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Mrs. Mabel Wheeler and little son

Henry Letender has fitted up the

small building recently erected by him near his home on Heald street as

matched board or other small building

Ice harvesting commenced on Blake's

mill pond last week. Charles Messer and Louis Bernard, who have a lease

of the ice privilege here, began cut-ting Thursday, the ice being about a

foot thick. The severe cold nights of Friday and Saturday increased its

tion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H

Other visitors for Christmas day were

Walter H. Drury was chosen medera-tor. Under article 2, voted to author-

ize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen to borrow money in an-

ticipation of the revenue of the finan

owned the place on Townsend street

The chairman of the supper commit-

tee is Mrs. George E. Shattuck, which

Miss Eva Bolles came from Concord,

N. H., to spend Christmas day at her home. Mr. Bolles is much improved

The daughters of Joseph Dausereau

Mrs. Raymond Burns is recovering

slowly from her recent severe attack. Her niece returned to Cambridge some

bespeaks an excellent repast.

and able to be about his work.

now belonging to Louis Shattuck Af-

her niece, Miss Ruth Smith.

wood-working, establishment planing and manufacturing boards

sometime ni the spring.

PEPPERELL.

Miss R. E. Clarke of Boston is spending the holidays with her friend, Miss Reade at The Homestead. Dur-

winter sports, including snowshoeing. Ray Harris spent the holiday and week-end with his sister, Mrs. Annie Van Buskirk of Wollaston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cook spent Christmas day and the week-end with old friends and relatives at Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Humphrey and Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pierce spent Christmas in Somerville with

their daughter, Mrs. Herrig, and fam-Mrs. Charles Goff is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Chadwick, at Hillsboro, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koch came from Townsend last week to spend Christmas day with Mrs. Koch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. O'Neal and the remainder of the week with friends in town.

Florence Flynn, who is connected with the Fitchburg Normal school as teacher, spent the holiday at her home en Oak hill.

Miss Florence Ames, who occupies a position as stenographer in the sav-ings bank at Winchendon, was at the home of her parents on Shirley street for the holiday and week-end.

thickness considerably. Several farmers filled their houses last week, among them Frank E. Turner, W. E. Charles Bartz, formerly of this town, but recently connected with Robt. Murphy's Sons Co. of Ayer, has Pierce and Irving J. Rowell. The large storage room for ice at the severed his connection with that firm and is now working independently in his capacity as electrician.

Mrs. Frank Hearn of Philadelphia, Pa., has been a guest at the home of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Wil-

A little eight-pound daughter was welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Robbins, Hollis street, Sunday. December 20. She is to be called Eva On Monday Fred Willett, accompanied Edna. Mrs. Frank Dow is assisting by the two sons of Mr. Deware, Carl

W. E. Chapman is to begin cutting ice at the Burkinshaw pond this week. The gates at the outlet were closed a few weeks ago to allow the pond to

fill all possible. Owing to the Christmas rush last week quite a few items sent in for column were delayed in transportation, and this week we have inserted some of the most important ones that should have been in last

Willis W. Kimball, who received a broken arm last week at the mill, came home from St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua, N. H., on Tuesday of last week. At present the indications point to a quick recovery, as his arm is reported as doing well. At the end of ten days or two weeks he is to go back for an examination by surgeous

at the hospital Miss Ethel Kemp is acting as clerk Under article 3, voted to appropriate at the candy counter in E. E. Tar-bell's during the holidays.

Mrs. E. A. Gilson and son Charlie went to Lowell Friday, December 20, for a short stay with relatives.

Charles Pillsbury was confined to Charles Phisoury was the result of the Congregational causes, which having a heavy lump of soft coal fall of Mrs. Phiss, Miss Wood, Mr. Bliss upon his foot at Mr. Rowell's coal and Mr. Lewis, rendered some Christshed on Saturday.

Tarbell, giving her a very pleasant

Christmas and the week-end with Mr.

and Mrs. Leroy Nutting. Madeline Murray and Nettle Kim ball went to Nashua last week to take in the Christmas sights and do some shopping. Miss Nettle also went see her father who was then in St Joseph's hospital.

R. Ernest Tarbell has been assisting Henry Tarbell, the cashler at the First National bank, a part of this

Frank Behrens of Mill street somewhat better but not yet strong enough to attend to all the work his furnace and buildings. Rudolf Behrens has been assisting him.

her decease continued to spend her summers at the Crosby place with Mrs. Thomas Byrnes and child came Mrs. Wilson on Thursday of last week from Derry, N. H., for the holiday and following week. Mr. Byrnes spent Christmas day with them at the home of her Friday evening, January 8, with Millard S. Sawyer as installing officer. parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graham, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spaulding and family came from Worcester to spend Christmas day at the home of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Spaulding.

Miss Annah P. Blood came from New York city to spend the holidays at her home, arriving on Friday morn-

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. Kittredge of Cambridge spent Christmas day town with relatives.

Percy O'Neal came from West Hopkinton last week to spend Christmas er. Alfred O'Neal, is working in New

Mrs. Emily Williams, who has been visiting relatives in Boston and Ever-The installation of the officers-elect ett the past two months, returned to of Acoma Rebekah lodge will take her home with her daughter, Mrs. place at I. O. O. F. hall. Tuesday eve-Hardy, Friday last. ning, January 12.

and over Sunday.

little daughters spent Christmas and the week-end with Mrs. Bartlett's relatives in Gardner.

shoulder received the force of

J. A. Thibeault was in town last week and on Christmas day and Mr. and Mrs. Thibeault entertained her sister, Mrs. John Melendy, Mr. Melendy and son, Bert Melendy, and family. Frank Kennedy came from New York last week to enjoy the Christmas

holiday at his home in town. friends who recall her as Manel Berry sister, Mrs. George Buck, and hossand some years ago. She goes from her from South Brewer, Me., their son, to Groton and the first of the new year Ralph Buck, from New York and Mrs. goes to Plainfield, N. J., to join her N. M. Gutterson and Mrs. S. J. Richardson from town.

sawed at his mill nearby and for patrons generally. Between his place and that of Mr. Frossard on Brookline street townspeople are no longer dependent on Nashua firms for a returned on Sunday and announced it as a fact. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal will reside in West Hopkinton, N. H., where the groom has lately been at work and went there on the noon train Monday.

Guests with Mrs. M. M. Richards on Christmas day were her mother, Mrs. H. R. Lakin, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Shattuck and family, including Miss Elizabeth who was at home from her school at Ashburnham and Fred B. Ross.

Keyes farm is to be filled by them this week and probably George E. Shattuck will secure his supply of ice from here, as his own pond is too low. Charles and Fred Willett, of Lynn, her mother, Mrs. Harry Trenholm, and Mr. Trenholm, all from Fitchburg. were holiday and week-end guests at

the home of their uncle, Rainsford Deware. Courtney Haskell, of Lynn, was also a member of the house party. Daniel Arthur Nelson Lovejoy accompanied by his wife spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Daniel Merrill Lovejoy.

The Workers of the weeklove. These we've Roger Lawrence
Phombe Blood and Evelyn Thorpe, Who
all did finely, although the courage of and Robert, went to New York, the others returning to Lynn. The Woman's club will meet Tues day afternoon, January 5, at the Congregational vestry at 2.45 o'clock, Sub-Dr. and Mrs. Charles Weaver, of

larrington, and cousins. About twenty young people improv Raymond with her cousin Gertrude. ed the fine sleighing and moonlight night, Monday, driving to Nashua in two of Durant's big barges. Incidentthe parents of Mrs. Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, of Groton, and ally they visited the theatre to witness the play now being produced there

> Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker spent Christmas day with their son. Thomas

A. H. Harris is planning to exhibit

cial year beginning January 1, 1915 the year to January 1, 1915, said amount to be raised in 1915 by taxa-

rimac visited her sister, Mrs. A. H. Harris, at Christmas time.

Intelligence of the death of Mrs Mary A. Foster was received by her The Oak Hill Woman's club will friends in town on Tuesday, Mrs. Fosold the first meeting of the year on er having passed away at the home Wednesday afternoon, January 6, at of her daughter, Mrs. Lester Evans, at West Somerville, on December 28. The the home of Mrs. Lyman Blood. The program will consist of readings by different members and current events cause of her death was bronchial trouble from which she had suffered for many years. She will be rememand will be in charge of the secretary bered by some of the older residents in town as housekeeper at times for the late Rev. Eli W. Harrington, who Mrs. Paul Maxwell.

terward she frequently visited the late Mrs. Charles Crosby and after The installation of the officers-elect of Prescott Grange will take place on expects to return to Grand Rapids and

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Swett and daughter Mil-dred, all of Reading, formed a Christ-mas gathering at the Congregational

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Stewart, Townsend street, entertained Mr Stewart's mother, Mrs. Mary A. Stewart of Houlton, Me., and his niece, Miss Irma Young, of Cambridge, over the holidays. Miss Irma returned home Saturday noon, while Mrs. Stewart will make a more extended visit

Mr. and Mrs. George Buck of South Brewer, Me., were holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Weston, Pleasant street.

days ago and Mr. Burns went back to his work at Henniker, N. H., this Robert Burns of Boston spent Christmas day with his parents in

Fred E. Dudley of Nashua street went to Bellows Falls, Vt., last week

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bartlett and

John Bartz is suffering from a badly sprained shoulder as the result of two falls on the ice. The last fall was on Christmas day and both times his

Mrs. Mabel Wheeler and little son Harold were in town the early part tained on Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. of the week visiting relatives and D. A. Weston, his parents, also his friends who recall her so Mahal Barret. friends who recall her as Mabel Berry sister, Mrs. George Buck, and husband

goes to Plainfield, N. J., to join her husband, who is in business there. They will probably remove there per-An unusual occurrence took place manently from Still River, if they continue to like their new home, in town this week in the sale of three to four tons of beer to a party in Lowell. The animals were Mrs. Herbert L. Dow and little from various farmers and individuals Onk Hill Christmas Tree. daughter from Worcester have been in town, were slaughtered here by a spending the holidays at the home Jewish rabbi and the beef hauled to home of Mrs. Dow's parents, Dr. and Lowell for the Jewish trade. This is Mrs. F. W. Lovejoy. Mrs. Dow is suffering from a sprained wrist received this extent ever recalled to have hapby slipping on the ice at her home repened in town.

> Miss Annah Blood, who is taking her vacation in town, visited her brother S. Thompson Blood, and family, at

Concord, over Sunday. The marriage of Ruth Behrens, daughter of Frank E. and Harriett Behrens, and Percy O'Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred O'Neal, of this town, took place at Nashua, N. H., on Saturday, December 26, Rev. E. C. Strout of that city officiating. The young couple did not acquaint their relatives of their intentions until they married on Sunday and announced it fully with good results, although Mrs.

family party of twelve on Christmas day. Guests from out of town were Mrs. Smith's daughter, Florence, also

fect, "Notes by the way" by Mrs. Martha M. Denham. There will be music. Board meeting at 2.15. New Boston, N. H., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Deware for Christmas day and the week-end. Miss Ethel Cobb, of Melrose High-Ora Brainerd went to Worcester to lands, arrived on Thursday of last week to spend her Christmas vacaspend the holidays with her aunt, Mrs.

At the special town meeting called for Monday evening, December 21, The road to happiness." They repor a fine evening.

Parker, and family at Nashua.

show to be held at Nashua, N. H., January 5 to 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Ell Surprenant spent hristmas day with their daughter. Mrs. Edward Dwyer. Mrs. Surprenant ones was the entrance of Santa Claus, remained for a visit here the rest of who came in at the rear of the stage the week, returning to Townsend on through the fire-place. George Stewart impersonated this well-known

Mrs. P. J. McDonaid is entertaining her niece, Pauline Jay, from Revere, la present for tearly everyone on the during her Christmas vacation. Her well-laden tree. A fine collation ephew, Leslie Jay, was also a Christ-

nas day visitor. Miss Lois Patterson of South Mer

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Andrews spent Christmas day with their daughter, Mrs. Earl Farnsworth, and family at

Melvin Alden, called home to Grand Rapids by the death of his father recently, has returned to Pepperell for a short visit with his aunt, Miss Rose Alden, of West street. Instead of completing his high school course here h

go into business parsonage last week and over Sunday

Ralph Buck came from New York to spend Christmas and the week-end with his relatives.

Overcoat Weather

The cold wave has come. It makes every man think of having warm, comfortable clothes. Here are a few of our many cold weather suggestions:

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About seventy-five people gathered at Oak Hill hall Wednesday evening

of last week'to participate in the holi day festivities arranged for the chil-dren. The hall was finely decorated

with greenery and festcons of crepe

center. The stage was especially fine with banks of evergreen and a huge open fireplace in the rear. Above the

fully with good results, although Mrs

Parker was unable to be present to see the result of her labors, as she

was taken ill with a severe cold. Ly-man Blood assisted in arranging the

The program was opened by music

by a choir of fourteen voices with

Miss Irma Keith at the piano, who showed the result of numerous re-

hearsals at the home of the leader Lyman C. Blood. The children march-

ed in during the music. This was followed by prayer by Rev. J. B. Lew-

is, and an opening recitation, "Ring

merry bells," was given by Everett Scott. Numerous recitations were given by the children, many of whom had been drilled by Mrs. Edmuid

the last little maiden failed her at the last moment and she said her

her mother instead of on the stage.

by Edith and Maud Stewart, and

duet by Doris and Mary McCord. The little exercises, "Yule log," by Aibert Parker, jr., and Kenneth Rice, and "Christmas bells," by Edith Stewart and Eleanor Rice, were nicely performed. An exercise, "Christmas stars," by eight girls and four boys was very good indeed, the children bressetting.

presenting a very pretty appearance as they marched, between the couplets

and songs bearing their wreaths and

stars. Dora Rice played during this exercise, both for the songs and the

march. Lyman Blood gave a reading just previous to the exercise while

preparations were being made.
At the close of the program Rev.

At the close of the program Rev. J. B. Lewis addressed the children in

served by the ladies after the gifts were distributed, made a very satis-

factory ending to an enjoyable evening

to December 23, that the member

was at home for her Christmas vaca-tion. The meeting was held at the

house of Mrs. Walter H. Drury, who

was chairman of the committee for the

afternoon, the other hostesses being

Mesdames Hobart, Woodworth, Paul

and Miss Josephine Lawrence. Over

thirty of the members and their guests were present to enjoy Miss Blood's

reminiscences of her trip abroad las

summer, most interestingly told in her bright and witty way. Refreshments served by the hostesses ended the so-cial hour, all business being deferred

until the next meeting, which occurs

The ladies of the Wideawake Whist club held no meeting Christmas week

but met again at the home of Mrs D. W. Hazen on this week Monday

evening. This member, by the way disclaims receiving the prize which

was reported as awarded her at the last meeting as it belonged to an-

other party. Nearly all the members were present on Monday evening to

enjoy a quiet, harmonious game, the prizes being awarded as follows: Mrs

Henry Tarbell, first, substituting for Mrs. Goff; Mrs. Frank Farley, second Mrs. George Shaw, third; Miss Ethe

Kemp, fourth. Since one error has occurred in the report on the conso-

lation, perhaps we will omit it. Re-freshments of fruit and candy were

served. The next meeting will be held

at the home of Mrs. Charles Goff.

on January 6.

Club Meeting.

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WESTFORD.

Center.

Mrs. Edwin Amesbury, who has been ill at her home for the past three weeks, is reported as gaining nicely. Wesley Hawkes, jr., of Melrose, has been spending the holiday vacation

with his Westford relatives. J. M. Hartwell has distributed his usual new year's greetings to his customers in the shape of pretty calen-dars for 1915. They are in panel design this year with a pretty view of autumn woods.

Miss Jeanette E. Sutherland and William D. Christie were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Spalding this week, coming up to attend the firemen's ball Wednesday evening.

Rev. David Wallace and L. W. Wheeler represented the Westford church at the installation services of Rev. J. C. Alvord in Littleton Thursday.

Rev. Lyman B. Weeks' Westford friends feel the deepest sympathy for the affliction that has come to him. He is a patient at the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, very seri-ously ill with carcinoma of the liver-

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth have been in New York this week combining a business and pleasure trip.

The severe cold weather on Sunday made attendance small at the churches. At the Congregational church there were between thirty and forty present and services were held in the vestry which was very comfortably warm. Miss Lillian Sutherland was the soloist and there were Christmas anthems by the choir. At the evening morning. There were appropriate readings by William C. Roudenbush, E. Day and Rev. and Mrs. David

Thermometers were reported as ranging all the way from ten to twen-ty below zero last Saturday and Sunday mornings. Many people had frozen water pipes to thaw out. Wallace Johnson, our local ice man, reported as ready to commence his ice harvest this week with good clear ice averaging twelve inches thick.

, Rev. Julian R. Pennington is conducting an interesting and successful study class for the Sunday school hour at the Unitarian church. They are discussing for several Sundays the great truths of the religion of Zoroaster, the teacher of the religion of ancient Per-

The academy basketball team play ed the alumni team on Tuesday of this week, the latter winning by the score of 18 to 15.

Misses Beatrice and Lillian Suth erland entertained a group of young friends last Saturday evening. There were three tables of whist and re-

committee in charge, consisting of Robert Prescott, William E. Wright and Edward Clement, planned and carried out all details for the affair most successfully and the young people at home for the holiday vacation made it more enjoyable. The decorations were simple but most effective in the Christmas colors of red and green and flags. The stage was banked with evergreens.

Poole's orchestra, of Boston, six pieces, furnished fine music for the concert program and the dancing. A feature of the concert program was the exhibition dancing of Miss Elsie Grant, of Lowell, who is conducting a dancing class in town, being assisted in both by Thomas Garvey, also of Lowell. They demonstrated with grace and precision the maxixe with the fox trot as an encore, also the polka messaline with the canter waltz encoring this last. The demonstration was closely watched and heartily applauded. After the concert part ners formed for the march which led by Miss Elsie Grant and Robert Prescott, followed by the committee about forty couples The bright red shirts of the firemen their picturesque note of color contrasted with the many pretty costumes of the ladies.

The D. L. Page Company catered.

furnishing an appetizing spread of sandwiches and coffee, ice cream and cake. A goodly number from the sur-rounding towns were present, Littleton, Chelmsford, Ayer, etc., being represented.

About Town.

The annual meeting of the First Parish church will be held in vestry on Saturday evening, January 16. at eight o'clock.

The weather got down from above to below zero on last Saturday night and rung off at fifteen below zero at the Old Oaken Bucket farm.

Seth Banister, Herbert Walkden their individual interests in Christmas pipes, etc., have prevailed as a re expectations.

The Joseph T. Richardson family have moved from Peckins' Corner on the Providence road to the John H. Decatur cottage on the Lowell road.

Westford Grange will observe inwestford Grange will observe installation night at the next meeting.
Thursday evening, January 7. After
the installation by W. M. Wright, past
master, refreshments, physical and
mental, will be part of the stored up
entertainment to tickle up attendance.

For the frost impediments, work at the H. E. Fletcher stone quarry on Oak hill can be considered as brisk, about 100 men being employed en a left over contract.

Sunday School Festivities.

society observed Christmas festivities been appointed as postmaster in Hudatt the church on Thursday evening of last week. On the program was a contest that has been carried on for reading, "A shepherd's story," Miss Gertrude Hamin, which was illustrated by singing by the Sunday school; recitations, Miss Alice Johnson, Miss Middled Fletcher and Gordon ever since.

Son, Miss Middled Fletcher and Gordon ever since.

Miss Lawrence.

Miss Alice Wright went to Shirley for Christmas and the week-end which she enjoyed with her sister, Mrs. Ella Wright.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter DeSilvio, Taylor street, Thurs-Seavey; plano solo, Miss Freda Johnson; plano duet by the Misses Milschool attracted much attention. Those of this village, were married on last who recited at this tender age were Saturday morning at St. John's Esther Fisher, Betty Prescott, Alice church, North Chelmsford. The cereand entertaining manner.

Graniteville. The usual Christmas tree exercises were held in the M. E. church on last week Thursday evening and the committee in charge had arranged a very fine program. The children were well evening a reception was held at the drilled in their respective parts and home of Mr. and Mrs. Amedee Canton all acquitted themselves with credit, Mr. and Mrs. Tousignant will reside in both to themselves and their instructitheir newly-furnished home on Union tors. A very large audience was in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the exercises. Santa Claus was impersonated by Walter Robinson and he did a good job of it. The affair was in charge of the following efficient committee: Miss Alice May Gilson, Miss Bertha Wilson and William DeRoehn.

Christmas day was fittingly observservice a special Christimas program of music and readings had been prepared and the weather not being as and the second at 10.30 in the morn-well. Miss Neagle showed remarkcold was better attended than the ing. Mr. Mitchell preached eloquent able grit and courage and her usual morning. There were appropriate sermons on the gospel of the day at cheer helps make her seem less of a both masses, which were largely at-tended. The church altar was beautifully decorated with cut flowers in keeping with the festive occasion which added greatly to the beauty of the service. The regular church choir, under the direction of Miss Mary L. Hanley, organist and director, had special musical programs at both masses, and it seemed as though the members never sang better. The solo-ists were Mrs. Helen McLenna, Miss Rebecca LeDuc Miss Rachel Wall, Rebecca LeDuc, Miss Rachel Wall, Mrs. James Byrnes, Joseph Riney, James May, R. J. McCartny.

Ruth Alice Carpentier, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carpentier died early Christmas mornpentier died early Christmas morn-ing. The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Carpentier in their bereavement.

Christmas day was passed in the usually peaceful manner by the people here. There were many happy home gatherings, while several visitors wre entertained from out-of-town On the whole it was truly a white, frosty and merry Christmas.

John Carpentier of Haverhill, Wil-

The A. W. C. quartet have recently accepted an invitation to sing at an ning the new year by entertaining the the representative types. Mrs. Le entertainment by the Westford Grange mumps.

some time in the near future. The public schools will open after the Christmas vacation on Monday.

January 4. J. Omer LeDuc, who is teaching in Fairhaven, is spending a brief vacaion with relatives in this village.

Elmer Caunter received a broken collar bone by having a bale of wool fall on him while performing his duties with the Abbot Worsted Company on last Monday.

Forge Village.

Christmas was ushered in this year by the carol singers who were heard n the different parts of the village. At several homes family gatherings were held. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hanley were children and grandchildren from Marlboro, Mr. Mrs. Henry Tyler and daughter Elsie, of Worcester, were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Longbottom and son William, of East Lexington; Mrs. J. H. Jones and daughter Ethel, of Worcester; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blodgett, of Groton; Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett and baby son Leonard were en-tertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett. Mr. and Mrs. James Whigham had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett and family, of the school. Groton, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones, of Worcester.

Miss Eva Pyne has been confined to her home with a severe cold.

A son was born on Christmas day to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Flavell.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hargreaves, of Beverly, were guests of Mrs. M. A. Lowther for Christmas.

Holy communion services will be held at St. Andrew's mission at 4.30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon

During the past week the mercury and Chester Burnham were home has registered from sixteen to twenty from Amherst college looking after degrees below zero. Frozen waterhas registered from sixteen to twenty

The ice on Forge pond is over welve inches thick and it is expected that ice cutting will commence shortly. Cameron school will reopen on Monday morning after the Christmas vaca-

entertainment to tickle up attendance.

Miss Luanna B. Decatur, teacher at
New Rochelle, N. Y., was home for the holiday delights and made pleasthe towns of Westford and Littleton of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Ireland, cf
for a period of three years, to DecemiCardner, were weeksend guests of his
three holiday delights and made pleasthree years this pond is closed to all
tertained a large Christmas party at the holiday delights and made pleas-ant visits with the old associations and neighbors in the Stony Brook val-ley.

For the frost impediments, work at to be further confirmed by the posting of notices within a few days. The absence of such notices does not, how-ever, give any person a right to fish on said pond at this time.

Joseph F. Lapine, thirty-eight years The Sunday school of the Unitarian of age, a native of this village, has society observed Christmas festivities been appointed as postmaster in Hud-

Wedding.

dred and Marion Fletcher. Recita-tions by the youngest class in the Byron, two well-known young people Heywood, Elizabeth Wells and Everett mony was performed at nine o'clock, but the tastes are unquestionably the Bineault. An address was given by Rev. Edmund T. Schofield officiating. Rev. Julian R. Pennington. After The bride was becomingly gowned in these literary issues were satisfactorily disposed of Harold W. Hildreth coat and hat. William Tousignant, a represented Santa Claus in a liberal brother of the groom, and Amidee and entertaining manner. were the witnesses. At the conclusion of the ceremony the wedding party

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Miss Kate Neagle, while working at her loom in the webbing factory on Thursday, December 24, caught her little finger of the right hand in the running gear and tore off the two end ed in St. Catherine's church here when joints, making an ugly and painful sufferer than her condition might war rant.

Carol Dorothea, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, died on Saturday, December 26, from a combaby whose life was so brief.

Mrs. Lucy A. Pickard returned on Monday from Chelmsford, where she L. W. C. Monday from Chelmsford, where she spent several days, including Christinas, with her son George and family.

The meeting of the Woman's constant on Monday afternoon was exceptionally well attended by the members and the same constant where also present. A coming Wednesday, and making sev-eral calls among his former parish- and a notice was given of a meeting ioners. He accepted the hospitality of women to be held at Mrs. J. M of the C. A. Kimbail and Deacon and Hartwell's home on King street at Miss Thacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah P. Thacher announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Wardrobe, to Henry Leavitt Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, of Ayer.

recently buying some large lots of apples.

Firemen's Ball.

The seventh annual firemen's ball of the Edward M. Abbot hose company took place on Wednesday evening at the town hall and proved the delightful mid-winter social occasion that it has in been in previous years. The committee in charge, consisting of Robert Prescott, William in the firements of the productions of the Share dent introduced Mrs. A. F. Prouty, who gave a piano sclo of merit. The presciblent introduced Mrs. Carrie Gordon Leland, of Littleton, who had charge dent introduced Mrs. Carrie Gordon Leland, of Littleton, who had charge dient introduced Mrs. Carrie Gordon Leland, of Littleton, who had charge dient introduced Mrs. Carrie Gordon Leland, of Littleton, who had charge of the Prescott they enjoyed a call on the program.

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Thomas Mannion's family is begin-

are encouraging.

man's club, January 11, can be obtained also a talented musician.
ed of Mrs. Nellie F. Conent at the
Common, and Miss M. H. Kimball at

Cut, wild bells," a most the West End. Club members will be admitted free on presentation of their membership tickets. It will greatly facilitate the work of the treasurer if break break and "Swallow flying women will secure tickets for guests previous to the evening of the entertainment. The speaker, Edward H. Chandler, of the Twentieth Century club, is too well-known to need words of recommendation here. His sub-ject, "Who is the good citizen?" should own artists who sing and play on so claim the interest and sympathy of all club women and guests. Music will be furnished by Miss E. E. Tenney pianist, Miss Maude Sears, violinist and the club quartet. Refreshment will be in charge of Mrs. Cora Hager Mrs. Elizabeth Proctor and Mrs. Ber trice Ames.

The treasurer of the Extension School recently held here reports all bills paid and twenty-three dollars or hand for use in forwarding the idea in community betterment set forth by

At the Unitarian church tomorroy Rev. O. J. Fairfield's new year sermon will deal not so much with outward achievements as with what the year has brought us of inward experiences ed nothing that pleases the appetite, with pictures on the reflectoscope.

The lyceum entertainment on Tuesday evening is an illustrated lecture Jinji G. Kasai, a Japanese scholar and orator, whose articles on "The mastery of the Pacific" have been widely other members of the parish commitread. Mr. Kasai, although a native of tee, F. C. Hartwell and E. H. Priest Japan, speaks perfect English.

Charles Bartz, of Ayer, who has re-cently wired Mrs. Hussey's house, is now engaged in wiring Alexander Gregory's buildings at the Center.

The Forget-not circle of K. D. will meet with Mrs. James W. Ireland next week Tuesday, and as it is the an-nual meeting for the election of officers, reports, etc., a large attendance is desired

her home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hubbard entertained a quartet of friends from sub-urban Boston Tuesday.

Bertha, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Holbrook, of Baltimore, who are at Mrs. H. F. Works', is very seriously ill.

Peter J. Smith continues to suffer pitiably from rheumatic fever and is now in the care of a trained nurse

Peter DeSilvio, Taylor street, Thursday, December 24.

The Hartwell & Hosmer calendars for 1915, containing a panel picture in soft pastel colors, representing "Autumn glory," find a very welcome place in the homes of their customers Their calendars are always attractive most artistic. The Backlog dance furnished a genine reunion for the boys and girls at

home from school and college and the young people now in town. Although the number in attendance was not as large as usual the party was one of the best this season and the music by the Hyperion orchestra of Concord Junction was exquisite. Receipts fell somewhat short of the expenses.

Wednesday afternoon, January 6, he regular meeting of the United Workers will be held at Mrs. Elmer W. Fletcher's, and Mrs. Charles K. Houghton will take charge of the prograin, the subject of which will cente around the child at play.

Chester M. Hartwell and family left Littleton on Tuesday for their home in Detroit after a happy reunion of relatives in Massachusetts, and Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hartwell returned on the same day to their Worcester home, following a visit at J. M. Hartwell's on King street.

Miss Grace P. Conant, who is spend ng her college vacation with rela-tives in the east, gave a bible talk in Arlington Sunday evening.

Mrs. Frank H. Hill returned Satur-day from Portland, Me., where she visited for several weeks among her sisters and brothers.

Miss Saran F. White has been con fined to her room for two weeks past plication of diseases. Funeral and burial took place on Sunday, Rev. H. ten to eighteen degrees below zero in L. Caulkins officiating at the services. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have the sympa- wave. Frozen pipes and other attendthy of their friends in the loss of their ant inconveniences are reported, but in no great numbers.

2.30 o'clock on the afternoon of January 6, when Mrs. Pinkham, of Bos-ton, chairman of the organizing board, will speak on woman suffrage. Mrs Dorothy Gardner Spear was voted into membership.

The entertainment of the afternoon

The Mary Frances sewing class met was opened by Mrs. A. F. Prouty, who

in each, giving a classification of the Tennyson poetry, and reading from land's excellent address was most de Leslie A. Hager has been taking a lightfully supplemented by the single vacation and repeating his experience of Tennyson's lyrics by Mrs. Weeks with a severe case of tonsilitis. He of West Acton, who possesses a voice is now gaining strength and prospects of wonderful range and charming quality. She was accompanied at the Tickets for guest evening at the Wo- piano by her daughter, Miss Weeks

First in the list of songs was "Ring a most appropriate selection for this souson southward."

Littleton club women are indebted bring these musicians to us. It must have been a genuine treat to our many occasions to sit for an after noon and enjoy the singing of a visit ing soloist. The entire program was beautiful, beyond our press verbaily, and made an impression that will long be remembered.

The president announced that gues evening would be observed on Jan uary 11. Rehearsals for the Woman's club play will begin next week.

Parish Meeting.

The social and supper preceding the meeting at the Unitarian vestry on last Monday was a very pleasant feature of the evening. About 100 members were present. The tables members were present. The tables were tastily arranged with Christmas decorations by Miss Ewings and want has brought us of inward experiences and with what the new year promises in growth. The evening meeting at 6.30 o'clock will be a talk on the changes of the new time, illustrated and hostess, from the parish committee. tee; D. G. Houghton, treasurer and Mrs. Houghton, N. H. Whitcomb, clerk evening is an illustrated lecture and Mrs. Whitcomb, Charles F. Watts, "Life and customs in Japan," by Blacklog president, and Mrs. Watts, Alliance, and Mr. Fairfield, and the and wives. The Sunday school supér-

intendent and his wife were expected to serve in the same capacity. Col-lege boys and girls officiated as wait-

ers.
At the meeting, which followed, most of the officers were re-elected.
F. A. Patch, having declined re-election, Mr. Bradlee was chosen in his place on the parish committee. A new committee, known as the hospitalist, was a transfer and consists of tality, was chosen, and consists of Mrs. William Channing Erown, Mrs.

Mrs. William Channing Brown, Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and Mrs. H. F. Proc. tor. It was decided to have but one member on the music committee the coming year and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell was chosen,

Mrs. Channing Brown's class of irls, who, by their entertainments, furnish money for flowers to be used in pulpit decoration during the winter, was added to the former flower committee.

New Advertisements.

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Littleton, Dec. 31, 1914.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlessex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law and all other
persons interested in the estate of
CHARLES S. PARKHURST late of
Sharey in said County, deceased.
Whereas GEORGE H. BINBY administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his
petition for license to sell at private
saic. in accordance with the offer
named in said petition, or upon such
terms as may be adjudged best, the
whole of a certain parcet of the real
estate of said deceased for the payment
of debts, and charges of administration,
and for other reasons set forth in said
petition.

You are breaky cited to entered to

and for other reasons set forth in said pectition.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Frolate Country on the eighteenth day of January A. It. 1815, at almo o'clock in the folemon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

Ann said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and tourteen.

2117 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the Beirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of CATHERINE JOSEPHINE PURCELL late of Pepperell in 'said County, deceased. Whereas, a certain Instrument purperting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by FRANCIS G. HAYES who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein hamed, without giving a surety on his official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridgen as ald County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth day of January A. D. 1915, at the o'clock in the foreneon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should hot be granted.

And said petitlener is hereby directed to give public notice there, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one may at least, before said Court, and by man ling postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons therested in the estate, seven days at least, before said Court, this twenty-fearth day of Irecember in the year one thous, and nine hundred and fourteen.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-ETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court To the heirs-at-law, next of kin reditors, and all other persons inter-sted in the estate of JOHN W. LEAHY are of Shirley in said County, deceas-

a. Intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presentd to said Court to grant a letter of
dministration on the estate of said
sceased to GEORGE S. KEARSLEY
Waltham in said County, or to some
ner suitable person.
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deceased to GEORGE S. REARRIET of Waltham in said County, or to some after suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the fourteenth day of January A. D. 1915, at him o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middiesex. ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of collve A. Hosley late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas ELISHA D. STONE the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twelfth day of January A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by malling, postpore said Court, this fifteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

With the casterly part of Ashby on the west side of the easterly part of Rogers Mill privilege to Fitch burg, containing about 48 acres, being the premises described in deed of Libasid publication to a court of the said court, and by the court of the said court of the said court of the said court

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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stock-holders of the Tewnsend 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 ensuing and act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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

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Richard McElligott on Elm Street, situated on the westerly side of Elm in the Village of West Townsend. St. in said Pepperell, containing 11% Monday, January 4th, 1915, at one acres, more or less, and being the o'clock in the afternoon, the followng described real estate

"Lot No. 1 known as the Craig lot containing about 13 acres, situated in the southerly part of Townsend characteristic miles from the west village."

Charles, A. Dennen by deed of L. Florence Page et al, dated Dec. 2, 1892 and recorded with said Deeds, Book 2528, Page 271. about 232 miles from the west village. being the premises described in deed of Alexander Craig to Allen Wyman, recorded with Middlesex South Dis-trict Deeds, Lib. 1213, folio 48. This lot has a heavy growth, mostly chestnut, now fit for telephone poles and R. R. ties.

R. R. ties.

Lot No. 2 known as the Green lot deeds, Book 1581, Page 279. in the southerly part of said Towns-end 2 miles south of the west vil-end 2 miles south of the west viling from Rogers Mills, so-called, to Vinton pond, containing about 12 acres of pine and chestnut nearly being the same premises conversed acres of pine and enesting feeting being the same premises conveyed by Martin Moran to said Charles A. the premises described in deed of Dennen by deed dated April 25, 1904 Charles H. Green to Charles S. Wy-man, recorded with said Deeds, Lib. 3137, fol. 151.

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3m14 described, and after the sale of said lifth 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 Gro-ton, Mass., at which time and place 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 84 sq. rods, 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 said by public auction at the office of

same premises conveyed to the said

Charles A. Dennen by deed of L. Florence Page et al, dated Dec. 2. Third. A certain parcel of land, containing about 26 acres and 10 rods, more or less, situated in Groton in said County, near Fitches Bridge so called, and being the same premises conveyed by Milo H. Shattuck to said Charles A. Dennen by deed dated July 1, 1880 and recorded with said parcel of land, containing 6 acres and 30 sq. rods, more or less, adjoining

and recorded with said Deeds, Book

3097, Page 519.

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. Heminway, by deed dated Dec. 30, 1878 and recorded with said Deeds, 1878 and Book 1581, Page 276. Subject to the reservations 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. 175 ft.; thence running northerly parallel with and 175 ft. distant from said Park St. 150 ft. to said Sartelle St.; thence by said Sartelle St. 175 ft. to the point of beginning,

For terms and full particulars apply to the undersigned. WILLIAM F. DENNEN,

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dministrator of estate of Charles A. Dennen, Pepperell, Massachusetts

News Items.

Arthur N. Hersom has arrived home from Duluth, Minn, where he has been for some time past reorganizing the running of a large mill, and will return again in the course of a short

Miss Anna Nutting, of Peppereil, is housekeeping for Miss Helen M.

The Choral society will meet on Tuesday evening in the club rooms, when a full rehearsal will be held for the cantata which is to be staged in Odd Fellows' hall on February 5 All those taking part are requested to be present.

The Men's club of the Universalist church will hold its regular monthly meeting in the church on Monday evening, when the following debate will be discussed: "Shall we discontinue the high school?" George W. Balch, Walter Badstubner, Harry H. Lynch, Arthur C. Annis and Austin Fish will take the affirmative, and Ezekiel Wilson, G. M. Ballou, John H. Will, Arthur E. Felch and Harry O. Bangs. negative. Supper will be served under the direction of J. Edwin Pomiret.

Frank Frederick has given up his position at the factory of the C. A. Edgarton Company and has gone to New Boston, N. H., to assist his father in the operation of the farm.

No meeting was held of the hospital board at Engine hall last Saturday evening owing to the lack of a quorum Thomas S. Gately and George Farm-

jury and will report for duty at the civil session of the superior court on Monday morning. Mrs. Nellie Ford spent the Christmas holidays at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee, Fall River.

Henry Tremblay, who is chauffeur for Harry Pierce, of Brookline, formerly of Leominster, started on Monday afternoon for Mulberry, Fla., where Mr. Pierce will reside for the winter

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Provost entertained over the Christmas holiday's Mrs. Julia Hart and young friend, of

John Adams, who is an inmate of the Clinton hospital, was sent a box of good cheer by one of our store proprietors on Christmas day. Mr Adams is feeling fairly good and is much pleased with the treatment accorded him at the hospital. He is one of Shirley's oldest and most respected citizens.

Roger Bassett, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bassett, is ill with the scarlet fever. Mr. Bas-sett's young son, who was stricken with scarlet fever a few weeks ago, is improving.

Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman entertained at her home on Christmas day her sister, Miss Mary C. Smith, of Fitchand Miss Justine Holland, of Worcester.

Miss Bertha Weeks spent the Christmas holidays at her home in

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Allen, of Brookline, were entertained on Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Julia F. Kil-

Miss Inez McMurray, of Jamaica Plain, spent Christmas in town with

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant were entertained on Christmas day at the Fay club, Fitchburg. Miss Eva Beaudette spent the holi-

days in Springfield with her sister, Miss Amanda Beaudette.

Mrs. Frank P. Rugg spent the holidays in Marlboro with her sister-inlaw, Mrs. Fred Rugg.

family, of Lowell, spent Christmas holidays in Shirley with Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah O'Neill, parents of Mrs. Mc-

week Wednesday Woodman was an old friend of Mrs. Johnson.

Nonaicoicus Camp-fire Girls sang Christmas carols the day before Christmas at the homes of the sick and aged. When through they were entertained at the home of Miss Helene Desmond, Shirley Inn. Refreshments were served and a social

The following is a list of employees who each received the sum of twentyfive dollars in gold from the President Suspender Company, having worked for the company twenty-five years and over: Joseph Allen, Jeremiah H. Flynn, Nellie Ford, Annie Kane. Michael Shucrowe, Barney Bodan, Thomas S. Gately, James J. Gately, Annio Hackett, Carrie Hartwell, Mamie Ryan and Maria Barrett. F. Edgarton, president of the com-pany, presented each one with the gift just before the closing hour of work

Stephen Carey observed his eightysecond birthday on Thursday, December 31. Mr. Carey received congratulations and many postcards from his friends wishing him many more happy birthdays.

Nonaicoicus Camp-fire Girls held their meeting on Friday of this week with Mrs. Edward M. Davis, where they were instructed in cooking.

Frank Balch of Weehawken Heights, N. J., paid a visit to the home of his brother George.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Hittie W. Evans. Mrs. Annie Tewksbury and Miss Barbara Hazen were guests of the chapter. Notice was given that the next meeting, January 26, will be held with Mrs. Abbie J. Wells. Each member brought a Christmas present which were arranged on a daintily trimmed tree by one member who also the business was finished. Each gift was opened and shown before another was taken from the tree, and all i agreed when it was finished that each had received a most acceptable addition to her Christmas gifts. Refresh-

The Congregational church will hold its annual roll call and supper in the church vestry on Wednesday coning January 6 Supper will be served at 6.30, followed by reports and other business.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Tremblay of Cowdrey, hill, entertained twentyeight members of his family on Christ mas day. The party consisted of Mr. and Henry Gately of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Galvin of Aver. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buckley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Tremblay and family of Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Braves of Nashua, Theodore White and Clara Mitchell of Waltham, Henry Tremblay of Brookline, William Tremblay and Margaret Sales of Leominster, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tremblay and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie J. Tremblay of this town.

Miss Mabel Bliss, of Townsend, has accepted the position as assistant to Miss Lura A. White, teacher of the primary department, succeeding Miss Madeline Logue. No salary is attached to the position of assistant of the primary department, it simply af-fords experience during their years as students at the Normal school.

Annual Festivities.

The W. W. S. club held its annual social and supper on last Saturday evening at the Shirley Inn. Earl C Merriman very ably acted the role of toastmaster and brief speeches were indulged in by the members at the close of the feast. The prettily decorated Christmas tree, laden with gifts of a decidedly humorous character proved one of the interesting and er have been drawn to serve on the amusing features of the celebration and roars of laughter greeted the pre sentation of each gift, every member being the recipient of a pun. Songs and music were entered into with much enthusiasm, and dancing marked the closing hour of enjoyment, and just the clock tolled the midnight hour the jolly party disbanded, leav ing in its wake the echoes of good fellowship which will linger long in the annals of the club's history.

Those present were Earl C. Merriman, Stanley F. White, Harry O. Bangs, Richard Weeks, William Connors, Howard and George Emerson, Stanley Wells, Arthur C. Annis Robert H. J. Holden, Chester Phelps, Walter Wheeler, Kenneth Horton, Walter Desmond, of Shirley, and Ed-win R. Smith, of Plainfield, N. J.

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buxton and family, of Woodsville, spent Christmas in Lunenburg at the home of Myro:

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves and family were guests over Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Graves in Boxborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carey and daughter Grace, of Fitchburg, spent the holiday at the home of Mr., and Mrs. Merrick W. Carey.

Misses May and Edith Frary, of Lynn, have been enjoying a short va-cation at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frary, at Woods-

Miss Florence Adams, an instructor at Mt. Holyoke college, is spending the Caristmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams.

Miss Harriet Winslow, who underwent an operation for appendicitis and gall stones last week, is getting along nicely. She is under the care of a trained nurse. Miss Lyon, of Boston and Dr. Bulkeley, of Ayer, is the attending physician.

Marion Wood at the East who has fully recovered. No new cases have been reported.

The next meeting of the Alliance will be held on Thursday, January 7 Mr. and Mrs. James McMillan and at the home of Mrs. Lindenberg on family, of Lowell, spent Christmas Lancaster road. Rev. Williston M. Ford, of Aver, will be the speaker for

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams. Miss Rev. G. E. Woodman was one of the Florence Adams and Miss Mary Adofficiating clergymen at the funeral of ams arrived home on Monday after a Mrs. Nellie Johnson, of Littleton, last visit of several days with relatives in Boston.

Mr., and Mrs. Howard, of Westminster, were guests over Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C.

Raymond Bradford, of Boston, spens Christmas at the home of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford. The Matrons' Aid society held a very

pleasant meeting on Tuesday after noon at the home of Mrs. George F Buxton, Woodsville. Misses Pauline and Priscilla Sweet

ser, of Chelsea, spent a short Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert B. Sweetser. The Girls' Sewing Guild met on las

week Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. W. Longley and packed Christmas packages for the shut ins. The next regular meeting of the guild will be held at the home of Mrs. W. E. Barnard on Saturday afternoon January 2.

Mrs. Hattie P. Holden and Rober H. J. Holden spent Christmas and the emainder of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrie P. Barnard at

Mrs. Charles Longley spent Christmas at Millbury, at the home of Charlié Longley.

Miss Ruth M Graves returned on Tuesday after a short visit with friends in Nashua.

Gilbert Evans spent last week at Francestown, N. H., where his broth-er, Ralph I. Evans, has set up his portable saw mill.

A party of eighteen young people enjoyed a sleighing party through Groton and Ayer on Monday evening in one of Parker's barges. Those in the party were Marion L. Ethel M., Edna M., Robert H. J. and Arthur R. Holden, Vera, Helen, Carrie and Lewis River on Wednesday evening, attend-party of Parkers Parkers and Lewis River on Wednesday evening, attend-parkers Parkers Parkers Parkers Grayes Bradford, Ralph and Earl Graves, ing the social and supper given by Margaret, Howard M. and Christine G. Longley, Stanley F. White, Forrest B. Wing, Lewis Ruggles and Walter Kenneth and Harold Whittemore

Silva An excellent new year sermon was preached by Rev. William W. Locke, The Basket Ball team of the Brom-of the Civic Service house, Boston, in field school, comprising the girls of the First Parish church last Sunday, the sophomore class, are arranging to ments were served by the hostess, asMiss Mildred Sanders, of Ayer, rengive a play in the near future, the
sisted by Mrs. Carrie Tilden. The sodered with expression "Abide with proceeds to be devoted to the improvecial hour closed with the salute to the me" for prayer response. Mrs. Grace E. Winslow accompanied her.

Mr. and Mrs. David B. Marsh spent Christmas in Nashua, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heywood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Adams, of Leominster, were guests for days last week at the home of Mr. and irs. A. A. Adams. Mrs. Sara Longley and S. LeRoy

Roxbury. John Grout, of Fitchburg high school, is spending a ten-days' Christ-mas vacation at the home of his par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Grout. Forrest B. Wing, of Brookline, i spending the week at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert

The Center primary and grammar schools opened on Monday for the winter term after a vacation of one

a ten-days' vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Evans.

Mr. Andrews of Groton School conlast Sunday. Mr. Parson of Groton School will conduct the service on Sunday, January 3, at 3.15 p. m. The Sunday school classes, which have been having a vacation of two weeks, will be resumed.

The Christmas tree and entertainment held by Shirley Grange on last week Wednesday evening in the town hall was well attended. gram was given by the children, as follows: Motto cross, fourteen children; song, "Through the midnight bells are ringing," by five girls; plano solo, Helen Wood; vocal duet. Mae Bradford and Eleanor Longley; play A gift to Santa Claus," Florence Wilkins, Olive Evans, Clara Buxton. After the entertainment Santa Claus appeared and spoke to the children, after which the presents, candy and oranges on the two trees were distribu-ted among the children. The remainder of the evening was spent in games and dancing.

At the next meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening, January 5, the installation of officers for 1915 will take place. The installing officer will be J. Henry Johnson of Leomington An oyster supper will be served

after the meeting. The musical service at the home of Mrs. Grace Winslow on Sunday even-ing was well attended. "Rev. William Ware Locke of Boston gave a short address on the war question and the following excellent musical program was given: Piano and organ selec-Mrs. Winslow and Frank J. Lawton; vocal solos, Miss Christine G. Longley; piano selections, Haroid caped injury, although by extremely True Shattuck of Fitchburg; vocal good luck.
selections, Miss Mildred Saunders of The quarterly meeting of the His-Ayer; readings, Miss Vera Bradford; tenor solos, Mr. Offner of Leominster; lymn, by all. Following the service a light luncheon was served to all.

HARVARD.

News Items.

The union Christmas tree and concert given by the people of the town on last week Wednesday evening on last week Wednesday evening proved a very successful affair. About 350 attended and enjoyed an evening of genuine sociability. The entertain-ment consisted of songs and recita-tions by the little folks. Michael Mc-Mahan took the part of Santa Claus and played it to perfection. The young ladies of the town acted as ushers Miss Elsie Hubachek told the children the Christ story in her charming way using the model village loaned for the evening by Mrs. Fiske Warren to exemplify the story. That this idea of having a union service on Christmas eve for all of the people will become a permanent institution in this town is evidently to be, judging by the interest shown by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard V. Kinsman with their two children, spent the Christmas week-end in Braintree with Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Misner.

A very quiet wedding took place on Christmas night at the Congregational parsonage when Florence Gertrude, of the events of the fall season, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Davis, became the bride of Choate Emerson McKenzie, of Haverhill, The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. H. B. Mason in the presence of the clergyman's wife and daughter, the couple coming by auto unattanded Immediately after the cere mony a wedding supper was served to the couple by the bride's parents at their home on the Harvard-Ayer road. The newly-weds left on Sunday night to take up their residence in Haverhill, where the groom is employed as a leather salesman.

I. Harlow Morse is home this week rom his school work at Clark's college. Worcester.

The old mill people filled their re half inches thick

Word from Walter A. Dickson, who is enjoying the sunny clime of Tampa. Fla., reports him having a delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. West attended the meeting of the lecturers of the Worcester East Pomona Grange held at Lancaster on Wednesday last with Mrs. E. T. Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Chester wel-comed a girl baby into their home last week. They have named her Vio-

Schools will reopen again for the winter term on Monday, January 4. so vital importance to success as a The community Christmas tree at Francis Mary left here on Thursdamer. The course in soil fertility the town hall on the evening of Wedday for a visit to his parents and fam- alone is worth many times more than nesday, December 23, was an immense

visited last week with their father at Nashua, N. H.

ment of the basket ball grounds at the school.

Mrs. H. B. Royal and her son, Ellery Royal, spent last week and a part of this visiting Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bacon at their home at Albany, N. Y. Durshed and neared and there is ample Four smaller trees at the various at their home at Albany, N. Y. Durshed room for teams for those who corners of the hall, decorated with ing their absence Miss Katherine Russ drive in. Everybody get together and red crepe paper, strings of popcorn, sell had charge of the household affairs at Dr. Royal's.

James Madigan has taken a position bring your neighbors. with an electric light concern at Longley spent Christmas at the home with an electric fight concern at of Mr. and Mrs. Welcome Longley in Fitchburg, where he is working at resent.

Mrs. Edith Haskell is on the sick list this week. She has a young lady from Fitchburg attending her household duties during her sickness. Mrs. Martha A. Hazard is at the

Memorial hospital at Worcester, where she was taken on Christmas day suffering from internal pain and trouble. It was first rumored as ap-pendicitis, but the physician at the hospital has not as yet decided as to the cause of her trouble and a specialst is to make a diagnosis before a def-Miss Mildred Evans, of the Fitch-inite report can be given. Meanwhile burg State Normal school, is enjoying Mrs. Hazard is reported as more cominite report can be given. Meanwhile

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dolan and and family from Newton are at their ducted the services at Trinity chapel residence on Oak hill during this and last week's holiday season.

During Christmas week Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gale entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwood of Worcester. L. J. Johnson and F. L. Kennedy. both professors at Harvard college

with their respective families, are at Tahanto for the holidays. Mrs. Fiske Warren has as her guest this week Madam Vandervelde of Belgium, who is in this country in behalf of the Belgium sufferers. She has already raised through personal effort over \$1,000,000.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Webster enjoyed hristmas day and the week-end. F: Cedric Webster was home from the M. A. C. at Amherst, also their daugnters, Christine and Oressa, from Springfield. Miss Osee from North Adams and Miss Pearl Webster from Montreal, Quebec.

Jerome Callaghan severs connection with S. M. Farnsworth this month, after a service of over three years with him and has accepted a position as chauffeur with F. H. Henderson at Springfield.

Sunday evening while Herbert Dick- attendance. There will be special son with Harold Bigelow and Webster Sawyer were driving to the depot the horse owned by Mr. Dickson became frightened by the breaking of the breeching strap and ran. The young men endeavored to drive into the station in an effort to stop, but the horse swerved and in so doing slipped, the next meeting the revolutionary breaking his leg which necessitated his being killed. The boys all established was elected last Sun-

torical society will be held at the Memorial rooms on Tuesday evening, January 5, at 7.30 o'clock. Business of importance is to come before this meeting and a large attendance is hoped for.

Ye olde folk's concert, under the auspices of the Women's Benevolent ciety of the Congregational church will be given at the town hall, Thurs-day evening, January 7, when the fav-orite singers will appear ni the old time costume and sing old time tunes

Grange.

Harvard Grange will open the new year on Tuesday evening, January 5 at the town hall, at which time the new officers for the year will be installed by a deputy and assistants. A literary committee is also to be appointed at this meeting to arrange for the program for the year. It is also requested that all interested will leave with the lecturer-elect such subjects. which are likely to prove of interest in discussion for the coming year. Programs are to be printed later and all of the various problems confronting the forms and forms and forms are to be printed later and all of the various problems confronting the forms and forms are to be printed later and the forms are to be printed later and l ing the farms and farmers are to be given opportunity of discussion. The coming fall exhibit of poultry, fruit

Initiation work will be taken up January 19 and a class of candidates now in waiting will be taken into this terest to them that they may be given

place on the program.

Extension School. The Extension school service, given by the Masachusetts Agricultural college, is to be held at the town hall, January 18 to 22 inclusive Sessions are to be held daily from nine to and some from other classes. A very twelve a. m. ani from one to four p. m., and will comprise courses of in-struction and practical demonstration in soil fertility, dairying, poultry, apple culture and marketing. There will spective icehouses this week with a lad be courses of interest to the a fine quality of ice thirteen and a ladies in home making, domestic ladies in home making, domestic science, cooking, etc. An electric science, cooking, etc. An electric cooker is to be installed for the use of this branch of the school. The work is all to be under the personal supervision of Prof. Waid of Amherst college with a corp of able assistants.

This school is open to all and a attendance on account of the rain, but nominal fee of fifty cents for the enire course is to be charged to cover the actual expense of the school. The state is interested in these rural schools and furnishes able men to instruct free of charge and a cordial into spend the vitation is extended to everyone to H. Parker. come and take an interest and find out for themselves these facts that are of Community Christmas Tree. the cost to each member. Especial success, as was proven by the many attention will be given the class in happy faces of both young and old

> ceptional interest to the young men got what they came after. n our farms.

information asked for .. committee to make this one in Har-tric bulbs each. These with other

vard as good and better if possible bulbs, kept the hall most brightly yet held. Our hall is well lighted all the time lighted and heated and there is ample push for a clean clever and classy beads, etc., with evergreen wreath

Church Notes.

The service for rest and worship for the delight of everyone in attend held in the Unitarian church nday morning at 10.45. Mr. on Sunday morning at Mr. Thayer will sing "I saw the holy city" by Bird. The pastor's subject will be the Grange, after which the children "Everyman's new year need." The from all over the town gathered Sunday school will meet at the close around the tree, and with Mrs. Fred-of the morning service. Strangers, eric C. Cross at the plane, all united of the morning service. young and old, always welcome.

tarian Men's club will meet for lunch-eon and social time. After this there fred Noon and again the children sang will be an address by Dr. Austin two carols, "Away in a manger" and Peters, former commissioner of the "it came upon the midnight clear." state department of animal industry. Subject, "The foot and mouth disease All male residents of Harvard, sixteen years of age or older, are welcome and eligible for membership.

On Friday evening the Unitarian ladies will serve supper and have a social and dancing in the town hall. Miss Marion Dickson is chairman of the supper committee and Mrs. C. S. Bodwell is chairman of the entertainment committee.

At the Congregational church on At the Congregational church on carol, during which Charles S. Alex-Sunday morning the pastor will, by ander, dressed in furs from top to toe request, discuss the scriptural teachings concerning the second coming of

the four classes of junior, intermediate this had been done the children of and senior grades will begin interesting courses of studies very different mary, formed a double line and from anything ever before used here. It is hoped and expected that these courses will attract an attendance even larger than the banner record of 1914.

meeting at seven o'clock. The sub-ject of the meeting will be "Who is on the Lord's side." It is hoped that the new year will begin with a large music.

At the last meeting of the Monday class the subject of current events was introduced by N. A. Dill. After papers relating to colonial history were read by Mrs. Dill and Misses Pollard, Hildrein, Reed and Jones. At

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

It was generally cold weather through the Christmas week, the mercury ranging from zero to twenty below in some parts of the town. William R. Brown, who met with a

serious accident on December 12, while running a gasolene engine, and has been in Burbank ever since, is now thought to be on the road to recovery. He is semi-con-scious and occasionally recognizes friends and attendants. He partakes of nourishment and has no fever, is able to turn over and move in bed Mulpus schoolhouse was filled on Thursday evening of last week for their annual Christmas festivities as has been their custom for many years. A baked-bean supper, recitations, songs, Christmas carols and a tree

The C. E. Juniors held a very in teresting meeting in the Congrega and other articles and for which a committee is already chosen is to be considered, that ample preparation Mrs. R. A. Bryant, assisted by Mrs. H. may be made to make this affair one D. Kelley. Lawrence Bigelow presidist. Each chairman of a committee gave appropriate mottoes and Miss Nellie M. Jewett gave an interesting talk upon their meaning. order. A special request is made to the ladies to present subjects of in-Monroe, of Fischburg, met the society Monroe, of Fitchburg, met the society in-the-Congregational vestry to give officiency tests of the work done by

the society. The high school alumni held a reunion at the home of Miss May V. Estabrook on Saturday evening. Nearly all of the class of 1911 were there pleasant social time was enjoyed by all and a mock school session which provoked a good deal of fun. of England, Germany and Switzerland and Western United States were shown by the Radiopticon and proved very interesting as explained by John E. Allen of class of '10. and cake were served and the class bestowed a valuable gift upon Miss Estabrook, their former teacher.

The Goodrichville club met with Mrs. Palmer. There was a very small attendance on account of the rain, but gide

Mrs. W. S. Parker, who has spen the summer with her daughter, A. J. Callum, has gone to Roslindale to spend the winter with her son, F.

The community Christmas tree a domestic science which will meet at large and small. The hall was filled the lower town ball. The fruit and with people from every quarter of the poultry instruction should be of ex- town who came for a "good time" and

The hall was very beautifully dec Complete programs may be obtained orated, the main feature being the with admission tickets of Mrs. J. E. Maynard, secretary of the local comtwenty feet high, standing in the midmittee, or of the general committee of die of the hall. From its top, reach arrangements. Dr. Austin Peters, J. ing toward each corner of the half E. Maynard and Arthur T. West, any hung festoons of colored electric or all of whom will be glad to give lights, while from among its branches The success of these schools in oth-r parts of the state beauty for th er parts of the state has met with top of either side were large white great favor and it is the aim of this stars illuminated with five white elec-

Four smaller trees at the various come yourself but and mammoth red bells, added much to the artistic effect. The tree bore all manner of fruit, and if it was not "for the healing of the nations" it was

ance.
The exercises opened with an ad dress of welcome from the master of The from all over the town gathered oung and old, always welcome. In singing two carols, "God rest ye"

At seven in the evening the Uni- and "Hark the herald angels sing." Mrs. C. P. Walker, who has a wonder ful faculty for story telling, then gave pretty legend of "The little lamb," who very much wished hi coat was white and it was finally made so by the touch of the child Jesus while the lamb stood patiently by the manger all night where the child lay There's a song in the air. night, silent night" and "O little town of Bethlehem" were then sung and Rev. Robert Bryant pronounced the benediction

The children then began another with a large pack on his back and his ings concerning the second coming of Christ, the subject of his sermon being "Watchful waiting." Music by the chorus choir. Mr. West and Miss Madeline Parker will sing a duet.

With a large pack of his sack and his hands filled with toys—a veritable. Santa Claus—appeared on the scene. This was the signal for general reflocing and the little folks gathered around him while he unloaded his Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Webster enjoyed The bible school will meet as usual pack and called upon his assistants to home coming of their children on at twelve o'clock. With this session take the gifts from the tree. After each school, beginning with the pri marched past a table where each one was given an orange and a box o candy. Over 300 were thus distrib-

uted. The gathering as a whole, from start The Y. P. S. C. will hold its prayer to finish, was most successful and the

Christmas Carols Sung.

Thursday evening, Christmas eve thirty-five young people went about town singing Christmas carols. They went first to A. L. Hoisington's Brookside sanitarium, where they sang for the sick and shut-ins, pleasing very much. Mrs. Hoisington treated them with fruit and candy. From there they went to Hillcrest, Mrs. M C. Erving's sanitarium, and there again their music proved a very welcome diversion to the invalids. There day morning as a delegate to the they metaled by the ecclesiastical council called by the hot chocolate. Thence they went to Congregational church in Littleton to S. J. Emerson's and from there to the village square, where people going avening meeting paused by the wayside, and others from their houses listened to the beautiful strains of the Christmas carols. It is a soul-inspiring custom and cannot fail to please and impress all who hear them. the box. The young people enjoy it too, and th thought that they are giving pleasure to others increases their own occasion Norman G. Bigelow convey ed them with his big team.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items. Dr. Jenkins of Demorest, Ga., sup plied the pulpit on Sunday in the ab

sence of the pastor. A party of fourteen enjoyed sleighride to Nashua, Monday evening, attending the play, "The road to

Mrs. Harriet Dixon left for the South, this week.

Word has been received of the death of Alfred M. Fletcher in Northampton. Prof. Fletcher was well known to the older residents of the town, being a descendant of one of the prominent families. He was a professor of music, which work was a life-long occupation. The burial was in Pittsfield.

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GROTON.

News Items.

Mrs. Augustus Woods entertained all her children, grandchildren and all her children, grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, making a four generation celebration at her home on Christmas day. All counted, including a guest, Miss Rice, of Peorla, Ill., there were sixteen sat down to the bounties of a Christmas dinner and enjoyed the whole day's dinner and enjoyed the whole day's

having been promoted to be supervisor of bridges and buildings on the second division of the line and will have his office in Concord.

Mrs. Abby Bennett returned from her visit to her daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Mapp, at her home in Buena Vista, Va., week before last: She has been having a severe cold since her

It will be of interest to the Groton friends of Henry R. Gilson, of Baden, Pa., to hear that he has been made a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. This society of second such men as Edison, Steinmetz, Westinghouse and others. The requirements for admission are the highest of any in the country.

g. m., with suite, of Pepperell, will for them to get food, be the installing officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Har

Mrs. Wootten, of Elm street, gave a Christmas tree party to her nephew, Clark, and his little friends of Elm street at her home on Thursday afternoon, December 24, at three o'clock. Each child was made happy by a nice gift and greatly en-joyed the candy cake and ice cream served them.

B. J. Crowley, of Pleasant street, is i B. J. Crowley, of Pleasant street, is year's eve. Those attending afflicted with eye trouble which is so mostly members of a whist club. treated by Dr. Nutter, an eye spe-cialist, of Nashua, N. H.

A joint installation of officers of E. S. Clark post and W. R. C. will be held on Tuesday afternoon, January 5, at 230 o'clock. At the Baptist church on Sunday hia, N. H., this week Friday.

At the Baptist church on Sunday morning Rev. William Breckenridge, Mrs. Harriman received a number relatives in Danvers. Mr. Dudley for the Neighborhood club and their foined them for the week-end.

Subject, "Does God really guide his people?" At seven in the evening the subject will be "A royal proclamation," preceded by a bright praise service.

Service.

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day evening, January

Mr. and Mrs. David Gibson cele-brated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage on Friday evening, Luther Blood Lecture.

today at the home of his son Louis. and on Thursday morning two officers of the Worcester asylum came to Groton and returned him to the place from which he had escaped.

There will be a meeting on January 25, at 2.30 in the afternoon in the lower town hall to which the public is cordially invited. The speakers of the afternoon will be Mrs. Myron B. Vorce and Miss Rose Livingstone

Engine and hose company No. 1 will January 14. Bryant's orchestra, of Orange, will furnish the music.

week before the homes of those are kept in by illness or other reasons, was a bright and successful feaof the Christmas observance which was appreciated.

Miss Agnes Montgomery, of Worcester, is a guest in the family of David Gibson.

The entertainment at the Unitarian sociable next week Thursday evening will consist of musical selections and readings and a play given by six members of the Middlesex Rebekah lodge.

The installation of the Grange officers comes on Tuesday evening, January 12.

Arthur C. Tuttle sent this week to his son Clarence a box of luscious oranges gathered from his own orange grove at San Mateo, Fla. This orchard was, we understand, set out a number of years ago by Mr. Ttuttle

Francis H. Griffin and his wife, who were arrested in Groton last May. charged with mail defrauds said to total \$236,000, and who jumped their days past. bail of \$15,000 each, were arrested at

Hezzie Spaulding have been drawn as siah."

All the public schools reopen on Christopher Heats is a guest of Monday, January 4.

John Lawrence, who had been on a The Gun club wil hold a whist party Christmas.

Merriam & Rolph of that city. Miss Jennie Thayer and Miss Gertrude Weeks, of Boston, were Christmas guests of Mrs. Abby Bennett and her sister, Miss Rebekah Torrey.

The Engine and Hose Co. will hold department at Nichols & Frost's. its seventeenth annual concert and Earl B. Reid, formerly of Pepperell, ball in town hall, Thursday evening, now of Fitchburg, and Miss Bertha

During the cold weather of last Sunday and other days the thermometers showed fifteen and up to eighteen degrees below zero.

James Frazer has been laid by from James Frazer has been laid by

weeks ago, when it was badly sprained. Frank Patierson has been doing his work meanwhile at Mr. Bigelow's.

Robins Sampson arrived from Evanstown, Wyoming, on Christmas eve, having been learing the railroad business at the west for several years. His three-weeks' vacation home was at the west for several years. a grand Christmas present to his crumos, nemp seed, squash seed, foir-mother, Mrs. Fanny Sampson, and ed oats, hay chaff and sunflower seed, other relatives here.

Birds can stand a great amount of The Middlesex Rebekah lodge has cold if they have enough to eat, but installation of officers on Tuesday evening, January 5. Kate Dunlap, d. d. ered with snow and ice, it is difficult

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sheedy were Christmas visitors at the homes of their parents last week.

Edward A. Roacne, jr., has a posi-tion in Jacksonville, Fla., where ne went early in December. Miss Maria May has been elected

as teacher in the Moors school. Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Branigan gave a masquerade party at their home new lows. James Fallon and Erving Kezar year's eve. Those attending were won first and second prizes, respect-

Electric Company headquarters in master, was present, also Miss Ger-Chicago, is home on a visit with his aldine Lawrence, Miss Elizabeth Hill, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clough. Mr. and Mrs. Follett, employees at

tables. A charade followed and after Cedric Molson assisted at the Boston postoffice during the Christmas rush.

The next regular church social, with supper and entertainment, will beheld at the Unitarian church Thursday evening, January 7.

Habies. A charade followed and after which furnished a spelling match which furnished much amusement. All enjoyed burg. Wards there was dancing of the Virginia reel and old-time dances. Happy good nights and "happy new years" belle and the club sorp brought the plant. and the club song brought the pleas-

January 1. This silver wedding observance held at their home on Farmservance held at their home on FarmLuther Blood free lectures was given
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Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Catlin and son to the world, the redemptive passion
the parsonage last week.

Sized audience, considering the state
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to the world the ferent degrees of appreciation, some liking it very much while others con- Groton sidered it less interesting. There was no scenery, no actors, and one was obliged to use a good deal of imagination and listen closely to get at all interested. The lecturer appeared in the usual Christmas exercises and with steadfast patience, confidence two or three different Chinese cost tree were held at the hall on Thurs, and an idea of the mind of man entertumes and talked some in Chinese day evening of last week, under the ing in with the mind of God language and gave Chinese writing auspices of the Sunday school. The Rev. H. L. Packard referred touchshowing how each word stood for w children presented the following pro- ingly description of somebody or something, kram;

hold their annual concert and ball in "The yellow jacket," which is now the town hall on Thursday evening, running in a New York theatre. January 14. Bryant's orchestra, of Whether received as exceptionally in-He took up only one act of the play teresting or dull, it was, all must con-The Christmas eve carols sung last cede, something new and instructive in many ways.

West Groton.

On Tuesday Homer Harrington celebrated his ninth birthday with the assistance of a merry company boys: Joseph and Charlie Lawrence, Ralph Blood, Grant Harrington, Ed. ward Webber, Stanley Robinson, El-liott Dudley, Norman Bates, Rudolph and Harvey Bixby. Ice cream and cake were served and the little lads pronounced it "a glorious time."

G. H. Bixby, is suffering from an atremarkably well to treatment by her physician and seems to be gaining steadily.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington required the services of her physician on Tuesday, and has this year came into good her illness being caused by acute in-bearings. digestion. She is now considerably

Mrs. Charles Hill has been indisposed and confined to the bed for a few

Mrs. Gilbert Wheaton and children

The Misses Susie and Nellie Hill

isit to his parents.

E. Dexter Howe, F. W. Chase and enjoyed their rendition of "The Mes-

Mrs. A. W. Lamb is entertaining The annual business meeting, roil Miss Catherine Heath, a friend of her call and dinner of the Baptist church niece, Miss Ruth Austin, who is spendwill be held on Wednesday, January 6, ing the winter with her aunt.

rip to Panama, returned home at at the hall on this Friday evening. The Ladies' Aid society will hold its The Congregational church holds its annual business meeting for election annual dinner, roll call and business of officers on Thursday afternoon meeting on Wednesday, January 6, January 7, with Mrs. H. Spaulding.

social festivities. It was a notable family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Almon Gauthier are to go to Concord, N. H., to live above the middle of this month, Mr. Gauthier having them proposed by the middle of this month, Mr. Gauthier having them promoted to be a concord.

Mr. H. Whitehill began cutting his ice from Kemp's pond on Tuesday. It was a foot in thickness. He will drawn as juror to report at Cambridge on Monday, January 4. It is expected that Robert Plies will be the concording the concording to the concordi

ry Hill of Fitchburg spent the Christ

during the holiday rush in the book

January 14. Music by Bryant's or Treble, of Lawrence, were united in chestra of Orange, eight pièces. A marriage on Wedensday, December turkey supper will be served. A fine 23. The ceremony was performed at concert will be given from eight to the home of the bride. Fred Reid of Died in Boston on December 24 tended. He returned on Thursday

ames Frazer has been laid by from Butler of Groton. She attended school | Miss Mary Clark is having a vaca-use of one hand since about two at Lawrence academy in the year 1856, tion from her studies at Fitchburg

Textile, is spending his Christmas

having been learing the rantival dustiness at the west for several years.

His three-weeks' vacation home was a grand Christmas present to his crumbs, hemp seed, squash seed, roll.

At a state exhibit of school and the state of the property of the leatherboard mill site. The work is in charge of a Worcester company.

At a state exhibit of school and At a state exhibit of school and is "a splendid success." home garden products held at Worcester recently James Fallon received a

> The Boy Scouts, when not otherwise engaged, are busy peeling logs for their cabin.

The Boy Scouts had a very enjoyable Christmas meeting, Saturday, De-cember 19. After building their campfire they proceeded to cook their din-ner—steak, chops, sausage, bacon, fried potatoes and apples, followed by nuts, popeorn and toasted marshmal-lows. James Fallon and Erving Kezar mostly members of a whist club. ively, in the rifle match, each received Warren A. Clough, of the General ing a jack knife. Dr. Kilbourn, scout-Dr. Jones, James Hill and Henry

Mrs. C. R. Dudley and three children spent the Christmas season with relatives in Danvers. Mr. Dudley

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuttle of Mrs. E. K. Harrington,

Sunday School Exercises.

"Christmas bells," primary desteaf, dames Fallon. "Christmas greens" song, Evelyn Parker, "Christmas species" song, Evelyn Parker, "Christmas species" song, Evelyn Parker, "Christmas solis," Martha and Katherine Downs "The ynic log." Edward Croinin, Robert McCann, Irving Pierce: "Christmas sants," Raymond Croinin, Christmas bath harrington, Mariorle Carey, Mudolph Ruxby, "Christmas fare," Marian Dugan, Doris Wright, Patrick Smith, Elizabeth Bates; "Christmas fare," song, Gladys Veno; "Christmas tree," song, Gladys Veno; "Christmas fare," stallation hymn, perfectly adapted to stallation hymn, perfectly adapted to the occasion, was written by the new pastor.

The program was complete and impressive in all its parts. The usual

Santa Claus, alias Lee Bixby, then Mrs. Lucy Mitchell, who is spend-appeared and after an interesting the winter with her daughter. Mrs. speech distributed the gifts to the speech distributed the gifts to the eager children. For many years Mr. pneumonia, but is responding Shattuck has been a generous donor toward the Christmas tree for the children and all interested in the work and especially the Christmas committee fully appreciate the kindness which adds so much to the happiness of the little ones.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Douglas Whitcomb has been on the

shut-in list recently.

London in the interest of the Swift leaving the distribution of sifts from Wool Co., arrived in New York on the the tree to others.

Lusitania Wednesday afternoon. The supper and entertainment in

chosen director of the Choral society tended by a large number. for this season and enjoys the reputa- supper there was a piano duet by Heltion of being an able and efficient en Stone and Mrs. Mary Haskell, then leader. The executive board of the Miss Lucia Hutchins of Fitchburg ensociety met Wednesday and made extertained with readings, which were tensive plans for the winter. It is much enjoyed by all, hoped that the organization may inhoped that the organization may include nearly a hundred people in its membership. It is their ambition to give one of the oratorios this compling season—perhaps the first of next. ng season-perhaps the first of next

Poems containing thoughts for the new year, composed by pastors of the Littleton churches, have been present-R. F. Poland, who was visiting here last week, was called home to Fitch-burg Saturday evening by the critical and fatally resulting illness of his on their journey to Florida next week.

Merriam & Robert Biss will serve as sub-bew year, composed by pastors of the Littleton churches, have been presented to parishioners of the different churches. They possess much literary on their journey to Florida next week.

Miss Nellie Hill of Boston and Harding will and unselfish ambition.

Church Notes.

In unison with the Congregationals the time of the Baptist prayer meeting has been changed from Friday to Parker at dinner Christmas day. Thursday evening until further notice. A new interest in this mid-week service is noted. The meeting this week was held at George A. Kimball's on the Westford road. Next week the place of meeting will be the parson-

The festivities at the Baptist Christmas tree were enjoyed by a large brother and two nieces of Pepperell gathering of the little folks and their on Monday, it being the ninety-third friends. A case of clothing and a birthday of his mother, Mrs. Hanna sum of money, "white gifts" for the Harrod.

reature of the occasion.

"Peg o' my heart, the delightful frish comedy, "as Irish as St. Patrick's day in the morning," is to be presented in the town hall on Monday evening, January 18, by Miss Marion H. Clarke, one of the most successful ed i and accomplished readers and enter- day tainers on the platform today. Miss Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haskell sp Clarke more than satisfies wherever Christmas with his sister in Ayer. she appears, the invariable testimony

first prize of two dollars on best squash, also a prize of one dollar on sionary festival in the Baptist church was feared. in West Acton.

> Following the council of the fore-Following the council of the fore-in honor, the installation of Rev. James Ethelyn. Church Alvord as pastor of the Congregational church, took place on Thursday afternoon, December 31, when the following order of service was admirably carried into execution:

was aumirary carried into execution: Organ precide, Miss Fannie A. Sanderson: reading minutes of council by the scribe, Rev. John B. Lewis, of Pep-pered, invocation, Rev. Mr. Tingley, of Actoric inding of scriptures, Rev. O. J. Fairfield, without, choirs prayer of in-

church to the Littleton church, an. fitting record for the last day of the Worster's mother.

Mildred Blood spent the Christmas vacation with Mrs. Lewis of Lunenburg.

And Charles Bight activities by the Christmas vacation with Mrs. Lewis of Lunenburg.

No. Charles Bight activities by the Lewis of Agents and a like number represented emphasizing the need of an acquaint
Robert Burns lodge of Ager. Mrs. Charles Bixby entertained her three out-of-town daughters. Mrs. of God, a knowledge of the presence George McCurdy and the Misses Isable and Grace Bixby, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bixby and daughters with God, the test of religion ter have visited Mr. and Mrs. George in its working nower, the progress H Bixby.

fellow men properly with God. was ushered in congratulations and for Dunning in his charge to the new year's greetings were exchanged spent Christmas with Mr. and minister dwelt chiefly m the ministers amid a turnult of enthusiasm and good having a passion for delivering his followship. The year just passed has prophecy or message, possessing a been one of progress and significance prophecy or message, possessing a Sunday School Exercises, sense of hunter, persuing his ministry for Fredomian lodge. Many new memThe usual Christmas exercises and with steadfast patience, confidence bers have been received into the lodge

ingly to his recent pastorate in Lit-tleton and said that both secular and ecclesiastical history teach the great contristmas belis," primary decrets lastical history teach the greatent two songs, intermediate lesson of competation. The parishmer buquette and Harvey Law-pages, who announced the following performers: "Christmas greet and on church committees, to help dames Fallon, "Christmas and history teach the sanctuary, his performers: "Christmas greet and on church committees, to help dames Fallon, "Christmas and history teach the sanctuary, his profession of the sanctuary his profession of the sanctuary history in the sanctuary history history history history history history history history histo

pressive in all its parts. The usual choir was supplemented by Mrs. Mattie K. Priest, soprano, and Herbert Whitney, tenor. During the noon recess a bountiful and delicious dinner was served by an able committee of which Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Flagg were chairmen.

HARVARD.

News Item.

Mrs. Hannah Fairbanks Fay, one hundred years old, died December 24 at Worcester. She was a native of spend the winter here with her brother's family. Harvard, where she was born October 23, 1814. She had been a resident of

names. The Griffins are alleged by the government to have received large sums from misrepresentations to persons in regard to a contract which it was claimed had been received for stenographic work from the government. Mrs. Griffin, who was Clara Holland, was formerly an expert. Harry Hill is a member, and greatly visit to his parents.

The Misses Susie and Nellie Hill attended the concert given by the chape attended the concert given by the have received calls from Mr. Fletcher when he came to visit his brother at the common. His remaining contemporaries in Littleton have received calls from Mr. Fletcher when he came to visit his brother at the common. His remaining contemporaries in Littleton have received calls from Mr. Fletcher when he came to visit his brother at the common. His remaining contemporaries in Littleton have received calls from Mr. Fletcher when he came to visit his brother at the common. His remaining contemporaries in Littleton have received calls from Mr. Fletcher when he came to visit his brother at the common. His preminiscences of the town and its people as new knew them in his boyhood were interesting and accurate, and it was with keen delight that he reviewed the history and accurate, and it was with keen and accurate.

All River.

The supper and entertainment in George S. Dane, of Boston, has been the vestry Wednesday evening was at-

ason-perhaps the first of next cester at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. The society will meet in the Henry K. Harrod's; Misses Grace and ine Brasnaban and daughter, Misses Margaret and Nellie Neyland with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ney-land. Mrs. Bridget Joyce entertained her children, Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney and two children of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullen of Lynn and Misses Agnes and Nellie Joyce of Boston over Christmas.

Mrs. Anna Flanders entertained Mrs. Emma J. Parker and Miss Ethel

Miss Katherine Lawrence took he Christmas dinner with her sister, Mrs. Annie M. Clark, at Lancaster. Fred W. Bateman and sister Eliza spent Christmas and a few days with their brother's family, Mr. and Mrs.

Luther H. Bateman, of Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Higgs hav moved into the Thempson cottage near the church.

Mrs. Carrie Nourse visited her daughter in Marlboro this week. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stebbins visited in Nashua from Christmas to Sun-

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haskell spen

Mrs. Carruth has returned from Gardner, where she has been treated A party of eleven young people for her eyes. At present the trouble went upon a moonlight sleighride on seems to be more favorable and there

> On Thursday evening there was party at Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Russell's in honor of their daughter, Miss They remained to watch the old year out and the new year in SHIRLEY.

News Item.

Rev. G. E. Woodman and John G. onant attended the exercises at the Littleton Congregational church on Thursday when Rev. J. C. Alvord was duly installed as pastor of that

Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., held its regular meeting on Thursday evening when the third degree was exempli-fied by George F. Buxton, degree master and suite. Three candidates from Mt. Roulstone lodge and two from Apollo lodge, Fitchburg, and one belonging to Fredonian lodge, making Dr. Conrad brought greetings and a total of six candidates, were conferred with the degree and made

> The following officers were elected to serve during the year 1915; Earl C. Merriman, n. g.; Alvah B. Watton, v. g.; George W. Balch, sec.; George F. Buxton, treas.; William H. Wilbur, trustee 3 years.

Refreshments were served under tee: J. Edwin Ponfret, James L. Holland, Morton E. Lawrence, George our young men a lesson in military W. Balch and Earl C. Merriman, A social time followed. A goodly number of the members remained until the midnight hour and as the new year was ushered in congratulations and for Fredonian lodge. Many new memand a large tumber of social func tions enjoyed, and the lodge has pros pered financially. E. Thornton Clark. the noble grand of the lodge, presided throughout the evening.

Altrorian. Mrs. Emma Weld Parker, of Harvard, gave readings before the Altrurian club at their club room on Thurs-day afternoon. Mrs. Parker gave seday afternoon. lections of humorous readings, presenting the manners of different speakers, showing marked ability in her representations. Mrs. Parker also gave a paper on a book, entitled "A systematic course of reading in prepa-ration for larger citizenship," a beauration for larger citizenship," a beau-tiful bound book with fine illustrations teaching women how to prepare themselves for the vote. Mrs. the cape. A two-horse sled Parker desired subscriptions for the a load of fifteen of the Sobook as one well worth reading. A members from the Harbor.

rising vote of thanks was given her and one new member admitted. Miss Kate E. Hazen presented all the memhers with a handsome new year calendar representing "The first Stars and Stripes on the ocean." Mrs. Florence M. Ballou presided at the plano and "America" was sung. The club adjourned for two weeks.

BOXBOROUGH.

Mr. Shedd, our very nonular butch. nicest ones seen this season

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The last addition to the Chester family is a little girl, whose name is Violet Olive.

SHAPED FOOT

Miss Maria Steele and brother Wilbur are visiting the Harris Steele family at North Brookfield. Mrs. Frank Davidson and two chil-

dren of Lincoln are at Wm. Withington's. Wedding.

The really great surprise of the holiday season was the marriage of James Knight and Miss Lucy Sparow on Christmas eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knight. Mr. Knight returned from Oahu, H. L. Thanksgiving day, where he had been most of the time since he enlisted in the army three years ago. Mrs. Knight has been a teacher here for nearly two years. Her home is in North Adams. Their acquaintance dated just three weeks before their liaptic. our young men a lesson in military tactics and despatch. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Frank Rice. Mrs. Knight will continue teaching till the close of the school year and the re-enlistment of Mr. Knight is in-

definitely postponed. TOWNSEND.

Harbor.

The Christinas exercises were held this year in the rooms of the Old Mansion with about fifty in attend-ance. Over forty partook of the Christmas supper. A glowing ynfe-tide fire on the wide, open hearth shed its light, warmth and holiday cheer ver the assembled guests: A Christmas tree covered with silvery sheet held its usual important place in the festivities. Decorations of Christmas greens were everywhere while a large bunch of n.istletoe from Mississippi contributed largely to the entertain ment. A pleasing literary and musical program added its share to the

enjoyment of the evening.

Thursday evening between thirty and forty of the friends of Mrs. Sophia Burdett and her daughters gave them a genuine surprise at their home at the cape. A two-horse sled brought a load of fifteen of the Social club moon and the splendid sleighing made The usual business was attended to the trip a delight. The evening was spent at whist, music and dancing in the big dining-room. At eleven-thirty refreshments were served. the old year was dying, R. B. Adams read from Tennyson's "In memoriam," the selection beginning "Ring out wild bells in the wild sky," finishing th poem as a soft-toned bell chimed the hour of midnight, when a new day, new month and a new year was born

A Snappy Entertainment.

The Social club entertainment or last Saturday evening in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blake was one bail of \$15,000 each, were arrested at Colorado. Springs on December 26. She returned from a ten days visit The death of J. Emery Fletcher, of She leaves a daughter in Worcester his patrons this week some very hand-lorable boarding house under assumed for Christmas day.

Mr. Shedd, our very popular butch-of unusual snap and go. The feather-of unusual s of unusual snap and go. The featherland reading of the local newspaper,

"The Townsend Harbor Bladderdash." Editor-in-chief, N. G. Proctor; secretary and treasurer, Miss Emily La rence; printer's devil, R. C. Blake.

The department editors were assigned their special work with the signed their special work with the privilege of choosing two assitants. Sporting news, Willard Gray; social news, Miss Lillian Warner; social conditions, Harold Gray; fun section, Miss Meloria Warner. These are a few of the interests to which the Bladderdash is devoted. A sufficient time was given the various departments to finish and hand in their work after which it was properly arranged and the completed paper read by Mr. Blake, Jokes, hits, witticisms and limericks made The Bladderdash a lively

Rev. Joseph McKean's topic at the Baptist church on Sunday morning will be "A new year's problem in hold arithmetic," and in the evening the topic will be "An important new year's

question," a sermon to the women A week of prayer will be held at Baptist vestries commencing on Sunday evening with the pastor in

charge. ITEM OF INTEREST.

A difficult task in housemoving was A difficult task in housemoving was performed recently in Wilkesbarre, Pa., where a house on being moved the distance of three city blocks was first raised twenty feet and later lowered eighty feet over a winding country road.

There are thirty-one women em-ployed as railway brakemen in this country and ten as baggagemen.

Shoes with quickly removable soles and heels have been invented by a Frenchman for railroad men so that they can escape from danger if their feet are caught in a track.

The human skeleton, exclusive of leeth, consists of 208 bones.

New Advertisements.

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Saturday, January 2, 1915.

AYER.

News Items.

John and Stephen Hamel, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Hamel, of Maple street, have entered a convent school

At the postponed meeting of Easter At the postponed meeting of Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., last Saturday even-ing these officers were elected: Mrs. Ida Freble, w.; Mrs. Annie E. Can-ning, v. w.; Mrs. Affle Washburn, sec.; we have received an invitation to be present at the inauguration of New Hampshire's newly-elected governor, Rolland H. Spaulding, at Concord, N. Hampshire's newly-elected governor, Rolland H. Spaulding, at Concord, N. H., Thursday, January 7.

At the Methodist church Sunday Concert Company of Concert Company Concert Concert Company Concert Company Concert Company Concert Drs. Grace Rymes, f. s.; Mrs. Kate C. Carrigan, treas.; John B. Washburn,

Miles Ada M. Lawton, of the Fessenden school, West Newton, spent the the ats. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Law-

L. H. Lemovan has returned from a visit with relatives in Somerville.

Mrs. Albion A. Washburn, Hopedale, spent Christmas with Mr. shburn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Washburr

Ruth Wardrobe Thacher, daughter of

Thursday afternoon at the home of were served. Mrs. J. W. Kittridge. The speaker was Mr. Hubbard and the topic of The speaker

week Friday with the president, Miss S. Alelaide Blood.

creases in the one-way rates of face

ter, O. E. S., were elected at the last meeting: Mrs. Grace E. Lentz, m.; L. Proble, p.; Mrs. Margaret K. Cushing, a. m.; Mrs. Annie E. Fil-jehrown, sec.; Mrs. Eileen G. Sawyer, Alma L. Brown, con. Mrs. Eva W. Harlow, a. c.; Mrs. Lucy M. Parsons, trustee 2 veges

Florence J. Richardson spent Christ- mas nos with relatives in Hyde Park. home in Baltic Conn., where he will spend the winter as usual.

be careful about their money and other valuables. The warning is director valuables. ted especially to those who carry money openly in going to the bank to make deposits.

The Woman's Alliance will hold a short business session instead of the regular afternoon meeting on Thursday, January 7, at the home of Mrs. Ida C. Perkins at 2.30 o'clock.

The employees of the telephone company are to have a dancing party in the town hall, Tuesday evening January 5. Music, Wilson's orchestra of Fitchburg.

will be discontinued and cro-

At the next Woman's club meeting January 6, a play will be given, under vagrants who escaped from the police the direction of Mrs. Carrie Murphy station on Wednesday morning. In and Mrs. Sacie Sanders, Mrs. Daisy court on Friday morning White told Beckford will have charge of the

All Advertisements Appear in All the Promotion. The territory which has been assigned to him is Maine and "Tis to the Pen and Press we mortals start on his new duties the first of owe, A:1 we believe and almost all we the year. For the present he will know"

> Mr. and Mrs. Lord of Sullivan, Me., parents of Mrs. George L. Osgood, arrived in town last week to spend the winter here with their daughter.

There will be a special new year service at the First Parish Enitarian day evening, January 14.
church next Sunday morning at 10.45.
Rev. L. W. Sanford of Cambridge will of the father. Thomas in Lowell. Later they will continue conduct the service and will preach their studies at a Montreal, Canada, a sermon for the new year. All are cordially welcome.

> The annual parish meeting of the The annual parish meeting of the Unitarian church will be held Wednesday evening, January 6, at 7.30 o'clock. All interested in the Unitarian church, whether members of the parish or not, are urged to be cleeted officers. Warren L. Preble will be the content of the parish or not, are urged to be cleeted officers. Warren L. Preble will be content of the parish or not, are urged to be cleeted officers.

school at ten. Preaching at eleven. Evening service at seven. Subject, "Is the young man absolute safe?"

Charles Bartz, the electrician, moved into the Butterfield house, East Main street, Thursday. Mr. Bartz is of George S. Buttwell post, G. A. E., George V. Barrett camp, S. of idence at Littleton Center,

altar of St. Mary's church has been leautifully and impressively decora-congregational church vestry previpeople have visited the church and admired the devotional grouping of the third degree was conferred on Washburn.
William II. Nutting has returned the savior. On this Friday night the

On Christmas eve in the falling Mr. and Mrs. Josiah P. Thacher, Lit- snow St. Andrew's choir sang carols

A Christmas entertainment was giv- low zero up to twenty-eight world." The interest of the class continues keen and active. The next
meeting will be in two weeks.

The regular meeting of the Woman's
club executive board was held this
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passengers between stations on Tuesday, January 5, at three o'clock night. Reuther was instantly killed Boston and Maine railroads in John O'Connor, of Fitchburg, a and Wilson fatally injured. It is said the Boston and Maine railroads in John O'Connor, of Fitchburg, a commonwealth, and the proposed former well-known resident of this withdrawal of certain five, ten, twelve, town, was quite badly injured by an automobile, disregarded the warnings fifty and one handred ride commutation passenger tickets on the Boston and Maine railroad, the public service demands of the marity at its office, No. 1 Beacon Full details of the accident have not at 10.20 in the forencon.

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of cattle has been removed, on account the Ayer postoffice, or Edvard E. John L. Fried E. Boston, of the ioot and mouth distance profession of the evening's program of summer militia duty in this state. Fried E. Summer militia duty in this state. Fried E. Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., elections and short plant consist of the evening's program of summer militia duty in this state. Fried E. Burns lodge, deems wise in his own town. The ban station to attend the inaugaration of on the transportation of poultry has. Governor Walsh on Thursday, Janhowever, been lifted according to our many 7, at the State House, Eoster light, which he will accept. O'Brien.

The employees of the traffic depart. Not Affected by Hard Times, ment at the telephone office, including A man giving his name as Arthur, the operators, presented their efficient Perry, and his residence as Lawrence,

in Watertown.

In view of the many robberies in this vicinity. Chief Beatty issues a two word of warning to all persons to an ending becomber 31, 326 were various to the second request for shelter. Perry told Chief Beatty that he intended to before, when the total was 226. Of look for a job cutting ice on Monday morning and if allowed to stay in the ending becomber 31, 326 were various told the possession of the possession

"The long way," in three parts, will be the feature picture this Saturday at the moving picture shows. Another good one will be an Edison photoplay in three parts. "The way of the Redman," a western drama, "His change of heart" and Sweedle's cleanthe latter a farce comedy, will conclude the program. Good singing and music. Matinee at three o'clock sharp, and evening at eight. Next week Wednesday "The perils of Paul-

week Saturday for Cleveland, Ohio, to served in unsurpassed style by see her mother who is critically ill. see her mother who is critically ill.

George White, who originally hailed eating he told the clerk that he open Saturday. January 9, at haif past two in the town hall, in charge of Mrs. Margaret Cushing, chairman of the Civics' committee of the Ayer Woman's club. This year the slip of the Bar Harbor express on Thursday night in a drunken condition and class will be discontinued and cro-cheting and knitting classes opened, taken to the police station by the rail-other prisoners who were waiting for the court to dispose of their cases for Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Lucke S. Richardson, and his uncle, C. K. Plerce.

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The chief at one of duty he was surprised to find White there. The chief at one of the court vagrancy. to find White there. The chief at once for a similar offence was read he re

recognized him as one of the four the court that he went to North Lit-tleton to try and get work certing

These officers of Aver Junction Aerie, F. O. E., were elected on Thursday evening: M. F. Fitzgerald, w. p.; C. R. Johnson, w. v. p.; J. J. Horan, sec.: W. J. Donion, treas.: P. A. Parker, chap.; John F. Coburn, i. g.; Chas. Crawford, o. g.; trustees, Patrick Cheasty, 3 years, Oscar E. Carlson, 1 year; L. D. Sullivan, physician. The installation will take place on Thurs-

George T. Burns spent Christmas with his father, Thomas Burns, of Williams street. Mr. Burns has for years been engaged in railroad con-

Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Perry had as Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. The Mandolin club will be present to furnish music for them. The prayer limit and Mrs. Louis little and two children, Francis and Ether hands with a social hour. Light combined with a social hour. Light provided the combined with a social hour. Light combined with a social hour.

wiring Alexander Gregory's new residence at Littleton Center.

During the octave of Christmas the
alter of St. Marv's church has been

William II. Nutting has returned the savior. On this rinday manner of the Mattapan, where he spent closing exercises of the octave will reconsist of solemn vespers. There will inchouses at Sandy pond on Monday morning and the Boston ice Company morning and the Boston ice Company winter term next Monday:

"New year's thoughts," by Rev. F. H. Houston, and solemn benediction of the blessed sacrament.

"The ice on the pond is about twelve inches thick." lodge, I. O. O. F., Tuesday evening.

The weather last week broke all records for many years for December lictor, to Henry Leavitt Brown, son of Outdoors at various houses up and On last Saturday morning the mercury down the hill, ending at the vicarage was as low as twenty-eight below zero on Oak street, where refreshments at Pingreyville. Other localities reported temperatures from twenty bewas Mr. Hubbard and the topic of en in St. Andrew's church last Tues-study was "hemocracy in the new day night showing slides of "The story About the same temperatures were world." The interest of the class con-of the other wise man," and postcards

cek Friday with the president, Miss | There will be a service of holy com- for Worcester at 8.22 in the evening namion at St. Andrew's church on struck an automobile in which Chas.

In the matter of the proposed in- Sunday morning at 10.45. There will be a service of holy comaution at St. Andrew's church on building at 10.45.

St. Andrew's Guild will meet on St. Andrew's January 5, at three o'clock John O'Connor, of Fitchburg, a and Wilson to this order of the St. Andrew's Guild will meet on St. Andrew's Guild will meet

make a try for a job. He was again turned loose in the morning and supposedly started for Sandy pond where ice cutting operations were in progress. Instead of going there he sauntered up Main street until his eyes rested on Brown's lunch room jusaround the corner on Pleasant street He walked into the place and with the utmost abandon called for ham and eggs, the headliner on the attractive menu. Thomas Kittredge, clerk set about preparing the delectable Mrs. Charles E. Stone leaves this relish consumed the meal which was court room where he joined severa When the complaint against Perry

Beckford will have charge of the the court that he went to North Litter awal undeterminate term.

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After court, in accordance with the swall custom, Chief Beatty escorted the learner of the past of the past of the past of the years traveling salesman for the Walter M. Lowney Co., has been given a promotion. The territory which has been assigned to him is Maine and New Hampshire. Mr. Richardson will

The Christmas festival service for St. Andrew's Sunday school was held breakfast, not knowing that Perry had been there. Perry was given a second committed him to the state farm in meal, this time at the expense of Middlesex county. After Perry's department of the court that he went to North Litter awal undeterminate term.

After court, in accordance with the court in accordance with the distance of the small property to Brown's lunch room for the Christmas festival service for Christmas eve at seven o'clock. During the service carols were sung and the Christmas "Story of the other Middlesex county. After Perry's department of the court in accordance with the court, in accordance with the court in accordance grateful act of his charge, who in the Christmas tree blazed up with

Death.

Miss Lillian Frances Crocker, daughter of Capt, and Mrs. Charles H. The inquest on the death of Michael Crocker, died at her home early Wednesday morning. The cause of death nesday morning. The cause of death was intestinal obstruction, from which she suffered for over three and a haif

and passed away the following day.

Miss Crocker was born in East Boston on September 6, 1887. She moved to Malden when quite young and attended the schools there graduating from the high school. After leaving school she became a telephone operacr. She came here with her parents several years ago, and for a time was an operator at the local telephone excourage and fortitude.

able courage and fortitude.

She leaves besides her parents, two brothers, Charles S. Crocker, of Malden, and A. Bruce Crocker, of Clifton- court adjourned. The decision will be dale.

The faneral will take place this Sat- District Court. urday morning from the house and will be private. The remains will be taken to Melrose for interment.

A Belightful Concert.

Woman's club. The concert attracted one of the largest audiences ever seen in Bridgewater. in town and the many excellent fea-tures were liberally applauded. in similar request on Wednesday morntairteen numbers eight other, school tarm. Say tions were given. The closing num-ber, "Brown and Blue," one of the best known of Tufts' songs, has been sung at the end of all concerts given by the club for the past ten years. It is customary wherever the club gives concerts to invite all Tufts college men to the stage to join in the evening, January 5. Fred Dudley song. Dr. B. H. Hopkins and Nelson assistants, of Reed's Ferry, will d Turner, the former a graduate, and the latter a student of Tufts, accepted ed under the management of Mr. applause. Other Tufts men were call- Pierce. Cake, pies and rolls are so ed but failed to respond. The concert licited, was a distinct success and was much Miss

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appreciated.

The following article is taken from

placed ulation prohibiting the transportation John H. Hooley, local secretary, at and was supposed to hurry back to Tuesday evening, January 5, the lit-

Christmas Exercises.

the operators, presented their efficient Perry, and his residence as Lawrence, and Parsons, trustee 3 years.

Joseph H Richardson and Missing Liberty and His residence as Lawrence J. Richardson spent Christing his ferm of a gold piece at Caristing hooked he was assigned to a propose J. Richardson spent Christing his ferm of a gold piece at Caristing hooked he was assigned to a go at the Baptist church on Christmas Mrs. J. E. Hart has returned from arrests made by the local police. This pearance on Sunday evening with a perfect of the pearance on Sunday evening with a perfect of the program came the distri- Miss Lillian Keyes in Witterson. lowing the program came the distri- Miss Lillian Keyes has been visiting bution of presents from the Christmas her mother in West Groton, Mass., tree. Mr. Thomas, the pastor, was during the school vacation presented a sum of money, Herbert H. Pillman making the presentation. At the M. E. church on Christmas Smith, Christmas,

night the cantata, "The rose of Beth-lehem" was given with great success, the following being the cast of char-

acters:

Malachi, Archer W. Nutting: Damascus, James M. Boutwell: Katania, Miss Anna G. Taylor: Mispah, Miss Ituby Crockett: Bethsaida, John W. Wentworth; Tulsa, Merrill: Webb: El Capitan, Carl Held; Jan. Norman Fletcher: street singers. Misses Eva Taylor, Maud Luddington, Grace Farrar. Eva Waterman: plikrims. Misses Dorothy Daniels, Marlon Webb, Stella Taylor; shepherds, Arthur Luddington, Itex Boutwell, Lloyd Canning, Roy Canning, Earl Daniels, Vernon Woods.

After the cantata old Sante Claus.

After the cantata old Santa Claus came and sent the young folks away happy. The following program was given

the Congregational church on Sunday evening:

Sunday evening:

Songs, school; scripture reading and prayer; recitations. Edith Winslow. Freddie Cobb, Barbara Dickerman, Edith Winslow son was with him until the last. The funeral will be held at the First Confuneral will be held at the First Confuneration of the time since and was not allowed to see visitors. His only son work done, I would be very good to do it, for I need the work; a greational church in Nashua on Sunday afternoon at 2.30. The house will day afternoon at 2.30. The house will be open from 12.30 to two o'clock for STONE. Forest Street, Ayer.

quested the court to send him to some state institution for the winter. Judge Atwood then sentenced him to classes, song, Gertrude Turner, recitating state farm in Bridgewater for the state farm in Bridgewater fa

grateful act of his charge, who in the Christmas tree blazed up with spite of the hard times succeeded in lights. Finally came the Christmas getting two breakfasts in one morning presents and candy and a closing carol.

12, was held in the district court room on Thursday morning, John M George T. Burns spent Christmas she suffered for over three and a haif with his father, Thomas Burns, of Williams street. Mr. Burns has for years been engaged in rairoad construction work in Virginia. He is a graduate of the Ayer high school and of Dartmouth college.

She suffered for over three and a haif Maloney, associate justice, presiding. Maloney, associate justice, presiding. Dr. Frank S. Bulkeley, medical experiment of the disease. The last operation was performed on graduate of the Ayer high school and of Dartmouth college. was due to hemorrhage as a result of the injuries received blood marks on the rail of the north bound track. Death evidently caused by railroad accident. Charles Raby the conductor of extra freight 2389 Ayer bound, from Nashua, said that the train stopped to take water here stor at the local telephone ex-Sne bore the sufferings incichange. She bore the sufferings inci-dent to her long illness with remark-the body. Mr. Raby at once called the medical examiner. He did not know how the man came to his death There being no further evidence the given later.

An unusual case was that of George McGinnis, of Rochester, N. H., who was in court charged with vagrancy on Tuesday morning. He said that he The Tufts coilege Giee and Mando-lin clubs gave a delightful concert in money or friends and requested the the town hall on last Monda; even-ing under the auspices of the Ayer stitution for the winter. Judge At-

assistants, of Reed's Ferry, will do the work. An oyster supper will be serv Mrs. Charles P. Brown and D. Fred

ing her holiday vacation in town.

The Christmas tree exercises which was held in the town hall on Christ mas eve was well attended and great the Fitchburg Schall:
It has recently come to light that The entertainment was in charge of Edward Harrison Lawton, son of the Mrs. Ralph C. Herrick. As Mr. Santa

At the next meeting of the Grange,

being arranged. Christmas tree exercises were held to her home in the tree to the Baptist church on Christmas tree exercises were held to her home in the church on Christmas tree exercises were held to her home in the church on Christmas tree exercises were held to her home in the church on Christmas tree exercises were held to her home in the church of the church o assisting in the home of Charles E.

Leander Freeman acted his return from visiting his father in Lanterns

Myron D. Smith was at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Worcester Bros filled their icehouse

the past week. Several houses were filled during the week and last week. leorge A. Ladd has not yet got his Miss Ida E. Dow, of Boston, remem-

calendars on which was a picture of the soprano soloist. George A. Burge, a highly respected citizen of Nashua, and well-known in many places, including Hollis, his na-

He had been delirious the greater part of the time since and was

inquest, .

and were liberally applauded. In similar request on Wednesday morn-dilition to the regular repertoire of ing and was also sent to the state Several other vagrant case

HOLLIS, N. H.

thout Town. The installation of the officers of the Grange will take place on Tuesday evening, January 5. Fred Dudley and

Miss Bessie Robbins has been spend-

his blessing.

Mrs. Edith Bishop, who has been Eyen then, the information was not working at Mrs. William H. Lund's

Miss Bernice Holmes, who has been to her home in Pepperell on

large supply in yet. bered many of her Hollis friends with

tive town, passed away at his hom on Courtland street, Nashua, on Wedon Courtiand street, Nashua, on Wednesday, about noon. He had gradually failed since his fall about two months ago, when he fell in getting out of an automobile and broke his INCORPORATED 1869

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any friends wishing to view the re-

Edward S. Cave, selectman, was drawn as a petit juror to serve a Manchester, beginning January 11. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howard mo

ed this week to the Bainbridge Wheelor place, where they are to live. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis G. Woods went to the home of their daughter, Mrs. F Leo McEnnis, on Wednesday, where they will spend the winter, returning to their home in the village in the

spring. Herman Stickney will stil have his room there. Mrs. Leonard Lawrence and son

Leonard expect to board at Miss Arvilla Hardy's for the winter. Mrs. Edward S. Cave, who broke

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The childrens' sewing school will

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Center. At the close of the Methodist Sunday school last Sunday the following officers were elected: T. T. Goodwin, supt.; Alfred Smith, asst. supt.; Geo. L. Eastman, sec. and treas.; Mrs. W. L. Eastman, sec. and treas.; Mrs. W. D. Farrar, organist; Miss Ina Wilder, chorister; Mrs. W. P. Taylor, home dept. supt.; Mrs. Mary Spring, Mrs. Esther Scales, Miss Ellie Lawrence and Miss May Parker, visitors; Geo. Upham, librarian, with power to choose his assistant.

It is reported that fast Saturday night the thermometer registered 36° below zero in some parts of the town.

Miss Ethel Upham returned to her school at Ashfield last Saturday mornmg. Before reaching her destination Miss Upham had to take a stage coach ride of twelve miles in the Berkshire hills. Before reaching her destination

Mrs. Mary Sherrin, her son Clarence of Townsend, and her son George of Boston; spent the Christmas season with Mr. and Mrs. Leopold at Green-

Mr. and Mrs. John Piper have closed their home here and left Monday, De-cember 28, to spend the winter in Boston. They will be missed by their many friends.

Miss Jennie Ballou spent the weekend with her father, Albert Ballou. Miss Hazel Ballou returned with her to Boston for a few days' visit.

Miss Edna Temple, Mrs. Mary Blood and Miss Lutie Blood left on Thursday morning of last week for Ormand. Fla., where they will be employed for

Ellis Lawrence is in the Burbank hospital, being treated for a frozen

The C. E. meeting on Sunday even-ing will have for its subject, "Who is on the Lord's side?" Leader, the president, Arline Clarke.

Everett B. Borneman and Mrs. Ella Mary (Peel) Dorman, his housekeeper, were quietly married at Mr. Borne-man's home on Tuesday, December 22, at eight o'clock by Rev. Alfred L. Struthers of the Congregational

The Cooper's I. U. will hold their annual concert and ball on the evening of January 8 in Memorial hall.
Watson's novelty singing orchestra will provide the music for both concert and dancing.

Miss Sarah Copeland and Miss Eva Stearns, teachers, are at their respective homes in town during their win-ter vacation and Christmas holidays.

One of the largest and joyous family One of the largest and joyous family reunions at Christmas was held at the home of Mrs. Susan Clark. All the members of the family and their immediate families were present, the number being twenty-one. Those present from other towns were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Comstock and family and Mrs. C. H. Comstock and family of Westminster, Vt., Mr. and Mrs. George A. Patton and family of Lowell, A. F. Clark and family of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Richardson and family of New-port, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Clark and family of Sanford, Me., Miss Marion Clark and Henry E. Clark and Fred Downes of Sanford, Me.

Miss Marion H. Clarke, who is making a tour of New England, will im-personate J. Hartley Manner's re-markable comedy, "Peg o' my heart." in Memorial hall on the evening of January 19, under the auspices of the senior class of the Townsend high

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Methodist church met Wednesday afternoon, December 30, with Mrs. Lucy Lawrence. A large number were present, including the pastor and his wife. After the business meeting the president, Mrs. Lucy Lawrence, in behalf of the ladies, presented Mrs. Geo.

R. Moody, the pastor's wife, with a handsome autograph quilt. Each As the members departed they wished house was attractively decorated house was attractively decorated house was attractively decorated house was attractively decorated house was attractively decorated.

A happy gathering of the Hartford and Copeland families was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hartford on Christmas day. The old house was attractively decorated their autograph was written on the square. Mrs. Moody was completely surprised, yet especially pleased and responded graciously, thanking the ladies for their kindly thought of her. Refreshments were served by the hostess and a social hour was enjoyed.

Miss Mabel F. Bliss, a senior at Fitchburg Normal school, is to succeed Miss Madeline G. Logue as apprentice teacher in the primary school week Monday.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning the pastor's subject will be 'The beginning of things.'

The glad Christmas day was celebrated by many happy parties, trees and dinners, and everywhere was evi-denced a spirit of good fellowship and hospitality.

Mrs. Clara Heselton attended the funeral of her aunt, Miss Julia A. Litchfield, held in the Congregational church, Pepperell, on Wednesday afternoon. December 24.

Marguerite Butterfield, of Ashby, spent the Christmas season with her sister, Mrs. William Greeley.

At the Grange on last Monday evening the following officers were elected: Frank Woods, m.; Edgar Campbell, o.; Mrs. Esther Scales, lec.; Miss May Parker, stew.; Alton Bray, asst. stew.; Mrs. Agnes Woods, chap.; Mrs. Emma Seaver; Ceres; Mrs. Winifred Farrar, Pomona: Mrs. Flora Parker, Flora; Charles Dix, g. k.; Mrs. Edna Bray 1. a. s.; George L. Whitcomb, treas. Mrs. Flora I. Atwood, sec.; Dr. A. J. Atwood, Wilbur H. Scales, Galen Proctor, ex. com. It is expected the in-stallation will take place the first meeting in January.

proceeded to the parlors to the strains great credit should be given each one of Lohengrin's wedding march played by Henry E. Clark, a brother of the bride was given away by Thomas S. Clark, another brother, and A. Oliver Clark, of this town, and Helen Whitcomb, Gertrude Higgins.

n creme etlenne silk with lace trim- Much of the success of the playlet mings, and wore an original bridal was due to the skillful management cap of lace and orange blossoms and of Mrs. Margaret Higgins and Mrs. carried a shower bouquet of roses. Harriet S Her travelling gown was a black vel-L. Drake.

After spending the Christmas holi-days with the bride's mother the noon and evening. couple left on a wedding tour, visiting Boston, Lowell and other points before returning to their new home on Main street in Sanford, Me., where the groom is a successful newspaper man.

Miss Evelyn Wyeth has returned to of the Methodist church. The double Braidentown, Fla., for the winter.

brother, officiated as best man

an arch of laurel and white bells.

After the wedding ceremony pleasant reception was held and refreshments were served. They were the recipients of wedding gifts that included cut glass, silverware and

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Bruce's. Mrs. C. W. Upham and Albert Dodge.
Mr. and Mrs. Upham left on Saturday for their new home, 510 Salem street, Malden. Both Mr. Upham and his bride start their new life with the hearty good wishes of their friends for their happiness and prosperity.

Club Meeting.

The Christmas meeting of the Mon day club was held at the home of Mrs. C. F. Worcester, Monday, December 28, Mrs. Worcester and Mrs. Tenney being hostesses. After the business meeting conducted by the president, Mrs. Abbie Barber, the club members were pleasingly entertained by Mrs. Townsend. were pleasingly entertained by Miss Mildred Sanders, a talented elocutionist of Ayer. Miss Sanders has a very attractive personality and the quality and expression of her selections were fully enjoyed by all present. Miss Sanders kindly responded to encores. One of Miss Sanders selections was interspersed with strains of music.

showing that she also possessed a sweet melodious voice. During the afternoon the club members received exchange joke gifts from the Christmas tree. The tree was placed in the back parlor near the fireplace. Over the fireplace hung the fireplace. Over the fireplace hung souvenir Christmas stockings for all present. The tree looked especially day afternoon, December 23.

square in the quilt was made by the the hostesses and all a happy new within and without with the Christdifferent ladies in the church and year.

Christmas Services.

The joyous Christmas services were weil attended at both churches and emphasized throughout the day in helpful and impressive way the deep meaning of this glad festival.

At the Methodist church, during the morning hour a Christmas concert was given by the children of the Sunday school. In the evening there was at Shirley, beginning her duties this a union service at the Congregational

Phobe Weston Farmer tent. D. of V., and Anson D. Fessenden camp, S. Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers of Woburn, spent the Christmas holiof V., will hold a joint installation of the officers-elect on January 5, in Odd Christmas message. Instead of ring-Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morse. Christmas message. Instead of ring-ing the bell for the evening service the electric lighted star appeared in the belfry. The rays of light shining out over the glistening snow made a beautiful sight. Many people were in and around the common to enjoy the

> At the evening service an organ re-At the evening service an organ recital was given by A. G. Seaver and special music by the choir, assisted by Miss Mildred Morgan, Miss Helen Dobson and Miss Myrtie Gray. The Owin organ recital and choir singing repre-sented Christmas in music. Christmas in literature was given by Mrs. Carrie Struthers, and Christ in art by Alfred N. Fessenden. The services gave special significance to all that the old poets sang and the old artists painted, that sweet and gracious story, angels, Shepherds, "the pure Madonna and the Divine Babe."

On Christmas eve, at the Methodist church, a bountiful supper was served to the children. During the evening the usual appropriate Christmas tree exercises were given and the distrib-uting of the gifts. The pastor, Rev. George R. Moody, was kindly remembered by his people with a gift of money and basket of good things.

At the Congregational church two fireside gatherings were held, one Thursday afternoon and one Christ-Weddings.

A pleasant home wedding occurred en afternoon and evening, excepting A pleasant nome wedding occurred at the home of Mrs. Susan Clark on the addition to the evening's program of the two solos pleasingly rendered noon, when her daughter, Miss Marion O'Neil Clark, and Fred Leroy Downes, of Sanford, Me., were united in marriage by Rev. Herbert E. Moulton, of Santa Claus family in disguise," was riage by Rev. Herbert E. Moulton, of Portland, assisted by George A. Wild-dren and young people. All parts

Mrs. Herman Wood is employed at Greenville, were guests of Mr. and Inthe Squannicook hotel and her little protest was a companied as Inthe Squannicook hotel and her little protest was a companied as Inthe Squannicook hotel and her little protest was a companied as Inthe Squannicook hotel and her little protes er, of this town. The bridal party were taken without prompting and for several weeks.

Mrs. Albert Richardson, of Newport, Florence Lancey, Charlotte Struthers, N. H., brother and sister of the bride, Lula Ballou, Orville MacKenzie, Alofficiated as best man and bridesmaid. bert Cowland, Stanley Fessenden, The bride was handsomely dressed Harold Miller and Harold Swicker.

Mrs. G. A. Patton, Mrs. C. H. Comstock, Mrs. H. E. Clark, with Mrs. T. S. Clark having charge of the wedding the children of the war zone.

Harriet Savage, assisted by Mrs. O.

Home-comings for Christmas.

Among those returning to their respective homes were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eldridge and two children, of Plymouth, at H. J. Miller's; Misses Hattie Smith, Marguerite Struthers. A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Upham on Townsend hill when Miss Edith M. Hutchings was united in marriage with Frank E. Upham. The ceremony took place on Christmas eve and was performed by Rev George and was of the control of the waltham, at G. E. Gates.; Mrs. Maria Teehan and family, of Manchester, N. H., at John Coffey's; Mr. and Mrs. E. the bride, a minister in Indiana, was unable to be present. so he sent the rings used. The wedding march was played by Mrs. C. W. Upham, an aunt of the groom.

The bride's and Mrs. E. C. Morgan, of Leominster, with T. T. Goodwin. rings used. The wedding march was played by Mrs. C. W. Upham, an aunt of the groom.

The bride's gown was of white embroidered voile and she carried white roses. The groom's sister Ethel was the bridesmaid, her dress being white voile. George H. Upham, the groom's increase of Fitchburg, at F. B. Higgins'; brother, officiated as hear man. rother, officiated as best man. Parke Higgins, of Boston, with his The home was prettily decorated grandparents here; Mr. and Mrs. F. T. with the Christmas green and white Shiriey and Catherine, of Lynn, and bells. The bridal party stood under Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Reed, of Manan arch of laurel and white bells. chester, N. H., with H. B. Hildreth; Mrs. Blanche Wheeler, of Boston, with C. W. Hildreth; Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Miller and family with Mrs. A. D. Fes-senden; Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bruce and son Nelson, and Miss Aline Simmonds, of Forest Hills, at Mrs. Abble

Townsend Hill Items.

The Stickney family Christmas reunion was held at the home of Charles Stickner

Mrs. Herbert Wright, of Worcester, spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Fidelia Barber. Miss Ethel Hinds, of Everett, spant

the Christmas holidays at the home of

Henry Lund, of Fitchburg, ecent guest of Mrs. Arthur Barber. Mrs. Vernal Barber gave a Christmas party at Mountain View farm on Friday afternoon, December 25, from three to five o'clock. Relatives and friends were entertained and Christnas festivities enjoyed. Refreshmnts were served by the hostess.

Miss Alberta Barber is having a two-weeks' vacation from her school

Mrs. Arthur Barber attended the funeral services of her sister, Julia

large Christmas bell and green fes- George Hayward, of Bayberry hill. toonings.

A delightful home gathering was held at John J. Morse's, when his at the home of Mrs. Lucy A Lawrence three sons returned home for the Mrs. G. E. Walker has been called Christmas festivites—Clarence Morse to her former home in Campton Vilof Fitchburg, Harold Morse of Pitts-burg, Pa., and Winfield Morse and family from Brockton. Miss Blanche Fessenden, of Brookline, N. H., was a guest in the home for Christmas day.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Upham was the scene of happiness bought him when he was five years and merriment during the Christmas old. When Mr. Burt died he was sold and merriment during the Christinias oid. When Mr. Burt died he was sold season. Members of the family and to Arthur Pierce, of Fitchburg, from guests to the number of fourteen were entertained. Mr. and Mrs. Upham's children were all at home, including the new daughter Edith, the bride of under all conditions. their son, Frank E. Upham.

Owing to the breakdown of the stove at the reading-room the Ladies Study club met at the home of the president. Mrs. E.-J. Lees, on Monday evening with five present. A very en-joyable program was given and the remainder of the evening was passed in the study of the resources of Mexico and the customs of the people, in charge of Miss Tower, after which a very interesting letter from a friend traveiling in Mexico was read by Miss Alice Seaver. The next meeting will deal with the present conditions in Mexico and will be in charge of Mrs.

The body of Martin Ames, a former resident of this village, was brought here for burial in the family lot on last Saturday afternoon, the funeral party driving from Fitchburg.

The Herman Wood house on Main street has been recently purchased by Charles S. Farwell. Mrs. Herman Wood is employed at

grandson, S. Leroy Shapleigh, to his home in Somerville for a visit, leaving here on Christmas day

Miss Helen Plummer is enjoying a week's vacation from her studies at the Flichburg Normal school and is visiting her relatives in Somerville.

The Homer Christmas tree for the children of the public schools was held at the reading-room on Thursday afternoon of last week and eighty-one children were provided with gifts and treated to ice cream and cake. The gifts and room was in charge of Miss other numbers on the program was a black velus with hat to match. The bridesmald's gown was of pale blue voile.

The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful crescent pendant, gold pin to the bridesmald and an engraved watch fob to the best man.

After the ceremony a wedding dinger was gerved by the bride's gown was of pale blue voile.

The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful crescent pendant, gold pin dialogue, entitled "Christmas brooms, by little Miss Mabel Clement and a dialogue, entitled "Christmas brooms, by May Temple, Hazel Farrar, Marjory Heselton, Donald Fessenden and Marshall Higgins. A box prettily decorated with tinsel and ornaments, and each child was presented with a box of child was presented with a box of candy in addition to their gift. The tree and gifts are presented by Mr Homer, who for many years has followed this custom, and Mrs. Homer provides the refreshments. The chil-dren expressed great gratitude to their kind friends for the happy afternoon which they enjoyed

At the Baptist Sunday school Caristmas was celebrated by a chicken din-ner served to all at the vestries, followed by a well ladened tree in the afternoon. About eighty were present and the program was in charge of Miss. M: Elinor Tower, with the su-perintendent, Perry W. Sawtelle, and consisted of choruses by the school consisted of choruses by the school, a duet between Miss Rena Clapp and Miss Gladys Rawson, a reading, "The coming of the Christ child," by Miss M. E. Tower and a reading "Christmast the poor farm," by Mrs. Fred A. Patch. Santa Claus was impersonated by Abbott Hodgman, and with the assistance of Density W. Centrally and sistance of Perry W. Sawtelle and Miss Alice Seaver, unloaded the tree of the many pretty gifts which were distributed to their owners

Members of the L. B. B. S., in a barge of Mr. Hodzman's, went on Thursday afternoon of last week to he town farm to visit the inmates and bring gifts and songs, as did the members of the L. L. S. and parties from the church at the Center. These societies, the Sunday school and Y. P. S. C. E. sent cards to the sick and other large. shut-ins also.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Manchester have een entertaining Mr. and Mrs. John Manchester, who returned to their nome in Franklin, N. H., after a several weeks' visit.

Miss Agnes Thompson spent a few days last week visiting at the home of friends in Fitchburg.

Miss Grace Thompson, of Dover, N. H., enjoyed her Christmas vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Patch.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster of Josselynspent Christmas with relatives in Cambridge.

Mr. Schliebus, a former resident here, whose family went to Germany in June and have recently returned, called upon friends in town Saturday. He and his family are now living in Kaene, N. H.

Miss Helen Marr has returned to the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Hapgood, after a week's visit to relatives in Waltham and she was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Cora Marr of Arlington. Mrs. Emma J. Lees spent Christmas with her daughter at Beverly Farms. Owing to the breaking down of the stove at the reading-room it is closed until further notice and the books from the library were distributed from the home of Miss Alice Seaver, the custodian, on last Saturday evening.

The public schools' commenced the winter term on Monday morning. Miss Reed, who has been visiting her home in Reading, returned to the home of Miss Elinor Tower on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry have moved from the Wilder house in Josselynville to Townsend Harbor.

Edward McKean, of Worcester, is a guest of his brother, Rev. Joseph Mc-

front door was the motto "Merry Miss Winnifred Southall, of Buffalo, Christmas," and above was hung a N. Y., is a guest of her sister. Mrs.

The L. B. B. S. will hold their monthly meeting on next Wednesday Mrs. G. E. Walker has been called to her former home in Campton Village. N. H., by the illness of relatives "Dandy," the venerable equine own ed by George Hayward, of Bayberry

hill, was humanely put away on Wed-nesday of last week. For the past five years he has been a familiar figure on our streets, Mr. Hayward's daughters driving him back and forth to high school. He was formerly owned by Mr. Burt, of this town, who

George E. Walker went fishing through the ice on Monday and caught twelve fine pickerel, and J. P. Sherwin and Fred A. Patch on Tuesday got thirty-two at the Harbor pond.

Christmas Guests.

Among the guests in town for the holidays were: Miss Georgie McKean who teaches in Brattleboro, Vt., at her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKean; Miss Lena Thompson from Norwood with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boutwell entertained Mrs. Bout-well's parents from Barre; Mr. and Mrs. Tebbett from Melrose at Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan's; Miss Ruth Hayde nfo Greenville, N. H., with her mother, Mrs. A. D. Winship; J. F. Coburn of Derry, N. H., at his sister's,
Mrs. Josephine Boynton; James Bell
of Sudbury and Thomas Veno of HamAbbas Hilmi is the son of lton were at Mr. Bell's home; George Ellis from Boston spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Anna Ellis; Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Hodgman from Greenville-were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman; E. R. Brayton and Albert Adams from Providence, R. I., were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Goograf Adams. tham was at her home here.

SNAPSHOTS OF **NOTABLE PERSONS**

T. D. Schall, Minnesota's Blind Congressman Elect.



When the Sixty-fourth congress convenes at Washington two blind men will take their seats among the nation's lawmakers. Senator Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma has been there for the past seven years. Thomas D. Schall of Minneapolis, who will represent the newly created Tenth district of Minnesota in the lower house. A native of Minnesota, Mr. Schall was left an orphan at the age of nine and had to make his way alone. He was educated at the University of Minnesota and was graduated in the law from the St. Paul College of Law. He began practice in Minneapolis and was from the tirst successful. Seven years ago, when Mr. Schall was thirty years of age, he For a year Mr. Schall sought medical aid, but finally realizing there was no hope he returned to Minneapolis and, with his wife's aid, again began the practice of law.

From that time Mrs. Schall has been her husband's eyes. Through her he has been able to keep up his practice, in which he has successfully coped with the leading lawyers of his state. When he decided to run for congress his wife ably seconded him in his ambition. Mr. Schall is a Progressive, and the new district is said to be normally Republican by 10,000. To defeat a Democrat and a Republican was the task that confronted the blind man and his wife. They succeeded by a flattering plurality. The congress-man elect is one of the most brilliant orators in Minnesota and is sure to be heard from in congress, whither his wife will accompany him as private

The Khedive of Egypt.

Abbas Hilmi, seventh viceroy and third khedive of Egypt, has recently cut loose from England and joined forces with Turkey as an ally of the kaiser. For some time the khedive has been in Constantinople and, according to himself, has been prevented from returning to his dominions on the Nile by Great Britain.

Recent advices from Constantinople report the khedive as saying he was ready to accompany a Turkish army in a campaign against the British in Egypt. Consequently his formal deposition and the election of one more in sympathy with British arms have become measures of importance to Eng-

Ahmed el Scarie, chief of the Senussite tribe, may be the new khedive of Egypt. It is alleged that negotiations



Photo by American Press Association. HIS HIGHNESS ABBAS HILMI.

have been going on between the chieftain and the British representatives in Egypt.

It is expected that if Ahmed el Scarie accepts he will at once proclaim himself caliph, thus taking away from Abbas Hilmi his spiritual leadership as well. Italy, it is said, favors these plans, as in the selection of the chief of the Senussiyeh she sees the probable pacification of the other warlike

Abbas Hilmi is the son of the late Tewfik Pasha. He was born in 1874 and ascended the Egyptian throne in 1892. Since and before his accession England has ruled the country with little protest from the khedive, who devotes himself to yachting and other sports. The khedive's children consist George Adams; Arthur Smith of Wal-tham visited his sister, Mrs. Perry W. parent. The latter was born in Febparent. The latter was born in Feb-

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has ever held and much credit is du-

their assistants.

tricity.

Blanche Hall. Edward Taylor and

Frank l'Ecuyer, with his little niece

Constance l'Ecuyer, spent Christmas in Fitchburg.

LITTLETON.

Mrs. Carrie Hussey, of Russell

street, has wired her wired for elec-

college faculty, Decatur, Ill., arrived home for the holiday vacation.

Miss Mildred Parker, of Somerville

spent the week-end at Mrs. A. W. Knowlton's, coming in time for the

Christmas dance. A party of eight

relatives and friends from Arlington visited the F. A. Patch family and

Friends of the late Mrs. Susan Smith, who regret that they could not

attend the funeral services at the Uni

tarian church last week, recall with

pleasure her sunty disposition and the specially cordial greeting with which she used to meet them. They

remember th unvarying constancy of her attendance at courch and Sunday

bered with pleasure by their old

We hear a great deal of talk about

peace of late from all sorts and conditions of men, but as a nation are we really in a great hurry to see peace in Europe? It is an old and

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About Town.

The tuneral of Mrs. Amanda (Chase) Bascom, who died at the home of her Dascoin, who died at the name of her son, Samuel Bascom, was held on Tuesday. She was a native of Lyme, N. H, and moved to this town with her son and family about five years ago. Besides her son she leaves two grandsons, Wallace and Ralph Bascom, and three brothers, Edwin S., John K. and Abner Chase. The boy was sent to Sharen. Vt., for burial in

Frank B. Spaulding and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dean on Christmas day.

George A. Burge, of Nashua, who broke his hip some time ago, is reported as still being very poorly; scarcely holding his own.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Muzzey and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Muzzey and little daughter Florence were guests at Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Muzzey's on Christmas day.

Miss Tirrell, of Hollis depot, visited Mrs. George W. Hardy last week. Robinson Crusoe was quite badly hurt last week while chopping in the

woods for Worcester Bros. A large limb broke from a tree and fell, crushing his left hand badly and it is thought it will be a long while before he will be able to use it again.

Miss Florence Muzzey, of Worcester, Mass., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E.

Miss Bessie Robbins recently at-tended the wedding of a friend in Derry, where she had the honor of being bridesmaid.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Libby and daughter left town on Monday for their California trip. They expected to arrive in Los Angeles on new year's afternoon. Miss Spalding's aunt, Mrs. Clara (Spalding) Ellis, and husband, of Upper Montelair, N. J., will also be in California this winter with the exception of the month of February, which they will spend on the Hawaiian Islands.

alumni teams, the latter winning by the score of 39 to 28.

Earl Tracy, a former high school teacher here, was in town a few days recently and acted as umpire at the basketball game on last Saturday eve

Sidney Wentworth and a friend were in town for the holiday vacation. A son of Elmer Shattuck, of Pepperell, is at work at Henry A. Wil-son's, learning the poultry business and is bearding at George H. Hardy's. Mr. and Mrs. James Weich had as recently. Christmas guests their daughter Ruth and husband.

Miss Ruth Hoogkins, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., spent Christmas with Mr and Mrs. Waldo A. Flagg and family and her father, Mr. Hodgkins.

Among those who were at home for the holiday vacation were Burton Clement, Harvey Powers, Carrol Read Carl Guething, Charles Spaulding, the Misses Emma Spaulding, Ruth Hills Louise Hardy, Loraine Bell, Ruti Goodwin, Mildred French, Ralph Love joy, Harry Strong, Fred Hardy, Miss Ida Clement.

Joseph E. Wood has purchased the former Bainbridge Wheeler place at Patch's Corner.

Mrs. Herbert E. Spalding visited ast week in Boston and Roxbury, Mass.

The children of the North End school enjoyed a Christmas tree at the school on last week Thursday evenng. There will be a new teacher at he next term. Miss Mary Lennon, of Lowell, who has been filling the posi-tion, has accepted a more lucrative position elsewhere.

Mrs. F. W. Wheeler and children were among the occupants of the house at 40 Amherst street, Nashua, which was quite badly damaged by fire last week.

Miss Minnie Colburn and her father, Franklin P. Colburn, left town on last week Monday for New York,

A far sized audience was in attendance, it being quite a cold evening for travelling. The music furnished between the acts by the male quartet, consisting of Messrs. Herrick, Ladd.

Perley and Arthur Lund, was also very much appreciated. It is thought about twenty dollars was cleared. Mrs. Albert Muzzey returned from Joseph's hospital on last week Thursday, having improved much since her stay there.

Presented the Library.

Miss Sarah Alice Worcester recently presented to the Hollis public library a copy of "The Worcester genealogy." This is a revised edition of the Worcester family and the writer has put in about five years of hard labor in the revision. She has taken most careful pains to make her work accurate and has certainly succeeded without a doubt. Miss Worcester speaks words of praise for Edward Worcester, of Boston, who printed the book and ren dered assistance in many ways. Hollis people will no doubt be eager to read this book and in it will be found many pictures which add a great deal of interest to the book. A good many of these books have been sold thus far. Miss Worcester's many friends were sorry to learn of her breakdown some time ago, which no doubt was caused somewhat by her strenuous work on the genealogy. She is spending the winter in Gloucester, Mass., with her sister, Mrs. William H. Jordan, and Mrs. Cardin.

young people. The entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Ralph Herrick and was given in the town hall. Then followed the distribution of presents given by the Sabbath school and a social time followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lawrence spent the Grange in Gardner, Mass.

On last week Wednesday evening the Grange held its Christmas entertainment and tree with a large number of both grown-up and little folks present. The Calledian recognity was given.

of Christmas day with Mrs. Gimond in en: n the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stetson spent fred Hall and Thelma Shattuck; plano Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stetson spent the week end at their summer cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick, from Brookline, Mass., spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Hills.

Miss Jennie Stratton spent the holidays at her home in Hollis with her sister Mrs. Louise Stratton.

ister. Miss Louise Stratton. the entertainment came the distribu-Otis Goodwin and his family spent tion of the presents from the trees sister, Miss Louise Stratton. Christmas with his sister, Mrs. George

Mrs. Andrew Jewett received from the Hollis Sunday school a large bou-quet of carnation pinks. She is often reminded that she is not forgotten by these acts of kindness, having been confined to her bed since last Sep-

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Last week Tuesday the Loyal Work ers met at the home of Mrs. Mallie Gilson on Main street. Owing to the slippery condition of the streets there were not many present. A report of the recent fair was given, stating that fifty dollars had been cleared. It was voted to extend a vote of thanks to all those having charge or helping in any way. Mrs. Hattle Stiles read a letter from Mrs. Susie French, one of the members who is stopping in Nor-All pres-

ent enjoyed Mrs. French's letter. On December 15, a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burn-

home in Ayer, Mass., after a week's visit at the home of Michael Reagan. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell went to Cambridge recently to visit Mrs. Kate Williamson.

Jessie and Frances Farnsworth. who attend a private school in Merrimack, have been home for their Christmas vacation.

Bert Baldwin, who has been in Spokane, Wash, for the last three the Hawaiian Islands.

The basketball game last week was between the high school and the where he is to take up farming on an extensive scale.

school until prevented by failing, health. For the new vestry she gave a set of chairs for the primary department of the school. The land for the Unitarian parsonage and grounds Mrs. Charles Gilson and little granddaughter, Helen Rockwood, were

Edward Pierce, Mrs. Clara Russell the Unitarian parsonage and grounds was donated to the society by her husband, Albert Smith. Both were worthy band, Albert Smith. Both were worthy Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Warren Barnaby were recent visitors in Nashua.

Napoleon LaBean entertained his son Philip, of Sherbrooke, P. Q., and his daughter Georgiana, of Nashua, Miss Blanche Hall was a recent

isitor in Nashua. While out hunting one day recently Warren Barnaby caught a large brown owl which he had sent to the Franklin Park zoo in Boston. While out hunting one day recently

Mrs. Della Hall went to Fitchburg ecently to see her new grandson, beginning early acceptable with the herman Preston Hall, and found the nustic vigorously for army contracts little fellow doing nicely.

Mrs. Frank Austin and two little sons spent the day recently in Milford. Patrick O'Connell has had electric ights installed in his house.

best to prolong the conflict—guns, ammunition, armored auto trucks, horses, food, cichning, anything and everything that will aid in keeping up the fight, and by the furnishing of The many friends of Mrs. Daniel Pendergast, formerly Lizzie Dugan, of this town, will be sorry to learn of which we are able to make a dollar—we are willing and anxious to furnish, the death of her husband which oc-curred on December 10, in Hamilton, and on Sundays we shout for peace. Ontario. His body was brought to Waltham, Mass., on Monday, December 14, for burial. they will gladly furnish them even i their so doing would aid in the abso

Mrs. David Fessenden, Mrs. Fred lute extermination of every army now fall, Mrs. Lewis Popple and Mabel in the field. Hall, Mrs. Lewis Popple and Mabel Popple were visitors in Nashua last On last week Thursday Mrs. Frank Austin entertained her mother, Mrs. Hammond, of Groton.

ment for our wonderful system that places the dollar above anything and everything in the "heavens above or the earth beneath or the waters un-Edward Lancey, ir., of Townsend, is

Edward Lancey, jr., of Townsend, is spending his Christmas vacation with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. der the earth" that would coin profits from th death of millions of the flower towns marked in Europe and the Edward Lancey. Mrs. Hattie Stiles is confined to her untold misery and life-long suffering of countless million survivors, women, bed with a very severe cold.

number of members and children and physical wrecks, and call where they remained until after Christmas, and then go south to spend the winter.

A large manner of the Church it business.

We help to prolong was given on Tuesday evening of last week. There were many gifts distributed, the children being week was very much enjoyed by all. A fair sized audience was in attachment. things dear to the heart of the little

Patrick O'Connell went to Concord, Mass, last week Wednesday to get some horses for the Fresh Pond Ice 'ompany and drove them up over the oad from there.

Last week Tuesday Mrs. Nellie O'Connell slipped and fell on the ice n her yard and injured herself quite

Everett Tarbell and Helen O'Heron vere visitors at the home of Edward O'Heron for the holiday.

Corinne Dodge, who has been living in Central Falls, R. I., for some time past, was home visiting her mother for a few days last week. Walter Farnsworth spent Christmas

at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. Rockwood, of Orient Heights, Mass. Miss Ruth Andrews, of Meriden Conn., and William Andrews and wife, of Somerville, Mass., are visiting at the home of John Andrews.

home to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. E. S. Whitcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perkins, with their daughter Thelma spent Christ-mas at the home of Mr. Perkins' moth-

Mrs. Cardinal and son Arthur spent

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bartlett, with their two boys, Ralph and Henry, wen to Manchester for the holiday.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Couper spend Please accept my good wishes part of the day Christmas with his brother in Somerville, and the rest of for a successful and prosperous the time they joined her sister, brothyear in 1915, and again I thank ers and their family in a large gathering at Everett Kimball's home. you for your past favors and Miss Grace P. Conant, of Milliken kindness.

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unfortunates of Belgium that we send them food by the shipload and let our neighbors starve and freeze to death under our very noses. And this is business! Our peace talk is purest Paints, Etc. Eva Corey visited friends in Milford for a few days last week.

Diffie!

We do not wish to be understood as

denying the fact that there are mil-lions in this country who earnestly desire peace and would be willing to make personal sacrifices to bring it about, but the same is undoubtedly

whelmed with pity for the suffering

true of the nations at war.

There is every reason to believe that the great majority of the millions engaged in the hellish work of killing each other would be glad of peace at almost any price. What the rank and file want don't count and a select few in power control the action of the whole, and the choice business spirits in this country, though comparatively few in number, control the policy of the nation in the matter of pushing business, and if the war continues long enough they will sell the food from our mouths and clothes from our acks and leave our own people to suffer from hunger and cold in what should be a land of plenty, if they

or sometring, mass, are the home of John Andrews.

Grace Whitcomb, who is teaching in Lebanon, and her brother Harlem, who attends Durham college, came who attends Durham college, came in a couplet from "Josh Billings" Almynack," published some forty

The karron krow sot straddle the fent Trying az hard az he cud to weep. Az he thot of deth and its konsequent To spavined horses and rickety sheep

TRY THIS FOR NEURALGIA sister, Mrs. William H. Jordan, and family, and still remains quite feeble.

News Items.

Before the distribution of presents on December 24, a very pleasing entertainment was given by twenty young people. The entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Ralph Herrick and was given in the town hall. Then followed the distribution of presents given by the Sabbath school and a social time followed.

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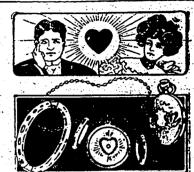
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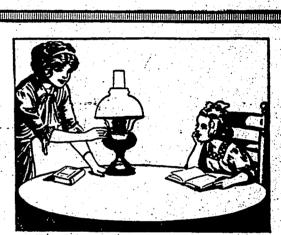
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Saturday, January 2, 1915.

PEPPERELL.

News Items.

On Wednesday evening, December 23, Mrs. Frank Kennedy entertained a party of young people at the I. O. O. banquet hall in honor of two young dadies who were visiting her from New York city. These were her nieces, Jennie and Mae King. A very jolly evening was spent with dancing and a late collation. Miss Helen M Robbins acted as planist for the dance ing. The Misses King left town De-cember 24 to join their parents at Providence, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shattuck entertained Mrs. Shattuck's brother, Henry Andrews, of Fitchburg, with his wife and daughter Alice over Christmas day at their home at Brook-

On Thursday, January 7, the L. S. C. of the Unitarian church will serve a chicken-pie supper at 6.30 o'clock, followed by an entertainment, consisting of music and a farce, entitled, "The Lippincott Square church scheme," a very amusing production with a cast of eleven characters.

On Christmas morning a party of relatives and friends, which included W. A. Kemp and wife, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett to participate in the pleasure of little Miss Dorothy over her first Christmas tree. Later, the relatives, including Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett and daughter Dorothy, Mrs. Annette Drew of Alfred, Carlton Drew of Boston, ad-journed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bennett for a Christmas dinner

Boynton Merrill, who has been critically ill with pneumonia, is improving. A trained nurse has been in attendance since his condition became alarming.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dodge of Groton were guests at the home of Willis W. Kimball, Christmas day.

Thomas Murray of Middleboro spent Christmas day at the home of his mother on River street. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stoddard and

daughter of Greenfield were the guests of Mrs. Stoddard's sister, Mrs. Chester Parker, over Christmas

Charles Jewett is at length able to carry out his intention of going to California and started for San Francisco on Friday.

Mrs. P. J. Tierney of Fitchburg was ed on Sunday. town last week Saturday making short calls on several friends.

Miss Margaret West of Somerville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McWilliams over Christmas.

Miss Katherine Murray and friend, Joseph Flood, of Auburndale, were guests for the week-end at the home

ieen Rouse and Roscoe Hayes. The fice. company were served very dainty refreshments and the rest of the evening was passed in singing and danc-The party broke up about mid-

ing a very pleasant one. . Miss Ada Whitney returned home

Mrs. Forrest Winch is entertaining her sister, hirs. Dowdy, of Providence,

.R. I.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid society, with election of officers, will be held at the ladies' room at the Methodist church on Wednesday, January 6, at 2.30 o'clock. Supper will be served at five to the members and invited guests.

Douglass Deware and James Dunn jr., went to Lawrence on Monday for a few days' visit with their old schoolmate, Fred Hall, son of William Hall who formerly resided here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lewis and Mr and Mrs. Frank Swett and daughter Mildred, all of Reading, were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Lewis over Christ-

Mildred Sartelle, who is attending Boston Normal Art school, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sartelle.

Carlton Bolles and Leslie Foss came from their work in Billerica to spend Christmas day at their homes.

Married, at the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. P. R. Stratton, December 24, Arthur Pleau, of this town, and Alice Blanchard, of Dunstable. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Danley, of Dunstable.

Mrs. Delia L. Boutwell announce the engagement of her daughter. Loretta May, to G. Stewart Lavender, of New York city. Mr. Lavender is the son of John B. Lavender, of Madison avenue, New York city.

Nowal Thompson, of Lynn, came to spend the holidays with his mother, all the little folks, about twenty in Mrs. Martha Thompson, and is re-number, clad in white "nightles," t maining for a longer visit this week. Joined in the chorus. All these little ton.

West Townsend recently, where she he came upon the stage.

is employed as a nurse, to assist in caring for her sister, Mrs. Fred A. Bliss, also one by Mr. Pauli. The can-Oak hill.

Carl Drew, of Boston, spent Christ-mas day with his sister, Mrs. Frank

The evening's ent Bennett, in town. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Durant and fam-

ily spent Christmas with Mrs. Durant's parents in Milford, N. H. Mrs. M. R. Stratton was the guest

of her daughter; Mrs. Charles Stinerford, over Christmas and the week-end, returning to her home in Brookline on Sunday. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Bertha Stratton, who has a position as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Brookline.

The Champion International card bart.

The snow storm prevented anyone shut down for the holidays, anshop shut down for the holidays, anuntil January 4, and some of the help were dismissed until sent for.

The many friends of Miss Rose Alden will be glad to learn that she was not left alone at Christmas time. A friend, Mrs. Harriet Craig, of Leominster, spent the holiday and remainder of the week. Miss Alden's nephews, Richard and John Hardy, and Melvin Alden were also with her.

Miss Alva Clifford, of Nashua, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. F. B. Simmons, during the holiday season. Miss Mildred Haynes, of Springfield,

visiting her aunt, Mrs. George H. Stewart, on Oak hill.

and husband from South Braintree. Joseph Drumm came from Worces-ter, where he is now employed, to spend the holiday and remainder of

the week with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. M. Drumm Cross street Mr. and Mrs Charles Pillshury and sons spent Christmas day with rela-

tives in Nashua, N. H. line street. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. felvin Gaskell from Oak hill. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Carkin and Cora and Ellen Curtis of Ayer, and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nutting and son Earle of this town.

Miss Ruth Wilson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Wilson, of Towns-end street, entertained a small party of friends on last Saturday evening in celebration of her twenty-first birth day. A fine evening was spent in games, and refreshments of cake and ice cream were served, one cake bear-

ing twenty-one candles. The family of Mrs. Edward Fitz-patrick gathered with her at her home on Cottage street Christmas day There were present from out-of-town Mrs. Myron Murphy with her husband and son of Worcester, and Nellie and Theresa Fitzpatrick also of Worcester, and her daughter, Mrs. Michael Drumm, husband and family of this town. Those from Worcester return-

School Exercises.

Rev. George A. Bennett, formerly residing here, but now of Wakefield, N. H., was the recent guest of his daughter, Mrs. James Hill, of Mill street, coming on Saturday. He visited friends at Brookline, N. H., the early part of the week, returning here on Wednesday.

At the Main street grammar school on closing day Christmas carols were sung and exercises held by the children. Instead of the usual gifts, however, the children voluntarily collected ten dollars toward the Belgian flour fund which is being promoted through the columns of the Literary Digest. Miss Shattuck, principal of Digest. Miss Shattuck, principal of the building, simply read the articles referring to this charity from a recent number of the Digest, before the children of the upper grades, and they immediately appointed treasurers and of Mrs. Thomas Murray, River street.

Guy Rouse celebrated his seventeenth birthday by a card party on
Monday evening at his home on River

A candle-light vesper service will sell
be held in the Unitarian church next
such as poor, tested to such a good, tested to such as a good, tested to such as good, tested to such a good, tested to such a good, tested to such as good, tested to such as good, tested to such a good, tested to such as good, test organized for work with the above restreet. The first prizes were won highly commendable and the amount cordially invited. by Helen Hayes and Lloyd Tower, and the consolations were awarded Kathspirit and probably some self-sacri-will meet in the

A program of Christmas carols and exercises by the pupils of Groton street school was given on closing night, wishing Guy many more happy day, Friday, December 18. A large birthdays and pronouncing the evenfor pupils and teachers was arranged Miss Ada Whitney returned home in the room of the principal of the on Monday after visiting for the holls building, Miss O'Rourke, being handday and week-end with her Ousin in somely decorated and lighted by elec-Nashua. O'Rourke received an elaborate tray designed to be used with a chafing dish. Many relatives and friends were present during the afternoon to participate in the pleasure of the children

Christmas Eve Celebration.

The members of the Congregational Sunday school celebrated Christmas eve at the vestry of that church by a cantata, "The twentieth century San-ta Claus." It has been the custom to have a tree, but this year the money which would have been used for the tree and its zifts and decorations was sent to help relieve the sufferings of the Belgians. About seventy-five members of the Sunday school and congregation took part. Santa Claus was represented by A. R. Pauli, Mrs. Santa Claus by Mrs. E. H. Bliss and the twentieth century Santa Claus by Mr.

The opening chorus was "Christmas the opening chorus was "Caristmas joys have come again," by Mrs. Mil-ler's class. The Twentieth Century girls sang, "We're tired of the old Santa Claus." The next exercise was Santa Claus." The next exercise was by Miss Fannie Tower's class, who sang, "Members of the city telegraph." The "Physical culture" song was by Mrs. H. N. Tower's class. The "Song of the X-ray" was well done by Mrs. Albert Parker's class. It consisted of a duet by Billy Hutchinson and Basil Deware, the chorus being given by the whole class. The "Hello" song was whole class. The "Hello" seng was

whole class. The "Hello" song was given by Mrs. Miller's class.

The primary department sang, Mrs. Porter entertained her daugh"Longing for Santa." Gladys Morse ter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Samand Catherine Blood sang the duet and uel Moss of Waltham.

Mrs. Grace M. Hodson came from folks then welcomed "Old Santa" as

Parker, who has been quite ill with tata closed with a trio by the three a hard grippe cold at her home on principal characters, Old Santa Claus, Mrs. Santa Claus and the Twentieth

The evening's entertainment was considered a success and was much enjoyed by both old and young.

At the Unitarian church Christmas eve was celebrated by a tree and exercises by the children. The entertainment consisted of recitations by Helen Parker, Dorothy Jacobs, Evelyn Maultman, Doris and Mary McCord Alice Winch, Evelyn Wilson, Cather-ine Maultman and Mildred Drown. Mary and Doris McCord also sang a

nouncing they would not resume work from singing their carols at the until January 4, and some of the help houses about town, as was planned, raise at least four helfer calves each and they were sung in the vestry to year, or eight helfer calves during the conclude the program. Attention then two years a dairy bull is usually kept. burden of fruit.

The arrival of Santa Claus was ar-

ranged to be strictly in accordance with tradition, as he appeared before the children's eyes proceeding from a very real looking chimney which was built upon the stage, his bells having first been heard overhead in the distance. If he was aided by a trap door which opened from the church to the vestry beneath and if he made use of a step-ladder in making his Stewart, on Oak nin.

Charles Greenhalge and a school made friends with the children, askins mate at Exeter spent one day of their and answering questions and then proceeded to his duty of distributing proceeded to his duty of distributing After everyone had received Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ames entertained their daughters on Christmas day and disappeared up the children, who enhelen from Brockton and Mrs. Monk and husband from South Principles. and go away just as he is supposed to. The whole audience enjoyed the evening's entertainment

Church Notes.

At the Congregational church next Sunday morning the three churches in the Federation of Churches will unite in holding a new year's service. Rev. Harry W. Kimball of Boston, a A pleasant Christmas gathering was friend and classmate of Mr. Lewis that which met at the home of Mr. will preach on "The war as a test of and Mrs. Albert F. Parker on Brook- faith." This will be followed by a This will be followed by a union communion service.

At the evening service at seven clock Mr. Kimball will speak on The story of savings bank life in surance."

The week of prayer will be kept

ext week by holding two services at

ome of the outlying districts. The Forward club held its monthly ison at the home of Dea. N. Payson

Smith, Wednesday, evening, Mrs. Miller's Sunday school class f young ladies, recently organized as the Cheerful club, were entertained by their teacher at her home on Park street, Wednesday afternoon,

Next Sunday morning services at he Methodist church will be omitted and all are urged to attend the union meeting at the Congregational church where the Church Federation service will be held. Rev. Harry W. Kimball will preach the sermon and this will are actually robbers he had better be followed by a union communion service.

be a praise service and preaching at lng the milk from all the cows often the Methodist church upon the subject, enough to know what each one is do New year possibilities."

The bright hour service of the Epworth league will be held at six. Subject, "Promises of a redeemer."

7.30 o'clock. The fourth quarterly conference will

The Men's club of the First Paris! will meet in the vestry next Tuesday

at eight p. m. An address on "The Eastern question" is expected from a gentleman who has lived for some years in Japan. Men's Sunday will be observed a he Unitarian church on January ! All men who are in anyway conn

with the society are asked to make at fort to be present at morning savio on that day.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Albert C. Marble came down from Worcester to Walnut farm to get his Christmas tree and played Santa Claus o many of his friends on the way even remembering to leave a gift for the library. Autos filled with Caristmas greens were a common sight here the last fifteen days before she comes last week.

The contribution of this town to the Christmas ship for the Belgians was \$45.75 and a barrel of clothing. This nowever does not include all that was lone, for the ladies belonging to the West Acton Woman's club had al ready made contributions of mone and clothing through that organiza

It is very gratifying to the former teachers and classmates of Hazel Morse to learn that she stands first in her class at L. H. S. and has been elected an honorary member of the Littleton Woman's club.

At C. T. Wetherbee's there was a gathering of all the children and ployed.—Kansas Farmer. tion, who was thought too young to bray- the severe cold on Christmas day.

Mrs. Ada Durkee spent the holiday with her brother's family in Gleason

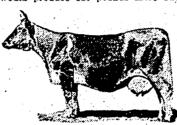
Mr. and Mrs. Burpee C. Steele spent the day with the B. O. Hagers in Clin-

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VALUE OF A GOOD BULL.

Pays For Himself. The question is often asked, "What is a good sire worth?" Let us figure a little, writes H. E. Erdmaine in Kimball's Dairy Farmer. Suppose a man has ten cows, producing on an average 200 pounds of butter fat per cows the resulting helfers will often produce 75 to 150 pounds more butter fat each year than did their dams. But suppose each of these eight heifers produces only thirty pounds more than the dams.

Then during six years, the average milking life of a cow, each helfer would produce 180 pounds more but-



The ability of the grade Guernsey to produce butter fat at a profit has been demonstrated many times, but a test at the national dairy show a test at the national dairy show, 1913, which was carried on for the purpose of showing the advantage of keeping records, also demonstrated the economy of the Guernsey cow in the production of butter fat. In this test a grade Guernstrate of the company of the sey cow for nine consecutive days produced butter fat worth 33.9 cents per pound at a food cost of 11.9 cents per pound.

ter fat than would have been produced had the sire been no better than the he Congregational church and one in dam. One hundred and eighty pounds of fat at 25 cents are worth \$45. Multilply this by 8 and you have \$360, or ocial with Edward and Caroline Har- the amount that the extra quality of the sire has added to the value of the product of his eight heifers. The man who is in the business to make money -and who is in it for any other reason?-cannot ignore this phase of the business.

Usually when a man finds out that his cows are not what he wants he is in such a hurry to sell them and buy good ones that he will sell them for what he can get and pay almost any price for what he wants to buy. That is a mistake. Unless his cows keep them and mate them to good sires. Then by raising the heifers At seven in the evening there will from the best cows, testing and weighing, he can gradually build up his

herd. This takes time, but it is surprising what ten years-or even five-of this The service for prayer and worship kind of breeding will do. Of course held on Tuesday evening at there are often opportunities to buy a few good cows, but it is usually the poor cows that are offered for sale. be held on Thursday evening. February 4. at 7.45. to sell a good, tested cow. Unless he ers-those from the best cows.

Bad Flavors In Milk.

Where a cow has been a long time in milk and is near the end of her lactation period this may cause undesirable flavors, especially when she is fed entirely on dry foods. The feeding of clean, wholesome foods, with roots to supply succulence, will often overcome the trouble, but if a cow be close to the end of her lactation period it is well to let her go dry. A cow's milk is not normal in either flavor or composition just before or after freshening. It should not be used after she fresheas until it reaches a normal condition. which usually means five days, and where it is impossible to dry a cow before she freshens her milk should not be used as human food during at least in .- Northwestern Agriculturist.

Making Butter on the Farm. The farm buttermaker should be careful not to overwork butter. It is desirable that butter have a firm, waxy body, and this cannot be obtained by working more than necessary to remove the buttermilk. Butter pos-The annual tree and entertainment for the children was held at the is worked until it is salvy and there is little or no grain. The butter paddle is probably the poorest implement devised for the working of butter, particularly so if the paddle is used with a slappy effect. In working with the paddle or other implement a cutting and squeezing motion should be em-

> Brewers' Grains For Milk Cows. Brewers' grains, wet or dry, are good feed for dairy cows, says Hoard's Dairyman. They are comparatively rich in protein, and so far as protein is conterned brewers' grains are not needed when alfalf: is used, but very often brewers' grains furnish nutrients cheaper than other feeds and can be fed to advantage even with hay rich in pro

Modern Seamen.

The new ship has transformed the sailor with itself. He works among a subtle and intricate network of machinery. His brain is quickened by the effort to understand the new forces and appliances that he controls. He is drawn no longer from the lower strata of the population of our ports, but in increasing proportions from the ranks of skilled mechanics. The electricians and machinists, who are the aristocracy of the crew, bring with them the notions which prevail among the aristocracy of labor out of uniform. They possess more reading and more science than did nine out of ten of the officers in the old days. They have a respect for themselves and their class, which has revolutionized the morals and manners of the modern warship. The gradual reform of the service regulations has sought to keep pace with this transformation, and officers have been educated in a wholly new conception of their relationship to their men. The quick oven. bullying and hectoring which was the rule of the sea in the old days is today the rare exception. Instinct and "good form" condemn that kind of thing as severely as the regulations.-Nation.

If an Ant Were as Big as a Man. a man or horse can carry loads only is not a fact, however, that the ant is greatly superior in strength. If an ant still retaining its geometrical and hisproportional to their cross section, and the ant would only be four times as strong as before. As it now carries but five times its weight, however, it is relatively only half as strong. It is calculated that the same ant developed to the size of a man would only be able to carry one one-hundredth of its own weight instead of ten times its own weight.

Thrashing Wheat In Cyprus. The ancient Roman tribulum, as used for thrashing, may still be seen in the island of Cyprus. It is a board about six feet long and two feet wide. studded with sharp edged flakes of flint. In use it is dragged by oxen or donkers over the corn spread out on the hard earthen thrushing floor, separating the grain and at the same time bruising and chopping up the straw. Thrashing time is enjoyed alike by children and animals, the former riding on the primitive implement and the latter gorging themselves with a hearty meal, for in Cyprus the Biblical comthat treadeth out the corn." is still ing. faithfully observed. Although the government offers to thrash by machine at nominal cost, the conservative Cypriote He says that the animals will not eat machine chaffed straw, and straw they must eat, for there is no hay in Cyprus.-Wide World Magazine.

First Fiction Known. The "Tale of Two Brothers," written 3.200 years ago by the Theban scribe Ennana, librarian of the paince to King Merenptah, the supposed Pharaoh of the Exodus, is the oldest work of fiction extant

The tale was written apparently for the entertainment of the crown prince. who subsequently reigned as Seti II. His name appears in two places on the manuscript, probably the only surviving autograph signatures of an Egyptian king.

This piece of antique fiction, written n nineteen sheets of papyrus in a bold hieratic hand, was purchased in Italy by Mme. d'Orbiney, who sold it in 1857 to the authorities of the British museum, where it is now known as the D'Orbiney papyrus.

The Master's Voice. 'We have come," said the chairman of the committee, "to ask you to take this nomination. The city needs a man like you-strong, brave, self made, self reliant, owning no master, fearing

The great man was visibly touched. "I'll not deny," said he, "that your kind words have shaken my resolution. I trust that, if elected, I may justify your confidence and prove that I am indeed strong, brave, self reliant; that I own no master and fear no man. Suppose you wait a minute till I see if my wife will let me accept?"-New York Times.

Coarse and Fine.

The finer the nature the more flaws will it show through the clearness of The best things are seldomest seen in their best form. The wild grass grows well and strongly one year with another, but the wheat is by reason of its greater nobleness liable to a bitter blight

Trademarked. "If my little brother Willie ever gets ost we can easily find him," said small

"How, pray?" queried the visitor. "He's got a strawberry trademark on his right arm," was the reply.—Chicago

Health Recipe. One time a man asked the poet Longfellow how to be healthy, and this is the answer be received: Joy, temperance and repose Slam the door on the doctor's nose

Lieutenant. The world "lieutenant" means, literally, "holding the place." Thus a lieu-

tenant colonel holds the place of a

colonel

Me KITCHEN GUPBOARD

COOKING AU GRATIN.

licious. It is a simple yet satisfactory way of using left over foods like cold potatoes or vegetables. Eggs au Gratin.-Cut six hard cooked eggs into halves lengthwise and place in a circle around dish. Prepare a sauce as follows: Melt one tablespoonful of butter, add one tablespoonful of flour, one-half teaspoonful of sait. 1 dash of cayenne pepper, one-half teacupful of water, same amount of cream, two tablespoonfuls of grated cheese Boll for two or three minutes; add two raw egg yolks. Mix well and pour at once over the eggs. Sprinkle with buttered cracker crumbs and brown in a

A Meat Economy

ber of sheep's kidneys. Cut the tops off the onions and put them into a saucepan of boiling water with salt Put the lid on the pan and boil the con-An ant can carry a grain of corn tents for one and a quarter hours; ther ten times the weight of its body, while take up, remove the skins and slip the center of the onion out. Cut the kidabout equal to its bodily weight 1t neys in two lengthways. Season with pepper, salt and a piece of butter and put half into each onion. Set the onshould grow to twice its original size, ions on a greased the with the onions sideways to prevent the juice from the tological structure, its volume, and ac- kidneys escaping. Chop the onion cencordingly the weight of its body, would ters finely and put as much as possible increase eightfold. Although the must back into the ends of the onions. Scatcles grow to twice their original di- ter breadcrumbs over all thickly and mensions, the increase in length does bake slowly until the onions appear to not increase the strength, which is be thoroughly done.

Novel Way of Using Noodles.

stiff but smoothly kneaded paste with one-half pound flour, one-half ounce butter, three yolks of eggs and a pinch of salt. Allow the paste to stand for at least one hour; then roll out as thinly as possible. Fold the pieces (rolled out) and cut the paste crosways into narrow strips about one-eighth of an inch wide. Loosen the strips (shake them up and dredge with a little flour, Put the noodles into a pan of fast boiling salted water and boil for about eight minutes; then drain and let cool Butter a baking dish, spread with a little white sauce, then a layer of noo-dles, sprinkle some grated cheese in next and a few drops of melted butter. Cover with sauce and continue thus until the noodles are used up. See that the last layer is well masked with white sauce, sprinkle over with breadcrumbs, place a few tiny bits of butter here and there on top of the crumbs and bake in a quick oven for ten minmand, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox utes. The dish is then ready for serv



DO YOU LIKE FISH?

BREAKFAST MENU. Baked Apples. Broiled Mackerel. Boiled Rice. Wheat Muthus. Coffee.

GREAT variety of fish is now in A GREAT variety of fish is now in the market. So wide is the choice that it seems almost any one ought to be suited. Some ways of cooking the season's fish are suggested.

then another row of salt pork over the perch and keep it up till the pan is half full. Add a little salt on the top.

and olive oil and let it stand about an hour. Then put very thin slices of pork across a rack in a dripping pan and place the fish skin side down over the pork. Brush with "tried out" pork and bake in a covered pan for forty minutes. Baste it once or twice while cooking and serve with hellandaise sauce or if preferred with maitre d'hotel butter.

equired amount of halibut steak and out into a buttered pan. Arrange pieces of tomato to cover it and put on top of the tomatoes plenty of green peppers sliced rather thin. Season with salt and pepper and pour over all onefourth cupful of melted butter. Bake in hot oven thirty minutes, basting frequently. A garnish of sliced hard boil-

emove the backbone. Broll over a lear fire on a well greased wire brofler training one tablespoonful of butter chopped parsley.

Anna Thompson.

ISHES cooked in this style are de-

Kidneys and Onion au Gratin.-Take three or four onions and the same num-

Noodles au Gratin.-Prepare a fairly

Baked Fish. Baked Perch.-Take a dripping pan, put in a row of salt pork sliced thin, cover with perch, put in a little nepper

Baked Pickere! -- Remove the backbone and all the small bones which can be removed without tearing the flesh too much or getting the fish out of shape. Brush the fish with lemon juice

Cooked With Vegetables.

Halibut With Tomatoes.-Take the ed eggs may be added.

Broiled Spanish Mackerel -- Clean thoroughly, split down the back and for ten minutes, flesh side down; then turn for one minute on the skin side. Remove to a hot platter. Season with salt, pepper and butter or with maitre d'hotel butter and garnish with parsley. Make the maitre d'hotel butter by m a bowl and adding slowly one table spoonful of lemon juice, half a teaspoonful of calt, half a saltspoonful of pepper and one teaspoonful of finely

LOST -On Thesday morning on Mary treet, near store, three keys on a ring beturn for M. C. LANE, Clothier Tas-repperell, Mass.

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ANNIE J. ANDERSON, Executrix, Shirley, Mass. Dec. 22, 1914. 2:17

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Registration of Voters



The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters,

Saturday, January 9, 7.30 to 9.30 P. M. Saturday, January 16, 7.30 to 9.30 P. M. Saturday, January 23, 12 M. to 10 P. M.

Registration will close at 10 P. M. Saturday, January 23, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.

Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the Collector of Taxes to show that they have been assess'ed for the year 1914 Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of naturalization PETER B. MURPHY,

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