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WESTFORD

About Town. Harry Saxton, whose home is at Whidden's Corner, while trying to board a moving freight train in Gardner last week Wednesday evening, missed his foot and hand calculations, slipped his hold and the cars ran over both legs.

The Massachusetts Agricultural Extension school is scheduled for January 1 and stay with us four days. This extension school course has some great surprises in store for those who attend.

Miss Luanna B. Decatur is home for the holidays from her school in New Rochelle, N. Y. Pleasant memories greet her at the old Capt. Peletiah Fletcher ancient homestead on the Lowell road.

Grange. The Christmas entertainment at the last meeting of the Grange was in charge of Mrs. Hanister. There was Christmas songs by Grace Robinson, Mrs. Wallace, John P. Wright and Charles Robie.

The members of Court Granvilleville, P. of A. held a well-attended and interesting meeting in their rooms on Thursday night of last week with P. G. Sullivan, chief ranger, in the chair.

The children of the Sargent school gave a fine program of Christmas exercises in the schoolrooms on Friday of last week, which marked the last day of school before the two-weeks Christmas vacation.

Excelsior skating and coasting has been enjoyed here this week and both young and old have been taking advantage of the fine moonlight nights.

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mass being celebrated in St. Catherine's church by Rev. Henry L. Scott, that was attended by many relatives and friends. The regular choir was in attendance and under the direction of Miss Mary F. Hanley sung the Gregorian chant.

Forge Village. The Ladies' Sewing circle held no meeting this week owing to the Christmas holidays.

Holy communion services will be held at St. Andrew's mission Christmas morning at 8:30. On Sunday children's day services will be held at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Helen Lord is very ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, suffering from heart trouble. Miss Lord recently recovered from scarlet fever. A trained nurse is in attendance.

Excellent skating and coasting is being enjoyed. Last Saturday's meeting left the roads in a very dry condition.

The annual Christmas exercises were held at Cameron school on last Friday afternoon, which were attended by an unusually large number.

News Items. The Unitarian Ladies' Social circle will hold a business meeting at the Memorial room on Tuesday afternoon, December 28, at three o'clock.

The new firm of Kenney, Bond & Bryant will open for business on Saturday of next week, Friday, December 24, at the store which has been closed all day to allow for the taking of stock of the retiring firm of Hale Bros.

Miss Edna Robinson is helping out at the store during the holiday rush.

Miss Jennie Kerley returned last week from the Clinton hospital and is now at home, where she is mending rapidly. It will be a few days yet before she will be operating on the switchboard.

Prof. and Mrs. A. S. Richards, with their two boys, are taking a two-weeks trip to New York and Washington during the school holidays.

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charge of the pastor, who will preach the third of a series of sermons based on the early chapters of Genesis.

The bible school will meet as usual at twelve o'clock. Mr. Mead desires to hear from all who wish to be counted as members of his class.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will hold its last meeting of the year on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. The subject is to be "How to keep on the up-grade."

The Monday class met as usual this week. Miss Reed gave a summary of current events. Other papers dealing with early English history were read by Misses Baister, Farwell and Pollard.

The Harvard Woman's club held another very interesting and profitable meeting on last Monday, when Miss Mary P. Abbot, of this town, spoke on "Home and school life in Germany."

At the business session of the meeting the offer which was made to the club by Miss Clara Endicott Sears was gratefully accepted.

Wilfred Guillette went to Lowell last week Friday, where he has been spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker.

Mrs. George Nye and Mrs. Minnie Gave were guests last week Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Almon Shuman in Ayer.

Frances and Jessie Farnsworth are home for their Christmas vacation from their school in Merrimack, Mass.

Miss Edith Lawrence was a recent visitor in Milford.

The snowstorm of last week did not bring serious damage to the town, although it was some time before the roads were passable.

Mrs. Augustus Gould was a visitor in Milford last week Thursday.

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News Items
Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant and daughter, Grace...

Frank W. Snell has received a number of offers for his well-known summer resort at Fort Pond...

At the Congregational church last Sunday the pastor preached a fine sermon appropriate to Christmas...

At the regular meeting of the members of the Sodality of the Assumption held last Sunday afternoon...

Mrs. Julia F. Kilburn will entertain Christmas day Rev. and Mrs. Thomas J. Farmer of East Boston...

The Alliance meeting, December 30, at Mrs. Luther Holden's...

Mrs. Lucy A. Merriam returned home from South Carolina on Wednesday evening...

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Poinfre will spend Christmas with their son George and family in Waverley...

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by Theodore Holman. It was the most wholesome and cleanest show of its kind...

James H. Gately fell off the President Suspende Company's team on a trip for Christmas trees...

Miss Agnes Holden is spending this week with her brother, Granville Holden, in Concord...

The Alliance will meet with Mrs. Luther Holden on Thursday afternoon...

Miss Hazel Storor, a student at Sea Pine school at Brewster...

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Balem, with son of Cranston, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dyke are spending the holidays with Mrs. Dyke's son in Weymouth...

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French, of pitchburg, with baby Ruth...

Deaths. Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Rugg, aged 53 years...

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Luman Sargent, of Williamsville, Vt. has been spending a few days with his mother...

Miss Merle Crockett, of Brookline, and James McPhillip, of Boston...

The Center primary and grammar schools have closed this week for last Christmas vacation...

An error appeared in this column last week. The Misses Pray, of Brookline...

R. G. Dort, of Groton School, conducted the service at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon...

The next meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild occurs on Saturday, January 8...

The meeting of the Matrons' Aid society, which was postponed...

Mr. Newell, of Boston, spent the week-end at the home of Miss Millie Parker on Crown road...

Harry N. Brown, master of Shirley Grange, and Arthur R. Holden...

Mrs. Clinton Lovell, of Henniker, N. H. was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard last week...

A portable sawmill and camp have been set up on the Kitteridge lot at Woodsville, N. H...

An error appeared in an item in the Shirley column last week...

Miss Vera Bradford, of Emerson College of Oratory...

Charles E. Bradford has recovered sufficiently from his accident to be out again...

The annual Christmas tree for the children of Trinity chapel was held in the town hall...

Miss Hazel E. Cummings, class of N. E. Conservatory...

Miss H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction 15 cows...

WAR UPON PAIN: Pain is a visitor to every home and usually it comes unexpectedly...

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What the Chimes Say
'Do Good! Do Good!' They Ring Out at Christmas.

How plainly the Christmas chimes seem to ring out to all, both rich and poor...

The Christmas Forest
[The region between Jerusalem and Bethlehem was formerly covered with a forest of pines...]

Plays on Christmas Eve. A Christmas custom of ours and the one possessing the greatest antiquity...

The Singing of Carols. The custom of singing carols is still maintained in Italy...

Farmers. Follow the advice given by Secretary of the F. F. Association...

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Sing a Song of Christmas.

Sing a song of Christmas, Gladest day of all; O'er the hills and valleys...

Sing a song of Christmas, Holy, happy day; Sing of Bethlehem's manger...

Sing a song of Christmas; Even on this glad day; There are cribs and heartaches...

Sing a song of Christmas; Strong and sweet and clear; —Edith Virginia Brent in Ladies' Home Journal.



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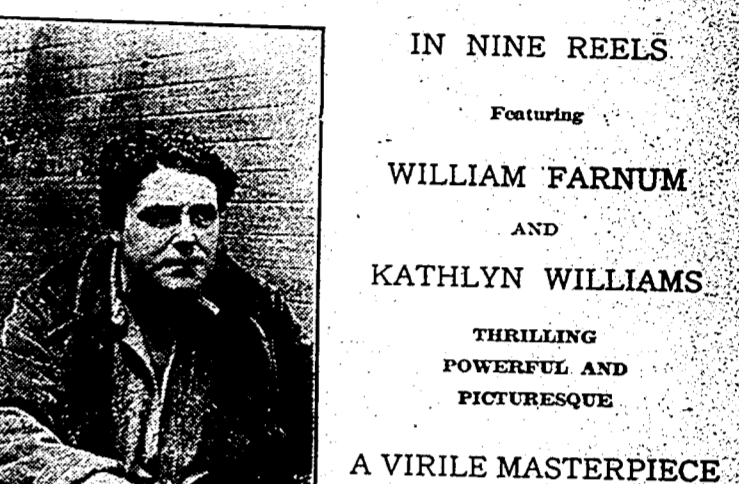
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