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The daily labors of the Bee, Awake my soul to industry, Who can observe the careful Ant, And not provide for future want?

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AYER

News Items.

William H. Priest, who was recently committed to the Worcester state hospital for observation, died at that institution Wednesday night, aged seventy years. Deaf lawyers to a complication of diseases. Mr. Priest was born in Marlboro. He came here over a year ago from Winchendon and has lived at the home of Mrs. Howard J. Nutting on Fletcher street until he went to Worcester. He leaves two sisters, one in Winchendon, and another in the west. He had no other near relatives.

Judge and Mrs. Warren H. Atwood intend to leave on a western trip next week. They will visit Mr. Atwood's brother, John H. Atwood, in Kansas City, Mo., formerly of Ayer, who is one of the largest business men in the west. Later they will visit in California and many other points in the far western country. They expect to be gone several weeks.

The choir of Groton School will render a special musical service at St. Andrew's church on Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. An offering will be taken toward upholstering the wooden kneeling benches. All who will be welcome. The morning service will be at eleven o'clock, as usual.

The town authorities had cut down on Monday a large elm tree that stood in the middle of the sidewalk in front of the Hartwell house on Washington street. It was partly decayed.

Howard P. Fletcher was taken last Saturday with an attack of tonsillitis which laid him up for several days.

Harbinger lodge, K. P., at its last convention elected the following officers: J. W. B. Seaborn, c. c.; Chester P. Perrin, v. c.; O. Hartwell Kidder, p. w.; C. Winslow, m. w.; C. W. E. Force, k. r. s.; Oscar C. Rand, m. of f.; J. C. Davenport, m. of f.; Joseph Howarth, m. at a.; H. B. Spencer, i. g.; C. A. Harris, o. g.; A. E. Ojkie, trustee 3 yrs.; James King, w. l. rep.; 2 yrs.; O. C. Rand, alt. rep. 1 yr. The year's session has given many difficulties straightened out and the lodge is in splendid shape for the ensuing year. A large volume of business has been transacted and never in the history of the lodge has fraternalism been so prominent. The officers have done a great work and they have at all times had the hearty support of the members. A prosperous year is opening to the lodge in 1916.

Mrs. B. T. Larrabee was called to New Ipswich, N. H., Wednesday, by the serious illness of her father, James Rogers.

The slippery sidewalks are with us again and attention is called to the fact that they must be kept in a safe condition for travel by the abutters, be they occupants or owners of the property. This is a town by-law. The suggestion has been made that if the first snow or ice were cleared it would be easier to keep the walks in good condition for travel than if the snow and ice are allowed to accumulate.

The case of William Taylor, of Ayer, for violation of the liquor law, which was appealed to the superior court, is slated for trial at Cambridge on Monday.

Thirty-five members of the Ayer Grange visited Groton Grange Tuesday evening, where the third and fourth degrees were worked on a class of candidates.

The arrangements for the military drill and entertainment to be given at Harbinger lodge, K. P., in the town hall on Thursday evening, December 16, are completed. The entertainment promises to be the best and most unique ever given in town and will well worth attending. In addition to the prize drill, which will be given by two crack teams of the uniform rank of the order, which is a good thing in itself, there will be an entertainment given by Washington Coles, the famous blind impersonator and ventriloquist.

Inspector Paul H. Wolner of the state highway commission of Boston, was in town this week Friday afternoon looking over the scene of the automobile accident of two weeks ago when Miss Alberta Goodrich of Litchfield, was seriously injured. Chief Beatty accompanied him.

Ayer defeated Townsend high school football team at the town park last Saturday afternoon in a game that was a walkover for the home eleven, the score being 64 to 0. The visitors were clearly out-classed from the beginning of the contest and at no time was the Townsend team within even striking distance of their opponents' goal. The Ayer team made almost all their gains by using the forward pass which netted them large gains in every attempt. The contest was a cleanly played and there were but few fumbles on either side. The stars of the game were Hurley, MacDonnell, Preble and Anno of the Ayer team. The Townsend team, despite their handicap, played a plucky up-hill contest until the last point was made. A good sized crowd watched the contest in spite of the decidedly cold atmosphere. This contest was the last of the season for the Ayer team.

Mrs. L. C. Smith, of Everett, who had been visiting relatives and friends in town for a few days, returned to her home last week Friday.

Mrs. Ella F. Hovey has returned from a visit to Newburyport and Bradford.

Thomas Kenney, no regular home, applied at the police station last Saturday for assistance. He told Chief Beatty that he had undergone a general assault and battery last Saturday morning and they were discharged. The complaint against Steve Kowalk, of Westford, for the same offense, was dismissed. The court proceedings were the aftermath of a row among the three above-named who are Poles and others of that nationality were indirectly concerned in the scrap. It required about an hour for the reason to get at the bottom of the trouble as the evidence in the case was decidedly conflicting. Judge Atwood was assisted in settling the controversy among the belligerents by Counsel John M. Maloney and George L. Wilson, both of Ayer, and by two interpreters.



Holiday Greetings

With only two weeks' time to do the Christmas shopping our thoughts naturally turn to Christmas Gifts. What is more practical and more appreciated by the men and boys than some article of wearing apparel? Our Christmas Goods are all in, the newest styles and patterns in Men's and Boys' Clothing, Furnishings, Shoes and Slippers. Come in while the variety is good and let us help you make your selections. Here are a few suggestions:

- Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats \$10.00 to \$22.00
Mackinaw Coats \$5.00 to \$8.50
Bath Robes \$3.50 to \$6.00
Men's and Ladies' Sweaters \$1.00 to \$7.00
Men's and Ladies' Umbrellas 50c to \$5.00
Men's and Ladies' Slippers and Moccasins 50c to \$2.00
Bags and Suit Cases \$1.25 to \$6.00
Neckties of all kinds in Christmas Boxes 25c to \$1.00
Arm Bands in Christmas Boxes 25c and 50c
Gloves in Christmas Boxes 25c to \$3.50
Braces in Christmas Boxes 25c and 50c
Men's Linen Handkerchiefs, with initial 15c, 25c and 50c
Men's Japanette Handkerchiefs, initial 10c and 15c
Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, with initial 25c and 50c
Combination Necktie and Handkerchief Sets in Christmas Boxes 75c and \$1.00

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Death. George Gibson Puffer, one of our oldest and much esteemed citizens, died at his home on Williams street Thursday forenoon at 11.30 o'clock. Death was due to valvular heart disease.

SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS A list of a few of the many useful Christmas Gifts to be found at DWINELL'S Thermos Bottles \$1.00 to \$3.00 Thermos Lunch Sets \$2.00 and \$2.25 Coffee Percolators \$2.00 to \$3.50 Casseroles \$1.25 to \$2.50 Ever Ready Flashlights 75c and \$1.00 Wash Boilers \$1.75 to \$4.00 3-Coin Banks \$1.00 to \$1.50 Cello Nickel Hot Water Bottles \$2.00 Ice Skates 50c to \$1.25 Hockey Sticks 5c to 50c Flexible Flier Sleds \$1.00 to \$3.50 Paris Sleds 50c to 85c Food Choppers \$1.00 and \$1.25 Bread Mixers \$1.95 Mop Wringers \$1.25 Clothes Wringers \$2.50 to \$4.50 Ash Cans \$1.50 and \$2.00 Ash Sifters 35c to \$2.25 Pocket Knives 25c to \$1.00 Sad Irons, set of three \$1.50 Electric Flat Irons \$3.25 Pyrene Fire Extinguishers \$7.00 Lanterns 50c to \$1.25 Driving Lamps \$1.50 and \$2.50 Iron Vises 75c to \$2.25 Perfection Oil Heaters \$3.75 and \$4.50 We Give S. & H. Green Stamps

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Washington, D. C. with Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, their journey south to Florida having been delayed by illness of Mrs. Jenkins. Miss Evelyn Flood, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Thomas Murray, returned to Cambridge Monday...

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Henderson, who returned to their winter home in Boston soon after Thanksgiving, spent the week-end at Sunday at their summer residence in town. Edward Johnson has recently completed the wiring of the residence of Robert Coy and his sister, Mrs. Woodward, on Pleasant street, for electric lights.

so much interest and skill. To the above committee were also added later Mrs. John Boynton, for the woman's club, and Mr. F. H. Hobart for the Federation of Churches. Much credit is due all these committees for the able manner in which their work was performed.

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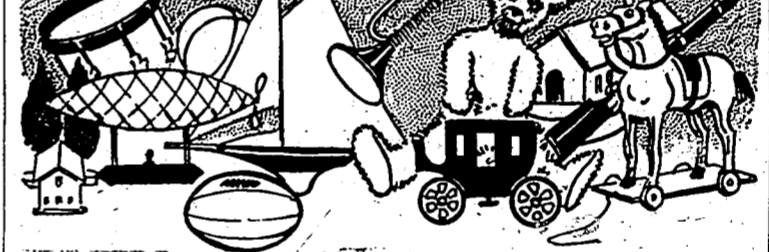
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