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HARVARD.

News Items.
 Sunday morning the sad news of the death of Mrs. Charles L. Clay, who died in North Dana on Saturday evening was received in town. She had lived here for thirteen years and was active in social and church work, as well as devoted to her home interests. Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Clay and son Lancaster, a high school student, in this loss which brings great sorrow to the otherwise happy home. Services were held at her late home on Tuesday morning and interment was in Littleton, N. H., her birthplace, on Wednesday morning.

The funeral services of Miss Clara Whitney was held at the home of H. F. Whitney, her brother, on last week Friday afternoon. Miss Whitney has made her home in Ayer since the death of her mother and the breaking up of the home, and died in that town quite suddenly last week Wednesday. She was a person of ability and refinement, but owing to ill health for many years, was not able to share the world's work. H. F. Whitney, Mrs. Gertrude Kingman and Mrs. Evelyn Smith were the only ones remaining out of the large family to pay the last tribute to her life and memory.

The union Christmas tree and entertainment at the town hall on Wednesday evening, December 23, at 7:30 o'clock, to which people of all denominations are cordially invited. The general committee would greatly appreciate small contributions to help defray necessary expenses. The committee in charge of this evening will be composed of Miss Grace Willard, Miss Josephine Baker, W. J. Kerley and R. A. Reed.

George Wetherbee, from Ohio, has been visiting his brother this week, Fred Wetherbee.

Walter A. Dickson started on Monday morning last for his trip to Florida and return. He will be gone several weeks and will give a portion of his time to the thorough study of conditions in the fruit regions of the southern states.

Miss Oona Webster, who has been at North Adams for the fall season, is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Webster.

Schools closed this week for the Christmas vacation.

There will be a meeting of the Harvard Women's Guild in aid of the Red Cross in the vestry of the Congregational church, on Saturday, December 19, between two and four o'clock. It is requested that all work be returned at that time.

Grange Notes.
 The Grange held their last meeting of the current year on Tuesday evening. The entertainment was in charge of the new members and the committee was H. A. Thayer, Miss F. J. Amaden and Rev. C. S. Bodwell. The program consisted of a piano duet, Miss

bought the place in 1709 of Benjamin, son of Major Simon Willard, and it was the southern school of the Major's large Still River farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins died in 1757, and willed all their property, including their negro slave Neptune to a "kinsman," Joseph Church. It was soon sold to Samuel Haskell, whose widow sold it to Joseph Atherton. Samuel Dudley bought the estate in 1797; he was a great-grandfather of the present owner, Mr. Dudley, who built a new house for himself on the opposite side of the street, which is now an old one. There is very little reason to doubt that the Blinow house, now one of the oldest standing in Harvard, is the original structure, and more than 200 years of age.

SHIRLEY.

The Altrurian club held their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, opening at three o'clock. Owing to the slight indisposition of the president, Mrs. Ely, the vice president, Miss Grace M. Kilduff, presided. Secretary, Mrs. Mary E. Lilly, read the report of the last meeting. The business being concluded, Frank C. Johnson, superintendent of schools, was then introduced, who gave a very instructive and interesting talk on education, and the Shirley schools especially the improvement of work accomplished by the high school during the last three years. Mr. Johnson also referred to the need of larger playgrounds and of a larger and better appointed school building. His questions were asked and answered by Mr. Johnson. The members present were greatly interested in his statements and a rising vote of thanks was given him. The meeting closed with a song, Mrs. Florence M. Ballou at the piano.

Don't forget the special Christmas show, both afternoon and evening, at Page hall, Ayer. Eight hundred of pictures and two vaudeville acts.

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton J. Lovell, of Henniker, N. H., were in town on Wednesday in order to attend the Trinity chapel Christmas tree.

The engagement is announced of Miss Rachel H. Lowe, of West Boylston, and George W. Martin, of Clinton. Both are employed at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will hold a noon tea from 12:30 to 2:30 on Saturday afternoon, December 19, at the home of Mrs. H. F. Groat. Fancy articles and candy will be on sale. Proceeds from fancy articles will be for the benefit of the Guild and that from the sale of tea and candy will be used to give a little Christmas cheer to "shut-ins."

Shirley Grange will hold a Christmas tree and entertainment on Wednesday evening, December 23. The program will consist of songs, recitations and exercises. Santa Claus will be present to distribute the presents on the tree. The children of the Center schools, with their parents, are invited to be present.

At the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening the reports of the delegates to the meeting of the Massachusetts State Grange in Worcester last week were heard. The remainder of the program consisted of songs and a discussion on the question which has assumed very serious proportions in the Center.

Mrs. Charles K. Bolton, of Brookline, were in town on Wednesday in order to attend the chapel Christmas tree.

L. J. Farnsworth, at the North, lost a valuable horse on Tuesday. Harry N. Brown was taking the pair of team horses to Ayer, and one of them fell down and was so badly injured that it was necessary to kill the animal.

The next meeting of the Matrons' Aid society will be held at the home of Mrs. George F. Buxton at Woodsville.

The annual Trinity chapel Christmas tree was held on Wednesday evening in the town hall and was well attended. E. J. Key, G. M. of the village gave a very interesting talk with views on Bulgaria and the surrounding country. A program of songs was also given by the young men from Groton School, who were present. Santa Claus appeared after the entertainment from his aeroplane direct from Europe. A cannonball had hit his back at sea, and his whole contents, but a suitcase full of presents was discovered and these were distributed to the children. Ice cream and cake were served, and a social hour was passed, following the giving out of the presents. The whole affair was a complete success.

A very pleasant social dance was held in the town hall on last Saturday evening with music furnished by Perry's orchestra of Ayer.

A little excitement was caused on Wednesday morning when the horse of Horace Harris, the local R. F. D. carrier, became frightened and ran home from near the home of Mr. Leavitt on Benjamin road. On account of the ice around the mail boxes Mr. Harris had to leave his team in the road at many places and walk to the boxes with the mail. As he was taking the mail to the box at the home of Mr. Leavitt on Wednesday morning an unexpected noise frightened the horse, which ran home. The horse became somewhat tangled in the harness and sleigh on the way, but very little damage was done.

The first regular meeting of the P. T. Tan Kappa club, formed by the pupils of Westley Weyman, was held recently at the home of Rev. Howard Duffield in New York city. Miss Sara A. Dunn was elected as the new chairman of the music committee. At the next meeting on January 11, Mr. Weyman will give a pianoforte recital.

An excellent musical was held at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow on last Sunday evening. The program consisted of vocal solos by Mrs. Fairbank of Fitchburg and Mr. Nickesell; vocal duet by Mrs. Groat and Mrs. and Mr. Nickesell; piano solos by Harold True, Shattuck and Miss Harriet Winslow; piano and organ duets by Frank J. Lawson and Mrs. Winslow. The piano and organ duet, "Gloria," was especially pleasing and was repeated.

Robert H. J. Holden of Harvard University was unable to spend the week-end at home as usual on account of a fraternity initiation.

London has a hospital which is in charge of women surgeons and is run entirely by women in all its departments.



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 - Men's Mocha Gloves, Lamb's Wool lined..... \$2.50 and \$3.00
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 - Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens..... 25¢ and 50¢
 - Men's Fur Gauntlet Driving Gloves..... \$1.50 to \$5.00
 - Boys' Wool Gloves and Mittens..... 25¢ and 50¢
 - Boys' Leather Gauntlets, lined and unlined..... 50¢
 - Children's Woolen Gloves and Mittens..... 15¢ and 25¢

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WESTFORD.

Center. Mrs. Fred L. Snow, who formerly lived in North Westford, and who moved to Tyngsboro about two years ago, is convalescing from a very severe attack of typhoid fever. Earlier in the season Mr. Snow was sick with the same disease.

Albert Heywood is resting comfortably from the effects of the fall last week at the John M. Fletcher chimpney fire, but was a pretty severe shaking up that he received.

A little son was born to Dr. and Mrs. O. V. Wells on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. L. W. Wheeler was a guest of Mrs. Edward Dickinson at her home in Billerica on Thursday of this week and was in attendance at president's day of the Elmeria Nineteen Hundred club, representing the Townsend club.

The annual women's ball scheduled for December 30, at the town hall, with Poole's orchestra, is to be one of the attractive social events of the winter season.

There will be special Christmas music at the churches on Sunday. The kale and entertainment at the Congregational vestry on last week Thursday evening proved successful, bringing out a good attendance. There were sales tables for useful and fancy articles and a table for the children with dolls and toys. Those in charge of the tables were Mrs. John P. Wright, Mrs. William C. Woodhouse, Mrs. Alfred W. Hartford and Mrs. Walter J. Merritt. Ice cream and cake were on sale and were in charge of Mrs. J. E. Knight and Mrs. Fhonise Bates. The entertainment, under the direction of Mrs. William H. Taylor, consisted of a dramatic skit entitled "Gone with the Wind," acted by Mrs. George A. Walker, Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Mrs. William H. Taylor and Mrs. Bert Walker. There were solos by Mrs. C. A. Blaney and Miss Marion Moreland. The vestry was a pretty trimmed with evergreen and red crepe paper.

The recently renovated stereopticon changed to work by electricity at the Congregational church proved very successful last Sunday evening when the pastor gave a lecture on "Missions in Madras." The numerous pictures were very clear and some of them very beautiful. There was special music by the chorus choir in charge of Mrs. Charles H. Wright, with violin obligato by Bert Walker. A very enjoyable musicale was given at the home of Misses Gertrude and Julia Fletcher on Wednesday evening when the opera Trovatore was read and as many of the selections as possible given on the Victrola. Notwithstanding the busy Christmas season the musicale was well attended and proved very enjoyable to all lovers of good music. This was given under the auspices of the music committee of the Tadmuck club.

A Senior society of the young people of the Congregational church has been organized with following officers and committee: Leonard Burland, pres.; Grace Houghton, vice-pres.; Mabel Prescott, sec.; Edna Day, treas. Committees—Harry Erlerson, social; Mrs. Wallace Lockout; Miss Moreland, music; Martha Symmes, missionary. Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening at 7.30.

Tadmuck Club. The meeting of the Tadmuck club on Monday afternoon was held in its regular quarters at Library hall after a series of festive meetings at the Congregational church. Records of these previous meetings were given by the secretary, Mrs. Hamme D. Wright, reported the fall meeting of the State Federation at Norwich which she attended, and Mrs. Cyril A. Blaney reported the Christmas conference at the recent food fair at Boston.

The program of the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, president of the club. Mrs. Charles O. Taylor, chairman of the health department, was the speaker of the afternoon. The speaker of the afternoon, Frank personally and her address was full of interest, covering many vital subjects. Her plea for better working conditions, good air, dental and optical care, freedom from accidents and cleanliness, especially among school children, was well outlined and the work of the open air schools and the Anti-tuberculosis league.

Special attention was called to the next meeting, January 13, when Mrs. J. Hickey, who spoke so effectively before the club last season, will give his lecture, "The food and his money." The club has now reached its limit of one hundred members and a waiting list, and the executive committee propose the following amendment to be acted upon at the next meeting: That Article 2, Section 2 of the By-Laws, which reads: "The number of members shall be limited to one hundred" be struck out entirely, and that sections 3 and 4 of the by-laws shall be numbered respectively 2 and 3.

About Town. Rev. Charles L. Skinner, of Auburn, Mass., has bought a Charles W. Reed farm on the Groton and Littleton road. He has retired as minister and is ready to attire as a farmer.

John A. Taylor, of North Dakota, acknowledges the incoming of a barrel of apples from the Groton or Bucker farm. They were shipped by fast freight and were only six weeks in reaching their destination. The weather in North Dakota had been ten below zero, but not better before any fast freight arrived.

Brookside mills have shut down for want of something to do. They have been on a steady go for a year or more and the stock down has been expected to be due about this time.

Charles A. Robey, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo H. Sutherland represented Middlesex-North Pomona Grange.

At a meeting of the new West Chimes Grange last week Thursday evening at Historical hall, the following officers were elected for the year 1915: Samuel Naylor, m. r. Florence Saxon, o. James Peck, w. J. D. Jones, s. w. Mrs. Olin Johnson, sec. Mrs. Samuel Naylor, chap. Charles S. Edwards, sec. William C. Woodhouse, ed. Mrs. J. E. Knight, Esther Reed, Cora; Bernice Brown, Pomona; Ellen Nelson, Flora; Mrs. A. Robarge, Mrs. Charles Byard, Mrs. Eva Carlson, ex. com. The next meeting will be held on the second Thursday evening in January. The meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday evenings in the month. It was decided to omit the next meeting which would fall on December 24.

The James Raphson family, living in the John H. Decatur cottage on the Lowell road, moved to Lowell on last Saturday.

The ice containing and slipping, sliding down around continued, the well water continued its vacation. The Stony Brook driven well in the neighborhood reliability. Not far from the well was a shortage of water on clear gone. Well what are we going to do about the well? Wait until Dr. Nature administers a sufficient shower bath.

Mr. W. A. Elliott was elected to the school board at the recent election in Lowell. He has been part of the summer contingent in Westford, living with his father, Thomas Elliott, at the summer home in the Nashobah district. His brother, Robert Elliott has just completed a fine summer home with commanding views of the land he bought of Miss Ella Hilditch, Grantville.

The children of the Sunday school of St. Catherine's church will present an unusually interesting program at the Christmas tree exercises to be given this year. Miss Catherine Conroy, who has been in charge of similar affairs for the church in the past, will have general charge this year, and the children are now busy rehearsing for this important event.

Excellent skating and skating has been enjoyed here during the week and the older persons appeared to enter into the spirit of the fun fully as much as the younger element.

L. S. Gilson, who was injured by falling on the ice here last week, is able to resume his usual duties as engineer at the mill of the Abbot Worcester Company.

There were several minor accidents here as a result of the icy condition of the streets last week, but nothing of a serious nature resulted.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Healy on Thursday, December 10.

Miss Fay Anthony, of Marblehead, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dubevoir.

Miss Anna Denahy, of Groton, has been spending the past few days with Mrs. and Mrs. James B. Healy. The children of the Sargent school held a very interesting program of Christmas exercises at the school building on Friday afternoon of last week, which was well presented and thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of parents and friends of the children who were present on this joyous occasion. The teacher should be highly commended for the excellent manner in which they drilled the children for the different parts. The school closed on Friday for the annual two weeks' Christmas vacation.

The members of Court Grantville, F. of A., held a well attended and interesting meeting in their rooms on Thursday night with Joseph Wall, chief ranger, in the chair. Business of importance was transacted and officers elected for the ensuing year. After the meeting a very enjoyable party was given during which a fine entertainment was given, followed by a supper.

Albert Heywood, who was injured by falling from a piazza while helping to move a box back to his home, is confined to his home in the center as a result of the accident, and his many friends here are sincerely hoping for his speedy and complete recovery.

Both masses in St. Catherine's church last Sunday were celebrated by Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, who delivered strong and forceful sermons on both masses. After the second mass a well attended and interesting meeting of the Holy Name society was held with John F. Kavanaugh, president. This being the last meeting of the society for the year, business of importance was transacted and officers elected for the coming year. The following were re-elected and will hold office for the year 1915: J. F. Kavanaugh, pres.; James P. O'Brien, in. sec.; A. R. Wall, ex. sec.; J. A. Healy, treas. The next meeting will be held on the second Sunday in January, when the officers will be installed.

LITTLETON.

News Items. According to recent reports from Barre, Vt., and family will soon return to Littleton.

Not satisfied with their recent bout the thieves who seem determined to win out by repeated practice of their profession at Littleton depot, made another attempt last week Friday and disturbed the morning slumbers of the forty by breaking and entering the same fast door. Again they were but poorly repaid for their efforts.

According to a dozen different versions a bad accident happened in the form of L. A. Hager's residence Sunday night when the teams of James Ewings and W. S. Proctor collided and both men violently thrown from their seats and sustained many injuries. The particulars are evidently better known by the two men who figured in the scene than anybody else since no two stories are alike. We are sorry that the accident happened and hope that it will not result in any permanent discomfort to either man. Mr. Ewings is reported to have a broken finger and a much bruised leg, and Mr. Proctor is said to have sustained injuries to his leg. The former's buggy met with the same fate as "The deacon's one horse shay."

The many Littleton friends of Rev. Arden H. Frost, of Andover, are very sorry to learn of her critical illness at a Boston hospital and the discouraging outlook.

Samuel Reed's baby has been very sick with pneumonia. Ralph W. Conant is expected soon from his business trip to England.

Rev. William Channing Brown, who has been absent from home since early in October, is now in West Virginia, and will arrive home the first of next week.

The public schools of Littleton closed yesterday for Christmas vacation. In the grades a Christmas program was given by the children and there was an abundance of gifts between pupils and teachers.

Mr. Hawson, the seedman, who leased the Fuller farm at the North End, has vacated and Mr. Fuller has evicted a man to occupy and carry on his usual business in the industry. Mrs. Woodbine's classes, the fifth and sixth grades, recently held two candy sales and also saved their pennies that would otherwise have been spent for candy and contributed half the sum thus realized, \$2.50, to the Christmas fund for refugee Belgian children in England, and the other half to the Boston Post-Santa Claus fund. The Post pleasantly recognized the gift by publishing the letter that accompanied it and assured the Littleton children that they had helped another little child enjoy Christmas through their voluntary offering.

The Mary Francis Sewing Class. Eleven in age, about twelve years of age, having a taste for practical club life, held a meeting a few months ago and after discussing the subject, organized a sewing class to which they have since been steadily attending. They are applying young ladies are strengthening the bonds of friendship, applying themselves well and making good progress. They are very enthusiastic, they may well claim attention in this column.

The object of the organization is to encourage and develop the art of needlework according to the subscription for the "Mary Francis" magazine, a periodical devoted to the interest of sewing and from the patterns that accompany it they make dolls' clothes. Their ambition, however, reaches beyond this goal. Some of the young misses busied themselves with home sewing, and at a meeting and they hope to make practical application of their knowledge as they learn new stitches. In their turned to Miss Bertha Loveloy, who has accepted their urgent call to that important office and met with the girls at Marcia Wilcox's home on Wednesday afternoon for the first time.

This week the sewing continued as usual, the secretary read her report, the members were busy in making a same, and the director read to the class from their magazine, and made several suggestions. A meeting is held every other week at the home of some club member. Officers are: Marcia Wilcox, pres.; Beulah Kimball, sec.; and Barbara Priest, treas.

L. W. C. The women's club "at home" afternoon Monday was characterized by the presence of many guests and among them were several girls and a few gentlemen. The room of the club women's creed, which was followed by the secretary's reports of two previous meetings. Invitation to health exercises in the gymnasium hall in Concord Junction this week was read and the following persons were voted into membership: Miss Marion C. Taylor, Mrs. Edith Moore, Mrs. Jacob M. Felt, Mrs. J. B. Luby, and Mrs. Howard, and in accordance with a vote carried at a recent meeting, two high school seniors, for sewing rank in the club, were welcomed as honorary members. Laurie Flagg and Hazel Morse, Mrs. Dorothy Gardner's name was proposed for membership.

An interesting program followed, consisting of a pleasing piano solo by Miss Emma Elizabeth Tenney, beautiful vocal solo and piano accompaniment by Mrs. J. B. Luby, and a finely rendered violin obligato by Miss Maude E. Sears, select reading by Miss Bessie Doyle, a promising student, and a group of delightful songs by W. S. Proctor, artistically accompanied by Miss Bertha Loveloy, pianist, and the reading by Rev. J. C. Alvord of two very clever original stories and an artistic poem.

Following the musical and literary program the curtain was drawn aside and an ample tea table, brilliant with Christmas decorations and well provided with refreshments, was presented to view. Young girls assisted the club ushers in serving. A social half hour passed and when the ladies, with their escorts, returned to the club room the evening shadows were fast deepening. Mrs. Florence H. Wilcox and Mrs. Eliza Broadhead charged of the choir, and the members extended to them for the successful success of each feature. The next meeting, which will be the last in the year 1914, is scheduled for December 25.

High School Happenings. The high school freshmen held a party on Friday evening, December 11, in the Unitarian vestry. The auditorium was attractively decorated in the class colors, red and gray. The company entered with singing and then played a number of games, and then dancing for a grand march, proceeded to the dining-room, where the table, in class color decorations and Christmas decorations, created the aesthetic sense and satisfied the craving of the inner man. The party indulged in a half hour of dancing and then returned home with light hearts and pleasant memories of their first class social.

Guests present were Mrs. J. M. Bartwell of the school board, H. H. Channing, president, Miss Maude E. Sears, chaparrone, and Miss Esther L. Loveloy, associate teacher. The committee in charge consisted of Margaret Brown, chairman, Joseph Proctor, Hazel Murray, Josie Proctor, and Gordon Love. The class officers are Margaret Robinson, pres.; Gordon Love, v. p.; Norman Bonnell, sec.; Marjorie Proctor, treas.

Miss Maude E. Sears, and Miss Esther L. Loveloy, high school teachers, spent two very pleasant evenings last week at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hartwell and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Reed, parents of four high school pupils.

The high school entertainment is to be given on January first. Attention is called to the posters about town made by the members of the first year drawing class under the direction of Miss Taylor. The program will be as follows: Cantata, "Village Blacksmith" school; songs, Glee club, consisting of the members of the school; demonstration of Edison diamond disc machine. Dancing and refreshments will complete the entertainment of the evening. Tickets may be obtained from members of the high school.

Last Monday afternoon Miss Alice Howard, president of the Littleton Women's club, welcomed into honor membership, Miss Lawrence Proctor and Miss Hazel Morse, two high school senior girls who had attained the highest scholarship in the class for the last three years.

One of the former high school teachers, Mrs. Bauer (nee Meredith) was a welcome week-end visitor in town, and the guest of Miss Conant and Mrs. Parker.

A False Alarm. On Tuesday morning the clock at the Common struck eight as usual, but, either struck by the crisp wind, or moved by some uncontrolled inward impulse it proceeded at once to strike nine also, and not satisfied with that it rang joyfully on suddenly indicating that it was about to strike twelve, a worthy ambition for clocks or men. But having reached the twelve mark why should it not strike off all the hours and be done with it? A career so reckless is not easily checked and so for ten minutes it was "ringing out wild bells to the wild sky." But in Littleton this riotous tumult of bell ringing is the well known and prearranged signal for "fire outside the water limits" and west gate began to form and citizens with anxious faces and bare heads appeared upon the streets inquiring, "Where is it?" And then the appointed custodian of the town clock took the situation in hand and the fire was out.

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NOTICE. The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the First National Bank of Ayer, will be held at the Banking Rooms, in Ayer, Mass., on Monday, January 11, 1915, at one o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing upon the following business: To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

HOWARD B. WHITE, President. Ayer, Mass., Dec. 16, 1914. 414

Administrator's Sale of REAL ESTATE At Public Auction. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex ss.

Pursuant to and by authority of a license granted to me on the 24th day of November, 1914 by the Probate Court for said County of Middlesex, will be sold at Public Auction on Saturday, January 9th, 1915, commencing at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, on the premises the first parcel described parcel of land in Pepperell, Mass., and directly after the sale of said first parcel, the second parcel hereinafter described will be sold on the premises therein described and directly after the sale of said second parcel, the third parcel described, and after the sale of said third parcel said sale will be adjourned until two o'clock P. M. of said day to be continued on the premises hereinafter described in and referred to as the "third" parcel, being in Groton, Mass., as set forth in and containing all the land hereinafter described as being in said Groton, will be sold, and being all the Real Estate of Charles A. Dennen, late of Pepperell in said Middlesex County, consisting of five parcels of land, viz:

First, A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the southerly side of Main St. in said Pepperell, containing 34 sq. rods, more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to said Charles A. Dennen by deed of Rebecca G. Sawyer, dated Dec. 31, 1892 and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Deeds, Book 21, Page 161.

Second, A certain parcel of land situated on the westerly side of Main St. in said Pepperell, containing 12 sq. acres, more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to the said Charles A. Dennen by deed of L. F. Dennen, dated Jan. 1, 1892 and recorded with said Deeds, Book 25, Page 271.

Third, A certain parcel of land, containing about 16 acres of land, more or less, situated in Groton in said County, near Fitchburg Bridge, and being the same premises conveyed to said Charles A. Dennen by deed dated July 1, 1892, and recorded with said Deeds, Book 25, Page 275. Subject to the mortgage as in said deed set forth.

Fourth, A certain tract of pasture land situated in the westerly part of said Groton, containing 34 acres and 7 rods, more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to said Charles A. Dennen by Charles P. Henshaw, by deed dated Dec. 20, 1894 and recorded with said Deeds, Book 15, Page 276. Subject to the mortgage as in said deed set forth.

Fifth, A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated at the intersection of Park and Sartelle Streets in said Pepperell and running southerly by said Park St. 150 ft., thence running westerly parallel with and 150 ft. distant from said Sartelle St. 150 ft., thence running northerly parallel with and 150 ft. distant from said Park St. 150 ft. to said Sartelle St., thence by said Sartelle St. 150 ft. to the point of beginning, be all of said measurements more or less.

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Administrator's Sale of REAL ESTATE In Townsend, Mass.

The subscriber, as administrator of the estate of Charles S. Wyman, late of said Townsend, deceased, by virtue of a license granted on the eighth day of December inst., will sell by public auction at the office of Richard McElligott on Elm Street, in the Village of West Townsend, Monday, January 19th, 1915, at one o'clock in the afternoon, the following described real estate:

Lot No. 1 known as the Craig lot containing about 12 acres, situated in the southerly part of Townsend about 2 1/2 miles from the west village, being the premises described in deed of Alexander Craig to Allen Wyman, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Lib. 1212, folio 48. This lot has a heavy growth, mostly chestnut, now fit for telephone poles and R. R. ties.

Lot No. 2 known as the Green lot in the southerly part of said Townsend and 2 miles south of the west village on both sides of the road leading from Rogers Mills, so-called, to Vinton pond, containing about 12 acres of pine and chestnut and being large enough for cutting, and nearly the premises described in deed of Charles H. Green to Charles S. Wyman, recorded with said Deeds, Lib. 2127, fol. 151.

Lot No. 3 known as the Sanders lot in the westerly part of Townsend and the easterly part of Ashby on the west side of the road leading from the Rogers Mill privilege to Fitchburg, containing about 48 acres, being the premises described in deed of Eliza Brown to Charles S. Wyman, recorded with said Deeds, Lib. 2848, fol. 27. This is sprout land, the wood and timber having been cut recently.

Lot No. 4 known as the Trowel Farm's lot in the westerly part of said Townsend on the south side of the road leading from West Townsend to Fitchburg, containing about 14 acres on which there is a young growth of wood, being the premises described in deed of James A. Dixon to Charles S. Wyman, recorded with said Deeds, Lib. 3222, fol. 263.

Terms made known at time and place of sale. RICHARD McELLIOTT, Administrator of the Estate of Charles S. Wyman. 2114 West Townsend, Mass., Dec. 24, 1914.

NOTICE. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Banking Rooms on Monday, January 4, 1915, at ten o'clock A. M., to choose a Board of Directors for the year ending and act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting. 4w14

HENRY A. HILL, Cashier. Townsend, Mass., Dec. 8, 1914.

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Saturday, December 19, 1914.

As Christmas comes on Friday of next week all correspondence must be in this office the early part of the week to insure its insertion in next week's issue as this paper will be printed and mailed on Thursday afternoon, December 24. Correspondents for this paper will please note this fact and have their copy in early.

GROTON.

News Items: P. J. Benedict's goods went by teams through town on Saturday and Monday, going to their new home in West Brookfield. Mrs. Virginia Terrell's name was omitted last week from those who attended the State Grange meeting in Worcester, Wednesday, December 9. The lower grades of the schools closed on last week Friday for a three-week vacation. The high and grammar schools close this week for a two-week vacation. Groton School closed this week Friday for the holidays. Between \$34 and \$35 was the share of the village improvement section of the Woman's club from the Town concert last week Wednesday evening. Groton Lodge, I. O. O. F., are holding their meetings now in the former Grange hall, Palmer's block, Hollis street. Jerry L. Denahy has been busy renovating the inside of his house on Main street, near Champney street, and moved in to occupy on Tuesday. At the special meeting of the Grange on Monday evening the following received the first and second degrees: Mrs. Susie Wright, Mrs. Mosey Hale, Mrs. Follett, Mrs. William Bixby, George Fay Sampson, Russell Woods, William G. Clarke, Earl C. White. The degrees were finely worked, the first by the regular officers, the second by the men's league team. The third and fourth degrees will be conferred at the next regular meeting, December 22. The Odd Fellows' association has bought of Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck a piece of land on Station avenue, situated between her residence and her house, which she rents to William F. McMahon and Lewis Woods on the same avenue. The regular December meeting of the Bird club will be held in the lower town hall on Monday evening, December 21, at eight o'clock. Dr. John B. May will give an illustrated talk on our winter birds. Friends of members will be welcome when accompanied by members. Mrs. Francis G. Lawrence, of Powder House road, invited a number of ladies of the town to an informal reception at her home on Tuesday afternoon from four to six o'clock to meet Miss Beattie, of Lawrence academy. Mrs. Moseley Gilson is away on a week's visit to her daughters in Woburn and Somerville. The Groton School employees were given a Christmas tree party and entertainment at the school gymnasium on Tuesday evening. The usual Christmas vesper service will be held in the Unitarian church on Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. The public is cordially in-

cluded to attend. Mr. Cressey will speak and the following is the musical program, the singing to be accompanied by four violinists, Mrs. Sabine, Miss Lawrence, Miss Holmes and Mr. Mansur. Organ postlude—Pastoral. Mailing Vocal solo—This Day is Born a Saviour. Mr. Gerrish. Hymn—On Behalf of Bethlehem's Plain. Speech Solo—Christmas Song—with violin. Miss Gibson. Small chorus—Holy Night. Organ accompaniment. Organ postlude—Hallelujah Chorus. There will be special music by the choir at the Congregational church on Sunday morning. The silver cup awarded the town as second prize by the state for school and home gardens is here and will soon be placed in the library for all to see. Mrs. Helen G. Bailey entertained the Neighborhood Club at its fortnightly meeting on Wednesday afternoon. After the quotations and the business meeting the hostess gave curricular stories. A Victrola accompanied music at intervals. Mrs. Bailey gave a charming illustration with dainty and delicious results. There was a good attendance of members, who joined at the last in closing with the Club song. Miss Lizzie Longley is ill and under the care of her physician. Wyman Gilson came home this week from Dartmouth for the Christmas holidays. Miss Sarah Longley, teacher of the Moore school, has resigned. Miss Longley, with some interruptions has taught and we believe entirely in Groton, since 1872. Slippery conditions continue. Passengers are of necessity wary lest they get a fall and many are wearing "croppers" as a protection. Though to have been no serious effects. The blacksmiths have been busy sharpening horses. Nature study and work in the schools closes for the season with this term. The teachers in the schools that have had this tell that it has been well received, the children showing much interest. At the regular meeting of the W. R. C. on Wednesday it was decided to hold a joint installation with E. R. Clark post on Tuesday afternoon, January 5. The installation will take place at the Baptist vestry. Mrs. Alice Fitch Miller, going last week Wednesday, spent a week with her cousin, William Fitch, and family at their farm in Goffstown, N. H. Mrs. Alice Gilson resigned the office of junior vice to which she was elected in the W. R. C. and Mrs. Sarah J. Lucy was elected in her place. This year's Christmas tree celebration for the neighbors took place in the Groton School gymnasium Tuesday evening, December 14. Mr. Beattie, an ex-master, represented Santa Claus as he did last year. There were presents for the children and school calendars for the older people. The choir, the Mandolin band, the orchestra, the Glee club and the Fifth Form sextet furnished the entertainment. After the refreshments, the singing and the giving of the presents there was dancing. The arrangements were in the hands of a committee, composed of Murray, chairman, Gulliver, Edward and McCormick. The meeting of the Junior Bird

club will be held in the upper town hall on Monday, December 21, at 2:30 p. m. The Current Events department of the Woman's club meet this week Friday afternoon at three p. m. with Mrs. George H. Woods. The Campfire Girls enjoyed a tea given by their guardian, Miss Edith Waters, at her home on Hollis street, Wednesday afternoon. Next week they will go on a walk under her guidance. The Christmas observance at the Congregational church on Thursday evening, December 24, will consist of a supper served at six o'clock, after that a miscellaneous entertainment of songs and recitations by the children, then the Christmas tree and games and a time of social enjoyment will follow the distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree. Christmas eve festivities at the Unitarian church will consist of a supper served at six o'clock. The entertainment program will be a play, "The Old Woman who lived in a shoe," by the children, selection by Master, Edward Baber and another unique service by Miss Charlotte Sibley. There will be several recitations by the children. The Christmas tree presided over by Mrs. Santa Claus will follow the entertainment. Sidney Davis, who has been of late busy at his trade of carpentering, is back again writing on customers during the Christmas trade at the Moore store. Miss Nellie Bywater is extra help during the holiday rush at the store and Mrs. Clark of Pepperell is assisting Mrs. Moore with her household making with her daughter and the others a competent force to show and sell their Christmas goods. In the Baptist church on Sunday special Christmas services will be held at 10 a. m. Mr. William L. Lippard, assistant home secretary of the foreign mission society, will speak, subject, "The European war and foreign missions." At seven p. m. a special service will be held, with music and solo by the choir. Also address by Rev. W. B. Lippard, illustrated by stereopticon views. A special invitation is extended to all. On Thursday evening the night before Christmas, there will be a Christmas tree and other exercises at the Baptist vestry. Club Meeting. There was a very good attendance at the Woman's club last week Friday afternoon, about sixty being present. Miss Boutwell presided and introduced the speaker, Rev. Shephard Billings, said that she thought the motto of Groton School must be like the motto of the club, "Service," inasmuch as when any at the school, either masters or students, were asked to help out, they always responded with service. Mr. Billings' talk was on "The crisis in Europe" and was extremely interesting. He went over the general causes of war and the cause of the war now raging among the European nations. As Mr. Billings had traveled in Europe last year and was there when the war broke out, his words had the flavor of personal observation. He gave as the causes of the conflict views from the standpoint of each country and thought no one country should bare all the blame. Lawrence Academy Notes. The regular meeting of the Gamma Delta society was held Friday, December 18. The question for debate was "Resolved, that a college education is

better than a commercial course in a high school, supplemented by four years of business training." It was decided in favor of the affirmative. The Lawrencian was in charge of Monday. After the program had been finished the following were elected officers for the ensuing term: Ernest Palmer, Burlington, N. H., president; Louis Morande, Everett, vice-president; Edward Atken, Groton, sec. Term examinations will be held all day Saturday and Monday, and the Christmas vacation will begin Tuesday giving a supper at the close of the football season. Principal and Mrs. Clough will give a banquet to the school Monday evening. Vesper service will be held at five o'clock. Principal Clough will give the speaker, Mr. Hobbs, accompanied by Miss Beattie, will give a public address. The public is cordially invited to this service. Truth Stran Than Jellon. The following articles taken from the new book just issued by Geo. B. Turner & Son, Ayer, Mass., relating to the history of Groton, Massachusetts, Vol. II. A story of the Civil War, as told by Company B, 26th Mass. Infantry, Capt. E. S. Clark, a charter member and first adjutant of B. S. Clark post, G. A. R., of Groton, and past commander of the Groton Post, is given in the book. The name of a Confederate soldier on the memorial tablet in Groton. Near the entrance to the town hall which is a large marble tablet, upon which is listed the names, command date, and place of death of soldiers who enlisted to fill the quota of the 26th of Groton. The names of the 26th Mass. Infantry, which is a memorial to its soldier heroes, some of these inscriptions reads as follows: Timothy O'Connor. Co. B, 26th Mass. Regt. Killed at Winchester, Va. Sept. 22, 1862. Early in 1861, when the state of Louisiana seceded, the port of New Orleans was blockaded, and no one allowed to leave the city. So a great many Union sympathizers were caught in the trap and rushed down the Mississippi river to Fort Jackson and St. Philip to do garrison duty, sandwiched in with strong secessionists, and compelled to work the big guns against Farragut's ships. After the fleet had passed the forts and destroyed the Confederate navy, it proceeded up the river to New Orleans. The Union men in Fort Jackson laid a plot to desert the fort that night; some two or three hundred of them made a dash at midnight for the Union lines. When the secessionists saw what was up, they gave the alarm. The commanding officer ordered his men to man the big guns on the parapet, which they did at once, and expected to blow the Yankee deserters to smithereens. But to their great surprise and dismay they were safely spoken, and Timothy O'Connor and James O'Neill, who led the deserters, marched to the Union lines bearing a flag of truce (which was a piece of old mosquito netting), and surrendered to the picket guard of the 26th Mass. regt. Gen. Butler paroled them at once. They might as well have been north if they chose. They availed themselves of the offer to enlist and Timothy O'Connor and James O'Neill both enlisted in the Groton company, and were credited to the quota of the town.

No name is more deserving to be honored than that of Timothy O'Connor. I have been asked why James O'Neill's name is not on the tablet. My answer to that is he was not killed in battle. At a later period O'Neill was transferred to the 5th United States artillery. Timothy O'Connor's brother John was for several years a resident of the south before the war, but unlike his brother Timothy, he was a rabid rebel and enlisted in the Confederate service, just after Timothy's escape. There was an old river-boat anchored in the Mississippi river between Altdorf and New Orleans. This boat was used by the union forces as a prison for rebel prisoners of war. At this time there were about two hundred prisoners on the boat. It was the custom of some of the boys to get a pass to visit the prison-boat one day, and was greatly surprised to find his brother John there. Thinking that his brother might like an opportunity to escape, if offered him, Timothy called him aside and proposed a scheme for him to go over to the union side. John heard his brother's plans, and when he had finished he soundly berated him for proposing such an idea. Timothy had to make haste to leave the boat for fear his brother would expose him, as he strongly announced his allegiance to the southern cause. An exchange of prisoners occurred soon afterward and in a severe engagement, John was killed while fighting for the Confederacy. Timothy was killed at Winchester fighting for the Union. West Groton. The L. A. supper and social on Friday evening of last week, under the auspices of Mrs. W. M. Umball, was a success from every standpoint. At a business meeting on the following day, it was found that the society had made from the supper and social a fair net profit of a little more than ninety dollars. It was voted to make the last payment upon the parsonage mortgage. Those who attended the morning service at the chapel last Sunday were favored with an extremely interesting discourse by the pastor on the Red Cross; the origin of the society, its rapid development into an international power, supreme in its particular line of influence; the reason for its emblem, a red cross on a field of white, also a eulogy on the life of Clara Barton, the Red Cross angel of America. Miss Jessie Robertson sang very effectively, "Only remembered by what we have done." The Boy Scouts will hold a Christmas meeting on Saturday, December 19. There will be a bonfire dinner and rifle practice, at which the scout master, Dr. A. G. Kilburn, will use his rifle, a Christmas gift from the Scouts. A supper is to be given by the Boy Scouts at an early date which will be announced later. The mite boxes for Red Cross contributions have been received and will be distributed by the pastor to all who desire them. A Christmas service will be held at the chapel next Sunday morning. Special music has been prepared for the occasion. Mrs. J. T. Shepley left town for Sheldon, Vt., on Monday morning, where she joined Mr. Shepley. After a short stay, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shepley, will start for their Florida home, near Palm beach.

On Friday of last week Mrs. C. E. Blood was taken ill and continued to grow worse until on Sunday she was considered in a critical condition, her sufferings being intense. On Monday morning at Groton hospital she underwent an operation for appendicitis and gallstones. She is reported as doing well. Mrs. H. E. Lindall of Roslindale was with her sister, Mrs. C. E. Blood, during the first stage of her illness. On her return to Roslindale she was accompanied by her little niece, Marion Morse, 14, and her older daughter, Mildred, is with Mrs. E. E. Harrington. Mrs. Charles Bixby was called to Westley this week by the death of her sister, Miss Mabel Fuller, who has been ill for many months. The Misses Bertha and Ruth Bixby attended the funeral on Tuesday. Mrs. Ed. Tarbell of Milton, N. H., was a guest this week at the home of Mrs. Martha Tarbell. Mrs. John Downs is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Thomas Heats, and her niece, Miss Annie Heats, of Connecticut, over the holidays. John Carey and family have moved from Vose to one of Edmund Blood's houses on Groton road. A number of West Groton people—at least sixteen—greatly enjoyed the mock trial in Groton on Thursday evening given under the auspices of the Groton Grange. Nine of the number accepted an invitation to a sled ride, given by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hasky. William Ingham and family moved into their new cottage on Thursday. Mrs. Lucy Mitchell is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Bixby. Improvement Society Meeting. The lower hall was well filled at the Improvement society meeting on Tuesday evening. Following the business routine, the program was in charge of the sanitary committee, Mrs. G. I. Woolaver. "Taking a message to Garcia," was a somewhat satirical article on the lack of efficiency in many of the young people produced by our present-day methods of training. Mrs. Spaulding followed with a reading on "Industrial Intemperance," which placed the responsibility for intemperance in many crowded, unsanitary workshops and factories where it rightfully belongs, upon the employer and the lax laws that allow his criminal carelessness and greed. Mrs. Woolaver read a short article on candy adulteration and the duty of mothers with regard to it. A talk on "General Health," by Dr. A. G. Kilburn followed, in which he pointed out the fact condition that their own is totally unconscious of them, except as they perform their various duties at his bidding. Right habits of thinking, working, eating, drinking, sleeping and exercising were subjects treated, more or less briefly, but especial emphasis was placed upon the necessity of careful intelligent treatment of little children that they may receive the equipment, mental, moral and physical, which is their due, to fit them for efficient work in the battle of life. Dr. Kilburn's remarks were followed with close attention and it is safe to say that were his directions and advice to be followed as closely, his professional services would be much less in demand.

BOXBOROUGH. News Items. At the meeting of the Grange on last week Friday evening the following officers were chosen: Charles Richardson, m.; George Richardson, o.; Mrs. George W. Burroughs, lec.; Luther B. Furbush, stew.; G. Waldo Fernmore, asst. stew.; Mrs. S. E. Hager, chair.; Mrs. M. J. Clarke, sec.; Mrs. J. W. Cunningham, treas.; Edwin Brannan, w. k.; Maria Steele, Ceres.; Elsie Graves, Flora.; Hazel Morse, I. as.; Elizabeth Mead, pianist. The monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary circle met at Mrs. J. Y. Nelson's on Wednesday afternoon. A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gammacham last Saturday morning at the Deaconess hospital in Concord. Arthur Brown has gone to South Dakota to visit relatives. It is rumored that his farm is to be sold and that he will not return here to live. Rev. and Mrs. Frank Rice are to spend the winter with their daughter in Stow. Waldo Livermore is working in Woburn until over the holidays. The four schools closed on Friday for a two-weeks' vacation. Miss Sprague and Miss Hilton left on Friday afternoon for their home in Pembroke. Mr. Miss Newdick goes to Worcester and Miss Sparrow to North Adams. All the schools had interesting Christmas exercises at the close. A fine collection of home-made articles were seen at the sale held at Hildes-Wise cottage last Saturday. It included many woven rugs, table runners, paintings, embroideries, baskets, heads and all sorts of fancy and useful articles. The sale will close this Saturday and in the evening a food sale and cafeteria supper will be held. Our mail carrier, Mr. Benere, is taking his vacation. Arthur Nelson is his substitute. Ina Wetherbee and Maria Steele were week-end guests of Grace Newdick at her home in Worcester last week. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hayward went to the theatre on Friday evening in Boston to hear William Hodge in "The Road to Haphazard." Mr. Littlefield and Mrs. Hayward expect to complete the term as jurors this week in Cambridge. To be eligible to vote in Norway a woman must earn \$80 a year in the country and \$110 in the town. New Advertisements. FOR SALE—Little Pigs. Inquire of AUSTIN PETERS, Harvard, Mass. TWO-HORSE SLED FOR SALE. In First-class Condition. GEORGE THACHER, Lunenburg. Tel. 34-21. PULLETS FOR SALE—Thrifty R. I. Red. GEO. GEORGE THACHER, Lunenburg, Mass. Tel. 34-21. TO RENT IN GROTON—Center of town, extremely attractive House of nine rooms besides bathroom, large shed with set tubs, town water, hot water heat, almost new kitchen range which can go with house, barn room for horse or auto if desired; also land for garden. Very reasonable terms for permanent tenant. Address BOX 255, Groton, Mass. 521f. SLEDS FOR SALE—Well made and at low prices by the Blacksmith in West Groton. L. G. STRAND. 14

Saturday, December 19, 1914.

PEPPERELL.

About Town. Mrs. Henry Tarbell spent Tuesday in Boston taking in the holiday sights and shopping for Christmas.

The Champion. Mrs. Sarah Patch is convalescent after her recent illness and is able to be about her home, although not at all strong.

Mrs. Susan Raymond, who has been visiting her son, A. H. Raymond, since Thanksgiving, intends to return to the home of her daughter in Brockton for the last of this week.

Miss Monica Pitt has been taking a course in manicure work and chiropractic at the New York School of Beauty.

Miss Ethel. The hall of Lawrence, formerly of this town, was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nutting.

Miss Anna Peabody officiated as organist at the Congregational church last Sunday morning in place of the regular organist, Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, who was injured last week.

During the storm of Sunday evening a branch was blown from a tree near the Champion shop, falling across the electric light wire and breaking it.

Mrs. Edward L. Tarbell, who was thrown from the sleigh last week, sustaining an injury to his neck, is improving, being able to sit up a short time each day.

Frederic Wilson is expected home next week from Williamsport, Pa., where he is a teacher in the high school. He will spend the holiday vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wilson, Brookline street.

The Peppercell Card Company have laid off their night force for the present.

Miss Eva Bolles, who has remained with her parents since Thanksgiving, because of the illness of Mr. Bolles, was obliged to return to Concord, N. H., Monday to attend to her dress-making.

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There were several in town who saw the one lone robin on last Saturday morning and heard his faint song. He was rather shy, keeping in the taller trees and not responding to the invitation of crumbs. The proof that "one robin does not make a spring" was manifested this week when the bird came down to ten dollars and creeps above on Tuesday. We wonder if the poor robin took the hint and started south.

Mrs. C. M. Gaze, Jr., spent the week with friends in New York.

Miss Margaret Blood spent Wednesday at the home of her brother in Concord, leaving Miss Hattie Kendall in charge of her home duties.

Mrs. T. Blood is still in rather poor health.

Miriam Deware came from her school in Northampton on Wednesday to spend the holidays at her home.

Donald Jacobs came from Colby university, Waterville, Me., Wednesday for the holidays.

Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson is greeting her friends this week, having returned from New York much improved in health.

Robert Burns was summoned from Brockton on Monday by the illness of his mother, Mrs. R. K. Burns.

I. K. Burns, who has been in Henrick, N. H., has been working about the place of Frank H. Ward, who recently fell and broke one of the bones of his lower leg.

Mrs. Bessie Allen has been in Boston a few days this week and expects to arrange to start for the west the latter part of this week for the winter. She makes her home with relatives in St. Louis, Mo.

Harvey Tlestone was one of the victims of the icy walking on Wednesday morning. He fell at the rear of the store of Mrs. Hutchinson's store and was picked up unconscious and carried to his home.

The physician summoned could find no injuries beyond a bruise on the forehead, but it was some time before he regained consciousness. He was about, however, in the afternoon.

Ten members of the Circle of the Ready Workers Acaemy lodge met with Mrs. Mrs. Dunlap on Tuesday evening. Work was on articles for the sale which will probably be held early in the year. Mr. Dunlap added to the pleasure of the evening by serving the company with an appetizing clam chowder, which proved a fine refreshment on so cold a night.

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The Ladies Benevolent society of the Congregational church held the annual chicken pie supper on Thursday of last week, following the sale in the afternoon.

The supper was patronized by a large number of well-to-do ladies and the well laden tables. Each table was decorated with a miniature Christmas tree, bearing a candy souvenir of the occasion.

The chairman of the supper committee, Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, was unable to take charge, owing to her recent accident. Her brother, S. Duran, volunteered in assisting the committee on the supper and proved most efficient.

The sale was well attended, the table of useful and fancy articles being in charge of Mrs. George Shattuck, Mrs. W. F. Dennen and Mrs. A. Pelton. An attractive feature of the sale was the large number of "hundred pockets," as represented by Miss Anna Peabody. It proved a pleasing innovation. The little Dutch girl, her attendant, Miss Peabody, was impersonated by Doris Durant.

Holiday Decorations. The stores of the various traders in town are taking on a Christmas appearance. The windows of W. A. Kemp and the fruit store showed their usual festoons of red and green paper and evergreen boughs. The window of the fruit store at Tower & Cook's are very neat and bright. The window arranged in the store of Lane Brothers has proved the most attractive. The window is enclosed at the rear and represents a snowstorm in full blast—when the electric current is turned on, with a little house lighted up, the snowflakes in the midst. The particles of "snow" whirl madly about would give one a shiver on the warmest winter day, and on a day like Tuesday, when Christmas eve is near.

It is hinted that Santa Claus is to make his appearance here later and patrons of all these stores are finding some of his goods already displayed on the counters.

Traders are claiming that holiday trade has been light thus far, as many wage-earners have been out of steady employment.

Grange Notes. At the meeting of Present Grange held on Friday evening, December 11, the following officers were elected for 1915: Walter Shattuck, m.; George Jay, o.; Mrs. Anna Shattuck, sec.; Mrs. Jennie McDonald, stew.; Earl M. Stewart, asst. pres.; Mrs. Carrie Stewart, l. a. s.; O. M. Nash, chap.; Henry Wilson, k. k.; Miss Adeline Tucker, Ceres; Mrs. Sheppard, Ponnora; Miss Lillian, Farm; Parker J. Kemp, treas.; Ellen Miller, sec.; Charles Blood, ex. com. 3 yrs.; George E. Shattuck, ex. com. 2 yrs. in place of Walter Shattuck, resigned.

The installation of the elected officers of the Grange will take place on January 8.

If these officers serve the Grange as elected for the coming year, it should mean a prosperous one for the organization. The report of Mr. Shattuck, brings to his office many qualifications. He has previously served as master of this Grange three years, 1912-13-14; and is well known to the members of the Grange, which will best promote its prosperity.

He also possesses the essentials of a successful leader, being well known to the members of the Grange, a young man with thoroughly sound business principles and good common sense. Brought up as the son of a large and successful farmer, he does not need to resort to theories on agriculture, having sufficient experience to fall back upon.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on December 18, instead of on the 11th as previously announced. The program will include a report of the meeting of the State Grange in Worcester on December 8-11, by the present master, Forrest Andrews, who attended.

Unusual Entertainment. The vaudeville entertainment and dance held by the O. H. S. on Friday evening, December 11, was finely attended and well worthy of the patronage. Robert Redford presented several selections during the program and played for the dancing. A cornet solo by G. Harold Tower was heartily enjoyed, being followed by a piano solo by Miss Lillian, Farm; Parker J. Kemp, treas.; Ellen Miller, sec.; Charles Blood, ex. com. 3 yrs.; George E. Shattuck, ex. com. 2 yrs. in place of Walter Shattuck, resigned.

The program was most realistic, proving her time dramatic ability. In the dialogue, "Handy Andy and the spire," one would have thought that Lemah Blood, as the spire had stepped right out of the story by Carl Stone. M. E. Gaskill with his real band organ kept the audience in a continual gale of laughter. Little Miss Katherine Blood made a fine impersonation of the spire, who, with some remote resemblance to Rupert Blood, was ideal, causing his hearers to shake with laughter. If not with feet, the spire was a "due by Carl Stone."

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