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Roy Haines Fisher has finished

ciates planned the affair as a surprise

William Mansfield returned home on Thursday from the Groton hospital.

Mrs. A. A. Blood came from Gardner

Mr. Holman, the photographer, mov-

ly occupied the house owned by Frank

The annual meeting of the stock-

nolders of the First National bank was

Rowell, T. F. Graham, A. P. Wright,

Fred Benner, an employee at the

muscles of the back while lifting a

roll of paper. He spent some days this

C. C. Tucker of Heald street recent-

ly went to the Massachusetts Homeo-pathic hospital, having an operation

performed there on Thursday of last, week. He has been in poor health for

some time past and it is very much hoped he will be benefitted by this

treatment. At present the reports of

Mrs. C. C. Tucker is spending a few days with her sister, Miss Clara M.

Shattuck, during her husband's ab-

Albert Spaulding went to Worces

ter to visit his parents over Sunday, returning Monday, to the home of his

The Ladies' Aid society will be en-

ertained at the home of the newly

elected president, Mrs. J. N. Annis High street, on Wednesday afternoon

January 20, at 2.30 o'clock. It will be

a social and work meeting and all are

Willis W. Kimball is gaining very

slowly from his recent injury. He expects to go back to the hospital at

Nashua next week to have his arm ex-

Walter Reed has been stopping in hown a few days at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. E. Reed. He has fin-

shed his work at Henniker, N. H., and

expects to go to Boston or Roxbury to

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy have

closed their summer residence on Hol-lis street and with their niece, Miss

Hagstrom, have returned to New York

Sunday and was accompanied back to

Boston on Monday by Mrs. Hardy for

Mrs. R. H. Lawson was in Haverhill

Mrs. Charles Goff fell on the ice on

ther victims of icy streets during the

Miss Marjorie Sherwood is so far

ecovered from her knee injury as to

Mrs. Charles Fitch has been suffer

ing an illness from acute indigestion which has confined her to her home

on Park street for several days this

Miss Edith Hatherly is assisting in

four best birds and a prize of five in

gold for the five best birds in the show

the Nashua River Paper Co., is visiting

and other small special prizes.

Mrs. J. A. Saunders.

be about without assistance.

Daniel Hardy was at his home over

invited.

work soon

few days.

sister.

Greton.

grandmother with whom he lives.

week with friends at Athol:

his condition are favorable

Bennett on Heald street.

PEPPERELL.

About Town.

with the contract at Henniker, H., and is spending a few weeks with his aunt in town, Mrs. Waldo Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nash and daughter, Marjorle, of Chelsea, were Spaulding. week-end guests at Ashmont Farm with the parents of Mr. Nash. Mr. and Mrs. Ray bound were given tin shower at their new home on the street Wednesday evening. A

Main street Wednesday evening. Joseph Frossard, from Leominster. party of their young friends and assovisited his brother, John Fressard, last week, Saturday. and it was very well carried out. A

Ray Willoughby spent Sunday in joily evening was spent with games own at the home of his father, J. J. and refreshments. town at the home of his father, J. J. Willoughby. He has a position as stenographer with Rugg & Murdock, brokers, in the Chamber of Commerce, 1 Boston, having secured the same through the influence of the Y. M. C. A.

On Saturday evening of last week a party of ladles and gentlemen in town were invited to attend the ban-The Dennen house situated on Main street and occupied by Fred Erringquet given by Dr. and Mrs. Ayers at the General Bancroft place at Groton. ton, was sold at auction last Saturday to Nellie Errington. Guests were also invited from Boston and other cities and Groton. A fine ed last Saturday into John Miner's house on Townsend street. He recentturkey supper was served followed by whist and dancing.

The Champion cardshop commenced operations Monday morning. The whistle of the shop being off for repairs, the fire alarm whistle, which is held in the directors' room at the connected with the plant, was used, building on Tuesday afternoon, Janthereby causing some apprehension uary 12. The election of officers for among those afraid of fires, until the the ensuing year resulted in the folnature of the case became known.

ature of the case became known. lowing list: A. A. Shattuck, pres.; C. Charles Lorden recently lost his bay H. Miller, vice pres.; Henry Tarbell, work horse, while operating in the cashier; A. A. Shattuck, H. F. Tarbell, woods at Merrimac, N. H., for Worces-C. H. Miller, Geo. T. Greenhaighe, I. J. early part of last week, but it was not thought to be serious until the limb and then the body began to swell. The veterinary from this town. Dr. Davis, was called, pronouncing it then a case of blood poisoning, and the animal only lived a few days. It means quite loss to Mr. Lorden in his work, as the animal was a remarkably good. active team horse, and will be hard to

William Richards, the blacksmith, is again in his shop, after an absence of three weeks with relatives in Nova

S. M. Nokes, who was about to begin filling his ice houses last week, was hindered by the warm weather, and is not able to begin operations yet.

Mrs. I. J. Rowell has been suffering from illness which confined her to her room the early part of the week, being under the care of a physician.

The Sunday school class of Mrs. Albert F. Parker, of eleven members; recently were organized into a club, meeting at the home of their teacher on Brookline street. At a meeting held there on Thursday evening of last week their plans were perfected, and the following officers chosen: Raymond Gaskill, pres.; Wendell Messer, vice pres.; Everett Scott, sec.; Edward Cooney, treas.; Everett Scott, Basil IX ware and Edward Cooney, department committee: Wesley Messer onard Dow and William Greenwood lookout committee. Their motto, "Strong and true." Color, blue and Aim, personal honor, loyalty to church, to God, and each other Their name, "White Tigers." They are to meet monthly at the nome of

their teacher Caroline (Clapp) Chapman, widow of the late William A. Chapman, passed away at the home of her son. W E. Chapman, Wednesday morning, January 13, at the age of seventy-six. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. A. Putnam of Somerville, a son. W. E. Chapman and a stepson, E. G. Chapman of this town and six grandchildren. Funeral was held from the home of her son Friday afternoon, Rev. J. B. Lewis being the officiating clergyman.

Thursday evening, January 7, the ladies of the Unitarian church served a chicken-pie supper, prepared by the following committee: Mrs. J. O. Bennett, Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. Charles Taft, Mrs. Colston and Mrs. Warren Blood. A large number availed themselves of the opportunity to partake of the good things. An en-tertainment followed, consisting of piano duet by Mildred Morgan and Barbara Bancroft; vocal selections, Mildred Morgan; piano solo, Mollie Frasier: the farce, "Lippincott Frasier; the farce, square;" was successfull was successfully given to a

large audience. Saturday evening, January 9, 121, on white and Mrs. Harold Ayres at the Groton private hospital, formerly known as 3d on pullets; 3d and 6th on cockerel. He also received the ten dollar silver Harvard and Melrose. Dancing and card playing was enjoyed by the merry party, followed by a turkey supper. Miss Gleason, of Groton, presided at the plano. Guests from Pepperell Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Buss, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donnelly. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taft and Fred

Kemp & Bennett have purchased the occupied by Dr. Davis.

Mrs. John Martin attended the Pomona Grange metting in Hollis, N. H.,

Nurse association will be held Mon-day evening, January 25, at the Main street grammar school at eight o'clock. It is hoped that all members and everyone interested will attend

Charles Harris, from Lowell, was the geust of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Har-ris over Sunday.

Station agent Harris attended the poultry show in Boston Wednesday and received second premium on White Rock hens.

The Pepperell Woman's club will meet at Saunders hall on Tuesday afternoon, January 19, at 2.45. It will be reciprocity day.

Acoma Lodge Installation.

The recently elected officers of Acoma Rebekah lodge were installed on Tuesday, January 12. District dep-uty Kate Dunlap acted as installing officer, assisted by the suite from Townsend. The officers installed were as follows: Miss Lydia J. Waite, n. g.: as follows: Miss Lydia J. Waite, n. g.; Miss Marguerite Doznelly, v. g.; Mrs. L. G. Robbins, rec. sec.; Miss Anna Sartelle, fin. sec.; Mrs. Nellie Gutterson, treas.; Mrs. Harris G. Tarbell; Mrs. N. G. McWilliams, representative to Rebekah assembly; L. G. Robbins, trustee, three years

trustee, three years.

The work was performed in a highly creditable manner, although the audience was small owing to the bad weather that evening. A banquet was served later, consisting of cold meats, salads and relishes, cake, coffee and fancy dishes, being finely arranged under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ellery on Wednesday, bringing her little granddaughter, Genieve Bartlett, home. Davis.

Thomas Daniel Leary, Jr.

Thomas D. Leary, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Leary, Groton street, died at St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua, N. H., Wednesday morning, January 6, at 7.40 o'clock. Death was caused by acute peritonitis which developed from an operation for appendicitis, which was performed the pre-ceding Monday afternoon. His death can hardly be realized as he was a most robust appearing young man of fine physique and always was in the best of health. The first attack came on Thursday night while he was visit-ing friends in Groton, but he was better on Friday and did not return home until Friday night. On Mon-day afternoon he was taken to Nashua brother, Arthur J. Leary, who scarce-Pepperell card shop, is laid off from work this week from a strain of the ly left his bedside until the last.

The operation was performed at once by Dr. Smith, assisted by Drs Dearborn and Rock, of Nashua, and Dr. Qua, of this town. The operation disclosed the fact that the appendix brated by Rev. T. I. (oghlan. Rev. Fr. Houston assisted as deacon and Fr. Walsh as sub deacon. The buria! had burst and the doctors were afraid that blood poisoning would set in. On Tuesday, however, his condition showed encouraging symptoms toward evening, but the morning brought a marked change for the worst. Word was sent to the family, but not in time for them to get there before the end came. The deep sympathy of the installed for the ensuing year are as entire community goes out to the sor- follows: Walter Shattuck, m.; Fiorence Kemp, o.; Mrs. Jennie McDonald, stew.; Henry Wilson, asst. stew.; Muriel Robinson, l. a. s.; Mrs. Amy Shattack, lee.; O. M. Nash, chap.; rowing family.



THOMAS DANIEL LEARY, JR.

Mr. Leary was twenty-four years of age. He was born in Pittsfield, N. H., Mrs. Paul Maxwell, with many good on June 4, 1890, and the family came wishes. Mrs. Blood also was rememto this town when he was one year bered by relatives and friends, a very old, and with the exception of a period fine birthday cake, finely adorned week-end, the guest of her of two years, which he spent at his with candles, being presented by her Tuesday evening, injuring her arm quite severely. There were numerous since. He was educated in the public schools of this town and then went to work in the paper mill. At the age This was made pleasant by music, the of nineteen years he was put in charge of one of the large paper ma-chines and has worked as a machine tender since with the exception of by the hostess. about seven months that he worked in the grocery store of E. E. Tarbell. He was a fourth degree Knight of Columbus and a member of the Warren eteran Firemen's association.

He leaves to mourn his loss, be-sides a father and mother, three the manicure rooms of Mrs. Miner at brothers, Arthur, Wilfred and Henry; A. H. Harris won the following two sisters, Misses Mildred and Marprizes on his exhibits at the Nashua guerite Leary; also, a grandfather. Poultry show last week: First prize Timothy Leary, of this town, and oth-

er relatives His death was the first break to oc cur in the immediate family. He was much liked by all who knew him, a fine, upright character, with a very pleasant manner, as the many floral tributes sent to him show. The flow ers received were as follows:

miss Higgins, former bookkeeper at the Nashua River Paper Co., is visiting friends in town, the guest this week of Mrs. J. A. Saunders.

The Pepperell Card shop shut down on Wednesday until next week.

Mrs. Wm. Marshall is very low at this writing (Thursday) as the result in the fiarriman is suffering from a severe cold and unable to attend school.

The annual meeting of the District is received were as follows:

Harp, carnations, roses and titles. "Our Tom," parents: lyre, earnations, roses and titles, "Our Tom," parents: lyre, earnations, white cleary, Gotton, set picce, K. of C. emblem, horses, ho firemen's association: wreath, roses and titles, "Brother." sisters and brothers; pillow, pink and white roses, mixed flowers, warrent, towers, white carnations, mixnonette and green foliage, grandfather, spray white carnations, mixnonette and flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Methods as severe cold and unable to attend school.

The annual meeting of the District

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The funeral services were held on

bearers were John Kerin, Frank

O'Toole, Patrick Flynn, Thomas Drum

mey, Dr. F. McGrall, John T. Sulli

van. A solemn high mass was cele

took place in St. Joseph's cemetery

The officers of Prescott Grange were

instailed by Millard Sawyer, of Groton, assisted by Fiorence Kemp, on

last week Friday evening. The officers

Parker Kemp, treas.; Ellen Miller sec.; Lena McGrath, Flora; Mrs. Ade

the bountiful supper prepared by the committee with Mrs. Alice Shattuck,

chairman—all knowing her ability in this line. During the evening the aud-

lence was favored by listening to a youl selection by O. M. Nash. The

poverty party in charge of Ellen Miller

The meeting of the Oak Hill Wo-

man's club was postponed last week

from Wednesday to Friday afternoon,

ess, Mrs. Lyman Blood, had a birth-

as it was ascertained that their host-

day anniversary on the latter date. Arrangements were too hastily made

to admit of any elaborate celebration

but the feelings of the members were

shown by a simple gift, presented by

There was quite a lengthy business

session with a social hour following

Parker being especially worthy of

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. M. E. Gaskill on Wednesday af-

ternoon, January 20. A part of the program will be a continuation of the

works of Kate Douglass Wiggin, the

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. F.

net on its regular chapter day, Jan-

edding of George and Martha Wash-

of the regent, Mrs. Harriette

ington, at Blakesmere, East Pepperell, the home of its registrar, Mrs. N

W. Appleton. Illness caused the al

A. S. Phelps, and the vice-regent, Mrs

R. H. Blood, presided. The following

delegates and alternates were elected o attend the Continental Congress in

Washington next April: Mrs. Harriette

A. S. Phelps, regent; Mrs. George V. Herrig of West Somerville, delegate; Mrs. T. Carlisle Kelly of Tufts college, regent's alternate; Mrs. Carolyn M.

Hittinger of Milford, delegate's alternate; Miss Annah P. Blood of New York city, Miss Roxanna W. Longley of Newton Center, Mrs. Frederick S.

Bancroft of Peoperell and Mrs. Leon E. Ingram of Nashua, N. H., sub-al-

The annual dues were paid, an in-

'Story of Patsey" being given.

uary 6, the 156th anniversary

D. A. R. Meeting.

next meeting, January 22, will be

and Bernice Adams.

Club Meeting.

mention,

ternates.

in this town.

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teresting account of the recent state conference in Boston was given by the most cordially welcomed into its active delegates attending, Mrs. N. M. R. tive membership. The historian's item for January, as appropriate for the registrar presented the name of one new member, Mrs. Elimer W. Lewis and Mrs. The Martha to the third presist of Akron, Ohio, transferred from the control of the United States, Thomas Colonel Thomas Lothrop chapter, D. Jefferson, in 1772.

A. R. of Cohasset. Mrs. Lewis has An old-time song was sung as part long been an honorary member of of the program by Mrs. Hutchinson, flag. long been an honorary member of of the program by Mrs. Hutchinson, flag.



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WESTFORD

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Millis have moved from the Keyes house near the Congregational church to the cottage house on Main street, owned by O. R. Spalding.

Among the officers of General Adelbert Ames camp No. 19, United Spanish War Veterans of Lowell who were installed on Tuesday evening of this week was Walter L. Cutter of this town, who assumed the duties of camp historian.

Miss Maria Chamberlain observed her eighty-seventh birthday anni-versary, Friday of last week at her Miss Luella Hutchins in Several went from here Billerica. and others who could not go sent let-ters and postals of greeting. Both Miss Chamberlain and her sister, Mrs. Fletcher, who is eighty-four, were in comfortable health that day and retain the kindest interest in their native Westford and its people.

Perley E. Wright, who fell on the ice Wednesday of last week and broke two ribs and cracked a third, is getting along as comfortably as conditions will permit. Just moving into a new house and with his many other activities Mr. Wright finds an accident of this kind most trying and unfortunate.

Edmund Baker is also suffering with a broken rib caused by a fall.

The two recent rainstorms have been most beneficial in replenishing the depleted wells. Some farmers outside the water supply who have been teaming water for house and barn for weeks have now plenty of

The Agricultural Extension school being held at Chelmstord all this week except Saturday has attracted a num ber from our town and the general conduct of the course and the various lectures have proved most instructive and worth while

The combined high wind and lightness of the snow Tuesday night made someunusual snow balls. They were re ported in different places in town and there were several good specimens near the Library and on the site of the old Abbot homestead, one measared 21 inches high and inches torough. The snow gathered in lavers like cotton batting and with holes at each side like a big white muff.

Miss Beatrice Sutherland is boarding in Lowell through the week during the winter months, to be nearer work and coming home for the week-ends.

The monthly social for January a Congregational church promises to be most attractive and enjoyable. This will be next Wednesday evening with a supper followed by an old folks' concert in costume. Many old favorites will be sung and there will be solos, duets and readings. Mrs. Charles H. Wright has charge of the during these years has managed to be solos, duets and readings. Mrs. Charles H. Wright has charge of the

men held its meeting last night to draw up the articles for the town warrant. Nominations for the town officers will be held at the caucuses the last of January.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church held a very enjoyable social at the vestry one evening last The entertainment consisted of singing by Miss Moreland, reading by Miss Young, violin solo by Mr. Wallace. Refreshments of welsh rare bit, cake and cocoa were served. The committee in charge were Harry Ericson, Leonard Burland, James Hartford, Ethel Burland, Maud and Grace Robinson and Miss Edith Wright.

Annual Meeting.

The annual church members dinner roll call and husiness meeting of the Congregational church took place Monday A fine dinner was served at noon in charge of Mrs. H. G. Os-good and Mrs. A. E. Day and other willing assistants. Pretty scriptual quotations in the form of booklets, tied with green ribbon were at each plate. There were present thirty-

ras especially commended. A unanimous vote of thanks was ex- by the Willows.

ended to the dinner committee The church mourns the loss of four nembers by death during the year,

About Town.

There will be an adjourned parish

At the annual meeting of the Westford Board of Trade of recent date, the officers were caseen as a committee to consider the advisability of inviting the Middlesex North Agricultural society to hold the next fair. September 9-10, in Wistford, said committee to report at the April meet-

The first farmers' institute of the season will be held in the town hall on Friday, January 2. The address of the day will be given by P. M. Harwood of the Massachusetts Dairy Bureau. He is a large owner of dairy stock and knows the tender places in the milk problems.

Andrew G. Anderson, on the Lowell road, Brookside, is lowering his well to raise water.

several hundred students.

will hold a meeting at the town hall efficient manner. The officers install-on next Monday evening. All persons ed were as follows: W. J. Rafter, m.; desiring to register for the caucus to Mrs. Sidney B. Wright, o.; Clyde Pres. nominate town officers can have an cott, stew.; Frank T. Johnson, asst opportunity to do so.

Mrs. Alexander K. Park, of §43 Fourteenth avenue, Detroit, announces the engagement of her daughter Christine to Charles Marshall Trull, Mr. Trull is a graduate of our academy and has lived with his mother at Edwards' Corner. He formerly was in the office at Brookside mill, and he now holds a responsible position with an automobile concern in Detroit.

The lecturer of Middlesey North Pomona Grange announces that the question for discussion at the next neeting, February 5, morning session, will be "Is the germ theory overwork-

Johnson Bros., of Boston, have greet the new officers. bought a large share of the apples in town. Perley E. Wright is daily Death.

delivering them will take over the water system now owned and controlled by a private

corporation." Foxes are seen perambulating on the northerly slopes of Francis hill looking for the dividing line between safety and danger in some nearby

was in town recently visiting his sis-ter, Mrs. Frank Wright, and calling welfare. For several years he was a ipon his old neighbors in the Stony Brook vailey.

during these years has managed to ly cared for by his devoted daughter build for himself thirty-two bunks | Emma. lows which he rents. He is married | The deceased was twice married

on account of her health. She will be ond marriage died in early youth. Two heavy burdened wagon passing over with her old-time friend. Miss Jo- brothers are living, Merrill, in Ver- one of his legs. He was immediately sephine Dane, tormerly of Westford, mont, and Andrew C., in New Ipswich. She has been a successful teacher of N. H. There is quite a contingent of West- industrious. He was companionable ford people on the Pacific coast. We and tolerant in his attitude towards low for himself and that his daugh- with others of the beloved "First Parter Josephine has charge of a big ish" who have served. apariment house.

Charles Fisher, aged eighty-three A Letter, Charles Fisher, and eighty-three years, died at his name in Canton last week. He was a brother of the late Alvin Fisher, of Westford, the much missed personality.

The writer has just received a lefteroid will conduct the services at St. Andrew's Vission on January 24 of the scholars of the Stony Brook.

On Wednesday afternoon, January 24 of the scholars of the Stony Brook. much missed personality.

L. Fowler, of Lowell, is spending the winter at the Cold Spring farm.

passed her eighty-seventh birthday, an a good figure and came east to visit. one. She and her sister, who is which place he writes the following ceighty-four, formerly lived here, but interesting letter, in which was ennow have a comfortable home with closed a picture of his attack. their niece, Miss Mary Luella Hutch- galow taken on December 26, with he plate. There were present thirty- ins, at North Billerica. On January and his wife sitting on the porch and liam Welch of Graniteville, who met eight members of the church, nine 8, which was Miss Chamberlain's the temperature at the time being sevult that the time being sevult that the church is and three birthday, friends and relatives came enty-two degrees:

Saturday night.

\$3,000 additional insurance on the snowballs made by the wind near it. church property, owing to added fire These were seen by Mr. Sutherland at six o'clock in the morning and later The faithful work of H. G. Osgood, by others. On his drive to the jump-superintendent of the Sunday school, lng station Mr. Sutherland saw smaller balls made in the same way down

Clipping. Friends of George W. Goode, our Mrs. Mary J. Wheeler, Miss Miranda well-known author, will be interested G. Luce, William E. Symmes and Miss in reading the account which appear-ed in Saturday Chat, concerning his father, who died recently in Brook-

There will be an adjourned parish "George C. Goode was a man well-meeting of the Unitarian society at the vestry of the courch on Saturday evening, January 16." "George C. Goode was a man well-meeting of the Unitarian society at known in Lowell in the early eighties. When he first came to Lowell he purchased the Noyes stable on Prescott street, the stable which Major Edward Noyes conducted in conjunction with his father. Then he went elsewhere, when the stables gave way to the business block which now occupies its site. Mr. Goode was president of the Lowell Driving association, and was a horseman of wide and reliable experi ence. His going has left a vacancy which will in these days of automobiles be hardly filled."

Mr. Goode was a member of Pen tucket lodge of Masons in Lowell. He was seventy-nine years old when he died. He is survived by his wife Lena; a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Brown of Quebec; and a son, George W Goode, of Westford and Boston. Mr Goode was buried in Lowell.

Officers Installed. Miss May Day has returned to her school in Vergennes. Vt. She has a were installed on last week Thursday good position in this school which has evening by W. M. Wright, past master. everal hundred students.

The board of registrars of voters Grange, the work being done in an stew.; Mrs. J. Henry Colburn, I. a. s.; Rev. David Wallace, chap.; Mrs. Eben Prescott, lec; Mrs. M. Arvilla Wright, sec.; Alonzo H. Sutherland, treas.; Edward Clement, g. k.; Mrs. Ida Whitney, Ceres; Mrs. W. R. Taylor, Pomona; W. R. Taylor, ex. com. 3 yrs After the installation refreshments were served. At the next meeting the lecturer has announced he following question for discussion: Resolved, "That we are influenced more by the company we keep than by the litera-ture we read." Those appointed to debate this question are W. R. Taylor Mrs. Alonzo H. Sutherland, John P Wright, Mrs. Alice Lambert. Afte the debate Miss Martha Grant wil Quincy Day was here for the re-read the State Lecturer's address, cent banquet at the Graniteville This will be followed by a new game church.

Ephraim A. Stevens, who died a The selectmen met on Monday evening to draw up the warrant for the annual town meeting which will be held on Monday, February 8. It is reported that among the drawn ups will the an article "To see if the town ford, owning a large farm on the will take over the warrant for the color of the latter place. For many years he was a resident of Westford, owning a large farm on the will take over the warrant ford, owning a large farm on the Chelmsford road now owned by Mr Emerson. After selling this farm he moved to Westford Center, having purchased the village property commonly known as the Harrison Hall place For several years he was a resident of Forge Village, owning the place oc cupied in recent years by the late George W. Blodgett. While living Burt Decatur, who owns a successful blacksmithing shop in Springfield, stant attendants at the Unitarian resident of Cavendish, Vt., and served the town as selectman and overseer

instead of March as in previous years. This change is made because of a law passed by the Legislature in the winter of 1914, closing the town's fiscal year January 1. The Board of Selectmen held its meeting last Monday The town meeting will be held the lows which he rents. He is married The deceased was twice married and has one son. Albert is living with One daughter Emma survives. Anothinstead of March as in previous years. him and they both like the country. er daughter, Nettie Stevens, Ph. D., of

> music and we hope that she will find. Mr. Stevens was a man of business recuperation in the land of oranges, tact and temperate habits, frugal and hear that Hiram Dane built a bunga- life, and now he has been called home

school soon after it was built. Mrs. Ida Fowler, widow of the welled with his parents where John Flynn
known building mover, the late Chas, now lives. In the course of time Mr. Bailey went west and bought a big farm at Coon Rapids, Iowa. He pros-Miss Maria Chamberiain, a cousin pered and the value of land went up. 35,000 tons of ice. The smaller buildof the late Ephraim Stevens, has just A few years ago he sold his farm at ling contains 7,000 tons. Owing to

members of other churches and three babies.

The business meeting was called to order at two o'clock and Arthur E Day chosen moderator, and reports were given from the various officers of the church, Sunday school, Ladies Aid and Missonary societies. These reports showed excellent work and encouraging results and promise beter work for another year. Special mention was made of the grading house, Lowell. Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Snow have also been attendable in the receiving line. Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Snow have also been attendants at the extension school in assainant Chelmsford and speak very enthusiastically of the value of this school. Wrs. Charles H. Wright and Miss Edith Wright, who do such excellent work, with do such excellent work, with do such excellent work, with chorus choir for the Sunday morning service.

The report of the treasurer showed all billis paid with an annual expenditure of about \$1,200 for church purposes and \$170 given for benevolences. There were two other smaller distance of the form where we live the first measured as above given. There were two other smaller distance of the from where we live the first measured as above given the trustees have placed to call, bringing greetings, flowers and Lackberries are to call, bringing greetings, flowers and to call, bringing greetings, flowers and Lackberries are to call, bringing greetings, flowers and the day a happy one. As this is exposition year, it desures to hear for menty-two degrees:

As this its exposition year, and know-has been on the first hand for the sounting that many of the old lax State is exposition for the call Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. F. A. Snow have also been attendant and the receiving line. M

shows us the snow-capped mountains to the east, while to the south of these ties the table mountains in oil Mexico. so named because it apears dat, in-though probably many mics across its

io the east, while to the south of these has bee table mountains in old Mexico, so named because it apears flat, although probably many miles across its summit in painly visite, though far beyond the boundary line.

Turning to the southwest the Corolado Islands are eastly seen. These are also in Mexicon territory and are the practice knounds of the battleships of time Pacific squadron. Firectly in our line of wision lies the kreat San Diego harbor, eleven miles in bookth, thirty-flive feet deep at the lar at low tide, and tarke enough harbor to accommodate any amount of trade and vessels of the largest dimensions. Milions have been spent in improvements, the new municipal per alone being the best or the coast and costing \$200,000.

Our fair is the equal if not the superior, to the Prisco exposition. It commenced on January hirst and continues for one year. This is possible on account of our summer weather during the entire year. The exposition is truly comparable only to such fairs as the St. Louis and Chicage World's fair in magnitude. On the completion of the railroad to Zuma, Arizona, we expect wonderful strides because of our excellent harbor, there being only these matural harbors on the coast none of which are closer to each other than six hundred miles.

We will be the first port of call on the Panama canar and the distance via San Diego to the Offent from Chicago or any Atlantic scaboard point \$6, owing to our geographical position, one day shorter than, any other route through any other point.

We have cheap fuel and minerals for manufacturers, many of whom have settled here. There are kreat opportunities for sound investments in real extate, particularly is this true on account of three castern trunk interals for moundary law, allowing bue to charge as much as he can get a extate security. Interest at the lowest being even percent on first mortgages. California has no usury law, allowing bue to charge as much as he can get. The back country he steen water for frriegation may be secured cheaply with no

and hogs thrive well. Produce brings a good price at the local market and can be grown all the year.

On the opening of the Fanona canal fruit will be shipped directly to the Atlantic seaboard and Europe.

For the benefit of those contemplating coming to the fair I may say that while Massachusetts as a state will have no building, the Massachusetts association of San Diego, one of the largest of the state associations will have a headquarters for Massachusetts people where all information desired concerning the city or any former Massachusetts residents who are in San Diego may be secured.

HARPER BAILEY. San Diego, Call, January 4, 1915.

Forze Village. Master Ellsworth Rose and Miss Carmel Rose of Belmont have re-

turned home after spending their holiday vacation at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Splain. Miss Ethel Collins has been ill at her home for several days. Mrs. Elizabeth Splain is recuperat-

ing after a severe illness. Mr. Anthony Martin is confined to her home by illness.

The Ladies' Sewing circle held their regular weekly meeting on Thursday afternoon in Recreation hail.

his sister, Mrs. Fred Naylor over the holiday. Mr. Kilminster is studying a fine card with your initial neatly for the ministry at Tilton Seminary, embossed in gold for 25¢ the box. Tilton, N. H. Mrs. A. H. Comey had as her guest

recently Miss Mary E. Donnelly of West Chelmsford. Master William Davis, who has been enjoying a lengthy visit with relatives in Amsterdam, N. Y., spent the holiday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis.

Miss Marjorie Rose of Belmont has been a recent visitor here.

Mrs. V. C. Bruce Wetmore of the Nashoba farm is now at the Battle Creek sanitarium, in Michigan, where she will remain for several weeks.

The many friends of Chester Blodtaken to his home and later, an ex amination by the X-ray machine, showed no bones broken, but very bad lacerations of the ligaments of the leg. All hope for a speedy recovery

Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson and family of Clinica, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. M. A. Lowther. John Kavanauch, of Fleasant street

is ill at his home Rev. Sherrard Billings, of Grotor

Westford academy hockey team will play the Littleton, high team at Forge pond. The ice houses of the Daniel Gage

lee company are now filled with 35,000 tons of ite. The smaller buildthe good weather during the harvest, Much sympathy is extended to Wil-

Graniteville.

William Welsh, while visiting with friends in Ayer on last Saturday, and home, stepped over a stone embankment in the dark and received a severe fall, breaking both wrists and injuring two ribs. Dr. C. A. Blaine of West-ford and Dr. W. H. Sherman of this village were in attendance, and the patient is now resting as well as car be expected.

Charles A. Blodgett is now very il with the mumps at his home on the Millstone road, North Westford. Charlie has many friends in this vil lage who are hoping for his speedy recovery.

The cottage house now being buil by Mrs. Hammett D. Wright is nov rapidly nearing completion.

The rain of Tuesday spoiled the finskating on the mill pond here for the live time being

The members of the Westford board of fire engineers held their regular meeting in the fire house of the A. R. Choate hose company here on Monday night, during which much business of a routine order was transacted.

The members of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. L. A. Blood on last Thursday afternoon, and perfected plans for a color to be half to be seen as the color of the sale to be held on January 28 and 29

There are many cases of scarlet fever here at the present time.

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Main Street Ayer, Mass. 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, 7.80 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 while going for the car on his return 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 assessed for the year 1914. Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of naturalization.

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News Items.

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The next lecture given in the Warner free course is to be given on Friday evening, January 22. The subject is "Personal reminiscinces of a usual monthly supper, entertainment bird man," and is not as many seem and dance in the town hall. A very to have the idea that this is to be a large crowd turned out, from both to have the idea that this is to be a lecture on birds, but is to be given by Earle L. Ovington, the English and Providence on September 5, 1911, in which event he passed over Prost peet hill, where many from this town

at caucus in the lower town hall to lacking poets in this vicinity. Mrs. nominate the officers of the town to be voted upon as the country of voted upon at the annual town meeting to be held on Monday, Feb-Caucus called at eight in the evening.

While returning from the old folks' concert last week Thursday evening Rev. H. B. Mason came in collision with a team and was thrown to the ground, shaking him up and bruising him considerably. Owing to his in-ability to be around the service at the Installation. Congregational church last Sanday morning was omitted. We are very glad to report, however, that his inthat he will be able to resume his du-

The Grange holds its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, January 19, at which time the first and second degrees of the order are to be exemplified on a class of candidates. The program of the meetings of the year are still open and suggestions and questions may be brought in to the lecturer's desk at the next meeting. The programs will probably be ready for distribution by February 2.

Well drivers at Frank M. Hynes' residence are searching for water at residence are searching for water at s. s.; A. H. Bigelow, j. g.; Lawrence going down.

tion, to be erected by Miss Fannie M. the residences of W. L. Crosby and Alfred C. Fuller, is to be one of large There will be eighteen the plazza, is to be seventy-five feet. Chapman, of Oakdale, has just comminute. This house is to be ready for summer occupancy.

The new house being built for the one week. L. K. Savage is working on his new icehouse on Bare hill. new icehouse being biult at Hell pond of the successof their efforts in this on the site of the old on George Ryan is nearly completed and ready

The icehouse at Fiske Warren's was filled last week with twelve-inch ice

There will be a moving picture show given under the auspices of the Unitarian Men's club at the town hall February 5, This will surely be a welcome addition to our amusements. The plans are to have the pictures both humorous and instructive.

Arrangements Completed.

Final and complete arrangements for the extension school to be opened completed and judging from the sale trom nine in the morning to three in the afternoon. Complete programs nile Sunday school library books is have been mailed to every household desired at this session. New members always wanted and made to feel a sleighting and indefinitely postponed a sleighting to West Townsend. in town. Of especial interest to the bers always wanted and made to feel ladies in the home-makers' course will at home. a and dateaugretratic the entire week of an electric cooker which will be installed in the lower hall and will be used in connection with all the demonstrations. In this age of electricity this method of cooking may become general and this feature of the course will prove attrac-

In connection with the noon hour junches spoken of last week it might be said that these lunches are to be served in the lower town hall throughout the week so that in case of bad weather it will not be necessary for those attending to leave the hail

through the day. Harvard, Woman's Guild.

Members of the Harvard Woman's Guild, in aid of the Red Cross will be interested to know that a letter has been received from the American National Red Cross acknowledging the sending of six cases filed with articles, surgical and otherwise, to be distributed by the Red Cross for the relief of sufferers by the European The cases contained 68 surgical shirts, 23 pairs surgical stockings, 20 hospital pads, 12 cholera bands, 156 bandages. 44 convalescent robes, 59 petticoats, 45 shawls, two pairs socks, 51 sheets, 70 pillow cases, 14 blankets, 50 pairs wristers, 52 mufflers, 6 hel-mets, 80 skeins of wool and 75 knitting needles. The above, exclusive of the wool and needles, made a total of 672 pieces. Of these 12 pillow cases, 12 bandages, 21 shawls, 9 petticoats, 4 bands, 4 pairs wristers, 1 pair socks and I helmet were donated. Generous contributions of money made possible the nurchase of material and the gift fifteen pounds of wool and 140 yards of flannel greatly aided the

The garments were made and the knitting done by seventy-four women of Harvard and Still River, organized Miss Clara Endicott Sears as president and Mrs. Austin Peters vice president. During the months of Novem ber and December an efficient committee of six cutters prepared work

The appearance of the cases sent Hawaiian Islands.

with all articles neatly wrapped and labeled could but have been gratifying to all delpers in this work

Supper and Entertainment.

The Unitarian ladies gave their Harvard and Still River, and a folly had the pleasure of seeing him. This lecture is sure to be a very interest-This week Saturday evening the citizens of Harvard are called to meet they sat down and composed a piece of poetry on "apple pie." Incidentally it was discovered that we were not the same of the sam captured first prize, a fine large apple ple, made by Miss Kerley, and Miss Doris Houghton and Howard Stone captured the booby prize, a nice little Music was furnished for the hance by an orchestra composed of local talent, and was very much appreciated by the dancers. The entertalnment was in charge of Mrs. Rod-

> Harvard lodge, I. O. O. F., installed officers for the ensuing year at their lodge rooms on Monday evening last of no serious nature and Dist. Deputy Charles E. Rowley; and suite of Apollo lodge, Fitchburg, perormed the work to their credit and

the appreciation of those present. After the work a supper of oysters, cold meas cake, coffee and pastries was served in the banquet hall.

The officers installed were: William Hanna, n. g.; R. G. Davis, v. g; James L. Whitney, sec.; F. A. Houghton, treas.; S. B. Haynes, chap.; H. B. Royal, warden; A. F. Ripley, conductor; George E. Hardy, r. s. n. g. A. T. West, l. s. n. g.; Perley Beard, 7. s. v. g.; clarence Beard, l. s. v. g.; Philip O. Dickson and W. F. Dickson,

Concert.

The report of the Old Folks' con-Farmer, of Boston, on Oak hill, near cert given last week being somewhat hastily written some very important points were unintentionally omitted. Among the soloists, Miss Elvira Scorcoms and the entire length, including gie of California, gave some splendid selections. Her singing of Scotch songs being especially pleted a well 100 feet deep with a Thayer as the director also comes in water supply of eighteen gallons per for a share of the compliments for his minute. This house is to be ready for work with the baton. The duets rendered by Miss Harriet Thayer and Rouben Reed, as Reuben and Rachel, Bromfield school is being plastered as also the Bashful Quaker duet by and will be ready for finish in about Miss Mildred Sanders and Mr. A. T. West, as Ruth and Simon, were well received. The ladies feel justly proud

Church Notes.

The Unitarian church will hold it. regular service of worship on Sunday morning at 10.45. The ladies' chorus will sing under the direction of Mr Thayer. The pastor will preach the concluding sermon in the "Be fair" The pastor will preach the series. The subject at this service will be "Be fair to God and your church."

The pastor and Mr. Richards ask o'clock. The regular session of the here on Monday are being rapidly Sunday school will be held at the completed and judging from the sale same hour. Action will be taken re-of tickets a complete success is assured. The course opens on Monday school. The new k-soon books for the afternoon at one o'clock sharp, and ladles' class, now being taught by Mrs. daily sessions thereafter will be held Gertrude C. Whitney, are expected to

The congregation was recently priv leged to hear extracts from a letter of their former pastor, Rev. Joseph P. Sheafe, now of Newcomerstown, Ohio, read to them, giving them kindly greeting and reminders o former days.

Morning worship with preaching by the paster will be held at the Congregational church on Sunday at th usual hour. The theme of the ser-mon will be "Standards." Music in charge of Mr. West and will be the same as arranged for last Sanday

The bible school will meet at twelve o'clock. The right move was made in the selection of new courses of study as is proved by the renewed interest and increased attendance. The lessons are still based on scripture precept and narrative, but include wide variety of live topics. A welcome awaits anyone who wishes to join a class.

The Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at seven o'clock will be in charge of Miss Jessie Cameron. The subject is to be "Make bold beginnings," and i intended to be of special interest to the younger people. There will b special music.

At the last meeting of the Monday class Miss Sarah L. Jones opened th discussion of current events. Papers on famous characters and importan events of the revolutionary period were read by N. A. Dill, Mrs. Dill, Mrs. Savage, Miss S. E. Pollard and Miss Kilbourn. The next lesson will include the adoption of the constitution with a discussion of the provi sions that comprise that instrument The nature of these studies is such that anyone may join the class at any time. A cordial reception will be

granted new members. The missionary meetings, six in number, of the Y. P. S. C. E. for 1915, the Harvard Woman's Guild, with will be in the form of illustrated lec Both the foreign and home work will be covered, the former by lectures describing and illustrating two of the great eastern religious which our missionaries have to comwhich was distributed among mem- bat, the latter by similar lectures exbers at the five meetings of the guild plaining the different phases of the work in the United States and the

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Postmaster J. H. Johnson of Wachusett Grange, and Mrs. Haistat of Leominster installed the officers-elect of Lunenburg Grange on Wednesday evening, as follows: W. A. Warren, master; Lewis L. Harrington, overseer; Mrs. Edith Smith, lec.; A. C. Gould, crivid they were. Supper was served steward; G. C. Johnson, asst. steward; in the lower hall at six and seven Miss E. E. Emerson, chap; E. C. o'clock, under the direction of Miss Smith treas.; A. W. Rockwood, sec.; by Earle L. Ovington, the English aviator, whose experiences in flying in the lower hall at six and seven oclock, under the direction of Miss Marion Dickson, after which they adherent of the air race from Boston of the air race from Boston of Naghus Worgester which they are provided by the Naghus Worgester of the race of the provided by the Naghus Worgester of the race of the provided by the Naghus Worgester of the race of the provided by the Naghus Worgester of the race of the provided by the Naghus Worgester of the race of the provided by the Naghus Worgester of the provided by the Naghus Worgester of the Provided Barter, lady asst. wood, F.; Gertrude Barter, lady asst. steward; W. B. Hayward, executive com, for three years; Evelyn M. Lane planist. After the installation, light refreshments of sandwiches, cake and cocoa were served. A large number Fitchburg, Leominster, Townsend and Shirley, several of them making short speeches. Promenading was then enjoyed for an hour or more.

The sale of food at the Congrega-tional yestry on Thursday afternoon for the benefit of the relief committe of the Woman's club was well patrenized. A bountiful supply of food was contributed and in spite of the very ley condition of the streets and the roads throughout the town and the consequent dangerous traveling the sale was attended by a large number of people, who bought all that was offered, the proceeds netting the committee nearly \$18. The sum is to be used for the relief of needy families in town.

Miss Nellie M. Jawett, assisted by Misses Willa Harley and Elizabeth Alexander, had charge of the Junior C. E. meeting in the Congregational vestry on Friday afternoon, and held a very interesting service.

On the same afternoon the Junior Epworth League held services, led by Mrs. L. H. Brown. Following the devotional exercises this program was given by the members: the Panama Canal was read by Lee Sanderson, Stanley Brown gave a talk on oysters, Master Harold Eastman pean war now in progress, and Gordon Brown gave a paper on the cat

The Improvement League of the high school gave a very interesting if it was ever contemplated, entertainment also on Friday after. noon. Coff read a paper on Dr. Grenfell's letter and Schalk of the White Sox. mission in Labrador; then Miss Rosa-Archer is older then either of the other. mond Grant gave a reading from Alice T. Slosson's book, "The little boy who was scared of dying." After this and for the final number Porter Dickinson gave a fine account of his tripfrom Boston to St. Petersburg, two vears ago.

Last Friday afternoon seemed to be the great day of the week for societies of nearly every sort existing in Lunenburg. In addition to these already mentioned, the Woman's Christian Temperance union held a very pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. Ellen S. Parker on Massachusetts avenue. All those attending were to know she was able to come and to preside after her long period of eeblenes and exceedingly poor health.

On Friday evening two games of basket ball were played in the town hall. The Lunenburg Athletic Association with the Fitchburg Normal second team, resulting in victory for the L. A. A. 41 to 8. The High School for a special meeting of all former the L. A. 41 to 8. The High School members of the men's class at twelve team played a game with the Practical Arts school and won a victory, 16 to 8.

The rain of Wednesday night melted the snow rapidly and filled Marshall's pond to the limit, so that now if it freezes without a snow storm there will be ample room and fun for all the boys and girls and grown ups, too, who enjoy skating or ice hockey. But planned for Thursday night, and an- The game in the Yale bowl other to Shirley Center for evening.

On Sunday morning at the Metho-

The people of the Methodist society have begun a service of household meetings, for the benefit and pleasure of shut-ins and feeble, aged ones. They are held on Thursday evening. Last week the meeting was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Whitcomb. This week with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Adams.

A petition for a special town meet ing is being circulated by C. C. Mar den. Jr., to vote on a motion for the abolition of the street commission, and the division of the town into two districts, each one to be in charge a highway surveyor.

New Advertisements.

LOST BOOK—In accordance with Chapter 590, Section 40, of the Acts of 1908, Massachusetts Legislature, and amendments thereto, notice is hereful given that Book No. 60s has been box and payment on the same stopted NORTH MIDDLESEN SAVINGS BANK Sarah T. Tuten, Treas.

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IN THE WORLD OF **SPORT**

Jimmy Archer, the Cubs' Great Backstop.



Jimmy Archer is likely to remain as catcher with the Chicago Cubs under the management of Roger Bresnahan. As Bresnahan is engaged as a player las well as a manager, he will do a certain amount of backstopping, but that will not necessarily mean the retirement of Archer. At one time it was reported that Archer was thinking of jumping to the Federal league, but it is understood that this deal fell through,

Archer is picked by most experts as Miss Beatrice Archibald read a member of the All-American team, an essay, after which Miss Alice De his rivals being Schang of the Ath-Archer is older than either of the others and has had much more experience. But he has not slowed up appreciably and his throws to second from the squatting position that he maintains behind the bat are as quick and accurate as they ever were. He was out of the game a good deal last season owing to injuries, but his work when playing was fully up to his old standard.

Handicapping Ouimet.

Massachusetts handicapping officials are somewhat perplexed as to how to rate Francis Ouimet, the national all amateur champion. In the 1914 of all amateur champion. In the 1914 illist Ouimet and John G. Anderson were placed together on scratch, but the conclusion has been reached that the conclusion has been reached that the conclusion has been reached that Ouimet is alone in his class and is entitled to special consideration. Evidently the Massachusetts Golf association officials do not care to push back all the other rated players in that state, so it has been suggested that Ouimet be given a rating of plus three or four. It is figured that he is fully three or four strokes better than any one clien in view of his great work last summer, is likely to be placed at scratch with Anderson at one.

Harvard's Football Profits.

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Harvard's Football the past season. The game in the Yale bowl netted \$60,-000 alone. In the stadium at Cambridge the battle with Princeton yielding the battle with Princet to rate Francis Ouimet, the nationery glad to meet their president and al amateur champion. In the 1914

brought to his home on Saturday last, the title and met all comers one after the other. Welsh has met more men in the ring since becoming champion than Willie Ritchie did during his career as a champion, over a year and a haif.

> No Decisions In Cleveland. The newly organized boxing commission at Cleveland has finally decided against giving decisions. After listening to all arguments the committee appointed by Mayor Baker to draw up a set of rules and regulations agreed that boxing would be better off without the decisions. The chief reason for the stand taken was that giving decisions virtually turns the bouts into prizefights.

> > Yale's New Captain.

Alexander Dickson Wilson of Binghamton, N. Y., has been elected Yale's football captain for next fall. Wilson is an academic junior. He has played quarterback on the Yale eleven for two seasons and o cupied the same position on the freshman team three years ago. He prepared for Yale at

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To the heirs-at-law and all other
persons interested in the estate of
JENNIE A. BYRAM late of Shirley in
said County, doceased.

Whitesas, MILLEDGE C. SHORT administrator of the estate not aiready
administered of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for
license to sell at public auction the
whois of two parcels of the real estate
of said deceased for the payment of
debts, the amount to which the husband is entitled under the statutes, and
charges of administration, and for othor reasons set forth in said petition.
You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge
in said County, on the twenty-sixth
day of January A. D. 1915, at nineo'clock in the forenoon, to show cause,
if any you have, why the same should
not be granted.

And 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,
and was 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 thirtyfirst day of December in the year one
thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

2118 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of CHARLES S. WYMAN late of Towns-

on Sunday morning at the Methodist chaired, Rev Alfred Noon took a "Looking backward." for the subject of a very intersecting and instructive sermon. Rev. Robert A. Bryant of the Congregational church, edified a larger than usual audience with the subject. "Contented, but not satisfied." In the evening union services were held in the Methodist chapel and Miss Ethel E. Emerson, of the Christian Ethel E. Brooks of Fitchburg was present as a guest and gave a very interesting talk on matters of interest to C. E. Emembers.

Welsh's Big Earnings.

Freddie Welsh, world's champlon and has never been equaled by a title holder of the expensive weeks, in pingured while running a gasolen engine, on December 12, and who was immediately conveyed to Burbank hospital, is slowly improving and was brought to his home on Saturday last, his nurse accompanying him.

ourt. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire Witness, Charles J. Alchinire, Esquire, First Judge of Said Court, this sixth day of January in the year one thou-sand nine hundred and afteen. 2115 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS, Middlesex, sa. Probate Court. To the belrs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the es-tate of CATHERINE JOSEPHINE all other persons interested in the es-tate of CATHERINE JOSEPHINE PURCELL late of Pepperell in said County, deceased. Whereas, a cortain instrument pur-porting to be the last will and testa-ment of said deceased has been pre-sented to said Court, for Probate, by FIANCIS G. HAYES who prays that letters testamentary may be sended to sented to said Court, for Probate, by FRANCIS G. HAYES who prays that letters testamentary may be lesued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond. You are hereby clied to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth day of January A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same

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Shirley in said County, decoased.
Whereas GEORGE H. BIXBY administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his
petition for license to sell at private
sale, in accordance with the offer
named in said petition, or upon such
terms as may be adjudged best, the
whole of a certain parcel 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.
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and for other reasons set forth in said You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth 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 granted.

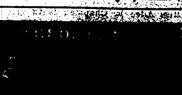
And said partitioner is hereby directed to give public notice there, by publishing this cliation once in each week, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last multifeation to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mulling postnaid, or delivering a copy of this cliation to all known persons interested in the setate, seven days at least before said Court, and by mulling postnaid, or delivering a copy of this cliation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court, this twenty-fourth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, 2117 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Saturday, January 16, 1915.

GROTON.

News Items.

Robins Sampson is spending this week of his vacation visiting former school friends in Pomfret and New Haven, Conn., and in New York city He intends to return to his work in Wyoming about February 5.

Miss Carrie Woods is not in her usual health and is being attended by Miss Lillian Crocker.

The Unitarian church social last week took place on Thursday evening with success. There was, of course, a good supper. The entertainment openresponded to an encore; a reading by William A. Putnam, who responded to an encore, and a plano solo by Mrs. Wright, finely rendered. The play, "The coming of Anabel," given by six of the Rebekahs, was acted very cleverly by each taking part in fetching

The Ladies' Benevolent society of ice a few days ago and experienced the Congregational church will hold a unpleasantly lame but not serious social with supper and entertainment results. at the church rooms on Thursday evening, January 21. The supper will be under the charge of Mrs. E. B. Branigan, assisted by the young ladies, and the entertainment will be in charge of Mrs. Janet P. Wood and Mrs. Effie Harrington. The entertainment will consist of musical numbers and a farce, "Wanted—a confidential clerk," the different parts of which will be The entertainment will taken by Sidney F. Davis, Malcolm George Folkins, Henry Donahue, Leslie Blood, Roger Hynes. The supper will be held at 6.30, followed by the entertainment at eight o'clock.

At the Baptist church on Sunday the pastor will preach at 10.30 in the morning on "Complete in Christ," and at seven in the evening on "The trans forming power of the grace of God," preceded by a bright praise service.

Mr. and .Mrs. George E. Hodgman announce the engagement of their daughter Geneieve to Arthur G. Worrall, of Philadelphia, Pa.

A report, which appears to be true is that James Packard has sold their old Barnard place, on Boston road and overlooking Cow pond meadows, to a Mr. Peters, of West Acton, who will come there to live, re-building in the spring.

Charles H. Berry is planning to at tend the forty-seventh reunion of his regiment, the old Massachusetts 24th, the American house, Boston, next week Wednesday.

There were seven from Groton who took the civil examination for R. F. D. carrier held at Ayer last Saturday. Mrs. George L. Boynton and Mrs. Henrietta Chase are reported on the

Mrs. William Souther was taken ill last Sunday, making necessary the attendance of her physician. Her daugh ters, Mrs. Ladoo and Mrs. Shattuck. came over from Leominster on Mon-day. Mrs. Shattuck returned home the day, but Mrs. Ladoo remained until help who could remain longer should arrive. On Wednesday Mrs. Souther was still confined to her bed, but was improving.

The household economics section of the Woman's club will hold a sewing in the Baptist church parlor on Monday afternoon at two o'clock. All women interested in the Red Cross work are asked to attend, as there is a large amount of work to be done. Several of the ladies have offered to Several of the ladies have offered to the late Stillman Gilpatrick, a Civil ning, January 18. take sewing and knitting home and it war veteran, who died in Groton some. The Mary Frances sewing class enwill be given out at this time. This three years or four years ago, after a joyed an afternoon at the home of notice is intended as a general invita- long residence here. His widow and their director, Miss Henrietta Ewings. tion to all the women of the town to son afterward sold their place on the

officers of Groton Grange for 1915, whose names have been given previously in these columns, were in- club last week Friday afternoon was stalled on Tuesday evening by Millard well attended and very satisfactory S. Sawyer, past master, assisted by every way. Mrs. Pennack, first vice Mrs. Hattie Woods Fitch. A past president of the State Federation, was master's pin was presented the retiring master, Frank Patterson, by William A. Woods, past master. A piano line Federation which now has solo was rendered by Miss Irene Tyr-There were about forty members present, which was really more than was expected on such a stormy night. The meeting was a pleasant one, everything passing off success-

Views of the Lancaster pageant, which was given on July 4, 1912, at Lancaster, will be on exhibition in the trustees' room of the public library

While teaming wood last Saturday and walking beside the team which had one and a half cords of wood on Chester Blodgett slipped on some ice as the team was going down hill, bringing his left left leg under the hind wheel. The wheel passed slantways over his leg, ankle and part of his foot. The X-ray showed no bones were broken, but badly strained ligaments, which caused him much pain and will take a long time in healing.

Mrs. James A. Bailey met with ar accident last Sunday afternoon, breaking the wrist of her right arm. She had been to call on Miss Longley with her husband. Going home they turned aside for a little walk in the fields and woods, when Mrs. Bailey slipped on some ice, and finding herself falling, put out her hand to save herself with the above results.

Miss Alice E. Chapman is to give an entertainment on the evenings of February 5 and 6, under the auspices of the Groton Woman's club. Onehalf of the proceeds goes to the club. and of this such a part as is necessary will be used for the children's May The remainder will go into the club tressury.

stay at the Groton hospital while her sister. Mrs. Peck, who has been at-

tending her, takes a change and rest. At the meeting of the village improvement section of the Woman's club at Mrs. Bruce's on Monday after-noon the following officers were cho-

Bird club will be held on Monday evening, January 18, at eight o'clock, in the lower town hall. Frederick H. Kennard will give an account of his recent trip into the wilds of Florida and will show many interesting stereopticon views. He will also speak briefly of his success in attracting and protecting birds on his own estate in. Newton. Meeting open to members and friends.

The Neighborhood club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Harriet Gray. After the roll call and quotations, the hostess gave current events. Music from the Victrela was an enjoyable feature. The members accepted an invitation from the Houseed with a plano duet by Mrs. Amy hold Economics department of the will be present, and that it means of the society have not registered for the present of the society have not registered for the present year they will make specture of the present year they will make specture of the present year they will make specture of the present year they will make specture. the Red Cross work attending the the present year they will make spec-sewing meeting next Monday after- ial effort to do so that a correct list noon at the Baptist church parlor.

A very instructive and interesting paper on "Supper dishes" was given by Mrs. Lizzie B. Clough. After the number twenty-five, exclusive of asusual refreshments and club song the meeting closed.

Miss Mary L. Hutchins fell on the

The next of a series of Luther Blood ree public lectures will be held in town hall Tuesday evening, January 19, by Byron William Reed, A. B., L.L. B. Subject, "Porto Rico." illus-

trated views of all parts of the island. The Brown Loaf club was enter-tained by Mrs. W. H. Whitehill Thursday afternoon, and had their usual good social time.

is a member of the club, came up from that a no-school signal should be the city Wednesday, purposely to at-H: Gay.

at the last regular annual town meet-

home in California.

Rev. G. M. Howe was called to the way.

his wife's cousin, a Mr. Wood, who was ninety-four years old.

George H. Woods is to make the re-

The Alliance met with Mrs. F. F. Woods, Thursday afternoon.

The household economics section of keeper, and the sister. Mrs. Gilpather vitality is gradually diminishing. the Woman's club will hold a sewing rick. The mother was unable to come. The public is again reminded of the

Woman's Club Meeting.

The meeting of the Groton Woman's stalled on Tuesday evening by Millard well attended and very satisfactory 1.000,000 members, and also of the work done by the State Federation to which latter the Groton club belongs. Four ladies from Gloucester, composing the Mozart stringed instrument club, furnished most acceptable musical selections. Atternoon tea was

It was voted by the club to give up the guest night as scheduled for February 12, and to accept as a substitute a hospital on Monday for treatment. Miss Boutwell's invitation for a social gathering of the club members at home on that afternoon from 2.30 until five o'clock. The next meeting accompanied by Mrs. Yapp, and also Shakespeare under the department of literature.

West Groton.

and Mrs. G. S. Webber.

Mrs. A. F. Cottrell, going on Tuesday, spent last week with her sister, Leroy B. Newton of Fairhaven. Mrs. Fuller of Bellows Falls, Vt.

Mrs. Charles Bixby spent several days this week with relatives in Wel-

A "Five hundred" club held its first | lege. meeting with its president, Mrs. G. I. Wolaner on Wednesday afternoon, ber of enthusiastic members present The game, though new to several at its first meeting last week Friday members here was found very inter- evening, in spite of other attractions esting. Twelve ladies including the and the fact that some were not preshostess were present. The club meet-ings will be fortnightly, on Wednesday afternoons.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hill have returned from a visit of several weeks outline of the program for the winter with friends in New York.

Mrs. Matthew Robinson has suffered by Francillion, arranged by Cowen,

the head and face.

Frank Powell, who worked for a short time in Acton, has returned and has been ill during the past week.

seh: Mrs. F. F. Woods, chairman:
Mrs. F. A. Torrey, sec.; Miss N. M. boarded with Mrs. Dudley since enterRichards, treas. Other officers to be ing upon her duties as teacher of Tarchosen by the chairman. hosen by the chairman.

The regular January meeting of the were served by the hostess and the young people enjoyed a pleasant evening of whist, music and social intercourse.

There will be a social dance it Squannacook hall on Friday evening January 22. The public is cordially

The next regular meeting of the Improvement society will be held on Tuesday evening, January 19, at the usual time and place. Following the routine work the meeting will be in H. Bixby, chairman.

The Ladies' Aid society will hold its first working meeting of the year with Mrs. L. G. Strand on Thursday after-It is hoped that all members noon. It is hoped that all members will be present, and that if members number twenty-five, exclusive of associate members.

to learn of her return from Groton hospital.

Provost Thompson has been confined to the house by illness.

LITTLETON.

News Items. who have the interest of our schools at heart and look with favor or distance upon the increasing services. Miss Olive Lovering of Boston, who favor upon the increasing sentiment o'clock.

tend the meeting and remained until pleased to read the following figures: Friday morning, the guest of Mrs. H. High school eighty per cent. Town The annual town meeting comes on Woodbine's room seventy-eight per Monday, February 1. The change in cent, Miss Allen's room (third and date is in compliance with the vote fourth grades) sixty per cent, Miss

The installation of the officers of than word painting by Rev. O. J. Fair-Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., was held field on "Seeing America first, some scenic wonders of the State of Washington," with personal experiences by

The Alliance will meet next Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. M. Hartwell on King street. The speaker Nomination papers are out for will be Mrs. A. A. Peterson of Boston vessels on the high seas when suspec-George H. McKee for selectman, as-sessor of taxes and overseer of the Pioneer work in the South for Uni-pool: and Watha, N. C., who will tell of ted of carrying a cargo of contraorand problems. The president made a few apt remarks and announced the program which consisted of a piano solo, Miss the contrary notwithstanding.

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Tenney; violin solo, Miss Sears, Miss days she learned the dressmaker's Olive Flagg accompanying at the trade, and practised it for many years. pairs in the Public Spirit building; ber of years. Music for this meeting bayer, which was damaged by fire last will be furnished by Mrs. C. S. Hager. Mosely Hale entertained a whist speaker.

attend this meeting and join in the Boston road and moved to Connecticut. week Wednesday. The usual program work. on the social feature of the occasion Senators Kimball of Littleton, Na-

than Tutts of Waltham and Morse of Lancaster were among the after-dinner speakers at the banquet of the New England Fox Hunters' association held at the Bedford house in Bedford on Thursday evening. Eimer Fletcher, a member of the association, was present, having joined his fellowsportsmen on Wednesday for the rest of the week.

much from blood poison. We happy to report his improvement. We are

Mrs. George Hall's sister, Mrs. Ket-

Charles Yapp attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. William Davis, of Ayer, on Monday afternoon. He was of the club is on January 23. E. H. by his father, George Yapp, and his property and State Attorney Macloy Higley, of Groton School, will talk on sister, Mabelle Yapp. The burial was Hoyne says that he has discovered in in Westlawn cemetery, Littleton.

Littleton relatives and friends are much interested to learn that Miss Gladys Hartwell, daughter of Dr. and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Webber of Mrs. Burt L. Hartwell of Kingston, Ayer were over Sunday guests of Mr. R. I., recently entertained a few of her friends at a luncheon, at which her engagement was announced to

> Miss Hartwell is a student at Wel lesley college, class of 1915, and Mr. Newton is a member of the class of 1914 at the Rhode Island State col-

The Choral society had a good numness nature.

George S. Dane, director, gave an The oratorio, "The Rose Maiden," by

Mrs. C. H. Bickford has gone for a severely this week with neuralgia of will be studied and also something and Mrs. John Ireland, and brothers suitable for Home talent night at the and sisters, moved to Littleton from Lyceum, the latter selection was to Wilmington about forty years ago. He be decided upon at the second meet-ing which was held last evening.

attended our schools and completed his studies in Lawrence Academy,

> of the society, only success is posible. A citizens' caucus will be held at

eight o'clock Saturday evening, January 16. A registration meeting is announced

to 10 p. m. in the Selectmen's room. recently installed a telephone. number is 34-3

The Forget-Not circle of K. D. has entrusted to Mrs. Mary Ireland Hib-bard the care of birthday remembrances for January, February and March. Her last name was omitted lest week's column, doubtless enveloped in smoke or soot from the tionalist, but has come to our attenfire that all but destroyed the print ing office a week ago.

January 21 will be Newtown night at the Back-log club, and Mr. and Mrs D. G. Houghton have accepted the chairmanship of the committee in charge.

The first announcement that the umber twenty-five, exclusive of asociate members.

New York city, was received with enthusiasm. A large number of tickets from a feeble home missionary plant
have already been sold. Town hall,
Monday evening, January 18, at eight
Hopedale the church was rebuilt after o'elock.

> will meet with Mrs. Frank Dodge on a parsonage. Mr. Alvord writes for next Wednesday afternoon at three Collier's, Country Life, The Domestic o'clock.

The Thursday evening service of the Baptist church will be held next week Baptist church will be held next week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Tenney on Foster street at 7.39 contributes to religious and secular Superintendent Hill visited all the at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William town schools Wednesday forenoon and H. Tenney on Foster street at 7.39

and parish a cordial invitation is extended and preparation has been made for everyone. The annual meetings of church and parish will follow in the Hall school ninety-one per cent, Miss afternoon and a large representation is desired.

On account of inclement and for other good reasons the mis-Fletcher's room (first and second sionary meeting of the United Work-grades) fifty per cent, Miss (hase's ers, slated for Wednesday of this week, Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Clark leave room (West grammar) seventy-seven was omitted. The program will be town for Claremont, Cal., this Saturday noon, taking a part of their house-hold goods with them. They go with the possibility of making their future of the February seventy-one per cent: 6.30 in the Unitarian vestry will be a can be very well co-ordinated; and to 6.30 in the Unitarian vestry will be a can be very well co-ordinated; and to travel talk without other pictures provide for sufficient time the meeting will open at 2.30 o'clock, half an hour earlier than usual. Wednesday, February 3. Mrs. Jesse Dodge will be the hostess.

A Logical Position.

The stand taken by our English Kimball. friends on the right to search neutral

will be furnished by Mrs. C. S. Hager, the principle on which modern busi-The date of this Alliance meeting has ness is conducted and knows beyond ed by a scholarly and delightfully pre- opportunities for using the meeting has The date of this Alliance meeting has been changed from that announced in the program to accommodate the speaker.

Rev. Amelia A. Frost, who underswent a serious operation in a Boston with the accommodate and knows beyond the dubt that there are sented address on "Who is the good and took much pleasure in shaping garments and sewing for those shaping the speaker.

Rev. Amelia A. Frost, who underswent a serious operation in a Boston with the serious operation in this country who would cheer-citizen?" by Edward H. Chandler, sectors and took much pleasure in shaping garments and took much pleasure in shaping a

character is a joke that in ordinary citizen, times would add much to the merriment of nations. Even John, though hospitality committee, was efficiently who royally entertained them this not fail to here the policy and the property of the policy of the not fail to note the point when he Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. May Priest and called to mind the number of suits. Mrs. Amelia Wakefield. that philanthropic organizations have fought through state and federal Death.

During our civil war we had experience enough with army contractors who greatly enriched themselves by grossly defrauding the government when it was desperately fighting for its very existence. If men were willing to throw their own country into the discard for the sake of profit would they be likely to have anything Little Robert Bradlee has suffered but a business interest in any foreign conflict?

Business is not more honestly conducted now than it was fifty years er, who has been having a serious ago and a good many new tricks for time with an ulcerated tooth, went to making a dishonest dollar have been

discovered since then. The presider: of the Sears Rochuck Company is now under an indictment in Chicago for failing to schedule twenty-seven millions of personal a ten-months' investigation 16.000

city of Chicago and the county are de-frauded to the amount of \$50,000,000 annually in taxes. This goes to show that the standard of business morality is not high enough to justify England shippers even in neutral ships.

Our customs officers muss up the baggage of innocent travellers every day in their search for dutiable goods and we don't see where our shippers have any great kick coming if England does the same thing on a larger scale in self protection in time of V. T. E. war.

Death.

George H. Ireland, brother of the late James W. Ireland, and for many years a well-known and much respected citizen of Littleton, died at his spected citizen of Littleton, died at his born in Ashby, December 21, 1836, home in West Somerville two weeks With the other children of the family ago at the age of fifty-nine years, she attended the district school Death was due to a shock.

his studies in Lawrence Academy On Thursday evening Mrs. C. R. Dudley entertained sixteen young ladies and gentlemen, invited to meet Miss Furbish, of Lynn, who has boarded with Mrs. Dudley since enter
of the society, only success is posible.

In attendance and meet for the new seawith an are very encouraging. With an able director, good music, and faithnear the Center and Mr. Ireland followed the trade of blacksmithing. Mr. and Mrs. Ireland were members of the Orthodox Congregational church

and took an active interest in its we! fare. Mr. Ireland had been a member of Masonic lodge many years. for January 23, from 12 o'clock noon funeral was held last week Tuesday o 10 p. m. in the Selectmen's room.

Charles L. Smith of King street has Woodlawn cemetery. The deceased His is survived by Mrs. grown up sons, besides three sisters

Clipping.

The account of Rev. James C. Aivord's installation did not materialize in last week's copy of the Congregation in this week's issue. From the brief biographical sketch included in the narrative we quote in part as fol

"Mr. Alvord graduated from Willis ton seminary. Williams college and Andover Theological seminary. He has held pastorates in Hamilton and Hopedale, and Woonsocket, R. I. During his fourteen years at Woonsocket the membership doubled, a brick and stone church and a handsome New York city, was received with en-thusiasm. A large number of tickets from a feeble home missionary plant a disastrous fire and the organization The Baptist Woman's Mission circle became so prosperous as to purchase Review. The Congregationalist and other leading periodicals. Mrs. Almagazines and has been known as a speaker before women's clubs and missionary organizations.

By request, Mr. Alvord will re-read next Sunday evening his confession of faith and statement of belief so ably presented before the council two weeks ago.

L. W. C.

The Woman's club received better treatment at the hands of the weather clerk last Monday evening than on a similar occasion a year ago. The con-sequence was that 125 members and guests took advantage of the oppor-tunity for a hearty handshake and cordial social. The Unitarian vestry, which is always a cheery and hospitable gathering place, was tastily decorated in hemlock and white cut flow ers by Miss Henrietta Ewings and Mrs Dorothy Hardy. In the receiving line with the president, Miss Howard, and the vice president, Mrs. Caulkins, were Mrs. J. N. Hartwell and Mrs. F. C. Hartwell. The club ushers introduc ed the guests and Misses Katherine violinist, and Miss Emma Elizabeth Tenney, piano accompanist,

furnished ensemble music.

The president made a few apt reed by a scholarly and delightfully pre-opportunities for using her needle

Mosely Hale entertained a whist party last Saturday evening at his home on the Boston road.

The body of Sidney Gilpatrick was brought from Thomaston, Conn. for burial in the family lot, Groton cemeratery, Wednesday afternoon. Accompanying the remains were the underlaker of Thomaston, the family household enter the f

Mrs. Beatrice Ames, chairman of the

courts to avoid compliance with our | On January 19, in the early dawn

of the Sabbath, "hav of all the week the best,"

vious she had attended church and an ward of Deland, Florida, and a sister parently enjoyed her usual health Tuesday morning she had a chill, and N. Y., also survive her shortly afterwards symptoms of pneu-monia developed. A doctor and a delightfully the pleasant celebration Mrs Houghton and doing all

The news of her death was received with the deepest sorrow throughout the community which her beautiful life has long blessed and especially among her church friends and neigh bors to whom she had greatly endeared herself. Funeral services were held from

her late home at the Center, Tuesday cases of the same kind by which the city of Chicago and the county are detended in spite of a drizzling rain. Her present pastor, Rev. James C. Alvord, read most appropriate and comforting passages of scripture and a particularly fitting poem. Her indulging in any child-like trust in former pastor, Rev. Harrison L. Packard, read beautiful lines of Whittier's poetry, said a well deserved tribute to the memory of the deceased, and offered a sustaining prayer. Mrs. Hazen in sympathetic voice sang "Crossing the bar," and "Nearer my Hazen God to Thee."

Floral tributes were many and very choice. Surrounded by these fra-grant blossoms that she so loved, Mrs. Houghton was laid to rest in West-

Abby Francia, daughter of John and Sarah (Taylor) Hayward, was later became a student at Bradford Mr. Ireland, with his parents, Mr. academy. At the close of her school



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Christian influence. A lover of music she consecrated her voice to the Sabbath worship, taking her place for many years in the church, first in her native and later in her adopted town.

She became the mother of five chil-dren who "Arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, he praiseth Of the former, John H., resides in Gardner, Elroy W., in Boston, S. Elizabeth at home, Charles K. and Florence R. (Mrs. William L. Pickard) in Littleton. Seven grandchildren, be-Mrs. Charles W. Houghton entered in-to her reward. Just one week pre-mother's love, a brother, E. H. Hay-Mrs. S. Elizabeth Houghton of Albany

of Mr. and Mrs. Houghton's golden that wedding anniversary last fall, when their children quietly planned and car responded little if at all to medicine ried into execution one of the happiest events of their recent years. have been the pleasures derived this last year from a victrola, whose strains of choicest music have but echoed those of her music loving soul

Mrs. Houghton was so beautifully and symmetrically moulded in charac ter that any description would be necessarily inadequate. Her life was its own grand eulogy. She possessed a firm unwavering faith in God and early consecrated herself to His service. Her abiding love for Him and unfailing trust in His promises, combined with her optimistic temperament created about her an atmosphere of neace, contentment and resignation Kindly in thought, gentle in word and action, she exercised tolerance towards who erred, and gave encourage ment to those who became disheart

Her attitude towards the dear ones in her family, the grandchildren she so fondly loved, and the neighbors and friends, was stamped by unselfishness, and gave expression to a ruling motive of her life—not to be minis tered unto, but to minister.

To the aged husband, his children and grandchildren, who have been most richly blessed through her life and influence, the community extends its sympathy in their hour of bereavement, acknowledges her contribution to its spiritual and moral welfare.,

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy in our sad bereavement; also, for the many beautiful floral tributes, MR. and MRS. THOMAS D. LEARY

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION of the Townsend National Bank, at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business. December 31, 1912.

Resources Resources

Loans and discounts

Overdrafts, unsecured

U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)

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posits subject to check ...\$176,017.75 State and muni-cipal deposits 27,547.91 203,565.66 Notes and bills rediscounted 15,000.00 Total \$454,178.74

State of Massachusetts, County of Mid-dlesex, ss:

I. Henry A. Hill. Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. HENRY A. HILL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before methis 7th day of January, 1915.

T. Jas. Harvey, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest: Clarence Stickney, J. W. Eastman.

Chas. B. Stickney, Directors

PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

Items of local interest are solicited and must always be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good fairful, and will always be considered strictly confidential. Kindly mail items on after the day of occurrence and do not wait unnecessarily.

In Arnold Daly of the Broadway indictment and pleaded not guilty. The indictment is based on an article in the Gridiron all-ging that three members of the city council, were responsible for \$1111 in joy riding bills which a Boston garage owner is try-lighted to angletted by Charles F. Johnson, of Littleton angletted by A A Fillebroams is named as the infortment Lehan is named as the infortment Lehan.

All we believe and almost all we know."

Saturday, January 16, 1915.

AYER

News Items. Charles H. Bartz is wiring the house of Mrs. Susan M. Barker for electric.

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Those who attended the annual complimentary dance from Aver at Harvard Thursday night were the follow-Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence. and Mrs. P. N. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, George H. Brown, Mrs. E. O. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Iwinell, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Farnsworth and daughter, Miss. Marion Farnsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Farnsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Whitney

and daughter, Miss Madolin Whitney. George S. Poulius & Company will open a new store in Brockline next Gonday morning. The firm will carry a full stock of fruits and fancy groccollidge corner, one of the most fashionable spots in Boston's aristocratic suburbs.

Alfred Dalphond, aged sixteen, of Fall River, was taken from an eastbound freight train here Wednesday morning, suffering from a crushed Tewksbury. Dalphond had been lowed without permit, stealing a ride and was riding between the cars when his foot was caught between the bumpers, causing the

Mrs Elizabeth Davies: wife of Wilago she came to this country with her on March husband. She had lived in Ayer five April 14. years, coming here from Westford. took place Monday, Rev. Williston M. Ford of St. Andrew's church performed at intermission.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10.45 Rev. J. S. Robinson and George Yapp of Little.

The interment took place at "Christianity as life." C. E. meeting.

Westlawn cemetery, Littleton. The selectmen gave a public hearing in their room at the town hall, development" as the subject. Thursday night to all interested in the proposed laying out of Jackson street, the Baptist church as usual at the so called, as a public way. There were morning service at 10.45 on Sunday. from Taft street to Groton street, he forty feet wide, provided the select-men decide to open it as a public way. There will be no land damages if this action is taken, as the abutters cheer fully give the land for the street free.

Thursday, January 21, at five p. m. last day and hour for filing admination papers for town offices 'andidates who shall not have filed their papers before that time with the lerk cannot have their names upon the official printed ballot for

town election, Monday, February 1. street. Mr. Cushing's mother is with

burg as grand herald.

A daughter was born to Mr. and man's club on Mrs. William Hodgdon, January 4. January 20, on A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah J. Murray, January 10.

Mrs. G. G. Osgood fell at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eugene S. Barry on Washington street Monday, and broke her left wrist. Dr. Hopkins has At this meeting each club member

Town politics are beginning to Many candidates are in the field for selectmen, so it is said but no official information has yet been obtained from Guy B. Remick, own clerk, in regard to the matter. Blood. There are likely to be some with-drawals before the time nomination papers are to be filed. However, there promises to be a spirited contest at

the town election Monday, February 1. C. W. McDermott, telegraph operator in the local railroad yard, has been appointed telegraph operator and ticket agent in the new union station at Clinton: Mr. McDermott expects to take up his new duties before long.

The losses caused by the fire in the Public Spirit building last week were this week satisfactorily adjusted to the owner of the building and tenants. L. W. Phelps is making repairs in Taylor house property and put-

ting it in first class order. Miss Rosamond Lougee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lougee, was operated upon for appendicitis at the Groton hospital last Saturday by Dr. Hopkins and is recovering rapidly.

good features will be "Rory O'More," The peddler's rag"and "Kill or cure,' the latter a farce comedy. There will was set at \$2500, which they were unbe the usual two shows at three p. m. able to furnish and they were taken

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS Elaine," a great serial picture, featur- where they waived the reading of the ing Arnold Daly of the Broadway

All Advertisements Appear in All the at 6.30. Entertainment after the installation services. Music for the in-Boston. Reader and entertainer, Grace Sanborn Cole.

A regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held on Installations.

Monday, January 18, at one o'clock Mr. and Mr.

At the meeting of the registrars of ing list: Avery B. Smith, Wallace J. Carkin, Waiter E. Fletcher, William E. Lothrop. The next meeting will be this Saturday evening from 7.30 to 9.30 o'clock.

The Sewing school of the Woman's Miss Mary Brown, Henry L. Brown, club opened last Saturday with an at-Mir. and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mr. and tendance of about seventy-five pupils. Mrs. Margaret K. Cushing is superin-tendent and Mrs. Jennie P. Chaffin assistant. Among the other teachers are Mrs. Helen Reynolds, Mrs. A. M. Sargent, Miss Madolin Whitney, Mrs Bowles, Mrs. Ida C. Perkins, Miss Miss Georgie Mason, Mrs. Nancy Kinney Mrs. Sadie Bennett, Mrs. Carrie Lynds, Mrs. Carrie Murphy, Mrs. George H. B. Turner and Miss Clara Thomas:

The Civics class held its sixth session at the home of Mrs. J. W. Kit. redge, Thursday afternoon. The topic was on "Democracy in America." minority representation and the "Laissez Faire," they being considered. Mrs.

sheep, swine and other ruminants order and the lodge is to be congratu-the was removed to the State hospital within the town of Ayer is now al-lated upon their appointment. Lunch

At the Methodist church on Sunday school will meet. Preaching at eleven. at seven o'clock ent from Leoninster.
d social hour at 7.30 These were the confers installed: Evening service Prayer meeting and social hour at 7.30 [Mrs. Elizabeth Davies, wile of Wilfrayer meeting and social notif at 301. These were the Children instances
iam Davies, died last Saturday of on Friday night. The Sunday school James King, p. c.; Walter C: Winslow,
carcenoma of breast, aged fifty-nine
years, eleven months, seven days. She
was a native of Wales and thirty years

Palestine on Sunday. The annual conference which was to have convened
W. E. Force, k. r. s.; Oscar C. Rand,

A social dance will be held at the g.; Charles Harris, o. g. Sane teaves her husband, also one sis-ter in Yorkshire, England. The funeral took place Monday, Rev. Williston M. orchestra. Refreshments will be serv-

at 5.45 in the evening. Evening service at 6.30 with "The method of self-

Rev. J. W. Thomas will preach at no remonstrants. The new street runs in the evening there will be a praise from Taft street to Groton street, meeting at seven o'clock with young sometimes called Groton road and will people's chorus.

The board of registrars of voters will meet this Saturday evening in the selectmen's room in the town hall building from 7.30 till 9.30 o'clock to register voters for the town meeting on Monday, February 1.

The Unitarian Girls' club will meet with Miss Dorls Fletcher on Wednes-day evening, January 20. Members The deceased leaves his widow, a con.; Mrs. Affie S. Washburn, chap.;

union temperance meeting held in the Mrs. L. H. Cushing is sick with laryngitis at her hone on Pleasant Mrs. Katharine L. Stevenson, state her.

Mr. Grace E. Winslow, d. d. g. m., of Ayer and suite installed the and 20th verse, which reads as following first the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which high mass was song at St. higher. The members of the suite were first mischief by a law? Mrs. Myrtie Smith of Ayer as deputy frameth mischief by a law? Mrs. Nellie Garland of temperance cause and heid the close performing the committal service. A performing the committal service. A performing the committal service. A Putnam, I. s. to n. g.; Paul R. Mason, I. s. to v. g.; Isley H. Beach, o. g.

Sunday. president, addressed the meeting in a very able manner, taking for a text Aper as grand treasurer, Mrs. W. E. enteen years, and has traveled extention of Ayer as grand chaplain, sively in many parts of the country.

Mr. O'Connor moved from Ayer to

> of Ayer, will speak before the Wo-January 20, on "Good taste in our parts of the railroad system as required houses." Mrs. Chamberlain as a public speaker is well-house and parts of the railroad system as required. During his residence here he made lic speaker is well-known and very popular and is considered an authority on her subject. The music will be in charge of Mrs. Estella Farnsworth. may obtain one ticket for guest night from Mrs. Maude Sullivan, or on January 22, 23, 25 and 26 at her home. More tickets if desired may be obtained on January 28, 30, and February 1. The art class will meet on January 22 with Miss S. Adelaide

Miss Nina G. Fletcher, the violinist, formerly of this town, but now spending the winter in Boston, where she is teaching and doing concert work, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Fletcher on Wednesday, returning to Boston on Thursday afternoon

At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning, Mr. Sanford's subject will be "God speaks to men." A cordial welcome is extended to all.

The following letters remained un-called for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending January 11: Mrs. Susie Brown, A. Dime, Mrs. Susie Johnson, Mass. Horticultural Society.

Brings Suit for Libel.

Frank J. Lehan, president of the Cambridge common council, and a former resident of Ayer, is the plain-tiff in a criminal libel suit against Harold D. Carew and Leonard F. Williams, editor and business manager, The "Hopeless game" in two parts will be the headliner at the moving newspaper published in Cambridge. picture show this Saturday. Other

and pleaded not guilty. indictment and pleaded not guilty.

The indictment is based on an arti-

is named as the injured person all the way through, but in the alleged libelous statements set forth there appear the names of Mayor Good and Assist Mi Lehan, who brought the charges for libel, was for years engaged as a state moth superintendent with beadquar

in the afternoon. Work—Entered apMiss Carrie Munyon, of Leominster,
prentice degree.

Miss Carrie Munyon, of Leominster,
installed the officers of Ayer Grange Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Johnson and on Wednesday evening as follows: Willard G. White, m.; Chester P. Pervoters last Saturday evening the fol- Willard G. White, m.; Chester P. Per-lowing names were added to the vot- rin, o.; Miss Isora M. Kelleran, lec.; Fred A. Smith, stew.; Adelbert Wel don, asst. stew; Ars. Jennie-Leahy, chap.; Mrs. A. M. Winslow, treas.; Mrs. Margaret Rand, sec.; Mason Willlams, g. k.; Miss Gertrude Briggs, Ceres; Miss Jane Briggs, Pomona; Mrs. Carrle M. Williams, Flora; Miss Emma Kinney, l. a. s.; John L. Ken-nison, ex. com. 3 yrs.

The installation, exercises were followed by a social time during which light refreshments were served. Miss Hazel Perry entertained the gathering with a fine piano and whisfling soles, and selections by the orchestra comprised the balance of the evening's en-

Stevens, as grand prelate, and James years. Tait, of Cabot lodge, Chicopee Falls. The

on March 23, has been postponed until m. k.; John C. Daven; ort. r. e.; Wal-atives ar ter K. Downing, m. a.; James King, i. of town.

Injuries Cause Death.

General hospital, Portland, Me., last Sunday evening, aged fifty-three years. Death was the result of injuries re-ceived by a dynamite explosion in Bar Mills, Me., on December 29, while at work for the Boston and Maine rail-

for twenty years, the greater part of that time being a resident of Ayer. He was a stone mason by trade and worked for the Boston and Maine railroad at different times at his trade. Mr. O'Connor was a night police officer

will please bring pencils and scissors, son, Michael O'Connor, and five sisters, Mrs. John Kelliher of Pitchburg. Mrs. John Crawford of Brewer, Me. There was a good attendance at the Miss Hannah O'Connor, a sister of charity in the convent in Manchester.

N. H., and two sisters in Ireland.

The remains were taken to his home

Mrs. Oren N. Ridder of Ayer as grand
Mrs. Elsle K. Chamberlain, former. Fitchburg seven weeks ago. At the guard, and Mrs. Jennie Hazen of Fitchly of West Newton, and now a resident time he received the tatal injuries he have as grand herald.

The board of speak before the Wo- was working with a force of men Wednesday afternoon, which is sent to do work or different

learn of his death. To the Editor:

I have been informed that a state ment has been made in town that if I am elected Selectmen that I have agreed to give Levi W. Phelps a license intoxicating liquors in the Globe hotel.

I wish to state to the public that I have never made such a statement nor have I been approached by anyone for a license, if the town should vote for one. Mr. Pnelps has not even spoken to me about who are running for Selectmen or who were going to

I wish further to say that I am un-der no obligations to anyone. I have always worked for the interests of the town ever since I came to Ayer to live and shall continue to do so, whether I am a town official or not.

Douglas C. Smith.

Death.

Joseph P. Mullin, one of our best known business men, died at his home on Pleasant street last week Friday light. Death was due to intestinal nephritis, with entocarditis as a con-

tributing cause.. Mr. Mullin had been in ill health

as a grocery clerk for E. H. Bigelow & Company in the same store where he was in business for years prior to his death. Later he went to Pepperell, where he worked as a clerk in the Rockwell, mother of the ex-mayor grocery store of E. E. Tarbell, and Mrs. Rockwell, who is in her usual later was engaged for a time in the health, enjoyed receiving many friends

1886, he formed a partnership with tions.
Patrick Donlon and for eleven years Miss they conducted a grocery business in a Lynn primary school, is spending a what is now Carley's block under the few days with her friend, Mrs. J. C. firm name of Donlon & Mullin. Sev. enteen years ago the firm dissolved stories have given her considerable atpartnership, Mr. Donlon moving to his tention in the literary world, present location in Mead's block. Mr. The containing of the containin Mullin then took as a partner his brother, Thomas F. Mullin, and the brother, Thomas F. Mullin, and the new firm conducted the grocery busi-ness in the original store under the firm name of Mullin Bros. Later they moved to the store in Page block va- sented within a few weeks. On the cated by George F. Kingsbury, where the firm has since done business. All his business dealings have been mark-

ed by strict integrity and honor.

Mr. Mullin married Miss Susie E. Corbett on May 6, 1891. He leaves his sible. widow, one son, John H. Mullin, and a brother, Thomas F. Mullin, a former selectman of Ayer and now probation officer of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex.

The deceased was a charter member of Court Ayer F. of A., and of Ayer Council, K. of C. He was also a member of the Ayer Board of Trade since its formation, of the Irish Catholic Benevolent society and an associate member of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R. In all of the organizations with which he was connected he

The funeral took place on Monday sez-Faire," they being considered. Mrs.
Hubbard was leader.

J. J. O'Brien, cattle inspector, announces that the movement of cattle, sheep, swine and other running installing officers was of the highest was the celebrant, Rev. Frank Houston installing officers was of the highest was the celebrant, Rev. Frank Houston of the leader of the highest was the celebrant, Rev. Frank Houston of the leader of the highest was the celebrant, Rev. Frank Houston of the leader of the highest was the celebrant. morning. A solemn high mass of redeacon, and Rev. Patrick A. Sharkey. lated upon their appointment. Lunch sub deacon. Mrs. Lillian Mcore had At the Methodist church on Sunday John C. Davenport, assisted by Walter with the mass. The bearers were P. morning at ten o'clock the Sunday B. Hayden and George Millson. A so- H. Hooley, Michael J. Pender, John ceased was connected was represented at the funeral, which was one of classes being represented. Many reltives and friends attended from out

> The interment took place in St. Mary's cemetery, where the commit-tal service was performed by Rev. John O'Connor, one of our former Thomas McGinn. There wer well-known citizens, died at the Maine number of fine floral pieces. Thomas McGinn. There were a large

Joint Installation.

The officers of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., and Vesta Rebekah lodge work for the Boston and Maine rail-road as a stone mason. Although the injuries were very severe he had so much improved that he filters had so were jointly installed Thursday evemuch improved that his friends held to Miss Helen F. Kelleran, the retiring strong hopes for his recovery. A few noble grand, installed the officers of days before death his condition became much worse and he rapidly fail-He was a native of County Cork.

He was a native of County Cork.

He was a native of County Cork.

Burns lodge. After the installation exercises a fine turkey supper was for twenty years, the greater part of served in the banquet hall. The officers who were installed were:

Vesta Lodge-Mrs. Leona E. Yates, n. g.; Miss A. Gertrude Graves, v. g.; Mrs. Mary A. Brooks, sec.; Mrs. Ella F. Hovey, treas.; Mrs. Blanche L. Mrs. Grace E. Winslow, r. s. to n. g.; Mrs. Sarah E. Jenkins, l. s. to n. g.; Mrs. Martha J. Lyon, r. s. to v. g.; Mrs. Clara M. Peterson, l.s. to v.g.; Mrs. Mary E. Young, i. g.; Mrs. How arth, o. g.; Miss Dorcas E. Scruton,

Miss Mary Farrar, a. b. Robert Burns Lodge—David H. r. s. to v. g.; Harry L. Waterman, l. s. Center. to v. g.; John W. Wentworth, i. g.; Ernest M. Noddin, o. g.

The board of trade elected these officers and committees Wednesday evening: T. F. Mullin, pres.; E. A. Richardson, G. H. Hill, vice pres.; L. H. Cushing, r. s.; J. J. O'Brien, f. s.; Frederick Whitney, treas.; G. H. Frederick Whitney, treas.; G. H. A. A. Adams, Daniel Bartlett, George Brown, J. M. Maloney, Eugene Barry, Hewes, Dean Hewes, Arthur R. Hol-

Committees—E. A. Richardson, Frank S. Pierce, C. H. Hardy, John M. Malcney, Albert M. Phelps, town af-fairs; G. L. Osgood, F. S. Bennett, H. S. Turner, John Traquair, John Murheld at the home of Mrs. Luther E. 1 lot of 35c. Brooms phy, manufacturing; G. H. Hill, W. A. Holden on Tuesday afternoon, was 1 lot of 10c. Brooms Wright, A. E. Lawrence, C. E. Sher-win, Berton Williams, mercantile af-on account of the Elness of Mrs. 1 lot of 50c. Brooms fairs; L. A. Carman, Dr. H. B. Priest, Holden, F. C. Johnson, E. E. Sawyer, L. K. The n Clark, public buildings and parks; J. L. Kennison, H. C. Harlow, H. P. Fletcher, E. D. Stone, J. C. Anno, statistics; G. H. Brown, Dr. B. H. Hop-kins, H. M. Chamberlain, J. H. Hooley, H. L. Hardy, entertainment.

LITTLETON.

News Items. William Showe; until recently a resident at the Common, has moved to Providence, R. I.

Mrs. J. C. Alvord delightfully entertained her Sunday school class of Germany. Mrs., Martha J. Conant young women at the parsonage last gave a very instructive paper on the week Friday afternoon. A brief business meeting was held and the class organized, taking the name of Philathea: Miss Marion W. Flagg was electronic with ancient of the presentation since the early part of last Septemted president; Mrs. N. B. Conant, v. p.; ber, but was able to be at his place of business without any serious inter
Smith, chairman of the visiting comted president; Mrs. N. B. Conant, v. p.; duced who gave a very able and inter-Mrs. Chase, sec. and treas.; Mrs. Susie esting talk on the present German liams, editor and business manager, respectively, of the Gridiron, a weekly ruption until five weeks ago. At that newspaper published in Cambridge.

Carew and Williams were arrested Tuesday on an indictment warrant by State Officers Smith and Eustis. Bail was set at \$2500, which they were unward that they were understand they were understand they were taken of Pater and United they were taken of Pater and United they were taken of the visiting committee; Mrs. C. V. Flagg, lesson, and future, hoping that a greater peace mittee; Mrs. C. K. Houghton, social. Following the business period there was a death came. He was born in what is now Ayer, then called South Groton, November 26, 1862, and was the son study which the class has planned and which were greatly enjoyed.

After singing a club song, Miss of Peter and Hannah (Rabbit) Mullin, already begun, meets a long felt need and eight p. m. sharp. "The Perils of Pauline" will be shown next Wednesday night. Coming, "The Exploits of Irwin in the superior criminal court, After leaving school he went to work of the East Cambridge jail.

He attended the public schools and and the young ladies have entered graduated from the Ayer high school, with enthusiasm upon their search for two weeks.

After singing a club song, Miss dand the young ladies have entered graduated from the Ayer high school biblical knowledge.

Charles A. Hartwell and family went to Fitchburg on Wednesday, January 6, and helped make pleasant the nine-ty-third birthday of his aunt, Mrs. express business in that town.

Coming back to Ayer in November, of affection with many congratula-

Miss Ethel G. Rockwell, principal of Miss Rockwell's poetry and

The committee in charge of the the date since a few of the engaged in preparations for the Wo-man's club drams which is to be preevening of February 4, the whist en tertainment, scheduled in the calen-dar for March 11, will be given, and the farce will be presented March 11 or a little earlier in the month if pos

Miss DeLaware was a recent guest over Sunday at Mrs. George Hall's. Mrs. A. W. Turner, of Milford, N. H. has been the guest of her cousin, Mrs H. F. Proctor, this week.

Miss Elinor F. Weeks, of West Acton, will open an evening dancing class at the town hall, Saturday, January 23, from eight to ten o'clock

Grange people are reminded of the costume party next Wednesday evening, when each Grange member will permitted to take one guest. It is dom lodge. Worcester, accompanied took much interest in everything conby James Leigh, past chanceller, as grand master at arms; Edward J. was also a town auditor for many There will be an opportunity for all was always an active member and hoped that all will appear in costume There will be an opportunity for all to join in the old-fashioned dances which will be a pleasing feature of the evening.

SHIRLEY.

Installation.

Fredonian lodge, I O. O. E., installed was served by the veteran enterer, John C. Davenport, assisted by Waiter B. Hayden and George Millson. A so-cial hour followed. Guests were press. H. Hooley, Michael J. Pender, John Consisted of J. Gardner Willey, d. d. H. Burns, Michael J. Griffin, Edward B. m.; and suite of East Pepperell, Who have found with the mass. The bearers were P. day evening. The installing officers of the music in connection its officers for the entailing vear Thurs-with the mass. The bearers were P. day evening. The installing officers of the final properties of the music in connection its officers for the entailing vear Thurs-day evening. The installing officers for the entailing vear Thurs-day evening. The installing officers for the entailing vear Thurs-day evening. The installing officers for the entailing vear Thurs-day evening. The installing officers for the entailing vear Thurs-day evening. The installing officers for the entailing vear Thurs-day evening. The installing officers for the entailing vear Thurs-day evening. The installing officers for the entailing officers S. Dwyer and William Brown. All of who performed the work in a most the organizations with which the deto the affair of the evening.

The pleasing feature of the evening

was the presentation of past grands' collars to Charles H. Weare, jr., and Jacob C. Beach. The collars were the gifts of the lodge for the valuable and efficient services they rendered in the remodelling of the hall which quired much time and thought. The presentation was made by J. Gard-ner Willey, who told in well chosen words, of the motives that prompted the gifts, and of the sincere appreciation of the lodge.

Both brothers were completely taken by surprise, but responded in a way that left no doubt of their appreciation of the gifts. Past Grand J. C. Beach is now residing in Medford, but came to the meeting by special invitation, being wholly unaware of what was in store for him.

At the close of the installation cere-mony all adjourned to the lower hall where an oyster supper was served under the direction of George W. Balch, Morton E. Lawrence and Arthur G. Dunn, with the newly installed noble grand, Earl C. Merriman, as the toastmaster of the evening. Brief humorous remarks were made by Deputy Willey and the members of his suite and others. The social time lasted until the midnight hour. all agreed that the evening had been spent most delightfully, from a social standpoint. The following is a list of the officers installed:

Earl C. Merriman, n. g.; Alvah B. Watton, v. g.; George W. Balch, sec.; George F. Buxton, treas.; Arthur G.

A daughter was born on Sunday morning to Mr. and Mrs. John Hachez who are occupying the tenement over the post office.

Sixteen from Shirley attended the installation of officers at Ayer grange on Wednesday evening. They were: Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Funn, Mr. and Mrs William Brown, C. H. Hardy, Charles den, Thomas H. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin, directors. Mrs. G. F. Buxton, Mrs. Lida Woods Harry N. Brown.

The election of officers to the Matrons' Aid society, which was to be

The musical service at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow last Sunday evening was well attended. A special feature of the program was harp selections. The remainder of the program was made up of organ, piano and social numbers.

Club Meeting.

The Altrurians held their regular meeting Thursday afternoon at their The president, Mrs. Myra E. Ely

called the meeting to order at three p. m. Subject of the afternoon was on Germany. Mrs., Martha J. Conant

war, on the cause and effect for the future, hoping that a greater peace

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TOWNSEND.

Center.

The Sep-tem circle met Friday, January 8, at the home of Mrs. Annie N. Greenleaf at the old city. An excellent dinner was served by the hostess. The next meeting of the circle will be held with Mrs. Emma Josselyn, Townsend Harbor.

Tuesday evening three members of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge, Mrs. Margaret Higgins, Mrs. Hattle Misner and Mrs. Icea Cowdry went to Pepperell to assist in the installation of the officers of the Acoma lodge.

Mr. Daniel McKenzie received recently the sad news of the sudden and relatives. death of his brother and wife at a accident as ir was evening and the horse stopped going over the crossing. The horse escaped injury.

Miss Violet McKenzie recently accepted a position as teacher in a school at Graniteville.

Turner Goodwin, who has been laid up for some weeks with a fractured collar bone, as a result of a fall on the ice, returned to his work at the Fessenden mill on Monday of this week. Wednesday morning while at his work his leg became pinched in some way between the log trucks. He was taken to his home by auto and while on the way the auto skidded. striking a telephone pole near the Hart house. The force threw Mr. Goodwin forward so that his face was badly cut by the broken glass of the wind shield. Much sympathy is ex-pressed by the public for Mr. Goodwin in this series of unfortunate ac-

Saturday, January 9, Albert L. Dow sttended the funeral of his father, J. C. Dow, held at the home of his brother in East Boston. The death of his father followed a recent operation in the Boston City hospital. Mr. J. C. Dow was a resident of Pennacook, .N. H. The interment was in the family burial fot at Danville, Vermont.

The officers of the Squanicook Steamer company chesen at their annual meeting for the ensuing year are Mark R. Colby, foreman; Joseph French, first assistant; Edward Temple, second assistant; John W. Livingstone, clerk; George L. Eastman, treasurer; Mark R. Colby, steward.

Monday forenoon, January 4, the annual meting of the stockholders of the Townsend National Bank was held. At this meeting Clarence Stickmey, Henry A. Hill, J. W. Eastman, A. N. Fessenden and C. B. Stickney were elected directors for the ensuing year. The usual six per cent dividend was declared.

Officers Installed.

Townsend grange, P. of H., No. 194, installed its officers-elect for the year 1915 at their regular meeting on Mon-day evening, January 11.

Galen Proctor, assisted by Mrs. Minnie L. Knight, acted in the efficient capacity of installing officers.
Grange officers installed: Frank
Woods, master; E. E. Campbell, overseer; Mrs. Esther Scales, lecturer; Miss May Parker, steward; Hudson A. Bray, assistant steward; Mrs. Agnes Woods, chaplain; Mrs. Flora I. Atwood, secretary; George L. Whit-comb, treasurer; Charles Dix, gate Mrs. Winnifred Farrar, Pomona, Mrs. the Ladies' Study club was held at Flora Parker, Flora; Mrs. Edna Bray, the home of Mrs. E. J. Lees, the presidady assistant steward.

A large number were present in-cluding members from the neighbor-attendance. ing towns of Lunenburg, Ashby and Brookline, N. H. After the installation a bountiful grange supper was served in charge of Mrs. Hattle Cook, which proves her ability along this She was ably assisted by willing helpers and waiters.

ten-cent dinner was served the next day in charge of this same committee. Those in attendance nounced the dinner a good, one.

Death.

On Thursday morning, January at the General hospital, Lowell, Mrs. Katie Francis Flagg, aged 62 yrs. mos. 20 dys., passed peacefully from this, to the larger life beyond.

Although in poor health for some time her condition did not become Berious until the last of November Since that time at her home here she thad received the most tender care and loving ministrations from her two daughters, Mrs. Eatie Irish and Mrs. Winnifred Symonds. All that medical skill and loving hands could do was done for her recovery.

one for her recovery.

Mrs. Flagg was born in Hollis, N.
L. and came to this flown with her
ridowed mother and aunt. In 1879 widowed mother and aunt. she married Eugene A: Flagg, who was in the tailoring business at Worcester and Ayer. In 1872 Mr. Flagg removed his business to Townsend after being burned out at the big fire in Ayer. In 1876 they built their house on Elm street where their home had since been. Mrs. Flagg was one of those motherly women into whose home one liked to enter and receive that pleasant smile of greeting and encouraging word which was hers to bestow. She was greatly beloved by her friends and neighbors for her unselfishness, her quick sympathy and her kindly affection. Her sunny dis-position and cheerful smile was observed by those who had the care of ther in the hospital.

Her parting smile and good-bye to ther loved ones will always be tender-

dy remembered by them. She was a member of the Monday club and entered into the social life of the town. She will be greatly missed in the community as well as the hospital in Boston on Sunday and in the family circle. Mrs. Flagg reports him in a little improved condoined the church over forty years ago and her life can truly be said to have been an active life of good deeds to other's needs. She hath done what she could and now she has heard the summons "Enter thou into the joy of Monday.

The funeral was from the Town send Congregational church, Monday afternoon, her pastor, Rev. Alfred L. Struthers conducting the services.

Mr. Struthers spoke sympathizing words to the bereaved family and but escaped unhurt, except for a few friends. In connection with the serv- bruises and a wetting.

ice the pastor read the poem "Afterwhich was a favorite with the deceased

The music at the church was by the choir of the First Universalist church, Lowell, of which Mrs. Symonds is a member, consisting of Mrs. Helen C.

Taylor, organist: Mrs. Fred L. Robwith the family of General Notices. favorite hymns "O cease my wandering, soul to roam," "One sweetly solemn thought," by Mr. Needham and the "Christian's good night." She was surrounded by a profusion of flowers, resting there in their frag-rance and beauty, silent reminders of the affection and regard of friends

The bearers were: Willis H. Flagg. Prince Edward Island. The occupants of the team were unable to avoid the was in the family lot in the cometery was in the family lot in the cemetery at the Center, with the committal ser-

Mrs. Flagg leaves a husband and two daughters, Mrs. Kittle Irish of Everett and Mrs. Winnifred Flagg Symonds of Tyngsboro.

Under the snow and the dowers Wife and mother we've tenderly laid Wife and mother we away
God hath her soul in His keeping
We shall meet her in Heaven
"Some sweet day"

Officers Chosen.

At the recent business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church, the following officers were chosen: Arline Clarke, president; Violet McKensie, vice president; Helen Whitcomb, recording secretary; Alice Davis, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Bertha Drake, treasurer; Albert a private home wedding at any about of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cady on Bond G. Seaver, organist; Mrs. Jennie Cart- of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cady on Bond Street, when their niece, Miss Grace the bride of Mr. War-Alice Davis, corresponding secretary; land. Elma Johnson, Helen Tarbell, street, when their niece, Miss Grace telle Farrar, Hilda Johnson, prayer committee; Miss Sanderson, Miss Twombly, Miss Alberta Barber, Lester Swicker, Gertrude Higgins, social ter Swicker, Gertrude Higgins, social committee; Mrs. Carrie Strubbra the Rev. Mr. Charles Described in the Rev. Mr. Charles Described committee; Mrs. Carrie Struthers, Mrs. Clara C. Clement, Amy Rexford, missionary committee; Miss Maude Hyde, Leland Woods, Francis Struthers, Charlotte Struthers, Florence Lancey, music committee; Miss Donnell, Helen Higgins, Albert Howard, Harold Swicker, Harley Parker, flower committee.

Concert and Ball.

The Coopers' union annual concert financially and socially. The concert Alice and Harlem h program given by the Wilson Singing moned to her bedside and Novelty orchestra of Fitchburg was of a high order. The variety of Fire.

The prompter announced at the be-

supper, assisted by members of the Fitchburg, Leominster and adjoining lowns.

dent, instead of at the Reading room how in the possession of some of the on Monday evening with twelve in old townspeople and the sounding ter take a little house of their own, attendance. After current events board that used to be tack of and even if they rented a room or two to a attendance. After current events board that used to be back of and were given, a most interesting article over the pulpit is in a good state of on "Carlotta, the mad Empress of Mexico," was read by Mrs. Mary Heath, and Hrs. Herman Stickney exhibited a Carranza dollar bill and a beautiful Mexican mantilla sent her from Mexico City by her son who is News Items. with the army in that vicinity. Mrs. paper upon "The government and and his daughter, Miss, Hizel, is present situation in Mexico," which closed the series of lessons upon Mexico, filling the first heaf. ear's work. The next topic will be ! "Civil government," and the next horse. This is the second one as no on the right. Howard did as he had meeting will be in charge of Mrs. E. lost within a short time.

S. Ely on the topic "Taxation and.

The functal of Fred D. Pierra, who

government." Willis Nelson of Waltham, a former

estate of the lates Charles Wyman, *1 wood lot was purchased by Joseph Estabrook, a real estate dealer in Gardner, and the sprout lots by Al-

bert Wyman Miss Lena Thompson is taking an enforced vacation from her teaching in Norwood, being a victim of the mumps, and returning to her home-

here on Friday morning The Woman's Equal Suffrage league met on Friday afternon of last reek at the home of Mrs. E J. Lees with ten present and a very interest-

ing meeting was enjoyed Mrs. William W. Webster has been quite ill at her home in Jossiynville and her niece. Miss Rena Clapp, has been assisting at her home during her

Mrs. Marvin Hodgman has beer suffering from an attack of neuritis in her shoulder.

Miss Agnes Wilson, who has been enjoying a vacation from her duties at the Waltham Watch factory, returned to Waltham on Monday.

Mrs. R. S. Ely visited her father a the hospital in Boston on Sunday and dition though still very ill. Mr. and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin and little son Roger, visited him on Friday.

Work commenced on a small scale at the Granite company's quarry or

BROOKLINE, N. H.

illness

News Items. Peter Bouchard, Sr., had the mis-fortune to fall in a well last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melon Bouchard of Peppereil were visitors in town las Sunday.

Mrs. William Dadg - was quite ill

John Segee, who has been stepping Taylor, organist; Mrs. Fred L Rob-erts, contralto; Harry Needham, bass and Fred Booth, tenor; who rendered favorite hymns "O cease my wanderbrother, James Segee.

Henry Babb went to Bower last Saturday. Miss Marion Holcomb was a visitor at Milford on Saturday last.

On last Friday afternoon a about five o'clock, two men walk-4 into E H. Hadley's home on Milford street and held up the chef, who was alonin the house at the time, and robbed him of a sum of money, besides tak-

ing away a good supply of food with Clarence Bartlett has still out his

store to J. H. Whitcomb. O. D. Fessenden made a busines trip to Ayer last Saturday Clarence Bartlett took 1

Berlin, this State, last week to make back to that town. Myra Standley visited 2000 Junes

Tuesday of last week. The Fresh Pond Ice company have commenced harvesting at an

George Nye was a visitor to Boston Thursday and Friday of last work. On Saturday, January 9 there was

which was performed at high noon the Rev. Mr. Charles Deckrill offciating. The newly married coupl-left on the afternoon train for New York where they are to spend their honeymoon.

On the same afternoon of the holdup at E. H. Hadley's aguse a man was held up at North Brookline and robbed of sixty dollars, it is supposed both jobs were done by the same men.

Mrs. Della-Whitcomb lies danger-The Coopers' union annual concert ously ill at her home on Milford and ball was considered a success street and the three children, Grace, The concert Alice and Harlem have been sum-

their selections were thoroughly en- | On last Friday morning at about oved by the large number present. two o'clock, the townspeople were . The grand march was led by the awakened by the sounds of the president, Harry C. Felch, and Mrs. church bell ringing fariously, and Mark Colby. Sixty couples were in looking from their windows saw the the grand march and circle.

Old Meeting House ablaze from roof The prompter announced at the her to cellar. How long the fire had been ginning of the dance that the new or burning before discovered, nobody dances would not be allowed. A knows, but the flames did their work compliance with his wishes was re- so quickly and complete that not even compliance with his wishes was re- so quickly and complete that not even spectfully carried out through the evening.

During intermission an excellent coyster and cold meat supper was served in the banquet hall. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Arlin had charge of the purposes and before the new town supper, assisted by members of the local coopers' union. Automobile and were all held there. It was one of carriage parties were present from the interesting places that vistors coming to town always writed to see; and a few years ago it was suggested that the building be restored as nearly as possible to its original state. Part of the old pulpit was still there, as were the old-fashioned box preservation, and in the care of Mrs. Elia Tucker. How the fire started is still a mystery.

HOLLIS, N. H.

happy land."

John Woods has recently lost

South cometery Mr and Mrs. Heyward, from Tample. have been spending a few days with Mrs. Addie Gale.

Mrs. Frank Spaulding has been sick and Mrs. Henry Goodwin has been assisting in caring for her

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Genevieve Thorpe met no man whom she cared to marry until she met Howarrangements for moving his family ard Tisdale. Though Howard was twenty-five years old, he had not made any advancement in money making. of Pepperell over Monday and Indeed, he was on a salary and a small salary, at that.

It did not appear that Genevieve had anything. She and her mother, a widow, lived very plainly, the daughter occupying a salarled position. Nevertheless when Howard showed by his manner that he was pleased with her she encouraged him. His attentions grew more pointed, but he did not propose because he saw no hope of being able to be married. He was wise enough to understand that the care of a family without an adequate income would be misery for all concerned. One day he said to Genevieve;

"You and I must part company. Heaven knows that it will be a hardship to me, but marriage is the inevitable result of an intimacy such as ours. I would gladly ask you to be my wife, but I have a salary of only \$800 a year. You cannot be married and continue in your position-at least. I would not have you do so. It follows that our ways must part."

"Unless you love me well enough to take every risk, I admit you are right," was Genevieve's reply.

"Do you mean that you love me well enough to take all risks with me-to live on the miserable pittance which I am earning and which I have no assurance that I shall continue to earn, to minch and struggle and see those dependent upon you and me suffering for want of comforts, even necessaries that we cannot give them?"

"I mean to say that I wish to marry and be married for love or not at all." "'When poverty comes in at the door love flies out of the window." "True love begets energy to provide

for its enjoyment and will endure anything." There was a silence between them,

which was broken by Howard: "Very well, Genevieve, will you mar-

ry me? "I will." Then followed a period of planning. Howard, who insisted on beginning married life with no other person under the same rooftree, was for renting pews. Some of the old new doors are two or three rooms in a cheap locality. Genevieve argued that they had betlodger. Howard objected to this on the ground that they might not secure the lodger, and if they did a third per son in such close contact with them would be apt to make trouble. He

was in favor of keeping aloof from every one. These debates lasted some time and were finally ended by Genevieve, who handed her lover the key to her desk in a sewing room on the second floor and told him to go upstairs, unlock the desk and look in an inside drawer

Genevieve had planned a very pleas-The funeral of Fred D. Pierro, who died suddenly dast week Tantsday ant surprise. Some years before an morning, was held on last benday aunt of hers, for whom she had been esident here, visited friends in town afternoon at his late home. Many peo-; named, dying, had bequeathed to her ple gathered to pay their last respects savings amounting to about \$8,000. Aiden A. Sherwin has returned from to Mr. Pierce, he having lived in Hol. The property had come to her in a few weeks visit to relatives in its all his life. He was well-known deed for a small house and some pass. tuiney.

As a kind and honest neighbor. The books in savings banks. These with the recent auction of the real Odd Fellows' service was used at the a number of other papers, consisting A quartet, composed of Miss of vouchers, etc., Genevieve had placed Bertha Hayden, Mrs. Andrew Coburn, in the drawer of her desk and had Carl Brown and Frank Lovelov, sang never used principal or interest. She Above the bright, blue sky' and "The was at the time she received the lega-Interment was in the cy earning her own and her mother's living and intended to hold on to her nest egg in case she should marry.

Genevieve waited, expecting Howard to return, having found the evidence of her little fortune, with a radiant countenance and take her in his arms. She had long looked forward to this moment, expecting that it would be the happiest in her life. A time sufficient for Howard to discover the evidences of her fortune clapsed, and he did not return. She resolved to wait a little longer. Still she heard nothing from him. At last, wondering what could be delaying him, she ran upstairs

to the room where she kept her fortune. The desk was open. The contents of the drawer were spread out on it. but there was no one in the room.

"Howard!" she called, thinking that her lover was hiding from her. There was no reply.

"Howard," she called again with a tinge of anxlety in her voice. The silence was unbroken. She open-

ed a closet door, the only hiding place in the room, then went out into the hall and searched everywhere. There was a back staircase, and, descending it, she looked about on the main floor. A door opened from this rear staircase to the back yard, and it stood ajar. She remembered to have closed it not long before, and there was no one except herself in the house to open it.

Genevieve was terror stricken. Howard, instead of having returned to her after the glad surprise she had intended for him, had left her. Something momentous had happened. Was he gone for a short time or forever? The uncertainty was agonizing. Returning to the desk, she looked among the papers spread out upon it for some written word from him. There was nothing but the documents pertaining to her little fortune, and none of those

was missing. The day passed and Howard did not appear. The next morning brought the postman, but no letter from her lover. A week, a month went by and the mystery was unsolved.

Meanwhile Genevieve's mother had made a hypothetical explanation in the hope of drawing her daughter's mind from her trouble by ending the suspense. She said that Howard had entered upon the match loving another sweetheart and had disappeared without an explanation because he had not the courage to make one. Genevieve was not in the least moved by this theory. She believed that there was some mystery connected with her lover's disappearance which when explained would show that he had not

acted unworthily.

A year passed, during which Genevieve hoped either for Howard's return or at least a solution of the mystery of his desertion of her. The postman never left a letter at the house that she did not receive it with a rapidly beating heart. The doorbell never rang but that she hoped Howard was about to enter. There was never a man's footsten on the floor above or below her but what she said to herself, "Is it Pressure the Operation Exerts and the

Genevieve was not satisfied that Howard had not left some word or token for her that she had failed either into every crack, hoping to find a slip of paper that had with the predisposition of inanimate things to hide fallen under cover. Nothing was discovered by these searches. But Genevieve in her bunt did something she had never done before-she examined those papers which had come to her after her aunt's death that did not pertain to the legacy

By this she made a startling discovery-her aunt had been secretly married. There was an envelope containing several letters beginning "Dearest Genevieve" and ending "Your loving husband." Then suddenly there rushed in upon the girl's brain an explanation of the mystery. Howard had happened upon these letters.

What was more natural than that he should suppose he had discovered a secret implicating the girl he loved? She had sent him to look upon the evidence of her little fortune without being aware that this evidence of a marriage of one whose name she bore was among the papers. What was to be expected at such a discovery? Either that he would return to upbraid her or flee from her. The latter course was what she believed, from her knowledge of him, he would be the more likely to take.

And now what should she do? She did not believe that this secret marriage had ever been imparted to her mother, and she determined not to impart it now. But Howard! How could she find him to disabuse him of the mistake he had made? Alas, he might. have gone to the other side of the globe; he might have succeeded in banishing her from his mind; he might have another love-a wife.

It did not require a long while for nevieve to make up her mind that, she was powerless to reach him.

Another year and still another another passed, neither of which was any more comfortable than the first. Indeed. when the desertion occurred there were occasional flashes of anger, which helped Genevieve temporarily to change from grief to anger; now there was the a false position, yet was powerless to

explain. One morning she received an envelope addressed in Howard's handwrit. very dirty boy stealthily take up the ing. She tore it open and withdrew a check payable to her order for \$500.

But there was nothing more. Hope sprang within her. Howard, despite his fancled discovery, still loved her. Why he had sent this money she did not know. She made every effort to discover his location from the bank on which the check was drawn, but failed. Then she asked the bank to return it to the maker. This it agreed to do, and another six months passed with no further news from the missing

One day a telegram came from How

ard: "I am ill. Come to me." He had broken down at last. Fol lowing the address at the head of the telegram she took a train and the next day reached the city wherein she was to find the man who had left her several years before. She found him in a hospital and on reaching his bedside threw herself down beside him and folded him in her arms.

"Have I been wrong?" he asked. "Did you rend the letters to Gene vieve from her husband?" "I did."

"Genevieve was my aunt" "Oh, heavens!"

He trembled, and Genevieve, realizing that as an invalid he should be comforted, begged him to forget his blunder, that they had many years before them.

He had wealth enough to take meas ures to obliterate so far as it could be obliterated the terrible mistake he had ande. On his recovery they went on n long wedding trip, with a view to mingling in new scenes by which to drive their mishap from their minds. In time they returned and lived in the house the wife had inherited from her aunt and which Genevieve had intended as a surprise for her lover when he had proposed to begin life in a couple Napoleon.

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"See Niagara first" was the unformuated maxim of those earlier days-the writer himself, as a boy, heard a briskly patriotic indy refuse a trip abroad solely on the plen that she had never seen Ningara Falls.

There was something almost sacramental in the trip. Marriage, indeed, was scarcely legal or binding unless the visit to the altar was immediately supplemented by a trip to Niagara.

Those were the days when the honeymoon was "what it used to be." Over Ningara's gorge and rushing waters it hung benignantly, always at its full. And in the corridors of the falls hotels the miserable unmarried forever bruised their feet upon hymeneni rice.

The "funny columns" of the newspapers could not have existed without the Niagara wedding trip.

GRITTING THE TEETH.

Damage It May Do.

"Probably you don't know that there is a pressure of 250 pounds to the square inch on the teeth when the to find or to recognize. Again and average citizen grits his majars toagain she went through the desk, pried gether at a ball game or because rent day comes so often," said a dentist. "The pressure may be less or it may be greater, but 250 pounds is the average.

"And think of the damage that may be done. One of my customers cracked off a porcelain tooth in his sleep one night when he crunched his teeth together, probably dreaming about a business deal. What did he do? He came around the next day and told me I was an all around no good dentist and that the tooth which I had put in a short time before was a fake.

"I told him all about the 250 pounds pressure and that probably no artificial tooth would stand such a strain. But I don't think he believed a word of it, us and the line of goods we carry. because he went away angry, and I have not seen him since. I had figured out that that particular tooth was a rather artistic piece of work too."-New York Sun.

First American Dreadnought. In 1791 the seventy-four gun line of battle ship America was launched at Portsmouth, N. H. If the word had been in use this battleship would have been known as America's first Dreadnought. It was built under the direction of Paul Jones, the famous navai hero of the Revolution. When Jones returned from Europe in 1781 after his battle on the Bonhomme Richard with the Serapis congress tendered him a vote of thanks and authorized him to go abend and build the America to drive the British from our waters. But it took time then as well as now to build a battleship, and before the America was finished the war had end Congress presented the ship to eđ. France to offset the loss of the seventyfour gun French ship Magninque, which had been destroyed in Bostor harbor. So the first line of battle ship the United States ever built never had a chance to show its fighting strength under the American flag-Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Grabbed His Opportunity. The pavement artist had departed earlier than usual, and apparently in a hurry, for he had not rubbed o glaring efforts. I was speculating as to why he should have decamped so

suddenly, when I saw a ragged and artist's position. After a careful look round he took off his can and hold it out in the true professional manner. He had, in fact, to the uninitiated, be come the pavement artist. I never saw a smarter or more impudent trick. Two pennies (neither was mine) were dropped into his cap, and then the au thentic artist was observed to be returning to his own. The boy was off like a shot, and as he passed me be winked.-London Chronicle.

Special Lines.

A corps of doctors ought to charge well. A corps of dentists should be good at digging in.

A corps of gardeners should be able to rake the enemy. A corps of stokers should not mind

advancing under a bot fire. A corps of artists should siways on joy a brush with the foe. - Boston Transcript.

Marbles of Greece.

Among other minerals the marbles of Greece must be placed in the front rank, no country being so rich in this product as the Hellenic kingdom. Seemingly inexhaustible beds are to be found in Attica, Euboea and the Pelo Donnesos.

Pluck Lawson-Biones has been married for a year, now, and he still looks happy. Dawson-Bjones always was a good loser.—Somerville Journal.

Snapped Him Up.

She-You looked so sheepish when you proposed to me. He-And you looked so wolfish when you accepted me-Boston Transcript.

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Shirley, Mass., Dec. 22, 1914. 3117

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of HOWARD J. NUTTING late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said deceased has been presented to said deceased has been presented to said court, for Probate, by ABBIE A. NUTTING who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-sixth day of January A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forehoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court. Wirress, Charies J. MeIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items. The installation of the officers of Counsell DeLorme, l'Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique of this town was held last Sunday afternoon under the presidence of Damase DeLorme of Fitchburg, assisted by Bernard A. Bol-

vin and Louis H. Bourguignon, also of Fitchburg. The following officers were installed: Rev. Rosario Richard. hap : Ernest Michaud, pres.; Joseph Chaisson, v. p.; Michael Gionet, sec.; Philip Leger, treas.; John Chaisson, sec.; Michael Gionet and Fred Quinty inspectors of accounts; Napoleon Gagchasers inspect and obtain non, master of ceremonies; Charles Chaisson and Alberic Letendre, guides. At the close of the installation re-marks were made by Rev. Rosario Richard, M. M. Damase DeLorme, B. A. Bolvin, Louis H. Bourguignon and the officers of the counseil.

H. O. Peasley's telephone call has the closing features, been changed from 21-2 to 15-3 and The retiring M. W., Arthur H. Pasbeen changed from 21-2 to 15-3 and

week, Friday evening, the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: Mrs. Gertrude M. H. Will, financier; John, Seimour guide; Mislam Gilmartin, i. w.; Fred Smith, o. w.; Win: J. Flynn, trustee, Marka A. Helligh, F. Howe, sec.; Mrs. three years officers were elected to serve during H. lartha A. Holden, treas. Installation xercises January, 22.

At the session of the Congregational Sunday school last Sunday the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: Miss Nina Hol-breok, sec.; Rodney Brown, treas.; Jiss Gladys Annis, lib.; Miss Gladys Phelps, planist.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. McCov at tended the funeral of Mr. McCoy's father last Sunday in Hudson Center. N. H. The deceased was found dead in bed last week Friday morning of

Mrs. Inez Sawyer is again under the care of her physician, Dr. Peirce. Mrs. Sarah Hazen has been ill the ast week with heart trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden and Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams spent ever Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holden of Shrewsbury. The residence of Frank Cifreno was

raided again last Sunday afternoon, but no intoxicating liquors were but no intoxicating liquors were well qualifies him for the executive found. The officers making the raid officer of the Sunday sensori. Mr. Mewere T. C. Burrill and A. H. Bassett Clellan will be ably assested in his found. of this town and Officers Beatty, Tayor and Mills of Ayer.

A nomination paper is being cir sulated for Charles H. Weare, Jr., or selectman.

The board of registrars will mee n the Engine hall this Saturday afternoon from three to six o'clock. The following is a list of candidates who are running for town of Union Cash Market the blanket nomination papers: Chaster the blanket nomination papers ward M. Davis, overseer of poor, un-expired term of John E. L. Hazen; Thomas E. Lilly, school committee three years; Charles E. Haskins highway surveyor; Walter Knowles, board of health, three years; A. A. Adams, tree warden; Thomas C. Bur-

Adams, tree warden; Thomas C. Burrill, John H. Logue, Arthur H. Bassett, constables; S. Lerby Lohgley, Elmer H. Allen, auditors; Mabel G. Hazen, Hittle W. Evans, library trus-There will be a meeting of the voters of the Shirley Village Water district in Engine hall next Monday evening at 7.39 o'clock. The election of water commissioner and the usua

order of business will be transacted Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. A. B. Cram, returned to California, Wed-3 cans 25c. nesday. Mrs. Ellis is a sister of Mrs. ram and Mrs. H. E. Lawrence.

The condition of Mrs. McMichael. who was stricken with pneumonia about ten days ago, seems to remain about the same with a slight notice

able change for the better. Nomination papers are being civ-culated for Arthur II. Jubb for tax

Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker left town Wednesday for Readville, Pa., to take up the duties of his new postorate. The night school commenced its session in the little brick school-

Wagons in the little brick schools could be like, with James Conlon of the Fitchburg Normal school, as teacher. The roster is about 35 pupils, the nadonality being Polish, Lutheranians, Russians and French, about onefourth of the class are females. They are evincing much interest in their of voters, before the town election main endeavor to master the English will be held in the town hall on Satlanguage. The sessions are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday everings, from seven to nine o'clock.

Brotherhood Meeting.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held its Tegular month-ly meeting in the church vestry. Wednesday evening. A fine cold meat supper was served under the direction of fall. Herbert W. McCoy, Frank Park, A. W. A. Boutillier of the Center, one B. Cram, John G. Conant and Rev. G. of the six milkmen who go to Ayer, Edwin Woodman. The ladies who assisted in the kitchen were Mrs. John five feet of water in it, and through G. Conant, Mrs. Frank Park Mrs. E. all the droughts maintains the pres-G. Woodman and Mrs. H. W. McCoy, ent quantity of water. Many of the At the close of the supper the president of the brotherhood, E. Thorn-ton Clark, called the meeting to order and introduced as the guest and the water from it. Mr. Boutillier speaker of the evening, Hon. Fred-since he moved from Ayer to Shirley erick Fosdick of Fitchburg, who gave Center, where he purchased a farm a brief but fine address upon the subject, "A 1915 vision." Mr. Fosdick ture the most noble occupation was suffering from the effects of a hard cold which made it rather difficult for him to speak and consequently he only touched upon the

strong points of his subject.

He urged the importance of the Men's clubs associated with the var- is announced. Men's clubs associated with the variations churches of joining the foderation of Men's clubs in order to be a this coming year," Charles E. Bradfactor for good. Mr. Fosdick also said that he believed the time would be be be a believed the time would be believed the time would be believed the time would be believed to the farmer," A. A. Adams;

prophecy, when America would be a saloonless nation, and that it was well to keep that in view as a vision, and work and plan for that end and purpose.

ing adjourned.

Installation.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., installed its newly-blended officers on Monday evening. Ch.ef deputy Geo. H. Gorman of Fitchberg was present and D. D. G. M. Edward H. Harlow and suite of Leominster performed the installation ceremony. dresses were made by the chief deputy, George H. Gorman, and Edward H. Harlow. Remarks were also made by members of the suite. The next number on the program was the serving of refreshments ander the direction of John H. Will, the passing of cigars and a social bour marked

George S. Well's telephone call has sett, was presented with a P. M. W. been changed from 21-21 to 15-21.

Victor LePage, the six-year-old son of Mrs. Margaret LePage is confined at home with diphtheria. Tollowing is a list of the newly installed officers: Arthur H. Bassett, At the regular session of Mary A. D. m. w.; Harry O. Bangs, in. w.; Livermore Rebekah lodge held last Sylvester Chesbrough, foreman; John Gilmartin, overseer; Walter Knowles. three years.

New Superintendent. At the session of the Sanday school of the Congregational church last Sunday the new superintendent, Icseph H. McClellan, was inaugulated with devotional energies and a general tribute by the pastor, fiew G. E. Woodman, Mr. McClellan, in respond-ing, thanked the church and Sinday school for the honor conferred upon him and gave a general outline of the work he hoped to accomplish in the future, one of the new features being each member to "win one" membership in the Sunday school dar-

ing the year 1915. Mr. McClellan has been a member of the Sunday school for the past I forty years and enters upon the duties of his new office with the kindest wishes of every member and at-tendant of the Sunday school for success. He has also been actively iden-tified with all departments of the church work and his long experience well qualifies him for the executive work by Miss Altie F. Howe, who has been the acting super steaders for the past six months, and was last Sunday elected as the assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

Center. The Pirst Parish tranch attlance met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Althea Lindenburg, Fad traveling conditions prevented a large attendance, but these who went were well entertained by the hostess and much enjoyed the able paper or.
"The prophecy of Isalah, by the Rev.
Williston M. Ford of Ayer. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting which adjourned to meet February 4, place of meeting to be announced. At this meeting a paper will be given by Mrs. Edward Days, on "The kindergarten in the shuns." Miss Agnes M. Hoiden was elected delegate to the New England Asso-

clate Alliance which meets at Somerwille on January 14. Mrs. H. W. Graves and daughter, Elsie, of Boxboro, were guests on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

The next meeting of the Girls' Sewng guild will be held with Miss Ethel Holden on Saturday afternoon, January 16.

Mrs. Charles Longier is Visiting with relatives in Northbero.

Mrs. Alice P. Collins of Westford is teaching the Center grammar school in the place of Miss Mary M -Cusker of Waltham, who as epted another position last week.

Miss Harriet Wins by of Center toad is making a rapid, recovery rom the affects of her terent opera-

The Circulo Fallence of Harvard University met with Robert H. J. Holden on Tuesday evening in his com in Thayer hall, Cambridge, Sig-Guiseppe Spane, national secretary of the Figil d'Italia, and so retery of the North American Civic league for mi-migrants was present and addressed he meeting.

Rev. Sherrard B.III.es of Groton school will conducts the service at Frinity chapel on Fanday afternoon, Trinity elegated on Sanday afternoon, January 17, at 2.47 Sunday school immediately after the service.

The Last meeting of the registrars urday, January 23.

Forrest B. Wing, who spent the Christmas vacation with his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adome apon his return to Harvard Univer sity last week received a cup which was given him as a member of the winning team in the Houghton cup football series, held at Harvard in the

neighbors and others from a distance some years ago, has made "Agricul-

Grange.

For the next meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening, January 19, a program of five-minute papers is announced. "What can we do to ious churches of joining the federation of Men's clubs in order to be a
this coming year," Charles E. Bradfactor for good. Mr. Fosdick also
said that he believed the time would helpful to the farmer," A. A. Adams;
come, if not in 1920, according to vocal solo, Mrs. Bessie Buxton;

local seven days at least before said
Court. Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire,
Judge of said Court, this eleventh day
of January in the year of our Lord one
thousand nine hundred and afteen.

3tip HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register.

"What constitutes a successful grange?" George Buxton; suggestions by members. The programs for 1915, which have been prepared by the lecturer, Mrs. Josie E. Dunn, were He was given a thing vote of distributed at the last meeting, and thanks. After a social four the meetant series of meetings for the year. The following committees are nounced: Bessie Buxton, Carrie Buxton, Mabel Graves, Elizabeth Thompson, Arthur R. Holden, John Farrar, literary com; Jennie Brad-ford, Hattle Adams, Amos Farrar, William Thompson, Lida Woods, E. L. Price, relief com; George Farmer, William Jubb. Alice Farmer, Ida

Evans, reception com.; Thomas

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ledividual de-posits subject to check ...\$361,247.68 Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 tays ... 1.035.00 Certified checks 503.20 Tostal savings deposits 5.313.82

Total

tate of Massachusetts, County of Mid-L. Charies A. Normand, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the sest of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS, A. NORMAND, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me Warren H. Atwood, Notary Public. Correct-Attest:

Howard B. White. Daniel W. Fletcher,
Oliver K. Plerce,
Hobart E. Mead,
Waldo Spaulding,
Thomas L. Hazen.
Directors.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS Worcester, 88. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the rusts under the will of ENOCH PERKINS late of Harvard in said To all persons interested in the trusts under the will of ENOCH INSIGHT OF THE TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID COUNTY, deceased.

Whereas, FIREDERICK H. STEBBINS and ARTHUR H. TURNER the trustees under the will of said deceased have presented for allowance the first to the fifteenth accounts inclusive of their trust under said will. You are horeby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said County, on the sixteenth day of February A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

allowed.

And said trustees are 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 the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness William T.

INTENSIVE AGRICULTURE.

Agriculture on the average has begun to grow more intensive. If inventions and discoveries of the future are to annul or reverse this effect they must be of a different kind from those that have given us our seeders, reapers, thrashers, etc. We shall need thereafter, not something that will enable a man to till more acres, but something that will enable him to get greater returns from a single acre.-Professor John Bates Clark, Columbia University.

ORGANIC MATTER IN SOILS.

Understood.

Organic matter is essential to make soil of what would otherwise be pulrock, and while there are some soils small quantities of organic matter, on in average soils is considerable. The average organic contents of soils per acre, and yet the nature of this material has been but little understood It has been believed for many years that it consisted chiefly of some such body as humic acid, differing perhaps in different soils, but having the same general properties. One prominent service which these investigations have rendered agriculture has been to show the nonexistence of humic acid and its hypothetical relatives and to show in-

This line of research has been espe cially profitable during the year just past, and the number of compounds isolated and identified has been increased to more than forty. Some of these compounds contain only carbon and hydrogen; some carbon, hydrogen and oxygen; some carbon, hydrogen, oxy gen and nitrogen; others contain phosphorus or sulphur. Isolation in a pure condition of these organic constituents of soils has made possible the correct interpretation of the changes that or ganic matter undergoes in soils. The compounds found are recognized as representing decomposition products of fats, carbohydrates, proteins, and other classes of natural compounds, and a great dea! of light is shed thereby on the processes of humus formation and transformation in the soil. These researches into the nature and proper ties of soil organic matter have shown conclusively that the soil investigator must take into consideration the pres ence of organic compounds in the soil.

Soil Compost. Professor Ahearn of the Kansas Ag ricultural college tells how to prepar

soil compost for growing plants: "A workable soil may be made from loam, sand and manure, but it will be greatly improved if leaf mold or pent is added. The best loam for plants is made of well decayed sod taken from a pasture. After the grass has been killed by hard freezes in the fall the sod should be cut three or four inches deep and placed in a pile, the grass side down. For the sake of convenience make the pile three or four feet wide and as high and as long as nec essary. Hollow out the top so as to \$661,019,861 catch the rains. If the year is a dry one a garden hose may be used to supply the moisture. In the construction of this pile alternate layers of sod and should be allowed to weather for at least a year, preferably two years, before being used. When ready to be used it should be chopped and thoroughly mixed with well rotted ma-

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a small strap with a ring on it and buckle around the cow's right front

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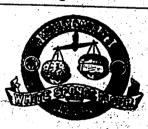
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Saturday, January 16, 1915.

PEPPERELL.

Death.

Joseph Gleason died at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, Saturday of last week, following an operation on the kidneys. He had been ill for about six weeks, and under the care of Dr. Ina; by whom he was finally sent to the hospital for treatment. The opera-tion was performed Thursday and at seemed successful as the patient rallied, and when visited on Friday by his sister, Mrs. James Breen, was in good spirits and seemed very bright. On Saturday she received news of his death that morning and the body was brought to her home in town on Cres-

cent street, on Sunday.
Services were held at St. Joseph's church on Monday morning, high mass being held at nine o'clock, and burial in St. Joseph's cemetery.

The deceased was the son of James and Eleanor (O'Rourke) Gleason, who came here from Ireland many years ago, living on the little farm in the western part of the Oak Hill section of the town. He was forty years of age, the youngest of a family of nine children, who were born and reared on this little farm. After the death of his parents, he continued to live here alone, until the burning of his home more than a year ago. He has since occupied the William Winn house in that vicinity, being employed at times by H. W. Shattuck at his mill.

Deceased was unmarried and out of his family of nine brothers and sisters, only three survive him. These are Mrs. James Breen of this town, Mrs. Lucy O'Brien of Roxbury and William Gleason, who has recently been employed at Townsend.

District Nurses' Association.

With this month, the Pepperell District Nurses' Association completes five years of work. In this period, district nursing has developed rapidly in most parts of the country. This form of public health nursing is now considered a necessity for every community and is strongly supported by the National Red Cross association.

The work of the Pepperell nurse has increased in amount and variety. Much suffering has been lightened and many emergencies met. The value of this work is recognized in households where the nurse has served, but is not sufficiently appreciated by the townspeople. More support is needed by small contributions from many people

The directors have met regularly each month, and have given earnest consideration to all problems. The annual meeting will be held on Monday, January 25, at eight p. m. in the Main street grammar school, when full reports of the year's work will be

All persons, whether contributors or mot, are asked to attend and forward this movement for the public good.

Church Notes.

Rev. Warren P. Landers of Boston, secretary of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence society, is to spend next Sunday in Pepperell. He will speak at the Congregational church at 10.45 The business of 191 o'clock upon Also he will take ten minutes at Sunday school upon the topic, "Drink and At 3.30 he will speak at Oak Hill upon "The great remover." There will be no evening services

in the church as the several churches will unite in the mass meeting at Saunders' hall.

The Woman's Missionary society wil hold their next meeting at the Congregational parsonage, Wednesday, January 20, at 3 p. m.

A temperance rally will be held for the citizens of Pepperell, irrespective of party or creed, next Sunday evening at seven o'clock in Saunders' Banquet hall. Warren P. Landers of Boston, secretary of the Total Absti-nence society of Massachusetts, will deliver an address on "Our war at Mr. Landers is a pleasing, forceful speaker and well worth hearing. Good singing will be furnished. lecture is free, but a collection will be taken for expenses.

Methodist Notes.

"How does christianity add one cubit to a man's stature?" will be the subject at the Methodist church on Sunday morning.

Rev. Warren P. Landers, who will represent the Massachusetts Total Abstinence society in this town next week. will speak to the Sunday school during the noon hour and will also address the meeting of the Ep-worth league at six o'clock.

The seven o'clock meeting will be omitted and all are urged to attend the temperance meeting in Saunders will be addressed by Rev. Warren P

The service for prayer and worship will be held on Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The meeting of the finance committee, which was unavoidably postponed, will be held on Monday evening at 7.45 o'clock.

Before frying bacon it is a good plan to put the rashers into boiling water for two or three minutes. They plump out to twice their ordinary thickness and all chance is removed of their being too salt.

HARVARD.

News Items.

In connection with the extension school next week there will be given on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock a lecture by Prof. Stimson of the M. A. C. on the subject of "Agriculture in the public schools. This lecture will be free to all of the townspeople.

The new primary teacher taking the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Katherine Janes, is Miss Helen Averill, of Braintree.

Among the sick ones are W. H. Fairbank, who is suffering from a hard cold; C. P. Atherton is also quite seriously ill; Miss Annie Reed is confined to her room with a catarrhal trouble; Walter Bagster is laid up with a severe attack of asthma. Mr. and Mrs. Bagster had planned a trip to West Mr. Bagster the trip has been post-

The Complimentary Ball club held its annual concert and ball at the town half on Thursday evening. Idea weather conditions, together with good Ideal music and the usual excellent banquet furnished by the ladies of the Unitarian society brought out the usual large number of guests from Clinton, Lancaster, Ayer, Littleton and and pepper and put liver into it. Let it other towns.

Guests over Thursday night at Mr and Mrs. P. O. Dickson's were Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Benjamin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke and Mrs. H. C. Ed-mands, of Watertown, who came to attend the annual ball of the Compli-mentary Ball club. At the Kerley house Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Flaher-ty, of Worroster, were guests of W. J. ty, of Worcester, were guests of W. J. Kerley and sisters.

Miss Alice Chadwick was taken ill on Wednesday and was obliged to be absent from her duties at the Bromfield school for the rest of the week. She expects to be back to work on Monday.

Robert Murphy's Sons Co., of Ayer, will have an exhibit of household elec-tric appliances at the agricultural extension school in town hall, next week

Still River.

Miss Katherine L. Lawrence is quite sick and has a nurse, Miss Richardson, of West Acton, caring for her.

Lucy, the horse formerly owned by J. C. Thompson, and which was used for quite a number of years in transporting mail and passengers between the village and the station, died on Monday night at Mrs. Scales', who has had her since Mrs. Thompson died.

Mrs. Walter Haskell has had a brother visiting her a few days this week.

Quite a number from Still River at tended the annual complimentary ball in Harvard on Thursday evening.

On Wednesday afternoon John C. L. Clark, of Lancaster, was a caller upon his aunt who is ill, M!ss Lawrence.

Many friends of Ralph Whitney, of Worcester, were the recipients of handsome calendars on Wednesday, is sued by the Vulcanite Portland Ce-ment Co., with the firm name of B. P. Marsh Co., of which Mr. Whitney is a member as agent.

The rains have put water into several of the dry wells and all of the cisterns are now well filled so that the water famine is over.

HOLLIS, N. H.

hout Town.

Mrs. Leonard Lawrence and son ar boarding at Mrs. Mabel Guething's for the remainder of the winter.

Miss M. Arvilla Hardy, who has been under the doctor's care with the grippe, is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spaulding and two little sons, from Hudson, were dered sugar, the stiffly beaten white of guests at William H. Lund's one day an egg, one-half cupful of grated pinelast week.

Miss Annie B. Newton has been and a little of the grated yellow rind, boarding at William J. Gates' during Line a mold with sponge or other small the recent illness of Miss M. Arvilla

Wilbur Marshall, mail carrier, has been iil the past week with a severe attack of bronchitis. Miss Grace Marshall, who has been caring for patient in Hudson for several months past, was called home to care for her father, and Miss Hazel takes her father's place on the mail route.

The W. R. C. installation, which was to have been held on Tuesday afternoon, was postponed on account of the sterm and the time has not been set as yet when the installation will take A special meeting, however will probably be called.

The degree staff in the Odd Fellows have been very busy recently, installing officers in different lodges in the surrounding towns. They were in Hudson on Tuesday evening of this

William T. MacMaster and family visited with relatives in Townsend Center last Sunday.

The sad news of the death of Mrs Eugene Flagg, of Townsend, who was operated upon in a Lowell hospital and died there, reached town last She had many friends in this town and she was formerly Miss Katle Spalding. She was a very lovable woman and highly respected by all. Besides a husband she leaves two daughters, Mrs. George Irish and Mrs. Win-

Mrs. Andrew Spaiding, who has been ill recently, is on the gain. Mrs. Emma Goodwin has been assisting with the work in her home.

The Hollis hasketball team was de feated in East Jaffrey last week Friday. The game was very exciting and | mold with sponge cake cut in slices. was a close one, the score being 16 Pour in the cream and cover the top of to 15

Samuel F. Woods has sold his milk lish with spun maple sugar and whiproute in town which he has carried ped sweetened cream poured over top on for sometime to Raymond Lund, of cake. This dessert should stand two who started in on Sunday morning. W. W. Worcester spent new year's

day in Montpelier, Vt., at the home of Miss Lou M. Dutton. Mrs. Stanley Flagg, of Mason, is visiting Mrs. Waldo Flagg.

ANCIENT WAR METHODS.

The KITCHEN GUPBOARD

COOKING LIVER

BREAKFAST MENU. Steamed Prunes. Oatmeal, Larded Liver st. Jam or Jelly. Coffee or Tea.

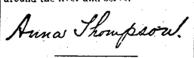
TIVER is a staple breakfast food, though it gives savor to the mid-

day meal as well. Liver With Toast.-Chop up the liver, mix with some sweet herbs, a little minced onion and sait pork and two or Pownal, Me., to be gone three months or more, but owing to the illness of Put all together in a crock, dredge with flour, cover and set in a slow oven for an hour and a half. Remove to a heated dish and serve with toast points and parsley border.

With Piquant Sauce. Larded Liver.-Take a fresh liver and lard it with fat bucon. Make a pickle of vinegar, sliced onion, thyme, parsley, bay leaf, half a bud of garlic, salt stand for twenty-four hours, drain and place in the oven in a buttered roasting pan. Baste with the strained pickle juice. When done place on platter and cover with sauce piquante, made as

Put into a saucepan two ounces of butter, a sliced carrot and six sliced shallots. Add a bunch of savory herbs, half a bay leaf, pepper, sait and a thin slice of lean ham. Let simmer until they form a brown glaze, then add four tablespoonfuls of vinegar and half a pint of good stock, with a lump of sugar. Simmer, skim off fat, strain and when very hot serve with the liver.

An Elaborate Dish. Braised Liver,-Take one calf's liver, one onion, one stalk of celery, two sprigs of parsley, one pint of stock or water, one tablespoonful of mushroom ketchup, one carrot, one bay leaf, one turnip, quarter pound of larding pork, one tablespoonful of butter, one tablespoonful of Worcestershire sauce, one tablespoonful of flour. Wash the liver and lard it the same as a fillet of beef. Wash and cut the vegetables into slices and put them in the bottom of a braising pan if you have one, if not in a deep baking pan. Lay the liver on the bed of vegetables, add the stock or water, put a lid over the pan and bake in n moderate oven for two hours. When done put liver on a dish. Put the butter in a frying pan, stir it over the fire until a nice brown, add the flour, mix and strain the liquor from the other pan into this, which should be about a half pint. Stir continually until it boils, then add the Worcestershire sauce and mushroom ketchup. Pour over and around the liver and serve.



FRUIT CHARLOTTES.

THESE dainty desserts may be pre pared with almost any fruit. When fresh fruit cannot be had canned fruit may be substituted.

Pineapple Charlotte.-Take one cupful of heavy cream and whip it until very stiff, add one-half cupful of powapple, two teaspoonfuls of lemon juice and a little of the grated yellow rind. cakes, fill with the cream and chill on

Apple Charlotte With Raisins.-Get a pan of the right size, put a tablespoon ful of butter in pan, put in a layer of buttered toast and then a layer of sliced apples; sprinkle with sugar and grated nutmeg, then add a layer of raisins. Repeat until dish is full, with buttered toast on top. Beat one or two eggs, add two cupfuls of milk and pour over all. Bake until apples are cooked Serve with cream and sugar.

An Ornamental Dessert.

Orange Charlotte.-Take half a box of gelatin, pour over it half a cupful of cold water and soak half an hour. Then pour over it a cupful of boiling water, adding the juice of a lemon. cupful of orange juice and a little of the yellow part of the rind grated. Whip to a foam a pint of cream and add to the gelatin mixture. Continue to bent until it thickens and then turn into a glass or china mold lined with sections of sweet orange.

Dainty and Sweet.

Maple Charlotte.—Take one-half ounce relatin. Soak in cold water. Dissolve by standing it over hot water. Put three tablespoonfuls of grated maple sugar in a saucepan, stir till melted, add one pint of cream. Let the mixture boll gently to a creamy thickness, cool slightly, add yolk of three eggs four tablespoonfuls of maple sugar, one teaspoonful vanilla, two tablespoonfuls of cold milk beaten till light. Stir in gelatin, set aside to get cold. Line a the mold with thin slices of cake, garhours on ice before serving.

Anna Thompson.

Did Hannibal Use Dynamite in His Passage of the Alpa?

Every one knows the story of how Hannibal crossed the Alps. It is usually asserted that he demolished the rocks that opposed his progress with the aid of fire and vinegar. The word used by the Latin historians and which is ordinarily called in English transla-

tion "vinegar" is acctum.

The question has been raised by a European officer whether this is the true meaning of the original. He thinks that by acetum the historians intended to describe a substance resembling dynamite in its properties, and he invites chemists to consider the question whether the ancients may not have possessed a formula for making a powerful explosive of this kind.

He calls attention to the fact that nurse, two ancient historians, Marcus Graecus and Albert of Aix, speak of the existence of two kinds of acetum, one of which possessed greater energy than the other. A clew to the composition of this explosive may be found, he believes, in the fact that to acetum was ascribed the property of extinguishing the dreaded "Greek fire." He thinks the substance may have been strongly oxygenated.

Although to discover how Hannibal's "dynamite" was made would be to add nothing, perhaps, to our sense of the greatness of his achievements, yet such a discovery would certainly throw new light on some interesting events in the wars of antiquity.-Washington Star.

THE FRENCH ZOUAVES.

A Picturesque Corps Whose Fame Be-

came Worldwide. Among the most interesting classes of soldlers of modern times is the French corps called the zouaves. The body of daring and picturesquely attired warriors reached the height of its fame during the Crimenn war. The zonave corps at that time was supposed to consist of Frenchmen, but it was in reality quite international, since its ranks contained many daring young foreigners. In this corps served many men from Oxford, Gottingen and other universities, and it is probable that the greater part of its members had joined more for the love of fighting than for love of country. Its fame as a fighting body soon spread throughout the

When our own war between the states broke out several corps of zonaves, wearing the splendld oriental uniforms of the French corps, or a modification of them, were formed on both sides. On the Federal side the best known was that corps commanded by Elmer Ellsworth, a young officer from New York, the first man, it is said, to be killed on the Union side. In the Confederacy the most famous corps of zonaves was that called the Louisiana Tigers,

While in American military life the zonave uniform has practically disappeared, it still persists in France.-

Old Time Sea Food.

A glance at the fish shops today arouses the reflection that one could have fasted with far more variety in the middle ages. Where is now the whole of vestervenr that was roasted and served on the spit or boiled with pens, the tongue and tail being the choicest parts? The porpoise, too, was a royal dish, roasted whole and eaten: with mustard, when Henry VIL was king and so was the cramous or sea wolf. The lamprey, after its one dramatic and regicidal performance, seems to have lost its popularity, and nobody nowadays is anxious to eat the limbet. Many fish, however, seem to have enthroughout the ages the sprat and herring, eaten especially in Lent; the oyster (officially a fish) and the anchovy, sternly anathematized by old Tobias Venner in 1620 as "food for drunkards."-London Stand

A Floral Murderer.

The mocassin plant is a wanton murderer. Its flowers are so shaped as to lure ants and other wingless insects to them. Once inside they have small chance to escape. There they stay. struggling until they starve to death. These orchids are not considered insect eaters, but they undoubtedly draw e certain amount of nourishment from the decayed bodies of their insect prey Many other flowers trap insects, which they kill and gradually digest as food.

The Eagle. "As free as a bird in the air," we sny. Now, of all the birds of the air the eagle is king and, therefore, of all birds he is the freest. This fact coupled with the eagle's independence, self reliance and unconquerable courage, caused it to be chosen as the emblem of our republic.

What's In a Name. "There's a gentleman in the parior,

sir," said the maid. "Did he give you his name, Katie? asked the man of the house.

"Oh, no. sir; but I think it's the one who wants to give his name to your daughter, sir."-Philadelphia Ledger.

One of War's Evils. One of the evils of a war is the low ering of the national physique. In the generation after the Franco-German war there was an appreciable decrease in the stature of Frenchmen through the large number of young men of good physique who were killed

Casus Belli.

"Why did that picture agent run so "He asked a fat woman whether she didn't want her photograph enlarged."-Philadelphia Ledger.

A Woman's

By EDITH V. ROSS

It was on a bright morning in December that Mrs. Garland decided to leaders in the women's field. send her little boy to the sidewalk to get the fresn air. She put on his overcoat and his toque and his gloves and took him out on to the stoop. Then, giving him a kiss, she told him to run about for awhile. Jimmie was six years old, and his mother, who was a self reliant woman, had discharged his

Jimmie did not return, and his mother went out to look for him. He was not on the stoop or on the sidewalk Indeed, he was not in sight. His moth er walked hurriedly up and down the street, expecting every moment to catch sight of him, but she did not. Finally she asked some children playing near by, and they told her that they had seen a little boy-describing Jimmie-go off with a man.

Then Mrs. Garland knew that her boy had been kidnaped. By a strong effort of the will she kent her head and questioned the children closely as to the appearance of the man. They described a small, poorly dressed per son, his trousers patched and his elbows in rags. His hair was what they called brown. This is all they could remember.

Mrs. Garland, though in agony about her boy, being an unusually self con tained woman, very soon brought herself into a condition to think what she should do. When a child is kidnaped it is usually for money. The parent is informed of the fact and negotiation opened for payment. Mrs. Garland. who was a widow, made up her mind to await the kidnaper's demand before taking any action.

And yet one can never be certain when a child has disappeared that he will ever be heard from. There are many disappearances that remain for ever mysteries. It is therefore the more remarkable that this mother should have contained herself and act ed in a way that would afford the greatest number of chances for getting her boy safely back. She reasoned that if the boy's loss were published in the newspapers the kidnaper would read it and, taking fright, might remove her boy to a distance. If no notice were taken of the matter he would write.

On the third day after the kidnaping the postman handed in a letter which as soon as Mrs. Garland looked at it Swicker. she knew was the one expected. It was addressed simply to the street and number and written in English as an Italian would write English. The kidpaper demanded \$5,000 for the return of the child. An Italian name was signed, the writer stating that a reply could be sent to the general delivery at the postoffice, but whoever called for it would have nothing to do with the case.

Mrs. Garland determined, if possible, to win the confidence of the kidnaper. G to give if the person would instruct bert G. Seaver, music committee, to her where to make the delivery. She serve with one or more members to be also said that she had not reported her appointed by the church. loss to the police and had no intention West. of doing so. She preferred to pay and recover her boy.

The kidnaper wrote that he would accept the \$3,000. On a certain avenue thirty fine pickerer and George ri. reaccept the \$3,000. On a certain avenue ney had nearly as many on return between two streets was a vacant lot from his trip. At or near 11 o'clock on a certain night Mrs. Garland was to leave the money in a cracker box she would find in a corner farthest from the street. Within two days after the receipt of the money the boy would be placed on the street near his home. Mrs. Garland wrote back that the conditions were accepted, except that her boy was to be returned within twelve hours after the depositing of the funds. A letter

came agreeing to this stipulation. Now, on this last letter Mrs. Garland noticed a stamp that had evidently been placed on another envelope and removed. The stamp was solled, indicating that some one with dirty hands had endeavored to make it stick. Mrs. Garland took up a magnifying glass and discovered thumb marks.

Thus far no notice of the kidnaping had appeared in any newspaper, and the police were ignorant of Mrs. Garland's loss. On the appointed night she went to the vacant lot and deposited bills to the amount of \$3,000. The next morning at dawn there was a sharp ring at the doorbell. Mrs. Garland ran downstairs and opened the door, and there stood Jimmie. He said he had been left there by a girl. Having got her child back safe and

well Mrs Carland went to the office of the police and informed them of the case, stating that she had obtained \$3,000 in captured counterfeit ten and would not likely know that they were counterfeit and he might be caught trying to pass them. Instructions bearwere taken, and a man arrested was found to be the kidnaper. The children who had seen him take Jimmie away were not able to state positively that he was the person they had seen committing the act, but his thumb marks corresponded with those on the and he received a long prison term.

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TOWNSEND.

Center.

A large audience thoroughly enjoyed the moving picture plays in Memorial hall last Saturday evening. It is hoped there will be an equally large attendance this week Saturday. January 16. Miss Agnes Farrar, pianist of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hart of Brookline were in town Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Katle Francis Flagg. Mrs. Jennie Flagg and two children, also Mrs. Daisy Bickford of Ayer at-tended the funeral of Mrs. Katie F. Flagg on Monday last.

Mrs. Della Goodwin Morgan came to town Wednesday noon after hearing of the accident to her father, T. Turner Goodwin.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' topic will be "Making connections." Sunday evening C. E. topic, "Make bold beginnings." Leader, Lester

Annual Meeting. At the annual parish meeting of the Sunday at Silver Congregational church held Saturday, Lawrence family. January 9, in the vestries the financial and other reports were given for the year ending December 31, 1914. The following officers and committees were elected: Henry B. Hildreth, moderator; Albert S. Howard, clerk; T. Jas. Harvey, treas.; William A. Russell, Robert G. Fessenden, Leander C. Jefts, ex. com.; J. W. Eastman, ex. officer; L. to win the confidence of the kidnaper. G. Chandler, G. L. Whitcomb, H. B. So she replied that her only wish was Hildreth, W. E. Bruce, fin. and aud. to recover her child. She could raise com.; G. L. Whitcomb, agt. for rental but \$3,000, which she would be glad of horse sheds; Mrs. B. H. Savage, Al-

Fred A. Patch enjoyed a fishing trip on Saturday afternoon, bringing back

Miss Alice Welch, Anna Ellis and Mrs. Charles E. Patch are re-

orted as on the sick list this week.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held on including premiums ported as on the sick list this week. Wednesday evening at the home of the Ian Rusk, with ten present. Warren Elliott was re-elected treasorer, as Henry B. Hathaway declined the nomination.

At the writing the sad news has just been received of the sudden death of Edward A. Craig, one of the old residents of the town, at Troy, N. Y., where the family spend their winters. The body was brought here for burial in the family lot this Friday morning with the committal service at the grave by the pastor of the Baptist member. Any particulars as to the cause of his death have not yet been

The no-school signals were sounded on Wedensday morning on account of the storm and extremely bad traveling.

Rev. Joseph McKean's topic Sunday norning at the Baptist church will be "God's greatest gift to man," and in the evening he will speak on "The knock at the dpor."

Annual Banquet.

The annual banquet of the West Townsend Brotherhood was held at from United States treasury officers the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening and in spite of the almost impos twenty dollar bills. Since they had sible walking about fifty were enterbeen paid to an ignorant Italian he tained. An excellent chicken-pie supper was served by the ladies and the evening was enjoyed greatly by all who had the courage to venture out. Rev. S. D. Ringrose of Fitchburg, ing on the case were sent out, and a former pastor here, delivered the adgirl was spotted offering one of the dress, ataking for his topic, "The bills. She was followed to a squalid bridge builders," and Miss Rena Clapp rings building, and every one found there was arrested the close of the address Miss Clapp All but a few of the counterfeit bills and Miss Gladys Rawson sang a duet which was heartly applauded. president, G. A. Seaver, presided over the meeting and a vote of given to Mr. Ringrose and to Mr. Russell of Fitchburg, who brought Mr sell of Fitching, and Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Ringrose and Mrs. Russell in his auto. A witty and entertaining speech from Rev. Joseph McKean speech from Rev. Joseph McKean followed by the A. A. Shattuck, Directors. marks corresponded with those on the speech from Rev. Joseph McKean stamp of the letter sent Mrs. Garland, closed the program, followed by the singing of "America" by the audience.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

At the meeting of the Grange on Friday evening of last week the officers for the year were installed by Mr. and Mrs. Herrick, of Westboro, who performed the work in a very efficient manner. A box supper was furnished by the ladies after which Mrs. Herrick gave several readings in a very delightful way, giving her nearers much pleasure.

Mrs. McAllister, of Lexington, was a Sunday visitor at the Porters.

Mrs. Ada Durkee is spending the week with her brother's family in Westboro. Mr. Braman is an officer in the Lyman school. While his sister is away Ed. Braman is attending to the housekeeping and solving somsecrets of domestic science.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hall, of Fitchburg, were week-end guests at Ernest Barteau's. George Goodeari has been visiting

Arthur Goodearl, who is a student a Clark university, Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson spent

Sunday at Silver Hill with the Henry George Lovelace is at work again after being confined to the house for some time with threatened pneumonia Others on the sick list are Mrs. Leo Cunningham and several of Mr. Sal-

mon's family. After overcoming many difficulties the well near Miss Burroughs' bunga-low is finished and a good supply of water assured.

New Advertisements.

SLEDS FOR SALE-Well made and at low prices by the Blacksmith in West Groton. L. G. STRAND, 14 REPORT OF THE CONDITION of the First National Bank of Pepperell, at East Pepperell, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, December 31, 1911.

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Treasurer (not more than 5 percent on circulation) 2 500 00 Tota! \$370,356,12 Linbilities Capital stock paid in...... Surplus fund Individed profits..\$11,674.34

Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid. 1,852.77 2,952.77 Circulating notes 50,000.00 Dividends unpaid 24.00 Demand deposits: Individual deposits subject to check ...\$62,752.50 Cashier's checks outstanding 691.44 Postal savings deposits ... 1,612.78 State and municipal deposits 13,557.64 Deposits with notice of less than 20 days. 75,864.99 151,173.35 Time deposits subject to 30 or proceed as the color of the

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Deposits subject to 30 or notice..... more days' \$370,356.12

State of Massachusetts, County of Mid-dlezex, ss.

1, H. F. Tarbell, Cashler of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. H. F. TARBELL, Cashler. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January, 1915.