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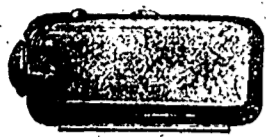
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LITTLETON

News Items.

H. J. Marshall, of Stow, has spent a week at Douglas Whitecomb's.

Miss Fannie and Gertrude Sanderson attended the funeral of Mr. Baxter in Milton on Monday. The deceased is survived by his wife and three children, Miss Orissa Baxter, of Hartford, Conn., Mrs. Hurd and Jesse Baxter, of Milton; also, a grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McNeil's little daughter was christened Barbara at St. Anne's church a week ago last Sunday. The little miss wore a handsome dress, which had been worn by the father, all his brothers and sisters and a few cousins on like occasions, sixteen times in all.

Rev. Chester A. Drummond, of the First Unitarian church, Somerville, and formerly of Littleton, leader in a movement to provide a Christmas for all in Somerville, presided at a recent meeting to arrange for a Christmas tree brilliantly illuminated in Central Park, hymns by the Unitarian church chimes, clarion notes from trumpeters in the church bellows, singing of carols by public school children in groups at hospitals and homes of shut-ins all over the city, directed by James P. McVey, the lighting of public buildings at Central Hill and residences in the main thoroughfares, and chief of all, a Christmas pageant to be presented under the direction of Rev. C. A. Drummond.

On Monday evening the Woman's club will hold its annual guest evening entertainment. The directors have been very fortunate in securing an entertainer, Charles Newton Pollard, who will give a musicale with incidents in life abroad with French, Russian, Italian and German organ selections. Mr. Pollard has spent several years in study and teaching in foreign countries and a very attractive program is anticipated. Tickets can be procured from Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Parker, Miss Sanderson or at the Congregational church doors on the evening of the entertainment.

Ruth Hardy had a frightful experience in her painful accident and nar-

row escape last week. She was out riding Barbara Priest's new pony, and called at Hazel Murray's. As she sat on his back in Dr. Murray's yard the pony attempted to unsaddle Ruth, and after repeated attempts succeeded, and then ran, dragging the young lady as far as Walter Spiders' residence, when Dr. Murray, who followed in close pursuit, seized the vicious animal by the tail, was kicked in the chest, but managed to free the plucky girl and rescue her. Dr. and Mrs. Murray cared for her bruises and lacerations, after which she was taken home, where she remained very quiet until the middle of this week, when she returned to school.

Thomas Hodgekett has recently put up a monument for C. V. Flagge in Westlawn cemetery and placed markers for other parties.

A very jolly social event of the week was the household shower given to Miss Grace Needham at her home on King street in anticipation of festivities to come. Miss Needham, who is one of the popular young ladies of the town, and a most accommodating bookkeeper and clerk in the Conant Company store at the Common, was very agreeably surprised and greeted her friends cordially accepting their gifts with grace and thanks.

Mrs. Fairfield's uncle and aunt, who make their home with her much of the time, hope to spend the winter months in Florida. A large party going south will leave about the third of December, and in the company will be Mr. and Mrs. G. Henry Barker, who are to spend the winter in St. Petersburg, returning home about the first of May. C. F. Wattle's sisters will be in the party.

The following Thanksgiving notes may interest our readers: The A. F. Conant, W. F. Conant of Arlington and a few other relatives will spend Thanksgiving at Goldsmith Conant's. The D. G. Houghton family will dine at Dr. H. E. Priest's in Ayer. Mrs. Grace Lawrence will be the guest of her brother, Charles Stone, in Arlington. Mrs. A. W. Knowlton will visit the Fred Parker family in Somerville. Mrs. Amelia C. Wakefield will accept the hospitality of the J. H. Hardy's. The W. E. Conant family go

to Newton to dine with the Ralph Conants. J. W. Ames and family spend the holiday with Mr. Ames' mother in Melrose. The A. F. Bradlees will be with Mrs. Bradlee's sister in Milton. P. S. Kimball and family will dine at G. H. Kimball's. G. H. Cash and Ivo Russell entertain a number of out-of-town relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Workes expect to have a large family reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Prouty open their home to their daughters, Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Hartwell, the Henry Topham family now living in Boston.

The whist party and social entertainment at C. J. McEnnis' residence last Saturday proved a success in every respect. There was a good number in attendance and everybody was pleasantly entertained. The profits were also satisfactory.

Mrs. M. W. Leahy has been housed with a severe cold for three weeks, but nearly in her normal health again.

All pupils will be requested upon returning to school after the vacation to present a certificate from a physician showing that they have been vaccinated or a certificate of exemption from vaccination from a physician in compliance with the law.

Supt. P. H. Hill attended the convention of New England school superintendents in Boston on Friday.

Several teachers' meetings are planned for this season. Such meetings have been held in Grantville and Acton recently.

The Thursday evening meeting at the Congregational church last week was very interesting. The subject under discussion was "Immigration—what America is doing for the people who immigrate here." Mrs. Alvord, in a report of the W. B. M. meetings in Northampton, and told what she had learned of Billy Sunday from personal observation in his audience.

Miss Marion Whitcomb spent the week-end at Wellesley college, being entertained by former classmates, and attended the play given by the "Harm Swallows."

The trees set out on Lactari street by direction of the State Highway Commission, have been taken up and planted in some loam for the winter.

Mrs. Shepard fell down the stairs in Conant Company's store at the Common last week and has been confined to her bed ever since. She sustained the ligaments in one shoulder. Recovery is slow, but constant.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Prescott have been recent guests of their mother, Mrs. John H. Kimball.

The elementary schools closed yesterday for a week of vacation, and will open for the winter term the next Monday after Thanksgiving.

The high school will be closed for Thanksgiving recess from Wednesday afternoon until the following Monday.

Mrs. Richardson, living at E. D. Kelley's, King street, will go out dress-making or take work home.

The festivities of the Back-Log club in connection with the annual banquet with a good number sat down. After a very thoughtful supper, the new president, Albert E. Shedd, extended greetings, and the matter of the club was discussed and presented the toastmaster, Mrs. Foster H. Dole, who graced the office in her very acceptable service. Refreshments were served as follows: "Appreciation of literature," Miss Dorothy Chequer; "The border patrol," Jonathan Harwood; "Influences toward agricultural education," Marshall H. Dutton; vice president, "Charles E. Fay; "The church," Rev. Louis H. Backshorn. All who took part helped make the evening a brilliant social event in the club calendar which opens auspiciously for 1916-17.

Rev. J. C. Alvord preached on "Impressions of Billy Sunday" last Sunday morning. Mrs. Perley D. Smith rendered a very pleasing solo. In the afternoon, between two and three hundred people came from all parts of the state to attend the service. Students of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, of which the professor was a faculty member and for two years acting president, attended in a body.

Four brief addresses were given, which were particularly impressive, because spoken by men who were long his intimate friends and who in their separate fields of work have become widely known to the outside world.

"Clifton" H. Dutton, vice president of the First National bank of Boston, member of the class of '94, the first class with which Prof. Conant was associated, told of the professor's power in winning to him the men he was teaching, referring to his justice and unflinching kindness and holding him up as an example in honesty and steadfastness of purpose for younger men to follow.

Prof. Z. W. Combs, who spoke on behalf of the faculty, said that Prof. Conant's death was a severe loss, not only because of his wisdom, but because of the love and respect in which he was held by his few faculty brothers.

Homer P. Lewis, superintendent of schools in Worcester, with whom Dr. Conant was associated on the school board for ten years, spoke briefly in eulogy of his late friend, telling of his work in behalf of the city school, and his constant labor for better conditions. He was followed by Hon. Charles G. Washburn, president of the board of trustees at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, who spoke in behalf of that institution.

The service was under direction of Rev. Dr. Shepard Knapp, pastor of the church of which Dr. Conant was so long a member. Music was furnished by the church choir with a favorite selection of Dr. Conant's songs by George C. Martin.

Congregational Fair.

The Congregational fair on Tuesday afternoon and supper, followed by entertainment Wednesday evening, drew large companies both days. Supply and demand were well balanced, but as usual there were some articles left over. Simple, but attractive decorations gave a desirable artistic setting to the various wares offered for sale. A popular supper of baked beans, cold

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WESTFORD

Center. Alec Fisher has purchased a Stewart half-ton truck. With the long drives Mr. Fisher has to take in his business this new purchase promises much help.

Misses Sarah, Lillian and May Atwood start this week for their annual winter stay. Mr. Atwood, also for this winter, and these two families expect to spend Thanksgiving with Dr. Edward Atwood and William Atwood families in Westford.

When Mrs. George T. Day's friends met her so pleasantly at the Unitarian vestry on last week Thursday afternoon, they did not realize that she knew she was to undergo another serious operation. The operation was performed the following day at her home by Dr. Martin of Lowell, assisted by her family physician, Mr. Day is recovering as comfortably as can be expected and the sympathy of a wide circle of friends go out to her and to Mr. Day, and the hope for a restoration to health.

The use of the drinking fountain at the west end of the common has been discontinued during the freezing weather, and the old town pump at the town house will be the dependence until warmer weather.

J. S. Nathans, who has been sick for many weeks at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. S. Colburn, was removed to the hospital this week.

Mrs. Kendall Wright suffered a stroke of paralysis at the home of her son, Percy E. Wright, last Saturday. Mrs. Alice Lambert is assisting in the care of Mrs. Wright.

The Tadnuck reading circle met at the home of Mrs. Edwin E. Ambury on Thursday afternoon of this week.

On last week Friday afternoon, at the town hall, there were interesting patriotic exercises when silk American flags were presented to the four members of the Epworth League.

Miss Katie Sullivan continues seriously ill at her home on Boston road.

Miss Hazel Hartford will again assume charge of the pipe organ at the Congregational church this winter.

The Tadnuck club is fortunate in securing Mrs. Percy E. Wright to act as its treasurer to take the place of Mrs. Bert Walker, who is removing from town for the winter.

Rev. Howard A. Lincoln will occupy his new pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday morning and will speak again in the evening. Mr. Lincoln's household goods will arrive during the week and he, with Mrs. Lincoln, will be in the city to see the freshly renovated parsonage.

Rev. Chalmers P. Dyke, of Andover, formerly of the Highland church in Lowell, occupied the pulpit at the company's 5th Regiment while on duty at the Mexican border, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pennington-Morton on Sunday.

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by a shorter name, in Plymouth on Monday.

Rev. J. H. Buckhorn will speak on "What organized christianity can do to stop the war" Sunday morning. In the evening, at seven o'clock, the Sunday school will give a concert of song and recitation, in which the choir aid in chorus and other features. It is hoped that all belonging in Sunday school will be present and will strengthen the occasion by attending.

At the last meeting of Westford Grange the following officers were elected: Fred H. Blodgett, m.; Clyde Prescott, o.; Mrs. Joseph E. Knight, l.; Charles A. Blodgett, s.; Charles Jordan, asst. stew.; Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, l. a. s.; Alonzo I. Sutherland, t.; Mrs. Aurilla Wright, sec.; Mrs. David L. Greig, chap.; Charles Woods, k. k.; Miss Grant, Miss Jordan, Mrs. Colburn, Graces; Frank C. Wright, member ex. com. 3 yrs.; Fred H. Blodgett, delegate to State Grange; Mrs. Joseph E. Knight, delegate to represent the lecturer's hour.

Middlesex-North-Pomona Grange held a meeting at the home of Trade in Lowell on Wednesday evening in the presence of a large number of members as an advisory to farmers, such as in working in every county except Middlesex, and such as our own collector, Mr. Joseph E. Knight, Mr. Douglas is engaged in Western Massachusetts. The meeting was called to order by Robert Mardon, president of the Board of Trade, who introduced the speaker, Mr. J. H. Buckhorn, cultural Extension work, who outlined the plan of the bureau, its object and work. A county meeting will be held some place in the State in December. The Berry family have left the employ of the Drew-Read farm and moved towards Boston. A family with five children, loved by everybody, we are sorry to lose. As a testimony to their good character, the family received a letter from the Sargeants, and in behalf of those present and many absent, Houghton G. Day presented them with a remembrance.

Some folks have not got their potatoes dug yet. Sharpen the crowbar and pickaxe—\$2.00 per bushel ought to do a lot of hard picking.

Grantville. Miss Mabel Loftus, of Lowell, has been a recent guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Gower.

The little son recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Charlton was christened Joseph Francis in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning.

H. J. Healy is taking a few days' vacation and during his absence the care will be in charge of P. G. Sullivan.

J. E. York has recently returned from a business trip to Philadelphia.

The mill pond has been frozen over during the recent cold spell, but it would be well for the youngsters to keep away and forget about skating for the present, and until the ice is stronger.

Sunday was a red letter day in the M. E. church. With the exception of the Epworth League, which was ably led by George Wilson, K. S. Hiraide, the Billy Sunday of Japan, had the day's program. At the morning service he addressed a good-sized audience and his message was well received. In the afternoon his subject was "Why I became a preacher." At the evening service he addressed an unusually large crowd on "Judith and Christianity." His message was interesting and unusual methods gripped the people and at each of the services he held them during sermons over an hour in length. His campaign is to raise \$900 for the vestry renovation and it is hoped to have the money all pledged within a week.

Many people from this village attended president's day at the Tadnuck club in Westford on Tuesday afternoon.

Work on the new foundry now being erected on Bridge street by the C. G. Sargent's Sons, is now progressing rapidly. With fair weather it is expected that the building will be under cover in a few weeks.

Forge Village. Philip Taylor, of Norwood, who served in the 5th Regiment of Company M, 9th Regiment while on duty at the Mexican border, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pennington-Morton on Sunday.

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GROTON

History of Groton Band. The Hartford Courant of Sunday, October 29, 1916, contains an article from which some facts which will be of interest to the readers of this history have been taken. The article in question bears this title, "Oldest Band in America that is Still Playing," and refers to Colt's Army band of Hartford, Conn., his old friends here will be glad of this opportunity to greet him again. Services will be held at 10 in the afternoon.

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thing that interests us is that Colt's band played for the dedication of the soldiers' and sailors' monument in Boston in 1876. The Groton band also played on this engagement.

In referring to the relative ages of other bands, the article says that the Sulu brass band was organized in 1837, but has since been disbanded.

It is interesting to note that twelve years before the Groton band, has the enviable distinction of being the oldest band in America still active, then the record of organization is in all the more praiseworthy.

An effort is going to be made to obtain more information on the subject of early bands in New England before the history is printed in pamphlet form. The oldest band in Maine, the Bangor band, we have recently learned was organized in 1859. The Groton band was in the first great flush of glory at this time.

We assume that the band gave concerts during the summer of 1886, although there are no records, except a cash account for the entire year. On September 23 they played in Boxborough for a cattle show. Kendall Taylor, of Townsend, was engaged to play cornet. He remembered this distinctly, he says, as it poured from morning until night.

The Groton fair came on September 22, and the band again played. It was six months before the band played the post of leader, and Norman Shattuck was elected. With U. H. Barrows as second leader.

Who was done in the winter of 1887-88 we do not know. Probably the customary rehearsals were held. On March 17, 1887, the band went to Lowell again. It was mud everywhere. Charles Shattuck says that the streets were like pudding. Fred Dale, who played snare drum on this engagement, says he never had so much mud twenty miles through the slush.

Most of the band members wore rubber boots. Charles Shattuck, however, wore rubbers and tied them on to his ankles, as not to lose them on the march.

In June, 1887, George Blood again became leader, and remained at that post for six months, except a few days in Littleton and Groton on Decoration day, and for the cattle show in the fall. Besides these engagements, they played by invitation at the home of Benjamin Darling on June 21, at Norman Shattuck's on June 29, and gave several open-air concerts through the summer.

In December, 1887, D. Shattuck was made leader and George Blood second leader. Practice was continued weekly through the winter. In March a dividend was declared \$100 being divided among the active members. Throughout May the band played at exercises held in the town hall on Sunday evenings by the Groton School.

In June a committee, consisting of Amos Ames, Ulysses Barrows and James Bywater, was chosen to draw up a constitution and set of by-laws. They did so, and the members probably signed it, but it was never adopted. They were similar to those of 1856.

In the list of men receiving their share of a dividend declared in December, 1887, two names are given, those of Fred Gale and Oren Cummings.

Mr. Gale began his activities with the band on Decoration day, 1887, in the sense of eleven years before, the old snare drum which Dr. Smith brought home from the war. Mr. Gale says that this musical relic was "as deep as a barrel." Fred used it several years. In the early nineties Mr. Gale took up slide trombone, studying with his father. He is naturally very musical, and at a young age he had become a first-class player. He has played ever since, although he has been out for longer or shorter periods in the interim.

Mr. Gale is known among the musicians by the nickname of "Windy." We do not know whether this nickname arose from the fact that it takes considerable time to get his trombone, or whether some one thought a real gale should be windy. Mr. Gale followed in his father's footsteps along the path of music.

Oren Cummings, son of John Cummings, played tuba or B-bass. We are sorry not to have learned more about Mr. Cummings, but his name came but lately to our attention.

In 1888, besides the customary jobs, the band played August 22 at the home of C. E. King. The record says they had a second rehearsal, when they played at the house of George Luce, and on September 3, at a meeting, voted "to have a picnic the following Saturday at Baddock pond." On Saturday, September 11, the picnic was held. We have not learned whether this was an exclusive affair, or whether the band invited friends to share their good time.

On October 4 they serenaded "Michael Denahy." The records say "Drum head got broken." Accounts differ as to cause of this great catastrophe. Some say it was a horse thrown through it, but others maintain that Mr. Luce, in excess of enthusiasm burst a hole in it with his stick. This will remain one of the most noted points of the band's history.

There were democratic and republican rallies in the fall. The band on these occasions used to march all over Groton and carry a banner. The light was furnished by torches worn by the musicians' caps. On one of these parades James Bywater's hat got alight and his dancing around it was a sight to behold. The effort to extinguish it is amusingly told us.

(To be continued.)

Clipping. Archie H. Messenger, a native of this place, has a studio in New Bedford, where he teaches two bands and an orchestra, and also plays in the New Bedford theatre orchestra. The following is taken from the New Bedford Sunday Times, written by the music critic of that paper, recently published:

A most unusual instrument in New Bedford is the French horn. In fact the number of men that play it anywhere is comparatively small. Archibald Messenger is the only professional musician in New Bedford who plays that instrument, and if he depended upon it as a means of livelihood he would soon starve, for he would get about three jobs a year. So he has been for some time playing the cornet at the Olympia theatre, and has laid the horn aside for the time being. The embouchure is so great that a good French horn player is often spoiled to make a cornet player, and vice versa.

Mr. Messenger has played either first or third horn all over the United States and has been connected with many high-class traveling orchestras and bands. He was born and raised in Groton, a small town in the State. He began at the age of twelve studying drums. At the age of sixteen he took up the study of the cornet. He joined the Musicians' union as soon as he was old enough, and has been a consistent union man since that time. Later, he came to Boston, where he took up the study of the French horn under the direction of Schumann, formerly one

of the horn players of the Boston Symphony orchestra, and later with Ness, another well-known horn player and teacher. One of his earliest engagements was with the band of the Watch company, where he played for three seasons.

From there he went to Bouhair Kravitz in Chicago, with the company for some time, after he was connected with Frederick Innes' band in Chicago. He then went to New York to play Phinney's band in that city. He went into the musical world, playing first horn on the road with Henry Savage's "Merry Widow" company under Mandeville and Vandenberg. While he was with the company the writer first ran across him in Vancouver, B. C. He was at that time working for the Vancouver Province and was called upon to write a review of the show, but as the owner of the newspaper wanted the seats allotted to the critic, the critic had to sit with the musicians in the orchestra. This was easily arranged, as the leader of the orchestra and the writer were old friends.

Mr. Messenger played first horn for three seasons on the road with "The Merry Widow" and the "Gay Hussar," another of Mr. Savage's companies. After that he toured the country with Savage's production of "The Girl of the Golden West." The opera singer Puccini wrote based upon the Belasco play of the same name. There were forty musicians carried on this trip under the leadership of Henry Savage. The company is now the first conductor of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. Next he played third horn for the St. Louis Symphony orchestra under Max Baer. The opera singer Puccini wrote based upon the Belasco play of the same name. There were forty musicians carried on this trip under the leadership of Henry Savage. The company is now the first conductor of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

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State Income Tax

Do you understand the new state income tax law? You are running the risk of severe penalties if you disregard its provisions.

In this column there will appear each week an article explaining the things you should know about it. These articles are written under the direction of the Tax Commissioner.

JOSEPH E. PERRY, State Income Tax Attorney.

OPENING GUNS

MASSACHUSETTS TURNS PEDAGOGUE—EXPLAINS NEW LAW.

(First Article)

Massachusetts has turned schoolmaster.

Such a flood of enquiries about the new state income tax law poured into the Tax Commissioner's office that something had to be done.

The demands were so insistent that they had to be met. In addition to its other activities, the State turned schoolmaster, tutor, lecturer, and entertainer.

Already, addresses have been scheduled in many sections of the state. Subject to conflict of dates, speakers will be gladly furnished on application to any gathering of citizens in the state.

Applications for speakers should be addressed to Joseph E. Perry, Income Tax Attorney, State House, Boston, and should state the name of the organization, probable attendance at the tax meeting, date preferred with alternative date in case of conflict, and the name of the person with whom correspondence should be conducted.

At the meetings already held the subject has proved so interesting that groups of questioners have frequently lingered till near the midnight hour getting expert counsel as to the bearing of the law on their own particular cases.

An indexed copy of the law has been issued and a booklet of instructions and explanations is on the press. Either or both will be mailed on application.

It is expected that a series of articles will be run in every newspaper in the state explaining the law and, if practicable a question and answer department will be similarly conducted.

"Ignorance of the law" is no excuse, and it is intended that there shall be no excuse for ignorance.

Returns under the new law are compulsory, and there are extremely severe penalties in case of omitted or fraudulent returns.

Nearly sixty per cent of all the assessable wealth of the state has consisted of intangible property—i. e., stocks, bonds and other paper evidences of ownership—and it has been so easy to conceal that it is estimated that five billions (five thousand millions) of such property has escaped taxation.

Only about one-tenth of this class of property has paid any taxes. Necessarily real estate and other property which could not be concealed has had to bear an excessive burden of taxation.

Most IMPORTANT. If you have an income above \$2000, from all sources, or if you have any income however small from taxable sources you must make the required returns.

SHIRLEY

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman spent a few days the first of the week at the home of Mr. Brockelman's parents in Lancaster.

Mrs. Minnie L. Allen, formerly regent of Old Shirley chapter, was a guest last week Friday of Briz. Gen. Glover chapter of Lynn.

The meeting of the Boy Scouts in the old schoolhouse on Church street last week Friday evening was much enjoyed.

James Cook, who has just returned from Mexico, has started to work for G. M. Ballou.

George H. Page, of Leominster, has been given the contract for repairing William H. Brown's barn, which was partially destroyed by fire about a week ago.

The concert at the Baptist church last Saturday evening was most enjoyable and a pleasing program being rendered.

Misses Leona Lee and Rosa Beckheim spent the week-end and over Sunday with Mrs. Ernest W. Walker at her home in North Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Maylin are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter weighing six pounds, born last week Friday.

Edmund E. Winterbottom arrived home on Wednesday from a week's visit at the home of relatives in Ware.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge entertained the Alpha Past Noble Grands' association on last week Friday afternoon at their lodge rooms in Odd Fellows hall.

At the motion picture show on Monday evening the feature picture will be the great play "The second in command," featuring the most popular screen stars, Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne.

Hartwell hose company concert and ball at town hall, Ayer, Thanksgiving night. Poole's celebrated orchestra.

Eddie Buckhorn, of the Holiday House, a sixteen-year-old student in the Lancaster high school, shot a fine buck weighing 200 pounds Tuesday.

There will be no session of the dancing classes this Saturday at Odd Fellows hall.

The union Thanksgiving service at the Universalist church on Sunday promises to be one of special interest.

The First Parish (Unitarian) churches will close their doors Sunday morning and attend the Thanksgiving service, and it is sincerely hoped that the townspeople as a whole will be present.

Little Helen Dammun reached her eleventh birthday on Wednesday, and in view of that fact Helen gave a party to a few of her friends at her home on Center road.

Rev. George D. Kirkpatrick, of Cambridge, who has served two years as a missionary in China, and is now spending a year at the Theological school in Cambridge, has consented to become a candidate for the pastorate of the Congregational church and will occupy the pulpit Sunday morning, December 2.

Edward H. Harlow, d.d.g.m., of Leominster, will give an address on Monday evening to J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W.

There will be a union Thanksgiving service at the Universalist church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

Mr. G. M. Ballou is entertaining her aunt, Mrs. Hollis Robbins, of Littleton.

Albert S. Wilson, aged 10 years, 3 months, 30 days, son of William H. and Mary (Martin) Wilson, passed away at the Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, Monday, of heart disease.

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Ralph S. Wheeler, tax collector, has had telephone installed in his home No. 14.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., holds its regular meeting on next Tuesday evening with Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence, Center road. A good attendance is requested.

Horse and Auto Collide.

Leominster road, just above the residence of Adolphus Easton, witnessed an automobile accident last Saturday afternoon when a horse running wild crashed into the four-passenger automobile belonging to George H. Page of Leominster Center, which resulted in slightly injuring one of the occupants of the auto and almost completely demolishing the car.

The three men were returning to homes in Leominster at about 4.45 and had just turned the bend on Leominster road when a horse owned by Lester Porter, coal dealer, who had broken from his hitch to the rear of the ice house, came down the private road at a full gallop.

Mr. Killelea received the force of the horse's body in the stomach and he was rendered unconscious and was taken into the house of Mr. Bastien, where a doctor responded to a hurry call.

The accident was caused by the fact that the car was on a good clip and in turning the road by the Bastien house, the private roadway where the horse came dashing along is but a few feet from the main roadway.

The Girls Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will meet on Saturday afternoon of this week at the home of Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

Rev. Sherrard Billings, of Groton School, conducted the service at Trinity chapel on last Sunday afternoon. On Sunday, November 26, Rev. Grover Harrison, of Groton School, will have charge of the service at 3.15.

The next meeting of the Matrons' Aid society will be held on Tuesday afternoon, November 28, at the home of Mrs. Horace C. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sweetser and family, who formerly had charge of the Mary Anna Home, are reported to have sold out and moved from Northfield, where they have been for the past year to Cambridge.

The First Parish church at the Center will be closed Sunday, November 26, to give those who attend this church an opportunity to attend the union Thanksgiving service at the Universalist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

LUNENBURG

News Items.

Rev. John Campbell, Jr., a post-graduate student at Andover seminary, occupied the pulpit in the Congregational church last Sunday morning and gave a fine sermon upon "Looking back to the future." In the evening he spoke at the young people's meeting and deepened the very favorable impression he made in the morning upon all his hearers.

The fall meeting of the district union of Epworth leagues will be held at the Methodist church on Monday evening, November 27. Good speakers will be in attendance.

The open season for deer began on Monday morning and many hunters were seen on their way to the woods. They came by almost every conceivable mode of conveyance—on foot, by car, auto, cycles and cars.

Hattie D. Stone, tent, D. V., held a meeting in the lower town hall on Tuesday evening in consequence of which basketball practice was postponed until a more convenient date.

A social and business conference of the school teachers in town was held at the home of Mrs. Ralph M. Bickford on last Saturday evening.

A special town meeting has been appointed for December 1, and the warrant contains four articles to be voted upon.

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BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Mrs. A. E. Lawrence is in West Acton caring for Mrs. Frank Priest, who is quite sick, and Miss Mary Hazer is attending Mrs. Arthur Whitcomb, who has an attack of neuritis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Richardson are now living in their new bungalow which they built near the old home. The old home has been repaired and is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Richardson.

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Ina Wetherbee, who attends Bromfield school, and has been driving up daily, will board with Mrs. Harlow the rest of the year. Lucy Wetherbee has left school for the present on account of ill health.

Augustine Wetherbee finishes his work on apples this week and intends to return to Warner, N. H., on Monday. The sprain which he sustained when he first came has caused him much discomfort, but did not prevent him from getting around after a few days.

Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister; subject, "Thanksgiving—its true significance." Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock. The pastor will talk on "The truth about Billy Sunday's campaign."

The annual church fair under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society was held on last week Friday evening at the town hall. In spite of the stormy weather over 100 people gathered around the tables, and with full-fledged appetites enjoyed the oyster stew and many other good things besides to eat.

Miss Staples, of West Acton, rendered very beautiful and entertaining solo, while Miss Kirwin, of Concord, gave delightful and instructive readings. Two trances were then presented, "Rubber boots" and "Sousenit spoons." The former was acted by Miss Maria Steele, the Misses Mabel and Lucy Wetherbee and Arthur W. Nelson, while the latter was acted by Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Salmon, 3d, Mrs. Frank W. Dodge and Mr. Missirian.

Sunday will be observed as Thanksgiving Sunday and it is hoped that every person in town will make a special effort to attend the morning service in order to join in a great and worthy fellowship in offering our words and prayers of Thanksgiving.

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Loans and discounts \$473,719.28. U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value), 20,000.00. U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value), 15,000.00. Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged, 131,309.25. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (per cent of subscription), 3,750.00. Net amount due from approved reserves, agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis, \$1,757.29. Net amount due from approved reserves, agents in other reserve cities, \$2,190.35. Fractional currency, nickels and cents, 41.90. Notes of other national banks, 1,275.00. Lawful reserve in vault and with Federal Reserve Bank, 66,586.45. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer, 1,000.00. Total \$810,224.53.

Capital stock paid in, \$75,000.00. Surplus fund, 50,000.00. Undivided profits, 1,629.50. Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid, 5,506.80. Circulating notes outstanding, 19,700.00. Net amount due to banks and bankers, 40,898.27. Individual deposits subject to check, 667,992.24. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days, 8,653.81. Certified checks outstanding, 530.00. Postal savings deposits, 13,631.46. Total demand deposits, 688,312.21.

Total \$810,224.53. State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex: I, Charles A. Normand, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS. A. NORMAND, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of November, 1916. Lyman K. Clark, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: Howard B. White, Daniel W. Fletcher, Oliver K. Pierce, Directors.

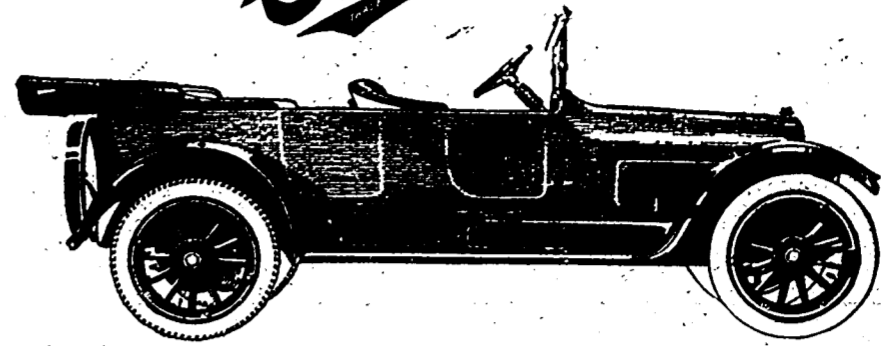
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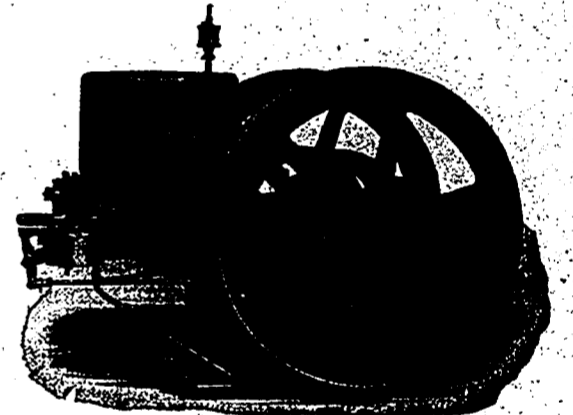
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Saturday, November 25, 1916.

GROTON

News Items.

The surgeons at St. Elizabeth hospital, Boston, expect to save the life of Walter Wolf, nineteen, a student at the Lawrence academy, who sustained a fracture of the spine, near the base of the brain, while playing in a football game against the Huntington school last Saturday.

The reading club met with Miss Ethel Bruce on Wednesday afternoon.

Tuesday morning was the coldest of the season so far. Thermometers showed 17 degrees above zero, and varying in different localities.

Envelopes have been distributed among the members and other attendants at the Congregational church for the annual Thanksgiving offering.

James F. Wilson, who has spent the summer and fall with his relative, Mrs. Fanny Sampson, and others in the family, left this week for his home in Chicago.

The union Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday evening, November 26, at the Congregational church. The exercises will be in charge of Rev. Charles B. Ames of the First Parish, Unitarian church, Roxbury.

The Sunday school connected with the Congregational church voted last Sunday to present a silver offering on Sunday morning for the city Mission of Boston.

Richard, the youngest son of Milo Harrington, has been sick with pneumonia for several days.

Cleason Currier left town on last week Thursday. Miss Lois Wright, who is running the restaurant, is having good success.

The deer season opened on Monday morning. Not a deer is sighted and it would seem that they were getting scarce in this vicinity.

Rev. G. M. Howes, as guest of Benjamin B. Brown of Fitchburg, motored to Amherst last week Friday to attend the dedication of the Delta Upsilon fraternity's new house.

Mrs. Nathaniel Anderson, Jr., who has been ill for some time, is considered not so well as she has been.

The current events department of the Woman's club met with Mrs. Mary Hill Lewis on Wednesday afternoon.

At the Baptist church Sunday morning at 10.30, the subject of the sermon will be "The friendships of Jesus."

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Household articles, aprons, etc., etc. There will be a supper in the lower town hall at 6.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Marion N. Torrey, Mrs. Leila Nutting and Mrs. William J. Putnam of the Woman's club attended the meeting of the Tadnuck club in Westford on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Atken have gone to Shirley, where he has a position at the Boys' Industrial school.

William B. Gale got a buck deer on Wednesday morning. It weighed 140 lbs.

Bird seed can now be obtained of the president, Rev. C. B. Adams. It will also be on sale at the meetings of the club.

Mrs. Charles H. Gerrish and Mrs. M. F. Warner, going together, left town Wednesday for a stay with friends in New York city.

The relatives and former neighbors in Groton were surprised to hear of the death of Andrew Fletcher which occurred at his home in Westford on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Fletcher was born in Groton on Monday, November 13, 1840. On Friday, November 10, he was seized with a paralytic shock, and never recovered from its effects.

For other Groton matter see page two.

To the Editor:

We acknowledge the following additional subscribers to the Groton Corner band:

- John H. Robbins, \$10.00; Hon. Grafton P. Cushing, \$5.00; George S. Strout, \$1.00; A Friend, \$1.00; Previously acknowledged, \$287.50

May we dispel any fears that those who have not yet subscribed might entertain, to the effect that enough money has probably already been raised, by the information that the above sum would not quite pay for the one item of the uniforms that it is hoped to purchase and which, as has already been noted are sadly needed.

A committee is hard at work arranging a series of entertainments and concerts which is to serve the double purpose of keeping the band in good trim during the winter months and of helping to swell the fund for the additional expense under which we are now laboring to make the organization an up-to-date one.

- Amos L. Ames, George H. Blood, Almon L. Call, Thomas F. Donahue, Jr., Charles G. Stuck, Band Committee.

Groton Military Training School.

The drill of the provisional company on Wednesday afternoon was entirely taken up with preparations for the ceremonies to be observed at the concert and ball on next Wednesday.

The W. R. C. Special Aid society and Mrs. John Lawrence have presented to the provisional company a state flag, with pike, belt and case.

Present indications point to a large attendance on November 29. The proceeds are to be used altogether for the purchase of Kraig rifles to equip the company.

Boy Scouts. The members of Troop I, Boy Scouts, held their regular meeting on last Saturday evening.

Revolutionary Soldiers. Samuel Rockwood, private in Capt. Henry Farwell's company, 4th Prescott regiment, marched from Groton, April 19, 1775.

West Groton. Edra Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill, is reported ill and in a physician's care this week.

Improvement Society. The hall was filled on Tuesday evening at a regular meeting of the Improvement society.

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The immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Glynn consists of three daughters, of whom the youngest, Miss Margaret Glynn, lives with her parents, and the others, with their husbands and children, completed the family group for the glad reunion.

Members of the Methodist Dorcas class, accompanied by the pastor's wife, Mrs. E. C. Charlton, went to Greenville, N. H., Thursday, November 23, for a pleasant visit.

Mrs. Clark of Fall River, has been a guest this week at the home of Edgar Campbell, Townsend Hill, and calling on other friends.

Monday evening will be potato night at the Grange. The winner of the potato planting contest from Groton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Richards, attended the funeral of Mr. Richards' brother, John Richards, held in Lowell on Tuesday.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon subject will be "Something more about names."

Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Charlton will spend Thanksgiving with their son, Rev. Allen S. Charlton, in Newport, R. I. Mr. Charlton will deliver a lecture at the naval training school, in Groton, on Monday evening, December 4.

It is expected that the painting and papering of Odd Fellows' hall by Cooper and Brown, the general renovating and laying of a linoleum carpet by the boys, will be completed by the end of the week.

Remember the concert to be given in the hall by the Townsend band earnestly solicits the patronage and financial assistance of the people of Townsend, the proceeds to be used to pay running expenses of the band.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church held its regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Ida Hazen, Harvard road.

The following have installed telephones in their homes: Ralph S. Wheeler, 14-4; Frank Lawton, 35-4; Percy MacAvoy, 35-2; Mrs. P. MacAvoy, 35-2; Mrs. Mabel Wright, 12-2; Brookside boarding house, Bay station, 80-1.

The Village Camp-fire Girls will hold a sale of home-made canned goods in the afternoon at the school building on Monday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

The Shirley Hospital Board held a meeting Thursday evening in the Engine hall. How to raise funds was the topic discussed.

G. F. Buxton, rec.; William Thompson, G. K. Miss Madelon Kemp, Cecelia M. Helge, G. Wood, Thomas; Miss Vangelina Freeman, Florida; Mrs. Beattie A. Buxton, L. A.; G. H. Farmer, ex. com. 3 yrs. After the election a bountiful lunch, consisting of doughnuts, cheese, coffee, cake and sandwiches was served by the stewards.

"The ancient craft of witchcraft" was the subject of a very interesting paper read by Mrs. Lillian Rose Pratt of Phillipsboro on the Alliance meeting held last week Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen.

Friends of Joseph Savage, one of our town boys now residing in Lakewood, will be interested to know that he has bought himself a 200-acre farm in Randolph, Vt., and will take possession at once.

The marriage of Benjamin S. Keyes to Miss Mildred E. Tooker will be celebrated on Saturday of this week, the event taking place at the home of the bride on Oak Hill.

Miss Catherine Hazard visited this week with her brother Walter in Boston, and during her stay there had the pleasure of hearing Billy Sunday and also attended a recital given in Jordan Hall.

The Nashaway Camp-fire Girls will have charge of the refreshments at the firemen's hall on Thanksgiving night, November 29, at the Salem (admission, six pieces).

Thanksgiving Sunday will be observed with an appropriate sermon by the pastor at the Congregational church. The male quartet in service at the Sunday school at twelve.

Mr. Hutcherson took a party to Boston to hear Billy Sunday, Wednesday, in his auto.

Mrs. W. A. Beadle returned home on Wednesday from her visit with her father in Hardwick, Vt.

Mrs. George Stone of Hudson, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Morse, this week.

John Bizelew got seriously injured, his knee by stepping into the feed bin in his barn recently, but is now making good recovery.

A large number from here attended the Warner lecture in the town hall on Wednesday evening to hear L. E. Wickersham give his lecture, "Chickens come home to roost."

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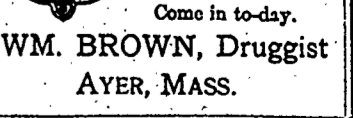
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Saturday, November 25, 1916.

AYER

News Items.

Preaching in the Baptist church on Sunday morning by the pastor at 10.45. Sunday school at twelve.

Over 5000 Thanksgiving postcards at 10 cents a dozen will be found at the store of George S. Pouliss & Co.

A. A. Jenkins, of Milford, a former resident of Ayer, was in town on Monday. Mr. Jenkins has been a deputy sheriff for many years.

The stone bridge over which the Fitchburg division tracks are laid, near Scituate crossing, has been widened on either side to permit the laying of two spur tracks on the north and south sides of the bridge.

The funeral of John Skerritt was held on Sunday afternoon with services at the home of the deceased, Mrs. J. W. Skerritt, 1055 Avenue A, East.

The funeral of Charles H. Kennison took place on last week Friday afternoon at two o'clock from the home of his brother, Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church was held on Friday afternoon, November 17.

On Thanksgiving morning there will be a service of Holy Communion at St. Andrew's church at 9.30.

Miss Chapman received \$55, and the Society for American Preparedness, with the addition of the candy fund, received the sum of \$105.78.

Born on November 18, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Going, of Nashua, N. H. Mrs. Going was formerly Miss Bessie James of this town.

The C. E. will hold an entertainment and social at 7.30 this Friday evening in the Federated church vestry to which everyone is invited.

These officers of Ayer were organized at the regular meeting on Wednesday evening for the ensuing year: Miss Kathryn Ward, m.;

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Royal Cheney have returned from their wedding journey and are now living at Fitchburg. Mrs. Cheney is best known by her maiden name, Miss Mona Taft Kittredge.

Mrs. John Ross has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Deans, Jr., in Lynn. Robert Ross, son of Mrs. Christine H. Ross, is at the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston.

gusher removed all danger of the fire spreading. The fire caught in the ceiling, probably from an overheated lamp on a shelf, and burned into the walls where it looked bad for a time.

Mr. Strong will take as the subject of his sermon at the Federated church Sunday morning at 10.45. "The new responsibility." There will be special music.

The next meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held in the vestry of the Baptist church on Friday afternoon, December 1, at 2.30 o'clock.

Joseph E. Langevin, proprietor of the Taylor House, is seriously sick at his brother's home in Pierpont where he looked bad for a time.

"Clover farm," a farce-comedy in three acts, will be presented by Ayer Glee club, Monday evening, November 27. The play promises to be one of the best presented here this season.

There will be a meeting of the executive board of the Woman's club on Friday evening, December 1, at 7.30 o'clock.

At the meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., Wednesday evening, Dr. B. H. Hopkins presented the chapter with a beautiful silk hat and standard. The gift was given in memory of his sister, Mrs. Lillian Ober.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauvin announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Marie Chauvin, to John Mischler of New York, on Wednesday, November 1, in Chelsea, who is spending a few days with her parents.

Among those getting deer during the week are David Gardner, Harry Waterman and Howard Downing. The animals were killed on and near the Harvard line on what is known as the "plains."

A horse and carriage belonging to E. A. Whitney, in charge of Ernest Plagge, got into a slight mix-up on Main street Monday. While the driver was in George Brown's store making purchase the horse took a notion that he wanted to go back to the stable and did so.

Henry A. Goodrich, one of Fitchburg's prominent citizens, and a former business man of Ayer, celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday Monday. Mr. Goodrich conducted a clothing store in Spaulding's block, which is now owned by George B. Turner, Main street, in this town.

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Guests present were Mrs. Augusta J. Harrington, West Groton, Mrs. Edward Colby of Whitesville, Mr. and Mrs. Aden L. Fuller, Irving and Ronald Fuller of Bellows Falls, Vt., Mr. and Mrs. William Williamson, Albert L. Trefethen of East Waller, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Harrington, Richard Harrington of Brighton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Frank Cottrell, Jr., Francis L. Trefethen, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence G. Strand, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. E. Edwin Harrington, Edwin W. Harrington, Homer Harrington, all of West Groton.

At the meeting of the Metro wonderplay of supper, a five-act dramatic sketch, the gifted dramatic star, Lionel Barrymore, and the magnetic young actress, Marguerite Skirvin, in the feature picture for the night, "The Wheel of the Law," Mr. Barrymore's wonderful versatility finds its fullest expression in this feature picture.

A two-seated Ford automobile, operated by Rodney B. Swift, of Leominster, accompanied by a girl companion, crashed on the highway at 10.25 Avenue A, East, New York city.

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The case of Thomas Downing, who was charged with larceny, which was continued from Monday morning in order that he might have time to prepare a defense, was called Wednesday morning.

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Washington, Nov. 20.—Ten members of Congress, five Senators and five members of the House of Representatives, began here today an inquiry into the subject of public control and supervision of railroads that may lead to the revolutionizing of the whole scheme of governmental regulation of the country's transportation lines. Incidentally the committee is to look into the question of government ownership of railroads, telephone and telegraph lines and express companies.

The members of the committee which will conduct this important investigation are Senator Newlands of Nevada, chairman; Senators Robinson of Arkansas, Underwood of Alabama, Cummins of Iowa and Brandegee of Connecticut, and Representatives Adanson of Georgia, Sims of Tennessee, Cullip of Indiana, Esch of Wisconsin and Hamilton of Michigan.

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"The dead alive," a five-act drama, featuring Marquette Court, a story of thrill and mystery will be the feature of the motion picture show this Saturday evening. Another great play, "A bird of prey," will be the feature of the program next week Saturday.

Hartwell hose company concert and ball at town hall, Ayer, Thanksgiving night. Poole's celebrated orchestra.

The Federated fair given on Thursday and Friday of last week by the churches of the town is counted as a very successful affair, although until all bills are in it is not safe to say just what the financial net proceeds will be. Socially, it was a success and all the committees from the churches worked untidily to make the fair the best ever.

The supper was in charge of A. F. Ripley and was well patronized. The various tables also report good sales. The play, "Kentucky belle," given at the close of the two days, was warmly supported. The parts were exceptionally well placed and all won credit for their work.

Miss Harriet Thayer and Miss Josephine Baker, as the two young ladies in the plot, played at their best. Donald Hill, new to Harvard audiences, in the hero part, won admiration for his sincerity as the lovers. Miss F. J. Ansdan, as the maiden aunt, certainly never did better, and Harold Whittenore, as the southern colonel, suited both label and line. Miss Maria carried off the honors of the evening for the best impersonation. Arthur T. West and Alice M. Cleaves carried the parts as colored servants in the house, adding the touch of southern comedy and genuineness to the story. The male quartet, Gus Schultz, Oscar Schultz, Bert Cleaves and Arthur West, added much to the finish of the acts, and in the second act the solo by Miss Josephine Baker, with the chorus of girls and the clog dancing by Robert Chester as special throes, were very much enjoyed. Miss Vera Willard played the part of the nurse, and Miss Doris Houghton as the mother, both young ladies showing by their work the result of thought and effort.

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H. W. C. "Federation Snapshots" was the subject of the last regular meeting of the Harvard Women's club on Monday, November 20. Mrs. J. Edward Plimpton of Walpole, a director in the State Federation of Women's clubs and also a member of the committee on industrial and social conditions, was the principal speaker.

She gave a report of the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's clubs held in New York last May. She made real the vastness of the seventh regiment army where the large meeting was held and the multitudes who filled it, as well as the difficulty of hearing in this auditorium built to absorb rather than reflect sound. The thoughts she passed on were those that had most interested her; the subject which she made most prominent was that of social service. It having been the dominant note of the biennial, and mentioned many ways in

which women could be of service socially. She said we must first live our lives before we can enrich other lives and closed by reciting two appealing little poems dealing with harsh labor conditions.

Miss J. Frank Scorsie, a delegate from the Harvard Women's club to the meeting of the State Federation held at Lynn, June 15 and 16, followed with a report of the business sessions of the meeting. She brought out the great pains taken that all the proceedings of this meeting should be conducted strictly according to parliamentary law and the educational advantages derived therefrom by those present. She commended the work of the various special committees in providing for the comfort and convenience of the large gathering and in furthering the despatch of the business.

Mrs. Henry B. Mason, delegate, gave a report of the fall meeting held in Franklin, October 30. She told of the work being done in the line of social service and quoted from the address of the principal speaker, John Barrett, former minister from the United States to Argentina, on "Pan-Americanism," who predicted that the time would come when the women of Washington and New York would meet the women of South America in conference. Mrs. Mason called on Mrs. Louise H. Putnam, who was also present at the Franklin meeting, and shared with the audience a copy of a report of Mr. Barrett's address, which dealt with his recent experience in the trenches and in London during a Zepplin raid.

The president, Mrs. George F. Cobb, had prepared a paper on "The social side of the State Federation meeting in Lynn," but because of the press of other matters was unable to give it. Mr. Gertrude Hitz Godfrey furnished music for the afternoon, giving three selections on the piano.

The next regular meeting of the club, on December 4 will be a musical affair, with Professor and Mrs. John C. Kelley. The public will be admitted by the payment of a small admission fee. There will be a special meeting of the club on Saturday afternoon, November 25, at 2.30 o'clock, to receive the report of the Exchange committee and take such action thereon as the club may desire. The Exchange committee will serve tea.

Single Tax Theory.

The following is taken from the Boston Herald: "The single tax is the 'one way out' for war-swept and enormously tax-burdened Europe, when the fires of war have died out, says Fluke Warren of Boston and Harvard. It is the only means by which the people of Europe will be able to face both devastation and over-whelming war debt.

Mr. Warren hopes that Andorra, the hidden republic in the Pyrenees mountains, where the single tax is put to the test, may be an object lesson to Europe in the way to sever the chains of the ancient, worn out and unfair system of taxation.

With this view Mrs. Fluke Warren, wife of the noted single tax advocate, is in full accord, and in the town of Harvard the Warren family is urging and living as near as possible in all that the single tax entails.

In common with other single-taxers, Mr. and Mrs. Warren believe that the earth and fullness thereof belongs to no one particular man or civilization of men, but to all mankind both now and hereafter.

"For every dollar which the rich man has and does not need," says Mr. Warren, "there is a poor man who earned the dollar and needs it, but has been deprived of it."

"This and many other existing social and governmental wrongs the single-taxers are laboring constantly to overcome in the various enclaves already established: Fairhope, Ala.; Freedom, Del.; Tahanto, Harvard; Ayer, N. H.; and others. Mr. Warren has been promoter and organizer of three: Tahanto, Haridon and the latest one, 'Saint Jordi,' or St. George, as it will be known, located in the tiny republic of Andorra.

Andorra was chosen as the location for the new experiment because it is the only country outside the war zone that enjoys comparative freedom from taxation and has free trade.

"Tariff," says Mr. Warren, "is wrong because it helps a few who do not need help and hinders those who do need to have things made as easy as possible for them. Andrew Carnegie has said that there was nothing remarkable about his amassing his great wealth—that high protection created a 'golden shower,' so that all he had to do was to 'hold out his hat and catch it.'"

"The present tax system," says Mr. Warren, "places a tax upon improvements. This places a premium upon apathy and makes a bare lot more to be desired than an improved piece of property."

"We believe that every man has the right to all the benefits of earth, in common with every other man. Every man has the right to himself—to own and develop and assert his own individuality. Every woman has this right, and every child, from his or her earliest days upward.

"No man can be his real self when he is crushed by circumstance. There will always be strife and crime and war so long as men are actuated by selfish interests, and a greed which presses itself first in a wild grab for and desperate and unreasoning holding on to land—land—land."

"Many of the ills of the present day come from the holding of the land by a few in large estates, and by the accumulation of earned increment. For every dollar which the rich man has and does not need, there is a poor man who earned the dollar and needs it, but has been deprived of it. I have a few myself—that is one reason why I am particularly interested in the furtherance of Single Tax, because I believe that the system is wrong which permits swollen fortunes to accumulate."

"Single Tax is a system for equalizing opportunities—not possessions. We do not object to a man's accumulating and enjoying and using wealth to advantage, provided he earns it honestly and by his individual effort."

"Single Tax means a square deal for everybody. 'We who believe in it would do away with land speculation. We would have no more vacant lots and empty houses in the cities of the country, but improvement everywhere and homes for everyone."

"We would afford every man an equal opportunity to develop his own individuality, but in place of the fierce competition of today we would substitute communal interest in large measure."

The single tax colony plan, adopted more than twenty years ago at Fairhope, Ala., anticipated what has since become known as the "commission government" plan—administration by responsible heads of departments, with the initiative referendum and recall as fundamental parts of village government, and with equal suffrage

for every villager over fifteen years of age not a legal voter elsewhere. All affairs of the community are legislated upon by the community as a whole.

All the single tax colonies, or as they are more correctly called, enclaves, are incorporated. Fairhope is the largest with 3500 acres; Tahanto, with 514, is second; Ayer has 102; Freedom, 70, and Haridon, 12. The newest, including the group, Saint Jordi, has only 25 acres—but you must keep in mind that there are but 175 squares miles in the entire republic where it is located. The corporation never sells any of this land.

AUCTIONS
A. A. Fitch, auctioneer, will sell the Joseph S. Provencher place on Williams street on Monday afternoon, November 27 at two o'clock.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction the stock of D. C. Fletcher, Littleton, on Friday morning, December 1, at ten o'clock. Also, jewelry, furniture, books, furniture, etc., of Edgar W. Osborn, West Acton, on Monday morning, November 27, at 9.30 o'clock.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of LUCY J. BODGE late of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment thereof.

SANFORD B. HUBBARD, Adm.
Littleton, Mass., Nov. 18, 1916.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To all persons who are or may become interested in the estate of ELIZA I. PARKER late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex and to all persons whose issue not in being may become so interested.

Whereas ELIZA I. PARKER, late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, died testate, and has presented to said court his petition praying that he may be authorized to sell, either in public or private sale, certain real estate held by him as such trustee situated in the County of Worcester and described in said petition, for the reasons therein set forth.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of November, A. D. 1916, at nine o'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 of the interested parties in the estate of said deceased, before said court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on the day at least before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said court, this eighth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

3110 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of HENRY I. PARKER, late of Pepperell, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to GEORGE WASHINGTON STUART late of Ayer in said County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

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Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said court for probate, by FLORA M. STUART who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to her, or to some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined to accept said trust.

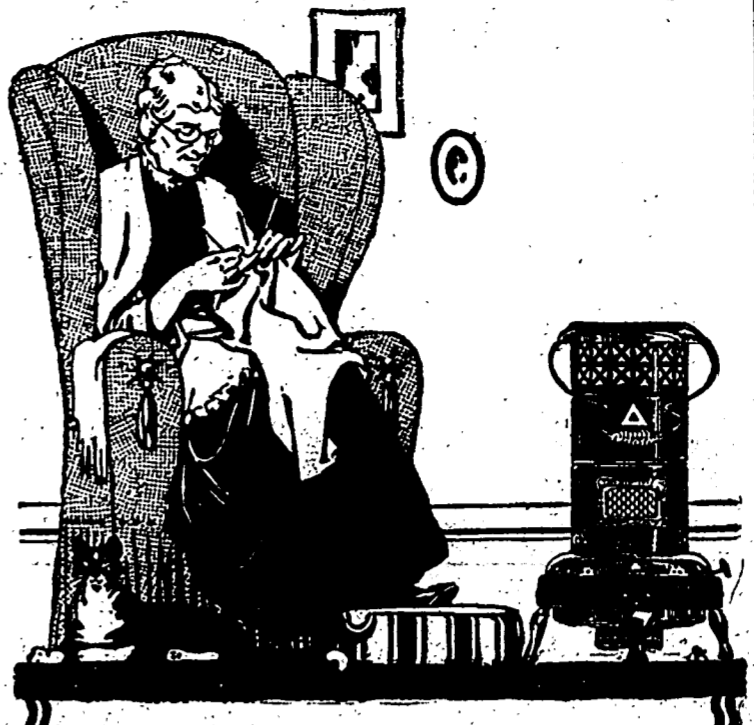
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Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said court, this seventh day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

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A Puzzling Case

Setting a Detective to Catch a Detective.

By ETHEL HOLMES

They say a woman can't keep a secret. I can testify to the fact that one woman I have known could keep a secret so well that she guided me, a detective with a reputation for shrewdness, to the detection of the real criminal, I having been set upon her to expose her. And this she did without revealing to me the fact that she knew him to be the man I should have been after.

One day I was directed by my chief to call upon the president of the Third National bank. I did so, and he said to me:

"Mr. Williams, we have a woman in our employ whom we suspect of embezzling our funds. The case is a singular one, and I must give it to you so far as it has already developed. There is a mystery connected with it which is very puzzling.

"We had in our employ a man whom we esteemed very highly. One day he failed to turn up at the usual time for the day's work. His wife was telephoned to know if he was ill. She replied that she was about to telephone the bank for information concerning him. He had not come home the day before nor during the night. She was terribly worried for fear that something had happened to him.

"The person among our employees who had last seen the man—Walter Pixley—said that Pixley had told him that he was going to see a man who owed him a hundred dollars. He had hurried away from the bank to catch his creditor at his office before the close of business hours. We learned from Mrs. Pixley the name of the man of the debtor and sent a man to him for information concerning her husband. The party said that Pixley had visited his office in company with a veiled woman, who had waited for him without. The money had been paid him, and he had been seen to go away with the woman.

"This information communicated to Mrs. Pixley threw her into hysterics.

"The next phase of the case was the report of one of our bookkeepers that funds were missing from the bank. My informant, Mr. Carter, told me that he had suspected Pixley for some time, and as soon as Pixley disappeared Carter had made an examination of certain books kept by Pixley and had fallen upon proof that he was a defaulter. Carter is an expert accountant. I have always had great faith in him. He brought me his proofs of Pixley's guilt, which I examined, and although Pixley had been doing all he could to render the accounts confusing, Carter convinced me that he was a defaulter.

"Now I come to the third act of the drama. Mrs. Pixley, who had undoubtedly been deserted by her husband for another woman, came to me and begged for some employment in the bank. She claimed that as a girl she had attended a commercial college and had studied bookkeeping. I phoned her and gave her the position made vacant by her husband.

"The end of my story and the point at which I wish you to take it up is a report which morning from Carter that more funds are being taken from the bank and that he suspects Mrs. Pixley of being the thief. You see from what I have told you that the case is a very complicated one. While I do not propose to lay out a course of action for you, I would suggest that you watch Mrs. Pixley. This of course you cannot do in the bank. You can only do it outside of the bank."

I confessed to the president that the matter did look rather puzzling. Had Pixley not deserted his wife for another woman I would have suspected that Mr. and Mrs. Pixley were in league to rob the bank. And yet, Pixley having done so, it did not seem likely that Mrs. Pixley would work on the same ground as he. I told the president that I would first find out something about Mrs. Pixley. When I had done that I would proceed to the next step in the premises.

I sent a party to Mrs. Pixley's home to sell her something, to draw her into conversation and to ask her at what institution she had studied bookkeeping. My emissary returned to me with the information that Mrs. Pixley had looked at the questioner concerned, but had given the Merton Business college as the place where she had received instruction. I at once went to the Merton college and asked to see a record of the students. The maiden name of Mrs. Pixley did not appear as having been a pupil there, and Mr. Merton declared that at the time Mrs. Pixley claimed to have been there he did not receive women students.

So far so good. I had nailed Mrs. Pixley in a lie. This tended to confirm me in considering her as guilty. But why should she steal from the same bank as her husband was a puzzle. The only reason I could think of was that she was enabled through sympathy to secure a place there, which she could not do elsewhere.

Another complication bothered me. Mrs. Pixley was reported by her fellow employees to be a pretty good bookkeeper. She must have received some

training in this respect, but why should she have lied as to the school where she had studied?

I made no progress after nailing the lie upon Mrs. Pixley and at last determined to make her acquaintance and by pretending as a friend, or to be smitten with her, to get the secret from her. Under pretense of being a bank examiner I became familiar with the employee, she among the number. I treated her with deference and sympathy. One day when she was leaving the bank after business hours I joined her and walked with her. Passing a restaurant, I told her that I was going in to take a lonely dinner. Would she help me out with her company? She consented, and selecting a table in a corner where we could converse without being overheard by others, we dined together.

I commiserated with her at having such a husband, expressing wonder that any man should desert so charming a woman. She seemed to feel very bitterly toward him, but, of course, if she were a thief as well as he, it might be a part of her game to feign this. I asked her if she suspected who was the woman with whom her husband had gone away, and she said she felt sure of the person. I got nothing out of her, but was impressed with the belief that there was a good deal in her, whether for good or for evil, though I did not feel that it was for evil. After dinner I escorted her to her home and left her at the door, at the same time receiving an invitation to call upon her.

Despite all my efforts I found nothing to implicate Mrs. Pixley, and there was no evidence at the bank to prove that she was purloining its funds, though the president had put Carter on the watch for this. After a time Carter said that whatever was her way of taking money, it was so subtle that it was beyond his penetration. However, the cash on hand was constantly deficient, and Carter suggested that Mrs. Pixley be simply discharged without any reason being given her. The president communicated this to me, and I suggested that he put the matter off. I had become convinced that Mrs. Pixley had a secret. I was steadily gaining her confidence, and I hoped in time she would let out something. To this he assented.

A couple of days after this I received a note from Mrs. Pixley, as follows:

"Dear Mr. Detective—You are on the wrong track in shadowing me. Conceal yourself under the steps leading up to the bank tomorrow night, or rather, the next morning at 1 o'clock and wait till I come."

I cannot tell why, but I was not so much astonished at this as might be expected. I was certainly rejoiced, because I knew important developments were to come. At the appointed time I went to the bank and waited in the shadow of the steps. Ten minutes later Mrs. Pixley went up the steps. I joined her. She tapped at the door, and it was opened by the watchman. We went in behind the counters. Mrs. Pixley opened a safe, took out some heavy account book, which I laid on a high desk for her.

"How is it that you can come here at such a time and open this safe?" I asked her.

"The watchman is in my secret. I am allowed the combination of this safe, which contains only books."

And here began the revelation. I am not sure why I was put on the job. Mrs. Pixley spent two hours with me over a set of books, showing me that Carter had manipulated them to conceal certain pecuniations. And the entries bearing upon them were so dovetailed into certain entries in a set of books that had been kept by her husband as to make it appear that Pixley was the defaulter. And I could not see how Pixley could have shown that he was innocent in the matter. I looked aside at Mrs. Pixley and asked:

"How about the woman with whom your husband decamped?"

"I was the veiled woman who went with him to collect the money owed him, but I didn't go away with him. One day he discovered how Mr. Carter, to conceal his pecuniations, had manipulated these books. He came home so broken down that I, fearing he would make a poor showing under an investigation, concocted this plan whereby I might have an opportunity to study out the problem for him. The watchman, Callahan, has always been my husband's friend and at the risk of losing his job has admitted me here at dead of night. I have had an expert accountant with me at times, and together we have unraveled this conspiracy and can make a showing such as I have given you."

"Where did you get your knowledge of bookkeeping?"

"I studied it after my husband left. The person you sent to find out about that caught me unawares. But at the time I did not know she came from you."

"Mrs. Pixley," I said admiringly, taking from under my coat my badge of office and handing it to her, "I resign in your favor. If I am worth \$10 a day as a detective, you are worth a hundred."

As we left the bank I handed a twenty dollar bill to Callahan, but he declined to accept it. The next morning I called on the bank's president and was obliged to confess that my work had been done by the woman he had sent me to watch. Carter's books were examined without his knowledge. Pixley was summoned home by his wife and put in Carter's place. Mrs. Pixley was given five shares of the stock of the bank, worth \$8,500, and her husband is as chipper as before he was lugubrious.

No, sir, I don't believe that a woman is any more liable to divulge a secret than a man, especially when it becomes her interest to keep it. At any rate, such is my experience.

TOWNSEND

In a appreciative audience was present last week Friday evening at the concert given in Memorial hall by the Nevin quartet of Fitchburg, accompanied by a reader. The concert program was fine and each number warmly encored. Each voice possessed a remarkably fine quality and sweetness, blending beautifully. The reader captivated her audience by her pleasing personality and perfect impersonations. In closing, the beautiful operetta, "A trip back to your childhood" was given, the artist appearing in "old time" costume while singing the songs of other days. Rarely has a higher grade concert been given here which was more pleasing, and such an entertainment is credit to the management of the Nassauessick Camp-fire Girls.

W. F. Rockwood was returned from his hunting trip in Warren, N. H. Mr. Rockwood was in company with Mr. Kemp, of Peppercell.

The many friends of Miss Ina Wilder are glad to know that she has gained so rapidly from her operation for appendicitis which was done at the hospital, Nashua, N. H., to be able to return to her home here last Saturday.

Mrs. Blanche Wheeler, of Boston, was the Sunday guest of her mother, Mrs. Charles Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. T. James Harvey and son Howard spent the week-end and over Sunday with relatives in Watertown.

On Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the ladies of the Grange met and held a very interesting meeting with Mrs. A. L. Struthers at the Congregational parsonage; subject, "Children of Guam."

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Howard and little daughter Caroline, who have been visiting Mr. Howard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Howard, left Monday morning on their homeward journey to Haverhill, Mass. It is reported that their stay in town could not have been longer, but Mr. Howard, who is a chemist on a sugar plantation, must return at the end of the week. En route they will visit Mr. and Mrs. David Howard in Wilkesburg, Pa. Their many friends wish them a safe journey to their home in the islands of the sea.

The union community Christmas tree committee, consisting of representatives from the Methodist, Congregational and Baptist churches met on Monday evening in Memorial hall and formulated plans for a community tree this year, the same as last year. Supt. Herman H. Knight was chosen clerk for the ensuing year; treasurer; the secretary to be chosen later a second meeting to be held next week.

The congregational church people are holding special services during the Billy Sunday campaign, the third of these meetings being held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Angie Lane, 108 E. Main street. The Rev. A. L. Struthers, gave a very helpful talk on the beautiful story chapter in the bible, a very sacred chapter for all ones with Christ, regardless of denomination. Billy Sunday's Rodheaver songs were sung on the Victoria, the company joining in the chorus. The next cottage meeting will be held at the parsonage.

On Wednesday evening an excellent supper was served in the Congregational vestry under the auspices of the C. E. society. After the supper the members met in poetry and other interesting ways. The various vocations they pursued to earn their fifty cents for calendar and piano fund. Quite a sum was realized by this unique plan.

West.

Mrs. William Snow, from Haverhill, is a guest at the home of her aunt, Miss Clara Warren, and Mrs. F. C. Snow, from Boston, is also here; she is also visiting at her home.

Mrs. S. E. Waite and friend, from Waltham, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sawyer last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Townsend and children, from Boston, were guests at September 1st last Sunday.

W. Z. Sherwin, who was successfully operated upon at the Barback hospital last week Friday, is reported as coming home on his feet.

Mrs. Ethel Welch had charge of the book at the reading-room on last Saturday, as both the custodian and the first assistant, Mrs. Alexander Reed, were compelled to be absent.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, of Stevens' hill, return to Webster to take their former positions in a shoe manufacturing for the winter, and Mr. and Mrs. Colby will move from their home on Stevens' hill to their new home in Walpole. Mr. Brown has had charge of the repairs at the school-house, which are now completed.

Mrs. Ellen Pratt left last of the week for Orange, N. J., where she was called by the sad news of the death of her oldest son, Albert, whose funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon.

The Ladies' Literary and Social Circle held a very interesting meeting on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Josephine Boynton, Miss M. A. Taft being the hostess. Seven members were present and the topic of the afternoon was "Thanksgiving." Interesting selections being read upon the subject as well as current events. At the close of the program refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell have moved from Josselynville into the Weych house on Bow street at the Center, where Mr. Russell will be employed.

Mrs. Roy Brown is quite ill at her home on Bridge street.

Mr. Arthur Howells, merchant, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court on Tuesday with liabilities, \$2499.52; assets, \$592.65, consisting chiefly of real estate.

Miss Doris Tenney is on the sick list, suffering from an attack of tonsillitis.

The Ladies' Study club, which postponed their regular meeting from Monday evening, will meet at the first Friday evening meeting with the topic, "Our national parks," by Mrs. George Adams and Mrs. Josephine Boynton.

Mrs. E. J. Lees, who has just returned from a visit to Boston, is the first lady on our village to have heard Billy Sunday.

Mrs. Colby is quite ill and they will not move this winter to the Hamilton farm on Stevens' hill, but Amos Jordan will move his home and take his family up there for the winter.

Mrs. Roy Brown, who has been seriously ill at her home, is improving under the care of Miss Moulton from the Center.

Rev. Joseph MacKean will preach a Thanksgiving sermon Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the morning at the home the strong foundation of our commonwealth, and in the evening his subject will be "The ox and the ass." The Y. P. S. C. E. topic will be "The grace of gratitude," a Thanksgiving topic, led by Mrs. Fred A. Patch.

Annual Fair.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society held their annual fair at Seminary hall on Wednesday evening and the large and enthusiastic audience and ready sale of goods proved the affair to be a success socially and financially. The tables and booths were tastefully decorated with pale pink and green entwined with tinsel, and the home-made candies in charge of Misses Gladys Rawson and Miss Marion Boutelle met with a ready sale. The fancy table was in charge of Mrs. Frank Hamilton and aprons in charge of Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, while on the opposite side of the hall Mrs. D. O. Evans and Mrs. John Clark, assisted by Miss Clara Hosley, had a beautiful and attractive display of fruit and vegetables. Ice cream and cake were in great demand and were sold by Mrs. Tucker and daughter Stella, assisted by Mrs. A. Smith and Mrs. Herman Lawrence.

The entertainment, in charge of Mrs. Albert H. Wilson and Mrs. Josephine Boynton, consisted of a presentation of the little play, "Aunt Dinah's quilting party," which was well given and heartily applauded, and several selections by the West Townsend orchestra.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Almond Wheeler, George and Miss Emma L. Van Dyke and Mrs. James Hills started for Florida last Saturday morning, where they expect to remain for the winter.

The chimney at the Libby place burned out last week. The people who have bought the place, went up with two loads of goods. They had unloaded one and built a fire, and when found the chimney was on fire. They telephoned for the fire department and the fire was soon extinguished without doing any damage.

The Y. W. S. C. met on last week Friday afternoon, with Miss Lillian Lovely. There are three classes of medical treatment today—the poor in the free clinics get the services of a number of specialists; the rich by paying well for it get the same service; but the people of moderate incomes—the ninety-seven percent—are being inefficiently treated.

The solution for the problem of the 97 percent seems to be the formation of various cooperative societies for medical treatment. Each of a hundred members, say, might pay five dollars a year and get the services of a group of specialists. These cooperative bodies should be of people of approximately the same means and the same ideas on medicine. They should find out how much medical treatment they are likely to need in a year, and how many doctors they are able to hire on a cooperative basis."

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All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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News Items. Miss Eleanor Hildreth came from North Chelmsford...

Miss Ellen Miller, Park street, visited friends in Milton, N. H., last week and over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey and little daughter, of Pittsburg, were week-end visitors at the home of Mrs. H. A. Phelps...

Miss Hope Davison, the Boston teacher, who has a summer home on Townsend street, spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dennen spent the week-end at their home at East Village, where they were with their brother, Dr. Horace Dennen, at Petersham.

Ashley L. Wilson, formerly a resident here, came from Lawrence last week Friday to attend the Odd Fellows' ball. He was the guest of Raymond Faulk.

S. Thompson Blood, of Concord Junction, was in town over Sunday with his mother, Mrs. L. P. Blood, and sister, Miss Margaret Blood.

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participation of the summer people who are liable to come next season. A new piazza across the front of the house is quite an addition.

Hartwell hose company concert and ball at town hall, Ayer, this evening. The program is well arranged.

Vernor Bancroft, the young man suffering from a shooting accident while hunting week before last, was brought back home from St. Joseph's hospital on Sunday afternoon.

Miss J. E. Lewis returned last week from a meeting of the Worcester Board of Missions held in Northampton.

Frederic N. Williams, who has been spending a week or more at his bungalow on Shipley hill, returned to New York last week.

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The party of hunters who went with Wendell Lovejoy as far as Twin Mountain, N. H., last week, returned on Friday with two small deer which were shot by Dr. Moulton and Fred Bennett.

Mrs. George F. Durgin returned last week from her visit to Ipswich.

Mrs. Nellie Harrison left town on Tuesday for Saybrook, Conn., where she will spend the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Amy Woodman.

The J. E. Jewett timber lot on Break-neck hill was purchased by the Ebenesdens of Townsend, and will be cut this winter and hauled to their mill at that place.

Walter Bosworth spent the week-end in Brockton, where he returned on Monday. He was accompanied by his wife, Madeline Bosworth, who is visiting with her grandmother, Mrs. Chick, of Franklin street.

Mrs. C. F. Bird is suffering from neuritis, which has troubled her more or less for the past eight years.

News of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunbar, now residents in Peabody, was received on November 16, which was recently received by friends here. He is to be called Roger McKenzie.

Frank Whitney sustained minor injuries on Saturday by falling from a stepladder at his home at East Village, where he was engaged in putting on double windows. The doctor pronounced no bones broken, although he had received a bad shaking.

Miss Rose Alden spent Tuesday of last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hartwell, in Lowell with her sister, Mrs. Hartwell.

Fred O. Parker returned last week from St. Joseph's hospital, where he went about two weeks ago for treatment for trouble with his teeth and throat.

The Red Cross Christmas seals for advertising letters or packages during the coming holidays are unusually attractive. They went on sale Monday at the store of A. Tarbell, J. A. Saunders, W. A. Kemp, Mrs. W. N. Mault, W. A. Drumme and at Quimby's pharmacy.

News was recently received by friends in town of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jameson at their home in Milford, N. H., on November 12. Mrs. Jameson was formerly a Pepperell girl, Miss Helen Baker, her parents.

Arthur Lawson, from Hartford, Conn., was in town at his old home over night last week, being in Boston on Friday on business for the telephone company.

Mrs. James Ford, of Hudson, N. H., recently returned home from a visit in town with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ford, and her youngest daughter, Miss Miss Ford.

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Miss Ethel Wells came from Peabody to spend the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. Winn, at Hovey's Corner.

The members of Beacon lodge are planning to accept the invitation of the North Star lodge, Townsend, to meet the members of the Groton lodge at Shirley lodge on Monday evening, November 28. This will be the second in the series of social meetings planned by the four lodges, the first having been held in Groton a few weeks ago. L. A. Johnson is committee on transportation.

Mrs. H. E. Frost, who has been under the care of Mrs. Parker, the nurse, for a short time past, went to a sanatorium in Worcester on Friday of last week for treatment.

The names of Mrs. George Tucker, Mrs. P. J. McDonald and Miss Hazel Thompson, the members of Prescott Grange who took the fifth degree recently at the Pomona in North Leominster, were inadvertently omitted from our list.

A young Scotch collied dog belonging to Mr. McDonald on Mill street, was struck by the Mill street car so badly injured it had to be shot. No blame is attached to the operator of the truck, who did his best to avoid hitting the dog. It jumped directly at the front wheel, which evidently passed over his forward quarters.

Chief Smith, who seems to be a man whom people dread when they are in any difficulty, was notified and arrested by Constable A. A. Lawrence, as officer for the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The dog which was removed from the end of the bridge where the accident happened, and humanely treated and put out of his suffering by Mr. Lawrence.

Mrs. John Rodier has been entertaining his sister, Mrs. Mabel (Frost) Barre, of Proctorville, Vt., with her little daughter Susie, on Monday Mrs.

Master Cletus Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Murphy, entertained about a dozen of his little acquaintances at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Cottage street, on Friday afternoon, November 17.

Thomas Stone, of North Pepperell, has accepted a position in the office of Mr. H. A. Pike as his work by train.

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Mr. Fletcher is survived by a wife, two daughters, Mrs. Wright of Somerville, and Mrs. Morrison of Yonkers, N. Y. also, by the two sisters, Mrs. Blood and Mrs. Boynton, first mentioned in the obituary notice.

Mr. Fletcher, with two of his brothers, served through the civil war, enlisting in the Illinois cavalry, in which state he was then residing. He also served under Gen. Custer in the west.

His brother Charles served in the New Hampshire regiment, and Dr. Fletcher, enlisted with a Massachusetts company as field or assistant surgeon, gaining the reputation at the close of the war of the foremost surgeon in the state.

Mr. Fletcher has lived in Somerville and Groton, moving from the latter place to Milford, N. H., about four years ago, on his retirement from the town from his frequent visits and his annual attendance at the reunion of the Fletcher family.

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