in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the Northwesteasterly side of Station Avenue and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound at said avenue and at land of the Worcester, Nashua and Rochester Railroad Company; thence Northeasterly by said avenue sixty two (62) feet to a stake and stones; thence Northwesteasterly by land of Mary W. Shattuck one hundred and thirty five (135) feet to land of William A. Lawrence; thence Southwesteasterly by said Lawrence land sixty two (62) feet to land of said Railroad Company; thence Southeasteasterly by land of said Railroad Company one hundred and thirty seven (137) feet to the point of beginning.

The above described premises will be sold subject to the conditions contained in a deed from Mary W. Shattuck to Henry M. Adams, recorded with aforesaid deed, book 2354, page 524, accrued interest, unpaid taxes, tax sales or other municipal liens if any.

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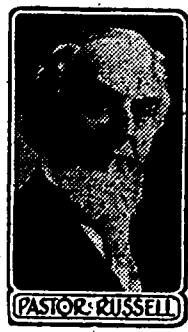
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A Complete Answer to the Query, "Who Ordained Him?"

The Whole Subject Clarified For the Public Benefit—Clergy and Laity Unscriptural Terms.



Albany, N. Y., Nov. 17.—As always, Pastor Russell got the crowds today. We report his discourse on Ministerial Ordination and Titles. Very evidently it is a reply to an attack recently made upon him by a Mr. W. T. Ellis, field editor of The Continent, and alias, the "Religious Rambler." Ellis claims that Pastor Russell's ordination as Pastor is fraudulent. The address shows that Pastor Russell fully understands the situation. He fully justified his position before his vast audience and showed up the "Rambler" editor in the unenviable light of either being ignorant of the subjects discussed, or attempting to deceive the public. His text was, "Not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead" (Gal. 1, 1). He said—

The time has come for telling the people what the Bible teaches respecting ordination to teach and preach. The doctrine of Apostolic Succession started in the second century A. D. The bishops claimed that they had the same authority that Jesus gave to the twelve Apostles. Upon this claim they ordained the inferior clergy.

This principle is wholly unscriptural. According to the Bible, the Church of Christ is not composed of two parts, clergy and laity. Jesus declared, "All ye are brethren; One is your Master, Christ." St. Paul shows that in the early Church the ministers were the servants of the flock. They were of the people, chosen by them by the stretching forth of the hand.

Many of the reformers coveted the titles accorded the Catholic clergy. They did not care to let the congregation that its word was supreme, and that its ministers were merely its servants. Others, realizing that these titles were unscriptural, declined to use them; preferring to be called pastor. My Bible Student associates, knowing my objection to the title "Reverend," address me as Pastor. I am the elected Pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle congregation, and also of the London Tabernacle congregation, and I fall to see ground for criticism in this respect, nor do I attack Christian brethren who accept other and unscriptural titles.

Must Pastors Be Ordained?

Ordination is necessary to the office of pastor. The question is, What constitutes an ordination to preach amongst the people of God?

This question has received various answers. The Roman, Anglican and Greek Churches, claiming Apostolic Succession, declare that authorization to preach must come through their apostle-bishops, and have not allowed Protestant ministers to enter their pulpits—until the Episcopalians, about a year ago granted this concession. Of course, if their proposition were correct, I am just as much unordained as all other Protestant ministers—and no more.

Each denomination at its beginning was opposed by all others; yet each taught that the clergy were separate from the laity. Only since the organization of the Evangelical Alliance (1846) have the different sects of Christendom acknowledged each other's ordinations. Each denomination makes use of such ceremonies as it deems proper. If, therefore, the congregation of Christian believers in Brooklyn and London ordain or appoint me as their pastor, it is their own choice what ceremonies, if any, shall accompany that ordination. Who can dispute this? No Protestant denomination, surely; for their own ordinations are on this very basis.

The subject of ordination seems to have fallen into confusion during the Dark Ages. St. Paul particularly emphasizes the fact that he did not receive his commission as preacher and Apostle of Christ from his brother Apostles, but by Divine authorization. This is the Scriptural principle underlying Divine Ordination to the ministry of Christ.

No denomination claims that the ordination of its ministers either made or kept them perfect. All admit that there have been sad failures amongst their ordained ministers. Neither would they claim that ordination has given their ministers superior discernment of Divine Truths. On the contrary, it has injured the clergy by making many of them domineering and lordly, contrary to the spirit and teachings of Christ and the Apostles; and the laity by leading them to conclude that merely secular matters should engage their attention.

The True Ordination.

Finally the Pastor showed the true ordination to be the impartation of the Holy Spirit. Whoever receives this has God's authority to be His ambassador and mouthpiece. Such show the work of the Holy Spirit regenerating their minds and hearts, giving them insight into the Scriptures, and enabling them to be God's mouthpieces, ministers of His Truth.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Leslie, of Waltham, Mass., recently spent a day with Mr. Leslie's brother, H. A. Leslie, West Hollis.

Willis C. Hardy fell quite a distance in his barn recently which might have proved serious. He returned home in the evening and let his horse into the barn in the dark, forgetting the barn floor was full of corn, a bag of which tripped Mr. Hardy, causing him to fall on the sharp edge of a barrel, cutting his lip and chin quite badly and breaking out two teeth. For several days his lip was so badly swollen it was difficult for him to speak, but the wound is doing nicely.

Henry Worcester, of Lowell, is visiting his cousins, the Worcester brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Read left home on Monday morning to visit Mrs. Read's brother in Weymouth, Mass.

Mrs. E. F. Goodwin was called to Mass. on an urgent errand to her friend last week. She remained several days, visiting relatives, and returned on last Saturday.

James Jewett, of South Framingham, Mass., returned home on last Tuesday, visiting his two brothers in Hollis for several days.

Miss Florence Kidder entered the employ of the central telephone and Times' office on last Saturday.

Mrs. Lucy Jenkins, of Pepperell, is visiting at Mrs. E. F. Goodwin's.

On last Sunday a letter was read from Rev. W. A. Richmond, of Fort Fairfield, Me., declining the call extended to him from the Hollis Evangelical church and society last month. The church at Fort Fairfield absolutely refused to accept his resignation, going to his house in a body at the close of the meeting and pleading with Mr. and Mrs. Richmond to withdraw the resignation. He felt his duty was to remain in that place.

The Sunday school, both the main department and primary, are having five-minute missionary exercises on the country of China, each Sunday. Illustrations being given on the subject.

Mrs. C. W. Smith was recently called to Roxbury to attend the funeral of her mother. She returned home last week.

Rev. Mr. Stearns, of Concord, occupied the pulpit on last Sunday forenoon, at the invitation of the New Hampshire Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief. He presented the topic in a most effective manner, impressing the audience with the importance of the work of the Christian Church.

The W. C. T. U. met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. F. A. Lovejoy. They are getting a barrel of literature ready to send to the lumber camps in the interest of the lumberman's department.

At the Sunday school last Sunday it was voted to take a special collection on Sunday in response to appeals from the Orphans' Home in Franklin, and the American Sunday School Union for help in furnishing Thanksgiving dinners to children of poor families. The amount of the collection is to be divided between these two objects. It is hoped everyone will attend and be sure to bring their pocketbooks.

Miss Clara E. Smith and Miss Agnes F. Tenney attended the wedding of Miss Helen Field in Newton, Mass., on last week Friday.

Charles E. Hardy, of the Brookdale farm, took the sweepstakes prize for the best exhibit of Baldwin apples at the fruit show in Portland, Me., last week.

The Nevins quartet, of Fitchburg, assisted by Miss Ruth Carleton, led in a vocal solo and recital at the town hall on Monday evening for the benefit of the chemical engine company. Dancing was enjoyed after the concert.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Current Events.

Flora Kimball, of Milford, and George Newton, of Beverly, Mass., have been recent guests of Mrs. Ellen Swett.

Mrs. Sarah Colburn has a lobster cactus which has fifty-six large blossoms and quite a number of buds to bloom. It surely is worth going to see.

Mrs. James Hill is expected home from St. Joseph's hospital this week. Mrs. Hill hopes to see her friends as soon as she is able to do so.

Mrs. Perkins is visiting her mother at Mason.

A full blooded Scotch collie dog was found dead in a field near the residence of Alpha A. Hall. The board of health was notified and took care of the dog.

Two friends of Mrs. Perley L. Pierce, from Waltham, Mass., are camping in one of Mr. Pierce's camps, to spend a while hunting deer.

Mrs. Lucretia Martin and daughter Esther were in Boston, Cambridge and Somerville on last Saturday.

Millie Beverly has been a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. George Dodge.

The personal property, furniture, etc., of the late John F. Goss was sold at public auction at his late home on the Pepperell road on last Saturday. Among the sales was a large number of valuable books which cost Mr. Porter quite a bit of money, and which were prized very highly by him.

At the Pomona meeting at Amherst, N. H., last week, Arthur A. Goss was presented with five dollars, with which he purchased a grange pin. Although taken by surprise, he was equal to the situation and responded with pleasing remarks, thanking the officers and members for the gift. Mr. Goss is a past master of Pomona grange.

Several of the ice men are at work blasting in the Nisissett river to facilitate the flow of ice chips made while cutting, which have made so much trouble along the line.

Mrs. Ellen Swett is preparing to spend the winter at Nashua, N. H.

Several of our townsmen went to Nashua last week to take the civil service examination for postmaster.

Grange.

At the meeting of Brookline grange the first and second degrees were worked on one candidate. The question: Resolved, "That women should be encouraged to compete with men in business," was opened by Mrs. Barber. Mrs. Barber thought women could compete with men as well as men, like a captain of a vessel, on the board of education, road commissioner, mail carrier and others where they filled the positions equally as well, and if anything, she thought a little better than men, and if they are not competent why are they there? Mrs. Barber read a part of an interesting paper, but there

was not time for the whole paper. Dr. Holcombe spoke in the negative. Mrs. Clara Russell read a book of chronicles which she wrote upon the sisters' entertainments. "When all were children again and at school at Blueberry Corner"; also upon the minstrel entertainment given later by the "Brothers."

The judges had declared the brothers had won the supper and earned it, so after vocal selections by Louise Bailey and Will Randall, with a chorus of ten, which received hearty applause, Mrs. Russell announced that the oyster supper was ready. The men who took part in the minstrel led the march, followed by the guests and members of Brookline grange. After listening to the "oyster supper" prepared and served by Clara Russell and her assistants. The menu served was a feast fit for a king. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Russell and the sisters.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Swett of Dedham, Mass.; Mr. Andrews, Mr. Pillsbury, Mr. Stevens and Miss Holmes, of Pepperell.

From the abundance of food left from the supper after serving fifty-nine, a ten-cent supper was served on Thursday night and a social enjoyed.

Frank Corning, the district deputy, is expected to visit Brookline grange on November 29, for inspection of the grange.

News Items.

J. S. H. Tucker has been a recent guest in town from Nashua.

Mrs. James Hill returned from the St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perkins spent the week-end at Milford, N. H.

Samuel Swett was in Milford Tuesday.

Wednesday evening the third and fourth degree will be conferred at Brookline grange; it will also be deputy inspection.

Alfred S. Barnaby left town for Springfield, Mass., on Thursday, where he expects to spend the winter.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Catherine Sherry is teaching in Maynard.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Page and daughter returned to New York on last week Friday. While here they had many pleasant drives to the neighboring towns.

Mrs. James Braham has been visiting her sister in Melrose this week.

Andrew Walker has gone to Spruce to stay several weeks with his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Littlefield spent the week-end with the Hemlins at Framingham.

Miss Laura Brown spent several days last week with friends in Attleboro.

Clarence Braham and family moved into Marigold cottage on Wednesday. The cottage has been enlarged, a new well dug and several other improvements made.

The lumber has arrived for Alfred Cobleigh's new house which is to be built near the house he now occupies.

Charles Waite is making some alterations to his house, and putting up a large henhouse.

Arthur Brown is on a hunting trip in New Hampshire.

Word comes from Whittingsville that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halliday are rejoicing over the birth of a little girl. Mrs. Halliday was formerly Eva Coleman, of this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis, of Groton, attended church here on last Sunday to celebrate their wedding anniversary and meet old friends of Mrs. Lewis, who taught school here at this time.

A letter from Morton White states that his wife died at Moncton, N. B., on October 21, after a two-year illness. As Jessie Rae Beattie, she was a popular teacher at the Grove school.

Mabel Lawrence celebrated her birthday on last Saturday by a day's pleasure in Boston and seeing "My best girl" at the Boston Theatre on the evening. Sunday evening, with a party of friends from Lynn, she attended the Symphony concert.

C. B. Robbins attended the meeting of the cattle inspectors called by the cattle bureau commissioners at the State house on last week Friday.

Mrs. Maud Pratt, who has been in Portland for several weeks, is now the guest of her niece, Mrs. John Whitcomb.

Hunters are plenty, but as yet no deer have been killed here, although they are often seen in several parts of the town.

Wedding.

On Saturday evening, November 16, Ralph Earle Whitcomb and Mabel Gertrude Livermore were married at the bride's home. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. H. Viets.

Ralph Whitcomb is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb and one of our most popular young men. For several years he has been on the board of selectmen and has held prominent offices in the grange.

Miss Livermore, although a short time a resident here, has won many friends. She is a talented musician and much of her time is spent away from home, as she is a member of a Boston orchestra and has pupils there and in suburban towns.

The only guests at the wedding besides the immediate families were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee and daughter Mabel and Mrs. Mary Pratt, all relatives of the groom, and three intimate girl friends of the bride from Watertown.

The bride wore a beautiful purple brocaded silk dress with white lace trimmings and carried a bouquet of white pinks. The bride's dress was of unusual interest because it was worn by the groom's grandmother when she was married many years ago. Made over into modern style, it made a becoming gown for the fair bride.

There were many presents of money, linen, china dinner set and various pieces of silver. Refreshments were served and Waldo Livermore, brother of the bride, was the lucky one to get the ring in the bride's cake.

The couple left in a waiting automobile, followed by showers of confetti and many good wishes for their future happiness. They will spend the winter in Bide-a-Vee cottage.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Rev. Robert Bryant, of Hanson, occupied the pulpit in the Congregational church here last Sunday. He came as a candidate and was accompanied by Mrs. Bryant. Both expressed themselves as well pleased with the church, the parsonage and general

conditions as they found them. The congregation and society also seemed well pleased with them, and indications are that he will be given a call to this church.

Augustus Taylor moved into his new house last week, which is now occupying on Massachusetts avenue, near that of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis. Quite a village is developing in that section of the town. Several new houses have already been built, and others are well on the road to completion and others still are to be built next year upon lots already purchased. George Winchester's new house on Leominster road is finished and only awaits a tenant. It is a very pretty cottage and situated so near the center and the electric cars, that it makes a very desirable place for a home.

James McAllister removed to Leominster about a week ago, and Benjamin Merrill has taken his family into the cottage vacated by Mr. McAllister at the corner of Stevens street and Francis avenue.

Hunters have been plenty all this week, on foot, bicycle, motorcycles, teams and automobiles, traveling alone and in companies, but so far only one resident of the town has reported himself as winning the much-sought-for deer. Several have been shot within the limits of the town, but by outsiders.

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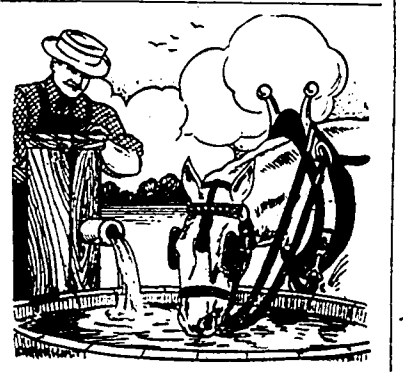
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PEPPERELL.

Current Events.
Miss Fannie Peabody of Lunenburg visited her cousins, Mrs. E. M. Andrews and Miss H. L. Lawrence, at East village last week.

Miss Susie Andrews has been visiting in Boston and vicinity this week, returning Thursday.

Rev. Dr. Kennedy of Holyoke was entertained on Tuesday of this week by Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Stratton at the Methodist parsonage. On Tuesday evening he conducted the quarterly conference at that church in place of Rev. G. H. Spencer, who is very much out of health.

Mrs. H. C. Thurston has been confined to her home lately by lameness caused by rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett expect to start for California the first of next month. They will spend two months with Mrs. Bennett's brother, near San Francisco.

Intelligence was received in town last week of the death of the three-months' old daughter, Helen Elizabeth, of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hagar of North Dana. Mrs. Hagar was Miss Marion Webber, daughter of Rev. Putnam Webber, formerly in this town, and her many friends in town sympathize with her in her bereavement.

Mrs. Lucius Wilson has been quite ill at her home in the town and was at one time confined to her room. Her condition at present writing is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Georginanna Kimball will visit in Boston next week, remaining over Thanksgiving with her son.

Mrs. Maud Hartwell of West Groton has been at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuller, a few days this week.

Miss Jessie Steeves, who was obliged to undergo an operation for appendicitis at the Massachusetts General hospital, some weeks ago, is now convalescent and is at her home. Recovery seemed slow. She came on Tuesday of this week to spend a few weeks with her cousin, Mrs. Albert Koch on Tucker street.

Hunters in this vicinity have been making the most of their privilege this week and several deer have been brought down as a result. A fine, large one was strung up on the band stand before the time limit was many hours old. The hunters in the vicinity of Heald's pond report good sport, though some of the deer are very many dogs in operation to be strictly in compliance with the law.

Grant Heckle has resigned his position as superintendent in the finishing room at the Nashua River Paper corporation and will shortly remove with his family to Ohio, where he has been offered a similar position. Mr. and Mrs. Heckle have made many friends during their short stay in town and will be much missed.

George Parker, shipping clerk at the Pepperell Card and Paper Co., is still confined to his home on Main street, as the result of the injury to his foot more than two months ago. He is only able to get out on the piazza on pleasant days.

Arthur Bartlett has moved from his tenement at the upper end of High street into the Jewett double tenement on Main street, recently vacated by M. L. Bartlett.

Mrs. John Babb of Shirley, formerly of this town, was the guest of Miss Vida Patch this week.

Mrs. Walter H. Drury has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Bush, with her son from North Brookfield.

Elmer Weston has been putting in a new boiler at the Elkins lodging house on Groton street. It is understood that Mrs. Elkins contemplates moving there soon.

Norton, the photographer, moved his family and studio paraphernalia to Watertown this week.

Station Agent Harris and wife spent Friday at their old home, Merrimack, N. H.

Misses Esther and Jennie Taylor of Carlisle, daughters of Harry Taylor, are making their home for the present with Misses Eleanor and Josephine Lawrence on Park street.

It is reported that a new grocery store is to be opened by one LaCourse in the Hayward building, formerly occupied by Carboy.

Mrs. A. A. Blood, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett, returned to her home at Gardner Tuesday noon.

Elmer Andrews and wife visited Augustus Lawrence at Fitchburg Sunday and report him comfortable.

Mrs. Robert Early of Dorchester has been the guest of Mrs. N. S. Pike this week at her home on Main street.

Mrs. Norman Shattuck of Leominster was in town last week Friday, the guest of Mrs. Helen Pike.

The party of hunters who went to Connecticut lake, N. H., last week, returned Saturday bringing eleven deer.

Mrs. E. A. Gilson of Groton street has been at Lowell much of the time for the past week in attendance on her mother, who is very ill, as the result of a broken hip.

Church Fair.
The fair held by the L. A. S. at the Methodist vestries Wednesday and Thursday of this week was more than the usual success, owing to the excellently warm weather which prevailed on both days. The supper on Wednesday evening was nicely served and well worthy of the patronage it received. The entertainment Thursday evening, consisting of solos by Master Toward Shattuck on the violin and Misses Gertrude Cherry, Harriet Wright and Eva Shephardson on the piano, certainly reflected great credit on the young performers.

In the Tom Thumb wedding, which was repeated by request, the children all took their parts with very pleasing demureness. The miniature bride, Mary Butler, in her trailing robes and veil and the bridegroom, Horace Shephardson, in his tiny black dress suit, were certainly an ideal couple for this occasion. In the farce which followed, given by the older people, Miss Susie Andrews, as Sally, the servant girl, who proceeded in her own fashion to make a most curious "pie for the minister," was easily the star of the whole cast of characters, although all the parts were well taken.

A social time followed with a sale of Lupton's famous ice cream and other articles.

Center.
The hunting party consisting of William Kemp, Silas Nokes, of Pepperell, and Walter Rockwood and Clarence Stuckey, of Townsend, came in on the 4:35 train last Saturday with eleven fine deer. Mr. Nokes said he is quite sure they lost two more by not being able to follow the tracks on account of a heavy snow.

Charles Norton is leaving Pepperell to occupy rooms at Watertown square. His many friends will be sorry to see him go as he did very fine work in photography, especially on an amateur.

Mrs. Hattie Allen, of Elm street, leaves the first of the week to spend the winter in St. Louis.

Dr. R. E. Carter, of Fitchburg, spent Sunday at his home in Pepperell.

Harry Foster, Frank Bennett, F. Hiley and Charles Spaulding were among the lucky ones to shoot a deer on Monday, the first open day.

Ivis Sherman, of West Townsend, shot a fine buck on Monday.

Three large flocks of wild geese were seen in a few hours on last week Friday.

Mrs. William Jenkins, of Park street, is visiting at Mrs. Henry Goodwin's in Hollis.

News Items.
The Pepperell Woman's club will have a sectional conference to be held on December 3, at Prescott hall at two o'clock. They have secured Dr. Young, of Boston, who will speak on "Sex hygiene," and Dr. Mary Salona Holmes, of Worcester, who will speak on "Infectious diseases." This lecture is free to all ladies and girls sixteen years and over in town, and all the surrounding towns will be invited.

Herbert Clark, of Watertown, will give an entertainment in Prescott hall on Monday evening, December 2, at eight o'clock, for the benefit of the senior class. Mr. Clark comes highly recommended as an entertainer and singer. Following the entertainment there will be dancing and ice cream and cake will be on sale. It is hoped that all who can will help this class.

The Ladies' Social Circle of the Unitarian church will hold their annual fair on Thursday afternoon and evening, December 5, consisting of fancy and useful articles.

The Woman's club had a very interesting meeting on Tuesday afternoon. The address was given by Miss Mabel Gillespie, of Boston. The subject was on labor organizations for women. Miss Gillespie was a very able speaker and very entertaining.

George Jenks has purchased of E. E. Tarbell the stock in trade, tools, etc., of the J. E. Hingley blacksmith shop on Groton street, and took possession on Monday morning. Mr. Jenks' reputation as a blacksmith needs no comment, and we feel his success is assured.

George A. Jaques, son of Mrs. C. G. Hamlett, Pepperell, passed away at his home in Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday, November 16, after a short illness. His body was sent here for burial and taken in charge by Roland Blaney and Clarence, who was with him in Florida; two sisters—Mrs. C. H. Hildreth and Mrs. A. C. Billings, both of Worcester; also, his aged mother, Mrs. C. G. Hamlett. He was sixty-six years of age, and was a former resident of this town.

Frank Murray, Harold Farley are each reported as having shot one.

D. E. Weston is putting in a new steam heater in the Riverside home of Mrs. A. E. Elkins, Groton street.

The deer season opened on Monday with record kills. Mr. Foster, of the Burkinshaw Co., Fred Bennett, Frank Bennett, James Freeman, Ernest Baker, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Savage,

since her marriage over forty-eight years ago. She joined the church in that town on September 4, 1864, and, as long as she was able, was a faithful attendant, always ready to aid in every good work and giving liberally of her substance for its support. She had also been a member of Fruitdale grange, nearly ever since it was organized. She was beloved by all and will be greatly missed in the church and town and in the home where she has so long resided.

The funeral was held at her late residence on Wednesday afternoon of last week at two o'clock. Rev. C. F. Hill Crathern, of Park street church, Worcester, a former pastor, officiated and gave a fine eulogy. Four grandsons—Fred and Eugene Whitaker, Herbert and George Wilson—were bearers. Another grandson, Everett Whitaker, was undertaker.

She leaves two step-daughters, Mrs. Ella Wilson, of West Townsend, and Mrs. Marcia Russell, of Methuen, and a step-son, Heron Whitaker.

The floral tributes from the family, grange and friends were unusually beautiful. The interment was in Prospect Hill cemetery by the side of her husband.

Methodist Church Notes.
Rev. P. R. Stratton will take for his subject on Sunday morning "The stone and the image." At seven in the evening the union Thanksgiving service will be held at the Methodist church. Special music is being prepared by a union choir, composed of the members of the several churches in town. Rev. Dudley R. Child, pastor of the Unitarian church, will preach the Thanksgiving sermon. There will be a violin solo by Miss Lovejoy.

The Epworth League will hold their Bright Hour service at six in the evening. Subject, "Enriching others through self-giving." Leader, Miss Helen L. Lawrence.

The quiet hour service for devotion and worship will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The study class of Sunday school teachers and workers will be held at 8:30.

Boom Pepperell.
We wish to call your attention at this time to the condition of Pepperell as a manufacturing center. The Buffalo Shoe Company has left us and it will be a very hard matter to replace the industry, yet the writer has inside information that there is a deal pending for the purchase of the plant which will benefit Pepperell to the town. Since the Single Service Company have taken up new quarters in Mr. Frossard's machine shop, their production will be doubly enlarged over the old location.

Mr. Frossard was never as busy as now filling a recent large order.

Messrs. H. Blake & Son have added a motor drive to their machine shop which will enlarge their production.

The A. Burkinshaw Knife Company are showing more activity than for several years.

H. A. Parker & Company are running their paper mill nights, some of their best in habitants can hardly remember.

The Pepperell Card and Paper Company are running three nights a week.

The Champion Card and Paper Company are also running nights.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gleason Company are in readiness to start full capacity which they for months have been fitting up for.

The Mould Shoe Company, Inc., is said, are now turning out five hundred pairs of ladies' and misses' shoes daily.

The Nashua River Paper Corporation are adding new machinery to increase their already mammoth business. It would not be amiss to say that the company is handling an average of over five hundred tons per week in freight alone. Business is booming!

Ask your cashier how deposits compare with the month a year ago. Ask your postmaster how the mail compares with a year ago. Ask the railroad agents how their tonnage compares with a year ago. Ask your expressman the same. Look over the charges in bills paid in your mail. See if you can count ten empty tenements in town.

This has all come about gradually by cooperation. If you would continue the growth become one of us. Spend every cent you can in Pepperell, patronize every home business, buy everything you require here, help every man who pays rent or taxes or hires townsmen, in fact become an integral part of the town. If you can't do this in a short year, what could we all do?

We have two local papers in town. What are you, Mr. Merchant, doing to support them? Have you any prenuptial charges in town? Are you, Mr. Merchant, a depositor?

We have stores in town. Do you, Mr. Merchant, buy all the goods you use personally in town. Do you consider a large percentage of the town charges in taxes by these same merchants? Do you understand that to increase their sales is to boom Pepperell?

And now, Mr. Citizen, if you purchase of one who has no interests in this town, but will merchandise in Nashua, Lowell, Boston, or elsewhere, how are you helping Pepperell? Your cooperation is necessary, believe in Pepperell, talk Pepperell, live in Pepperell, but don't be a dead one!

Decided Improvement.
We don't think there has been sufficient mention of the expenditure of the town's money in the east part of the town and to any of the townsmen who have not already seen the improvement of the road which we feel is well worth their trouble to investigate it. We now have a completed concrete walk from the corner of railroad crossing on Groton street to the corner of Mill, the banking on Jewett hill has been cut away, the street widened almost three feet, a new grade established, and road straightened, which now has the appearance of a very busy thoroughfare, lessening the traffic danger as it is now possible to see approaching vehicles, when before it was impossible. The filling as taken from the hill has been used to grade the approach to our new iron bridge across the Nissitissit river. A new cipher path with gutting stone has been laid out from the corner of Groton street down to and across the bridge. There has also a street drain been laid with catch basin put in, and in the estimation of the writer, all has the finger marks of Warren Granger.

As you approach the new bridge going north on Mill street, you will at once be pleased with the neatness of the iron girders, concrete base, with gravel filling, making a continuous bed of the same road, and the rail is painted red as are the guard rails running up to it. There has been a change in the electric light poles, so that the lighting is perfect. All the construction does credit to our present board of selectmen and those in charge. We believe that this is a truly good bridge, built upon a high and sound basis, and it is a credit to the men who are responsible for it. It is in the center of the bridge is a plate giving the name of the contracting concern, the building concern and the name of the three selectmen.

Death.
Mrs. Mary J., widow of George Whittaker, of Masco, N. H., passed away on Saturday, November 10, at the age of 81 yrs. 7 mos. 22 days. Her former home was in Pepperell, but she has been a resident of Mason

Making A Success.
It is strongly evident the present manager, J. F. Reagan, has profited where others have failed in the moving picture venture. The last three Wednesday evenings there has been a show under his management in the Opera House which has merited a large audience. Every condition which makes a perfect entertainment has been carefully worked out—warm theatre, good ventilation, a pianist who follows the pictures, songs in harmony with the picture, interesting subjects have been well put on and the film service the best, and with the special feature, two real shows included, make an entertainment characteristic of Mr. Reagan. Anna Knowles, Miss Inez McMurray, reel is repeated at the end of the show, giving the late comers an opportunity to see the whole show. We also note the commencement of the show is punctually at eight.

TOWNSEND.
Center.
Stephen Farrar was injured at the Townsend Granite Company's ledge on last Friday, having his foot quite severely crushed by a heavy rock. He will be laid up some little time, but is getting along as well as can be expected. George Kink is driving his team.

Charles and Albert Howard witnessed the football game at Worcester on Saturday afternoon between Holy Cross and Worcester Tech. Their brother David is captain of the Tech team.

Earl Blakely, of Medford, a friend of Bert Gurley's visited at William Gurley's last week with Bert.

Herbert Bowley captured a deer on Thursday.

HOLLIS, N. H.
Current Events.
Sylvanus J. Talbot of Little Egg Harbor, N. J., made a few days' visit last week with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hayden. From here he went to Lynn, Mass., to make a short stop.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Herrick attended the Harvard-Dartmouth game at Cambridge on last Saturday and returned home on Monday. Mr. Herrick is a graduate at Dartmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert McNay and children are going to move to West Townsend the first of the week. Mr. McNay is to be employed at Stuckney's mill.

William Henry Worcester of Lowell spent Sunday with his cousins, Mrs. Samuel and Brooklyn Worcester. On Monday he called on relatives and friends in town.

Miss Lizzie Haskell of Boston has returned home after spending a few weeks at Lester J. Hayden's.

John Henry Rideout drove to Townsend on last week Friday and visited with the ladies of Pearl Hill (Beekah lodge), with Mrs. H. M. Downs as chairman. George A. Bills acted as toastmaster during the evening and speeches were in order by several members of the various lodges, and a musical program was given by the Odd Fellows orchestra.

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Thanksgiving Mark Down in Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats

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Miss Florence Kidder of Frances-town is working in A. F. Hildreth's office.

Ralph H. Powers, of Wallingford, Conn., is visiting his uncle, M. J. Powers.

George C. Cobb moved his family to Worcester, Mass., this week where he has opened a wholesale store.

Ira White, who has been employed for some time at Charles E. Hardy's fruit farm, has left town for Pittsfield, where he has purchased a farm.

Miss Olive Clement returned the first of the week from a trip to Boston and vicinity, where she has been visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Georgiana Kimball, of East Pepperell was in town the latter part of last week.

SHIRLEY.

Surprise Party.
Miss Bessie Dadmun was tendered a surprise party on Thursday evening at her home on Center road by a number of her friends, the occasion being Miss Dadmun's twenty-fifth birthday.

Miss Dadmun was the merry hostess, which was the motive that prompted her friends to assemble at her home and recognize the event in a manner that would not soon be forgotten.

The guests of the evening planned the affair very admirably and the pleasant feature of the evening occurred when Mrs. Alice L. Wright, in behalf of the company of well-wishing guests, presented Miss Dadmun with a gold chain and pendant, and in doing so voiced the sincere sentiments of affection and esteem of the donors. Miss Dadmun responded with cordial words of thanks and in a voice that gave unmistakable evidence of her appreciation. Other gifts were also showered upon the surprised hostess, which indeed made the evening one of fond memories for all concerned in this celebration of Miss Dadmun's birthday anniversary. Games were played and refreshments served.

Those present were: Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Burrage, Miss Vella Balch, Miss M. A. Ramsden, Mrs. H. W. McCoy, Mrs. A. L. Wright, Miss Rena Churchill, Miss Bertha McMurray, Miss Emma Knowles, Miss Inez McMurray, Mrs. T. E. Whitaker, Mrs. Harry Collyer, Miss Nina Holbrook, Miss Annie P. Holbrook and Miss Helen Balch.

Pleasantly Entertained.
Apollo lodge, I. O. O. F., of Fitchburg entertained members of Fredonian lodge of Shirley; Robert Burns lodge of Ayer; North Star lodge of Townsend, and the lodges of Groton and Pepperell at their regular meeting on Wednesday evening.

The regular business meeting was held in Odd Fellows' hall, after which a banquet and entertainment was given in G. A. R. hall. A delightful supper was served under the direction of the ladies of Pearl Hill Beekah lodge, with Mrs. H. M. Downs as chairman. George A. Bills acted as toastmaster during the evening and speeches were in order by several members of the various lodges, and a musical program was given by the Odd Fellows orchestra.

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LITTLETON.

Thanksgiving Plans.
A few Thanksgiving notes have come to our attention. The union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Congregational church at 10:45 next Thursday forenoon and Rev. H. L. Caulking will preach the sermon.

Miss Marcia Bowman, a teacher in Cambridge, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, of Foster street, will spend Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Wilcox, on King street.

Hon. George W. Sanderson and daughters will dine with Judge Sanderson's family in Ayer. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Kimball entertain his brothers and sisters; also, Charles Edwards, of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Frey, of Chelmsford; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Blood and son Donald, of Yonkers, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Clement Kimball, of St. Albans, Vt.

The Fred S. Kimball family dine with Mr. and Mrs. George H. Kimball. W. E. Conant's family spend the holiday with the George Wright family in Lowell. Miss Wallace, of Chelsea, will be the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Packard. Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb entertain her brothers and sisters and their families; also, Miss Mabel Webber, of Boston.

Mrs. Mary J. Priest expects her children and grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Yapp entertain his father and the Yapp brothers and sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Titcomb have Mr. and Mrs. Ora Titcomb and Miss Maria Fletcher, of Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kimball entertain her father and the MacKinley brothers and sisters. At J. P. Thacher's, Grandpa Thacher and Miss Elizabeth and Mr. and Mrs. George Thacher, of Lunenburg. Miss Marion Whitcomb has two Mt. Ida seminary friends at her home. Mrs. Jennie Couper entertains the Allen Kimball family. Heywood Knowlton entertains his room-mate, William A. Reynolds, of Delaware.

Wedding Anniversary.
On Monday evening, November 18, the thirty-third anniversary of their wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Austin T. Kimball, were treated to a banquet and surprise by many of their Newtown and West End friends, who called at their home about eight o'clock and asked permission to help celebrate the event. The guests were cordially welcomed and after an exchange of greetings all entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion.

Mrs. John Lemley contributed much to the entertainment by instrumental music and an interesting and informal talk on Norway, a country included in her recent itinerary. Geo. A. Cook sang two good songs, accompanied at the piano by Miss Fannie Sanderson. Charles A. Kimball, in behalf of the guests, presented Mr. and Mrs. Kimball with a carriage lamp and the host accepted the gift in grateful and appreciative manner. Other members of the company made entertaining minute speeches on subjects assigned in short notice. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake and confectionery were served.

At an early hour the party broke up and the several guests, after repeated congratulations and expressions of pleasure, all returned to their various homes.

Tuesday evening a crowded house greeted Prof. Wilmet B. Mitchell of Bowdoin college, Lecturer of the Fairchild introduced the speaker, who gave an illustrated lecture on "A pep at our mother country." Prof. Mitchell speaks in easy manner, clear and pleasant voice, using graphic descriptions and choice English. His views are clear and well selected. In his recent trip to the mother country his interests and observations were haunts of literary people, historical places, noted cathedrals and the colleges at Oxford, Liverpool, London, Lichfield, Chester, Stratford-on-Avon and Gracemer were full of interest to the tourist and the scenes and associations of those places were delightfully and ably portrayed by the lecturer and illustrated by stereopticon. A. Eugene Robbins assisted Prof. Mitchell in placing the slides and for the first time electricity was introduced by means of a temporary wire in throwing light upon the canvas.

News Advertisements.
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The GEN. BANCROFT ESTATE, Groton, or
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MONEY—A roll of bills was found in the town of Pepperell some weeks ago and is held subject to the owner's order. The Rev. Robert Drabridge has consented to receive inquiries about this matter and refer the parties who inquire to the holder of the money. Proof of ownership ought to be easy to make by the right party. 111

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