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### BOXBOROUGH

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Litchfield on the arrival of a daughter, born Monday night

Miss Maria Steele is spending part of the week in Fitchburg with her cousin, Hazel Morse, who attends the Normal school there.

The four schools held the usual Christmas exercises on Friday afternoon and closed for a two-weeks vacation. Mrs. Potter went to her home in New Hampshire, the others being residents of this town.

Mrs. Ada Durkee is visiting Mrs. Richard Barrow in Littleton this week.

John Cobleigh is confined to the house with an attack of asthma.

Waldo Livermore at Camp Devens will be gladly addressed as Sergt. Liv-ermore by his friends on his next visit

home.

Although there are so many calls for contributions just now the girls who are conducting the Red Cross drive for new members are having good success, as that cause appeals to everyone. The quota for Boxborough is eighty new members, and it is hoped that mark will be reached.

Grange Notes.

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At the meeting of December 14 it was decided to omit the next regular meeting and hold an open meeting with Christmas tree and entertainment at the town hall on Christmas eve, to which the entire townspeople are very cordially invited, especially the children, who will be served with refreshments gratts. A feature of the entertainment will consist of an order of service in the interests of suffering Armenia, entitled "Good Samaritans today," under the direction of the superintendent of the Sunday School.

'The master has selected an installing deputy to seat our new officers in January. Let all try to support the master better in 1918 than in 1917. Support chiefly consists in attendance and sincere and prompt work as officers and in committees. If you cannot serve on committee or feel unwilling to do so you should resign or decline and thus give the master a chance to select someone who will work. He needs help to do it efficiently.

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Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister. Subject, "A Saviour for the world." Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

behalf of the Armenian relief.

The eloquent and vivid address of Mrs. J. E. Merrill last Sunday night at the Universalist church in South Acton about the situation in Armenia today, undoubtedly moved the hearts of the people to help that worthy cause most generously through their respective Sunday schools. Although there was no expectation of a collection an extemporaneous collection was taken which amounted to \$47.47. It is expected that a large sum will be realized when the Sunday school contributions come in.

The expense of smoking three five-cent cigars a day, principal and interest, for ten years, \$745.74; for twenty-five years, \$0,110.74. The expense of three ten-cent cigars, at the end of ten years, is \$1.471.56; for twenty-five years, \$6,382.47. At the end of fifty years, it is \$54,162.14.

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Cake Pans ...... 75¢ to \$1.25

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Egg Poachers .......... \$1.25 to \$1.50

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Knit Mufflers ..... \$3.00 Rubber Blankets ..... \$2.00 Rubber Overshoes, Khaki color

Watches ..... \$1.25 Wool Toques . . . . . 50¢ to \$1.00

GIFTS FOR BOYS

Sweaters ....... **\$1.50** to **\$3.00** 

Pajamas ...... \$1.15

Blouses .......... 65¢ to \$1.00

Helmets .......... 75¢ to \$1.25 Rubber Boots ... \$2.50 to \$3.75 Overshoes ..... \$1.75 to \$2.25 Golf Caps ...... 25¢ to 65¢ Neck Ties ...... 25¢ and 50¢ Shirts ..... **65¢** to **\$1.00** Mackinaws ...... \$5.00 to \$8.00 Hose ...... 19¢ to \$1.00 Handkerchiefs ......  $5\phi$  to  $20\phi$ 

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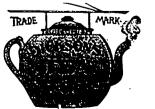
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Saturday, December 22; 1917.

### WESTFORD

The schools close this Friday afternoon for the two weeks' vacation and will reopen January 7.

There will be Christmas festivities for the children of both Sunday schools on Monday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hildreth of Munson expect to spend the Christmas school vacation with Westford relatives. Mrs. Hildreth's mother of Nashda has recently died, leaving beside Mrs. Hildreth to mourn her loss, a son, Mr. Galusha of Sharon, who formerly lived in this village.

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The local branch of the Red Crosshas held its regular meetings this week Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon. The special consignment of surgical dressings apportioned to this branch has been finished and regular work of which there is abundance will now go on. The evening meeting for work will now be on Friday evening and not Tuesday. As the work is to be done down stairs at the library after this to conserve the fuel supply the meeting in the evening has to be other than a library evening. Will the workers please remember the place and time—down stairs in the library, Wednesday afternoon and Friday evening?

There will be special Christmas music, sermon, etc., at the oCngregalinola church Sunday. Miss Hazel Hartford has kindly consented to play the organ for this Sunday.

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The funeral of Mrs. Cornelia A. Day took place Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock and was well attended by relatives, neighbors and friends. Rev. L. H. Buckshorn was the officiating clergyman and spoke words of comfort and of loving appreciation of the life of Mrs. Day. Mr. Buckshorn was assisted in the service by Rev. Howard A. Lincoln with the reading of the scripture. Mrs. Charles H. Wright and Mrs. David L. Greig sang two beautiful selections, "Above the bright blue" and "No sorrow there." The many fioral tributes were especially beautiful. Those acting as pall bearers were J. Willard Fletcher, James L. Kimball, Alonzo H. Sutherland and Charles O. Prescott. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

cemetery.

The monthly entertainment for December at the Congregational church took place Thursday evening of last week. Weather and traveling affected the attendance, but those present enjoyed Miss Mabel Burgess of Boston, reader, who presented "Pollyanna grows up" and who conveyed the message of cheerful optimism that this story teaches. Interspersed in the program was a solo by Mrs. Charles D. Colburn, accompanist, Miss Elinor Colburn, accompanist, Miss Elinor Colburn, accompanist, Miss Elinor Colburn, accompanist, Miss Elinor Mrs.

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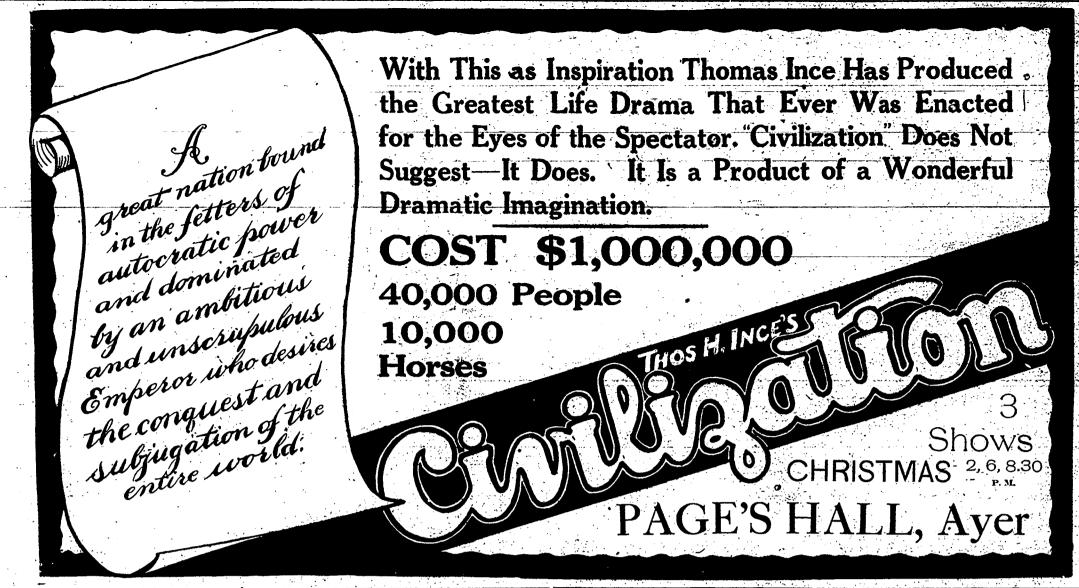
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If we with genuine saddless that this townspeople learned of the death confered in the week of Mrs. Cornelia A. Day a life-long and highly esteemed resident of Westford. Death took place at the Lowell General hospital, where Mrs. Day had been taken tent days previous for surgical treatment, and for several days encouraging reports of her condition were received, but death came Sunday evening, the immediate cause being hyperstatic by the condition where of charge. It is



pneumonia. Her illness was of many months duration.
Cornelia A. Fletcher was born in Westford on June 8, 1841; and was the oldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sherman D. Fletcher. On January 8, 1867, she was united in marriage to George T. Day, and had she lived a few weeks longer would have completed the fiftieth anniversary of that event.

In her younger days Mrs. Day was a civile in all that represented the best interests of community life. She was a prominent member of the Chief and the church organist at one period. She ireceived her education in the public schools and Westford academy. During her attendance at the academy she studied under the instruction of Luther E. Sheppard, and Margaret E. Foley, the artist, as assistant, and the late Governor John D. Long and Miss Harriet B. Rogers, of Billerica, assistant. She was graduated under Mr. Long and Miss Rogers in 1859. Some years ago, when the academy reached its 160th year the trustees voted to publish a catalogue of all the pupils who chad attended the academy, and Mrs. Day was appointed to prepare this work.

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story teaches. Interspersed in the program was a solo by Mrs. Charles D. Colburn, accompanist. Miss Elinor Colburn, accompanist. Miss Elinor Colburn; ducty Mrs. C. A. Blaney and Mrs. William R. Taylor, accompanist, Miss Julia Fletcher. The singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," with Gordon Seavey in scout uniform wearing a large American flag. Those in charge of the evenling's entertainment were Mrs. William R. Taylor and Mrs. A. W. Hartford.

The people of the town find that the noon train which was discontinued by the Eoston and Maine the past summer has caused much inconvenience and the condition is worse with the winter season. With the big camp at Ayer it would seem as though the curtailment of trains on the Stony Brook branches was put into effect at the wrong time. The electric road finds it hard to make schedule time with increased traffic and especially the weather conditions of the winter season. It appears that the boards of trade of Ayer. Westford. Chelmsford and Lowell could get together and consult with the officials of the railroad in regard to mid-day service, between Ayer, Lowell and way stations.

The canvass for members for the Red Cross is meeting with loyal response. Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher is in charge and the town has been districted off and those in charge of that part of the town apportioned to them are doing good work. Results will be given later. This is one of the most worthy calls of all the worthy calls to help win the war. Do your bit when the solicitor comes.

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The weekly drill for the home goard to septimate and with the weather and they read and were distributed to septimate and was well attended. The new octorials for the members have arrived and were distributed Next week, on account of the holiday, they will be no officers' drill Monday, they will be no officers' drill Monday afternoon instead of Tiesday will be the speaker. Subject, 'The constitutional convention,' and Mrs. P. L. Monda

About Town,

Frof John A Taylor of the University of North Dakota has been elected president of the Alpha chapter of Ph Beta Kappa in North Dakota. This is the honor society in American colleges of men who have taken such rank in scholarship that they are honored with an election to this society, Mr, Taylor was elected president of the North Dakota chapter to take the place.

very different from the simple arrangement of the civil war days. The advisory board for Westford is composed of Charles L. Hildreth, chairman, Charles O. Brescott, William R. Taylor and Edward Hanley. They meet at the town hall on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 9.30. They help answer the questions and take the oaths of those registering. These papers have to be filled out within seven days from the date mentioned on the first page and returned to the local exemption board in Ayer. On Wednesday and Saturday evenings arrangements have been made to have an interpreter present who speaks Polish and Hussian.

One of the greatest of film plays, "Civilization," will be shown in Page's Hall theatre, Ayer, one day only—Christmas. Three shows—2, 6 and 8.30 p. m.

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The children of the Unitarian Sunday school will give the usual Christmas entertainments at the church next naMody afternoon and evening, December 24, beginning at four o'clock. There will be recitations, songs, wholesome dancing an da play. At six o'clock supper will be served at which Hoover will be recognized as chairman of supply, and the demand will have to salute accordingly, but promises to be a good supper. At seven o'clock the Christmas tree will be unloaded, for which a collection was taken last Sunday to load it.

This paper last week had a pathetic

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The first corn, wheat and rye to be ground at the new mill of Charles Wright was from the Old Oaken Bucket farm. Brethren, we have got to go back to old-fashioned grain raising. The large corn barns that are a prominent part of the Stony Brook farms, Francis hill and New England generally, were once to the roof with corn and other grain, but of recent years there hasn't been grain enough in these barns to feed an industrious n these barns to feed an industrious

Wallace Johnson is making signs of preparing to cut ice on Burgess pond. It is reported to be about twelve inches thick.

The threatened coal famire will be a serious affair when it gets into wear for there is no antidote for the bite of zero but heat.

At the Old Oaken Bucket farm last Sunday the thermometer registered ten degrees below zero. "Chop wood." In obedience to this twenty-two acres of forest in Lancoln on the farm of James J. Storrow were on the farm of James J. Storrow were chopped at by one for home use fire-wood and all the colleges are to be tained loose vacation days and chop at somebody's woodland. Mussachuse'ts Agricultural college authority says 'Don't burn green wood, there is only sixty-five percent of heat in it.' Hold right there, gentiemen, for it depends on the kind of green wood Green burch, elm, apple and maple, with one-fourth dry wood of any kind will lay all dry wood into the cool shade.

the sum of \$17.75.

Arthur Whitley, who has been superintendent of the Brookside worsted mills for several years, resigned his position this week to accept the position of superintendent of the Abbot mills at Graniteville. He succeeds the late Henry Smith. Mr. Whitley has been very successful at Brookside, and his friends there presented him with a leautiful travelling bag. George C. Moore, Jr., son of the owner of the Brookside mill, will succeed Mr. Whitley.

lowing letter is in justice to facts, and is addressed to the Rural New Yorker:
Our attention has been called to a cilipping from your paper in which you refer to the appointment of E. G. Lewis as food administrator for the State of California, and make some comment on his record. Mr. Lewis was never appointed food administrator for California. The food administrator for California. The food administrator for California. The food administrator in that state is Ralph Merritt. At the beginning of the intensive campaign for food pledges Mr. Merritt made some use of Mr. Lewis as an organizer of the women of the state, but as a result of an investigation of his record it was soon decided to dispense with his services. We feel confident that you desire to be perfectly fair to Mr. Hoover and the food administration, and we therefore hope that you will correct the mistaken impression given by the article to which we refer. U. S. Food administration, public information division. Frederick C. Underwood."

Charles Wright has righted his mild.

Charles Wright has righted his mill for grinding grain and sawing wood, located near Westford station. The Old Oaken Bucket farm and others are contributing corn, wheat and rye toward the essential desirability of having a mill to grind so close by the land where the grain is raised.

Charles W. Whirrey, who has been ill with pneumonia and heart dangers, has improved enough to automatically lower the danger signals.

duced only poor yields of hay at best.

Harold Hill Fletcher, who was organizing a road construction unit to take "over," has given up that plan since he received an appointment from the government to be an instructor in the government to be an instructor in the use of machine guns at the Boston School of Technology. He is now a member of the aviation corps and will be stationed in Boston. Ralph Andrew Fletcher has also received a commission from the government as ensign in the navy and he, too, will be assumed to duty at the School of Technology in Boston. Both young men are sons of Hon, and Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher. They are both mechanical and well trained in a technical line, and will be of special service to the government.

Donald Fiske Cameron, who was one of the six Carney medal scholars at the Lowell high school last June in a class of nearly 300, has taken further honors. He entered the class of 1918 at Phillips-Andover academy to further prepare for college. He has received for his work this fall honors in chemistry. German, physics and trigonometry. We are pleased to hear such good reports of his scholarly uch good reports of his scholarly

### In Memoriam.

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Rev. H. H. Lippincott of the West Chelmsford M. E. church, has had the honor to be assigned by Secretary Daniels to the receiving ship at Commonwealth pier, Boston, where he will act as chaplain.

Axel Lundberg, who was the official collector around Brookside and vicinity on the Hallfax fund, has turned in the sum of \$17.75.

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The writer feels that he ought not to refrain from a brief allusion to the death of the Westford acath of Mrs. George T. Day, remembering her back in her Westford and Governor John D. Long. She was the ideal picture of healthful leauty, happiness and highly useful intelligence. He remembers her as an efficient part of the choir and organist of the Unitarian church. These were the days of healthy everybody-go-to-church, with its forenoon and Sunday seriol and afternoon services. He remembers her during the civil war as vitally interested in the history of commission, another name for the Red Cross of today. Cross of today.

Towed to Camp.

Two solders from Camp Devens, during the darkness of evening and the see of daylight and darkness, ran over the railed embankment with their automobile at the narrow roadhed on the Lowel road, below the residence of Mr. Roak, last week Wednesday evening, who was awakened, and with horses towed the machine to right side up, but it was incapacitated for pascenger service. The soldiers traveled up the Lowell road in search of transportation, calling at several houses. About three o'clock Thursday morning a tow line was unlocked at the Old Oaken Bucket farm, where they were sheltered and fed, and after several his automobile hitch started toward camp of telephoning Arthur H. Burnham acted as a good fellow and with his automobile hitch started toward camp of the Fletcher Cold Spring farm they were obliged to interfere with the dicams of William Pollock and have him pult them up the icy hill to Westford Center. After reaching Pingrey-wille an auto truck on the same errand to Camp Devens did the relief act to the camp.

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This paper last week had a pathetic quotation from a Boston paper in rearrid to the height of our boasted civilized christianity in killing deer—all kinds of deer, male, female and nursing infants of all ages; dogs to scare these animals into the open, where if they don't meet instant death they meet broken legs, painful wounds and zero weather starvation—an unjustifiable orteity, but little removed from the inhumanity that sinks a rehef ship off bombards a hospital, having no justification in the law of self defense. No wonder that we have war when the government continues to cater to such unjustifiable blood cruelty. The such wounds and better planting the following statistics will show that the farmers address without his itsurrection.

Many thanks to Hoover. We are to be donated three pounds of sucar per individual per month. This will be an increase of two pounds and fourteen ounces and a half for the last few months.

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day evening at seven o'clock. Of course, all the children will be there. Attention is called to the large amount of work that is being done by the Red Cross and the great amount, that is expected in the future. The women in charge of the Grantewille auxiliary are urgently requested to faithfully attend all the meetings as much work is to be done, the Westford branch having been called upon to make 1500 first aid bandages at once. It is also expected that the local members will be cailed upon to work an extra afternoon in the week or some evening, when the proper alterations have been made in the rooms. At present it is not possible to work at night, owing to lack of lights. The big national drive for new members for the Red Cross is now being made, and with the large addition of new members that is expected, much more work will be accomplished. The local auxiliary has done some excellent work in the past and is expected to maintain its reputation in the future.

Sunday morning was the coldest of the season, the glass registering eight-cen degrees below zero here at seven o'clock. We are certainly having "some" winter of the old New England

Miss Josie Provost was operated

Miss Josie Provost was operated upon last Sunday for an abscess in the ear. The operation was performed by Dr. French, of Lowell, assisted by Dr. W. H. Sherman of this village. The patient is now feeling much relief, as the operation was a success and her steady improvement is now looked for. Arthur M. Whitley has accepted the position of superintendent of the Abbot worsted mills here and assumed his new duties on last Monday. Mr. Whitley, before coming here, held responsible positions with the Arlington mills in Lawrence, the Bigelow Carpet Co., of Clinton, and the Brookside worsted mills.

The schools closed here on Friday after the regular session for the annual two-weeks Christmas vacation.

### New Advertisements Dr. F. R. McGrail

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# RABBITS FOR MEAT

Elaborate Lists of Foods Recommended for Animals.

# CRUSHED OATS ARE FAVORED

Cornmeal, Barley and Other Grains important in Winter.

(Prepared by the United States Depart-ment of Agriculture.)
The rabbit thrives well on a diver-

sity of vegetable foods. Many writers on the care of this animal prescribe to see that she is not frightened by claborate lists of foods to be followed cats or dogs or eyen by strange visiting the control of the care of week in and out. The fact is that a few staple foods are sufficient, but no the nest or handling the young, unless animal is more adaptable to sudden it is absolutely necessary. Changes of diet; so that one can feed Diet While Nursing. what is available or cheap, the idea being to produce weight with the least possible outlay of money.

Grain and Hay.

The best grain for rabbits is oats, either whole or crushed, though corn meal, barley, or other grain may often be fed by way of change. The crushed oats are best when freshly broken, and a hand mill for preparing them is a valuable adjunct to a rabbitry.

Hay is a necessary part of the rabbit's diet, and if possible that of the very best quality should be used. It should be entirely free from moldness, and the unsweated is always preferable. If one has small grounds where suitable grass grows, the mowing may be done at short intervals and the hay thoroughly cured in such small quan-titles that no sweating takes place. However, if sweet hay is not available the sweated may be fed to the rabbits without injury, unless it be moldy. Green Foods.

Rabbits require some green foods for winter. Cabbages, kale, spinach, and rape leaves are recommended. , beets, and mangels are often fed and have been recommended by many rabbit breeders, but they do not keep so well as the foods just named.



Female Flemish Giant.

Turnins, unless kept in the ground, wilt by midwinter and are then of lit-Beets and mangels keep better, and the latter are the main dependence of some English rabbitries; but, on the whole, cabbages are more economical, as well as more satisfactory in every way. They are usually available until green stuff grows in the spring. Whatever green food is put away for winter use must be stored where frost cannot touch it, as freezing unfits it for rabbits. Parsnips left in the ground all winter make an exrelient early spring rabbit food after the frost leaves the ground in which

Feeding. Rabbits should be fed twice daily. Ordinary stock is fed morning and evening, but suckling does should also than they will eat at the other meals. The general rule is to feed only as much grain or green stuff as the an-imals will consume. Hay is put into the hutch to be available at any time, a part of it being left as litter. The exact amount of grain or green stuff for each rabbit at a meal cannot be stated, as the appetite varies greatly at different times. Observations of the quantity left over when the animals quit feeding will soon enable the feeder to adjust the meals to the needs of the rabbits. Overfeeding is a much more common mistake than underfeed-

Rabbits under three or four months old should be limited in the amount of green food. If allowed too much they are apt to become "pot-bellied." When a young rabbit is seen to grow big about its belly, the use of green food should be discontinued and the animal given plenty of exercise. Under such treatment it will soon recover, but if the green food is continued the disease usually terminates in convulsions and death. Old rabbits are not subject to this trouble.

Breeding.
It is not desirable to pair rabbits until they are at least six months old, although they may be bred earlier Some breeders do not mate animals under ten months of age. Healthy ma ture rabbits produce larger stronger litters than younger stock do. Methods of Mating.

Different breeders adopt different methods of mating. Some leave the buck in the hutch of the doe for but a few minutes, and others leave him overnight. The older does should be mated in February, but it is well to defer mating a young doe until March. She then has young in April, when there is abundant green food to induce a good flow of milk. This lacteal development once well established, she is likely always to give abundance of milk for her young. If pairing begins in February each doe may be expected to produce four litters a year, the young coming at intervals of about twelve weeks, with a longer rest in midwinter.

Preparing for the Young. The gestation period of the rabbit is about thirty days. When the doe } is nearly ready to bear young, her

Rabbit Hair for Hate. Rabbit hair is supplanting wool in the felt hat-making industry of Australia, where there are 80 factories in count for restlessness; in such condioperation at present making use of tions there is nothing better than soft rabbit fur for this purpose. It is said music to quiet the nerves and put one to be superior to the finest merino, and in harmony again. It is more than a millions of rabbit skins are made use saying that "Music hath charms to

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hutch should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, after which a good supply of soft hay or straw (out straw supply of soft hay or straw (out straw is best) should be placed in the body of the hutch to enable her to arrange her nest. If the hutch is without a nestling compartment, a box should be placed in a corner. It should be 18 to 20 inches long, about a foot deep, or 10 inches wide, and without a lid, Make a hole in one end large enough for the doe to pass through easily, and turn the box upside down. The doe will arrange her nest a day or two before the young are born. At this time extra attention should be given to her the hutch. While a doe is heavy with night. young and for a few days after their birth, extreme care should be taken to see that she is not frightened by tors in the rabbitry. Avoid touching

During the first week or two after having young the doe may be fed almost entirely on warm milk and bread. This is recommended for the bulk of the morning and evening meals, with a small supply of green food. Green food may be given also in the middle of the day, and the daily proportion gradually increased. Boiled mush nade of comment is also an excellent food for suckling does, but most other pasty or watery foods should be avoided as likely to derange the bowels. Milk, and indeed any soft food, should e fed in a separate earthenware dish. specially in warm weather, when it sours quickly. The dish washed and scalded often. The dish should be

Weaning. The young may be weaned when a month old, but it is better to leave them with the doe two or three weeks onger. Remove two each day until all are transferred to another hutch, which may be large enough to accom-modate any number. They do well together until they are three or four months old, when their development will compel separation of the sexes. After this any number of does may occupy the same hutch, but unless thoroughly accustomed to each other,

Allments of Rabbits. If properly cared for, rabbits are remarkably free from diseases. The more common ailments results from insanitary surroundings, luck of care in feeding, and improper ventilation. The hutches should be cleaned frequently and fresh sawdust or other fine litter used to take up liquids, so that the hutches do not become foul. Such ailments as mange, scurf, surfeit, and the disease of the eyes known as ophthalmia are due usually to foul hutches. Cold snuffles and the like result from improper ventilation, sud-den drafts of cold air in overheated buildings, and similar causes. The disorders of the digestive organs come from feeding young rabbits too freely of wet and juicy green foods or from too radically changing their diet. Most diseases are preventable, and if the cause is understood remedies will suggest themselves.

The most serious disease known among hutch rabbits in America is coccidiosis. It is caused by internal parasites, and when present in the raboitry kills many young rabbits. Exreme caution is needed to prevent its ntroduction, and new stock obtained should for a time be kept isolated from the regular hutches. Keeping the hutches in stacks aids in spreading the infection. Absolute cleanliness may do much to prevent the disease. Whenever a number of the young rabbits under good care develop a pot-bellied appearance, particularly where it is accompanied by symptoms of cold and snuffles, there is reason to suspect that old and apparently healthy animals may be afflicted with chronic coccidiosis and are expelling cocidia from their bodies. Isolation of the affected butch and its occupants, together with disinfection, is the first step to be taken while the exact nature of

the trouble is being determined. Literature About Rabbits. If serious diseases affect his stock, the amateur will find it advantageous to obtain a standard treatise on the management of rabbits. This will contain detailed instruction for the treatment of the more common allments. As the business of rearing rabbits is carried on much more extensively in England than in America, the best hand-books are published abroad. They may be obtained through any bookseller.

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point of efficiency. It is far better to have teams to sell rather than single animals, as good matched teams will usually bring far more than the individuals for separately. In selling will sell horses it should be remembered that the buyer is guided first by appearance which includes amount of flesh and grooming and it is only after purchasing that he learns efficiency.

Music Hall Charms.

Fatigue and tired nerves often ac to have been served, was given up by the committee, who thought the atmost to quiet the nerves and put one in harmony again. It is more than a saying that "Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," It is true of that small primitive being, your child, who needs all that you can give him.—New York Evening Post.

At the meeting of the State Grange him.—New York Evening Post.

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fore the young are born. At this time extra attention should be given to her food. She should have milk and warm water regularly, and a pan of clean not to hold the meeting occurring on water should be kept constantly in the evening of December 25, Christmas

The "no-school" signal was sounded last week Friday morning after the snowstorm, which would indicate that the plan-of-having the schools in secsion regardless of the weather, which was adopted by the committee last year, has been abandoned.

Miss Gertrude Raymond is expected home from Stoneham the last of this week, for Christmas, and probably to remain hero for awhile.

mrs. Maude Chick and son Raymond came from Boston on Thursday of last week to arrange for the romoval of some of the household goods to that city, where they are to remain for the winter. They visited at the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Raymond, until Monday.

Arthur J. Leary from Camp Dayens

Arthur J. Leary, from Camp Devens, spent a forty-eight hour furlough over Sunday at his home in town.

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Albert Deware is confined to his bed and is steadily becoming weaker, as he takes little nourithment. Mrs. Deware, who has been caring for him almost entirely, has now the assistance of the district nurse each day, and Mrs. Louise Dunton, a sister, cares for him during the nights.

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The electric current, furnishing power for part of the departments at the Nashua River Paper Company's plant, was shut off on Tuesday, causing a shut-down in some of the rooms. Power for the commercial lines and street lights was also off until 4.30.

Mr. and Mrs. Stirling have taken furnished rooms in the upper part of G. W. Pierce's and are doing light housekeeping instead of boarding through the winter.

C. B. Taft spent a part of last week with his son, William Taft, and family, at their home on a farm near Clinton, finding the change from office to farm work diverting.

The all-day meeting of the ladies'

farm work diverting.

The all-day meeting of the Ladies circle, branch Alliance, of the Unitarian society, which was held at the home of Mrs. James Dunn last week Friday, was well attended despite the stormy outlook of the morning. As it seemed improbable the meeting would be fully attended the address by Rev. Mr. Ames, of Groton, was deferred. Rev. D. R. Child spoke in the afternoon on the work the women are doing in the present crisis of war, and there was a social afternoon which was enjoyed, as well as the lunch preceding it, at 12.30.

The entertainment given by the

The entertainment given by the oung people at Oak Hill hall on Mon-lay evening for the benefit of the Christmas entertainment and tree for christmas entertainment and tree for the children merited a larger audience than were present, although those present were appreciative. Mrs. Ivan Parker rendered piano selections, with Cari Lawrence playing traps, and vocal solos were given by Raymond Gaskill. A reading by Master Roger Lawrence was epjoyed, and the farce. "Won by a wager." was very creditably staged by the young amateurs, Misses Katherine Blood, Molly Frazer. Emille and Almee Geiger, and William Blood, Bernard and Raymond Scott and Forrest Shattuck. The committee, Mrs. Rupert Blood, Mrs. A. C. Stewart and Eugene Fletcher, who labored under some disadvantages to arrange the entertaint of the committee. Rupert Blood, Mrs. A. C. Stewar and Eigene Blood, Mrs. Blood Eigene Blood, Mrs. A. C. Stewar and Mrs. Frank Dunton of South Portlands, Mrs. Blood, Mrs. Henry Lakin.

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on the "Red Triangle hut," prepared by Miss Gertude Dama, was read by Miss Florence Kemp in the course of the evening. The supper, which was to have been served, was given up by the committee, who thought the attendance would undoubtedly be small, if any meeting was held, judging by the weather of the forenoon.

report of that meeting. The meeting will be Friday, December 21, and will be in charge of Mrs. Amy Shattuck, as the other members of the committee, Miss Edith Dow and Hazel Phinney, are now out of town.

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State over largely abandoned. The few that are out have made some of the roads nearly impassable.

Miss Mildred Lunt, teacher a; Harrivard, spent the week-end with relatives in Beston and vicinity.

A peculiar form of grippe attended with indigestion and stomach trouble has claimed many victims the past week. Among them Dr. N. S. Wood was obliged to be out of his office for days; two of the cleiks at the store of P. J. Hayes, Herbert Raymond and Jerry Annis, were off duty; Mrs. Florance of P. J. Hayes, Herbert Raymond and Jerry Annis, were off duty; Mrs. Florance willoughby was obliged to give up the care of Miss Irma Keith and so home: Frank Ford was obliged to give up his work on Rowell's grain team, and a dozen others are heard from in different parts of the town, similarly afflicted. The unusualty severe weather coming so sadenly, may be partially responsible.

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Ernest Keith, from Derry, N. H. spent Sunday with his father, Burpee Keith, and sisters.

Irving Church left town last week Saturday, it is stated, to enlist in the naval reserves.

Grange Notes.

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The regular meeting of Prescott Grange was held on Friday evening in spite of the storm of the morning and the bad traveling. There were more than thirty present and the third and fourth degrees were worked on the two candidates who appeared, Miss Sara Hubbard and James L. Lawrence. The members of the ladies' degree staff, for conferring the third degree, were all present but two, and for these substitutes were obtained. An essay on the "Red Triangle hut," prepared by Miss Gertude Dama, was read by Miss Florence Kemp in the course of the evening. The supper, which was the money of the supper, which was the money of the days ako, and was sorry to hear that father—I got a letter from you a good Xmas present this year—fifty dollars—and if I had more you would get it. I have got some liberty bonds and you know that when I get hem paid up you can have the money. Ever since I have been letting some of my money "ride on the books," so you might have thought of me. How are you? In every letter you speak about everything, and say mother, will you please send me some Pepperell newspapers. You don't know how good they would seem to me. Tell all my sisters not to forret to write me. I got a nice letter from a friend up at Rye Beach the other day. Hoping to hear from you all soon.

From your son Mark.

Dear Mother-Just a line to let you know that I am still on the map. How

and this Xmas I am "God knows where."
Anyway. I am in hopes I will be home next Xmas. I am going to try hard, and you know how I can run pretty fast.
You tell Dick Coffey that I met a lot of fellows that know him, and they sure would like to see 'im again. They were called in on account of the war Give my regards to Bert Blood, and tell him I know why he didn't get into the army—he had better put three morningers on his right hand. How is every-hody in Pepperell? I sure would like to see some of them. There is a lad in this company that used to live up on Cross Street. He knows everybody in Pepperell and would you believe it. I just found out last night that his mother still likes there.
Well, I haven't much to say, but will make up in other letters. From Mark both Company, 5th Regiment, U.S. M. Care Postmaster, New York City

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ate of Pepperell in the County of Mid ilesex, deceased, represented insolvent The subscribers, having been ap County Commissioners to receive an examine all claims of creditors agains the estate of said William H. Jenkins hereby give notice that the time within which creditors may present and prove claims against said estate is hereby extended to and including May twentith, 1918, and that they will meet t examine the claims of creditors at the residence of JOHN L. BOYNTON on Main Street, Pepperell Center, on the third day of January next at two

SAMUEL R. MERRIOLA. JOHN L BOYNTON

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In Pepperell, Massichusetts

H. Belirens live of Sud Pepperell de ceased by the Middlesex County Frobate Court on the fourteenth day of June 1917, there will be sold at public ection on the premises below describ 1. Monday, December 31, A. D. 1917 at three o'clock in the afternoon, a cer tain purcel of land situated in the easterly part of said Pepperell on Cot-

tage street containing three-fourths  $(\mathfrak{I}_4)$  of an acre, more or less, with buildings thereon, bounded as follows: On the west by land of Mary Fitz patrick, on the north by land of Irvins J. Rowell, on the east by land of Rainsford Deware and Henry C Thurston and on the south by Cottage Street. Being the same premises de-scribed in deed of Fidelia C. Behrens to Sarah E. Kemp, dated April 21, 1880, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds in book 1539.

page 320. A deposit of two hundred dollars wil required at time and place of sale Other terms made known at said time

dministrator of the Estate not already administered of Frank H. Behrens, Pepperell, Mass., December 13, 1917.

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Saturday, December 22, 1917,

NOTICE—All the full paid coupon bonds of the first and second issues are now ready for delivery at the First National Bank of Ayer. Subscribers are requested to call and sign receipt for bonds.

8.30 p. m.

The eighth whist party and dance which was given by the Willing Workers in Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening, December 11, was a decided success. There was a large attendance and the number of boys in khaki was a testimonial of how much they appreciate the the work that this club is doing for their comfort.

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The regular weekly drill of the state guard was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening at 7.30, and for the last time at that hour, for in the future the drills will take place at cight o'clock. There was a small attendance as the West Groton men, owing to lack of transportation, were unable to be present. After an inspection of arms by the captain, which resulted in several men being told to fall out and have their rifies cleaned, the company were given practice in guard mounting and later the corporals put their squads through various movements by close and openorder work. It is hoped that the indoor shooting range in the basement of the town hall may start next Wednesday evening.

The Unitarian festival will be an Christmas eve supper at six o'clock.

Military Funcral.

Sofemn religious and military services over the remains of Sergt, Harold Is Small, late of the Milliken regiment of Artillery, and a student of Lawrence academy when Mr. Bingham was princes over the remains of Sergt, Harold Is Small, late of the Milliken regiment of Artillery, and a student of Lawrence academy when Mr. Bingham was princes over the remains of Sergt, Harold Is Small, late of the Milliken regiment of Artillery, and a student of Lawrence academy when Mr. Bingham was princes over the remains of Sergt, Harold Is Small, late of the Milliken regiment of Artillery, and a student of Lawrence academy when Mr. Bingham was princes over the remains of Sergt, Harold Is Small, late of the Milliken regiment of Artillery, and a student of Lawrence academy when Mr. Bingham was princes over the remains of Sergt, Harold Is Small, late of the Milliken regiment of Artillery, and a student of Lawrence academy when Mr. Bingham was princes

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The correspondent for this paper regrets that the person who sent the item to the editor concerning the resignation of the district and school nurse, which appeared in last week's issue, falled to sign his or her name, as it has reflected much discredit upon her and the correspondent on her and the correspondent.

Many loads of baled hay have been hauled through town this week, presumably to Camp Devens, where large quantities are used.

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The open meeting of the Woman's club was held in the town hall at eight o'clock last week Friday evening, when Lieut, Com. Thomas Mott Osborne was expected to give a discourse on his experience in prison work, but it was impossible for him to be present on account of a call to Washington, D. C. Mr. Ayrault, from Groton School, gave an interesting talk to an assembly of 300 or more. The next meeting of the club will be held on Friday, December 28, when the department of current events, with Mrs. Susan F. Earle as chairman, will furnish the entertainment.

The community Christmas tree will

The community Christmas tree will be lighted on Christmas eve at eight o'clock. At 8.30 carols will be sung around it, and it is hoped that everyone will come and join in the singing. Mrs. Herbert Rockwood has fallen a victim to a hard cold, which is the prevailing malady in town just now.

The Neighborhood clab met with Mrs. Besph Graves on Wednesday afternoon, December 19, with a large currocer in attendance. The usual prostition was followed Mrs. Thomas Cheigh gave the current events. The increases were entertained by an interesting reading by Mrs. Etta Surgent, The club has recently been devoting its time to the making of handker Chiefs, 120 having been completed. The Entiting work, which was post-powed for a while will now be continued. Refreshmerts and singing Gosel the afternoon.

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Gerald Breckenridge of Chicopee rew has accepted a position as chauf-feur for J. E. Adams.

Mason Shattuck, son of Mr and Mrs. Arthur Shattuck, of Baddacook road, enlisted in the navy a few days ago, passed his examination and left home last Saturday to enter upon his new duties under Uncle Sam at Newport,

George Mason moved his household goods from the Sherwin cottage on Hollis street to the Jerome Shattuck house on Elmestreet, Tucsday.

Col. Powell and family, who have ad rooms in Mr. Carpenter's house, ave taken a house in Shirley.

Mrs. Marcia Parkhurst has been confined to the house with a severe cold the past week. The public meeting of the Middlesex County Farm Bureau, held recently in he town hall, was the first of a series of meetings. The next one will prob-bily be held in Jamary and will be held in the daytime.

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Miss Annie Cullan of Ayer has accepted the position as district and school nurse. She comes highly recommended by Dr. H. B. Priest and others and is successor to Miss Towle, who resigned her position purely from a financial standpoint. The residents of Groton were sorry to loose her as she was of a very pleasing personality.

The public schools have closed for their usual Christmas vacation.

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### Military Funeral.

cheerful of the uniformed volunteers of Portland, was left alone in his last sleep.

He was the first volunteer from Portland to die away from home since this war begun, who died of uneumonia at Camp Greene, N. C. For weeks after our cold northern winter set—in this regiment was kept at Westfield, sheltered in tents and exposed to hardships which the men bore without complaint. There Sergt. Small evidently contracted the disease which occasioned his death.

So far as education and training were concerned he was well qualified to fill a more important position than the one he occupied at the time of his bit, in the ranks as are many thousands of young Americans of like ability and training.

His death but he was content to "do his bit," in the ranks as are many thousands of young Americans of like ability and training.

His death brings the war home to people in Groton who knew this splendid young man, and will make them realize that there is something else in war besides the parades, the social activities and the excitement incidental to military preparation. Heroic as the death of any soldier must be in these days, whether stricken by disease in training camp or by hostile, builet in the battle's fury, a peculiar sadness, attaches to the death of Sergt. Small, His eagerness to give up a promising business career and join the men of the ranks when this regiment was formed was characteristic of him, and sin death depressed the entire regiment where men are gradually becoming inured to the real, true meaning of war in which death runs rampant.

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The rural mail clerks have been obliged to spend most of the days on the road since the storm, the traveling being very bad.

Mrs. Thomas Aitken is very ill at the home of her brother, Dr. Gobie. George H Cook, once a telegraphic operator here, but now a resident of Nashua, has been confined to the house with the grippe and bronchial asthma for over a week.

West Groton.

Mrs. Frank Worster and Jaughter Claire of Fitchburg spent Saturday at the Tarbell home

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hailett have entertained a neph w this week.

The little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brennan have been named, respectively, Ruth Elmor, and Mary Elizabeth.

Miss. Katherine Spaulding left on Thursday for Townsend, after a ten days stay at the home of her brother, H. Spaulding.

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Owing to the very unfavorable weather conditions on last Friday evening the L. A. S. supper and sale were not given the usual patronage. Those present, however, reported a very pleasant evening. Several soldiers from Camp Devens were entertained. The short entertainment consisted of singing by school children, piano selections by Miss Ethel Robinson and miscellaneous stereopticon views.

A military whist was given on Tues-

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A military whist was given on Tuesday evening by the finance committee of the Army and Navy Relief society. Nine tables were filled and the players passed a very enjoyable evening. First prizes were won by Mrs. E. K. Harrington, G. H. Bixby and Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson. Consolation prizes were bestowed upon Miss Ethel Robinson, Robert Bixby, Miss Hazel Bates and Asel Bates.

The children of Tarbell school had Christmas exercises and enjoyed their Christmas trees on Friday afternoon at which time all schools cjosed for the holiday rocess.

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William Maxwell of Vermont is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Sapulding. Miss Evadne Harrington has been unable to attend school since the Thanksgiving recess.

### LITTLETON

News Items:

Rev. Mr. Schneider, of Acton, will supply the pulpit at the Congregation-al church on Sunday morning.

at church on Sunday morning.

Dr. J. W. Ballentyne, of Stafford Springs, Conn., who preached in the Congregational church last Sunday morning most acceptably, gave a talk before the C. E. society in the afternoon-on India. Dr. Ballontyne is well-versed on the subject, having traveled extensively and observed much in the country of India, where his father has been in the missionary service for years.

Miss Priscilla Hall, who with her

Miss Priscilla Hall, who with her parents recently moved to Ayer, has left the high school and began work as bookkeeper for a Boston firm on West Main street, Ayer.

The ice harvesting, which promised to be in operation at this time, has been postponed on account of the rising temperature. The snow was scraped from the pond the first of the week, but since then the ice has not increased in thickness.

The heavy fall of snow has caused much trouble for drivers of motor vehicles. The drifting snow on Friday and Saturday made shoveling necessary in many places, and even now, the heavy trucks with difficulty pur-sue their course through the deep snow of certain localities.

Thomas Stephens has been housed this week on account of a severe cold. Clifford Smith and family are spending the week-end with his parents, the Charles L. Smiths.

The Christmas tree and entertainment by the children of the Congregational Sunday school will be in the vestry on Monday evening.

Several from town attended the special meeting of the Middlesex; Worcester Pomona Grance held in Ayer Thursday. There was election of officers and a fine program given. They had a low lunch and the special meeting of the Middlesex; Worcester Pomona Grance held in Ayer Thursday. There was election of officers and a fine program given. They had a low lunch and the view on Thursday to enjoy the holiday searchers are selected.

Worcester L'amona Grance held in Ayer Thursday. There was election of officers and a fine program given. They had a box lunch and the Ayer Thursday to enjoy the holiday search of the Christmas carols Sunday. It is hoped there will be more next time. Owing to the severe storm last Friday the no school signal sounded at seven a. m., giving an extra day to teachers and pupils.

The rural mail clerks have been the officers and the Christman of the Back Log dance has

# It occupies the thought of every giver What to buy is a puzzling problem

We are prepared to assist you solve your problem. Our stock of worth while gifts was never better than now. The following list of inexpensive gift suggestions will help you:



## Colgate's Prefumes and Toilet Articles

Comfort Boxes ...... 59¢ Petite Perfumes and Soap........... 35¢ Perfumes ...... 25¢ to \$2.50 Colgate's Gift Boxes .... \$2.75 and \$3.50

### Handkerchiefs for Men, Women and Children



Ladies' Linen and Fine Muslin, hemstitched, some plain, and some embroidered in dainty colors... 10¢ to 25¢

Children's Plain White and Embroidered, some in fancy boxes..... 5c to 25cMen's Handkerchiefs, Linen

and Mercerized Cotton 10c to 25c

Handkerchiefs in Fancy Boxes-3, 4, and 6 handkerchiefs in a box-for Men, Women and Children. Prices from...... 15¢ to \$2.00

### SHIRT WAISTS

Handsome Lingerie and Silk Waists, packed in individual boxes. Prices ....... \$1.98 to \$5.50 Christmas Postcards and Booklets

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Latest novelties in Crepe, Satin and Organdie Collars ...... 50¢ to \$1.75

Collars and Jabot novelties in plain and embroidered laces ...... **50¢** to **\$1.50** 

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Each packed in fancy box. Prices..... 59¢ to \$2.69

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Neckwear ...... 25¢ to \$1.00 Arm Bands and Hose Supporters, in fancy boxes 50¢ Suspenders and Arm Bands in fancy boxes 25¢ and 50¢

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In Mocha and Dress Kid, fur and fleece lined

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Hat Pins, Brooches, Comb Sets, Cuff Pins

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Embroidery Baskets, Yarn Baskets, Pin Cushions 25¢ to \$2.50

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Men's Cigar Cases, Coin Purses, Tobacco Pouches, Bill Folds, Card Cases, Key Cases

Ladies' Fine Pocketbooks ...... 25¢ to \$1.50 Ladies' Envelope Purses .......... \$1.00 to \$2.39 Ladies' Handbags and Shopping Lists

Christmas Ribbons and Tags

Crepe Paper Christmas Colors

BOX PAPER IN FANCY BOXES

White and Colored Correspondence Cards and Paper 25¢ to \$2.50

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A new fishman, Mr. Sullivan, who succeeds Henry Healy, took the route through town on Thursday.

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GROTON, MASS

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# NEW OPTICAL SERVICE

I have recently installed a MODERN GRINDING PLANT

which enables me to render quicker and better service in on the hill; steam heat; fine location. making new glasses and replacing broken lenses. If you are intending to care head, and if you are intending to care break your glasses save the pieces and I will guarantee to home call and see me. duplicate them exactly.

# F. H. GATHERCOLE

REGISTERED OPTOMETRIST

Mead's Block

AYER, MASS.

Fisher, of Ayer, will be the Girl Scout director of the Ayer Federated Council of Girl Scouts after January 1. She will have supervision of all the troops in the Federation and her headquarters will be at the Girls Clubhouse on Weshington with the School of the Scouts Washington street, Ayer, THE HEADACHE A SIGNAL

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Headache is pain in the head, and is the most common ailment that flesh is heir to. The head aches oftener than all other parts of the body taken together; yet all the different varieties of pain which afflict the head are not called headaches.

We are contemplating the commonest of ailments; yet let anyone but ask you to explain its nature, or cause, and you are brought face to face with a problem that has been hotly disputed by the ablest medical experts for generations, and one that remains, unsolved today.

Strange to say, in nine cases out of ten the head is not to blame for the existence of pain. The brain acts the part of sentinel, sounding the alarm, calling our attention to the fact that damage has been inflicted upon some part, or organ, of the body; and we convented the constitute a search for

Endamin Conant, from Camp Devens, spent last Saturday and Sunday with him, and the other sons also came him, and the other sons also came laking a course in economics at Simmons college this fall, is at home for a vacation of two weeks, and her sister, in Miss Grace P. Conant, of Milliken university, Decatur, Ill., arrived in town on Thursday to enjoy the holiday sear with the home people. She will return to her college duties shortly as fire Christmas.

Miss Maud Mitchell, of Cheisea, is at home for the Christmas season. Other home for the Christmas home for the Christmas home for the christmas the home people. See him home for the christmas home for the christmas the home people holiday sea.

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something as broad as human nature itself; and when anything tends to derange or deteriorate any part or or-gan of the body, naturally the danger signal is flown to the breeze in the shape of a headache.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Armed with a hooked bill resembling a hawk, with a spread of wing as big as a good-sized eagle and equipped with long legs, which he carries straight behind him, a bird which Allan Irish, of Sabino, Me., says is a zyphunkquilipherz and is rare in that vicinity, has been seen-frequently near Sabino.

United States' imports of cacao from Ecquador and Brazil in 1916 aggregated about 75 million pounds against 48 millions in 1914, and 43 millions in 1913. Oour total imports of cacao for 1916 amount to about 250 million pounds against 156 millions in 1913, the year preceding the war.

It is almost impossible to convict a woman of a capital crime—not only in Omaha, but in any civilized community. That being true, prosecution of a woman for murder, except of the most atroclous and deliberate kind, is merely a waste of taxpayers' money.—Omaha

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Our Cigars are kept in per-fect condition and this is what the particular, critical smoker requires. We handle all the popular brands of Cigars, in-cluding the various "National" brands which have proved themselves so deservedly pop-

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GEORGE H. B. TURNER, Publishe Subscribers are urged to keep their subscriptions paid in advance.

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Saturday, December 22, 1917.

NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS

Owing to the shortness of time allowed for filing questionaires, the Legal Advisory Board will be open in the district court-room on Sundays from 2.30 until 9 p. m. stor the purpose of assisting registrants in completing the questionaries.

Legal Advisory Board, By Lyman K, Clark, Clerk.

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Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, past division commander of the Sons of Veterans, who recently volunteered for war work in connection with camp activities, has been assigned to Y. M. C. A. work in Newport, R. I. He will later go to France to fill a similar position. Mr. Bronsdon for several years has been pastor of the Congregational church at Millers-Falls: He is a well-known and very popular charter member of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., of Ayer...

An alarm from box 5, at the corner of Main and West streets, last Saturday afternoon, shortly after five o'clock, called out the fire department to extinguish a blaze in a large automobile truck on West street, near Ward's stable, the truck being the property of J. S. French, of Medford. The truck was slightly damaged. The fire is said to have been caused by back-firing.

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Theodore W. Pearson, a well-known agent of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, is working in the interest of the society at Halifax, N. S., where he was assigned with other agents when the great disaster occurred there, two weeks ago. Mr. Pearson is well-known here for his vigorous work in bringing to justice many owners and drivers for cruelty to animals during the past summer at Camp Devens.

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Vernon Race, formerly of Ayer, died at the Portsmouth, N. H., hospital last week Friday. Death resulted from a wound caused by a rifle ball at Hampton Beach last summer, where the deceased was working in a shooting range. He had apparently recovered from the effects of the accident. The old-trouble-however, appeared a shortime ago, when he was taken to the hospital where he died. His age was 15 years, 9 months, 17 days. At the time of the accident the boy was engaged in cleaning rifles, when a rifle in the hands of the proprietor of the shooting range accidentally discharged, the bail entering the body, near the spine. The deceased leaves his mother, Mrs. Catherine Shepard; three sisters, Miss Gladys Race of Leominster, Miss Ruth Hill of Ayer and Miss Ethel Race of Washington, D. C., and a brother, Ellison Race, who recently folined the payy. The funeral took place on Monday with services at St. Leo's church, Leominster. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in St. Leo's cemetery in that place.

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Thomas Carence Moore has been appointed director of the Knights of Columbus buildings at Camp Devens and will have six secretaries under his direction in doing the work of the organization for the benefit of the soldiers. He commenced his duties last week Friday.

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An unknown man of foreign extraction was knocked down and injured about the head by a rapidly moving team on West Main street, near the corner of Mechanic street, a 6.30 Monday evening. The man was able to go to Lowell on an electric car, for which he was waiting when the accident occurred. The driver of the team failed to stop. His identity is unknown.

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The government took possession of the east half of Proctor's garage on Monday until such time as its garage at Camp Devens is properly heated. This action came as a result of the action of the truck drivers, who are all civilians, who refused to operate the machines unless proper heat be provided when they are stored overnight. The cold weather, say the chauffeurs, makes it very difficult to operate the trucks which freeze during the time they are standing still, making it necessary to spend considerable time and extra labor daily in getting them into proper working condition. The drivers threatened to beave and take their trucks back to Boston unless these conditions were remedied. An armed guard of soldiers was ordered on duty at the temporary quarters of the trucks. The order given to take possession of the garage was revoked Tuesday on the ground that it was not approved by the proper authorities. The guards were withdrawn by order of Brigadier-General Weigel and Mr. Proctor once more came into possession of his quarters after the government automobiles had been withdrawn.

Miss Margaret Crocker of Fitchburg and Rev. James Thayer Addison of



# Useful and Attractive Gifts for Every Member of the Family

Our stock of goods suitable for Christmas Gifts is most complete. Here are suggestions for Gifts that are practical and sure to be appreciated. Many of the articles are enclosed in Handsome Christmas Boxes. Come in while the assortment is good and let us help you make your selections.

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Men's Liner, initial or plain 25¢ and 50¢ each	,					
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Men's Coat Sweaters, all colors \$1.75 to \$8.00						
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The new Cheney Styles in four-in-hands; beautiful						
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Warm Flannel Gowns in beautiful colorings \$3.50 to \$7.00

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Men's Mocha Gloves, fur-lined .... \$5.00 and \$6.00 Men's Mocha Gloves, silk and knit-lined **\$2.00** to **\$3.00** Men's Mocha Gloves, fleece-lined.... \$2.00 to \$3.00 Men's Cape Gloves for Dress Wear. \$2.00 to \$3.00 Men's Working Gloves and Mittens.... 60¢ to \$2.00 Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens..... 50¢ to \$1.00

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Men's Silk Hose, black or colors... 50¢ and 65¢ pair Never before have we had such a stock of MDSE. colors ...... 30¢ pair Boys' and Children's Hose ...... 25¢ and 35¢ pair

Boys' Woolen Gloves and Mittens..... 29c to 50c

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Men's Fur Caps, Muskrat...... \$5.00 and \$6.00 Cello Hot Water Bottles \$2.00-\$3.00 Men's Cloth Caps ...... 60¢ to \$1.50 Razors Boys' Cloth Caps ...... 60¢ Safety Razors 

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Store Open on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and

quarters after the government automobiles had been withdrawn.

Miss Margaret Crocker of Fitchburg and Rev. James Thayer Addison of Stamford, Conn., were married Tuesday afternoon in Christ church. Fitchburg. Miss Crocker was attended by Miss Elizabeth Peabody of Groton, as maid of honor, and Rev. Angus Dun of St. Andrew's church, Ayer, was one of the ushers.

Fronk S. Places communications and Rev. Edwin Fiynn, an army chaplain from Camp Devens. Burg. Miss Crocker was attended by Miss Elizabeth Peabody of Groton, as maid of honor, and Rev. Angus Dun of St. Andrew's church, Ayer, was one of the ushers.

Frank S. Pierce commenced cutting ice off Sandy point Wednesday, completing the work this week Friday night. The ice is twelve inches thick the honor of the Boston Ice Company expects to begin cutting at once.

William M. Sargent's horse fell was attended by District Deputy Gibbons and Rev. George E. Pickard, secretary of the federated churches in Lowell, gave an excellent address, taking for his text "Off what value is man more than a sheep." The speaker referred to the wonderful powers of thought and voice of man as well as his social and spiritual nature, which distinguished him from the lower animals.

william M. Sargent's horse fell through a trap door in the barn this week Friday morning, badly injuring the animal's legs.

On Thursday forenoon, a man evidently a freman on the southern division, was found lying beside the track in the south railroad yard. He was picked up by the train crew and Dr. Hopkins was summoned. An examination by the doctor disclosed a badly lacerated scalp, with a possible fracture of the skull. The injured man was taken to the Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, where at last accounts he was in a serious condition. Little is known of the man except that his name is Watkins. It is supposed that he fell off an engine while he was working and received his injuries.

The Peace and Unity club, a well-known colored organization will be a serious conductors.

Wenry A. Titus, until recently the conductor of the Milford, N. H., passenger train, has retired on a liberal consecutive years as a conductor, beginning work on the Cheshire branch. Later, when that road was absorbed by the Flotburg railroad, he worked for the latter corporation until it was leased by the Boston and Maine railroad. Mr. Titus has served fitty-seven consecutive years as a conductor, beginning work on the Cheshire branch. Later, when that road was absorbed by the Flotburg railroad, he worked for the latter corporation until it was leased by the Boston and Maine railroad. Mr. Titus was end with the work of the latter corporation until it was leased by the Boston and Maine railroad. Mr. Titus was end fitty-seven consecutive years as a conductor, beginning work on the Cheshire branch. Later, when that road was absorbed by the Flotburg railroad, he worked fity-seven consecutive years as a conductor, beginning work on the Cheshire branch in town.

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Federation house on West Main stree which is set for Sunday, December 36 Noted speakers have been engaged 56 this occasion. The rehearsal promise this occasion. The rehearsal promise well for a fine musical program to this noted event.

Last Sunday evening the choir of the First Unitatian church of Lowed gave a line musical program, which was much appreciated. The choir and the pastor of the above church, Rev Alfred R. Hussey, participated in the services at the Unitarian church earl er in the evening.

er in the evening.

A. H. Wardle, the efficient and very popular gentleman in charge of the Christian Federation headquarters, has had offers of a position as a Y. M. C. A. manager in France and also in a training camp in the south. Mr. Wardle is considering the matter.

the picture alone is said to have exceeded \$1,000,000. Beyond and above its interest remarkable dramatic product Civilization" points a moral lesson which cannot be well ignored since the story is virtually that of the danger

of autocratic power in the modern world. This great play is endorsed by President Wilson and other prominert Americans.
Three shows will be given on Christ mas day--2, 6 and 8.30 p. in. This show will be here one day only.

Camp Notes.

The United Shoe Machinery Company has presented the 301st Field Artiflery with a shoe repair shop, a portable structure, which came into

portable structure, which came into camp from Framingham on Wednesday, loaded on two automobile trucks. R. C. Stebbins, formerly a clerk in the Boston municipal court, is now a major of the 301st Infantry Regiment, taking the place of Major Rhinelander Waldo, who is now at the front.

Lieut, Mallett of the French army has charge of the divisional bombing school which opened on Wednesday. Thirty officers were the first to take instruction in the throwing of hand

Camp Devens. The mer are expected within a few days. They are to remain here until room is made for them at the fort.

the inmates whose terms had nearly expired, will have to remain there for three weeks more before the quaran-



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unry 1. One thousand men are still due to fill the places made vacant by rejections.

within a few days. They are to temain here until room is made for them at the fort.

Those of the men at the camp who are forbidden Christmas leave are preparing to celebrate the honday at camp. Christmas trees are being set up and will bear presents from the folks at home. Appropriate exercises will be held in connection with the Yuletide celebration. There is an opportunity for those who have no one to send presents to in providing for the soldiers who are to remain in camp.

The Depot Brigade. Timerry composed of men chiefly from springfield and nearly points, has now within its ranks men from all the New England States.

Thomas Terro, a cook of the 361st. and nearby points, has now within its states.

Thomas Terrae, a coke a the 201st Regiment, died last week Friday even died flowing an operatio, for appendictive, which was performed at the base hospital. The fatal attack came very studenly as Terrie had need at the base hospital. The fatal attack came very studenly as Terrie had need at the base hospital. The fatal attack came very studenly as Terrie had need at the base hospital. The fatal attack came very studenly as Terrie had need at the work serving food in the trenches a short time before he was taken iff.

Heter Fromett, of Bellows Falls Vt., a former member of the 6th Regi. It was brought to camp on Thesday to answer to a charge of overstaying his leave of absence. He was arrested in Fitchburg on Morday. Fromett obtained a leave of absence of foor days when the regiment was encamped at Camp Bartlett, Westfield While at home he injured his back ind was given additional time before reporting. When he went hask to Westfield the regiment had gone to Spatiarsburg. S. C. He applied to the quartermaster at Camp Devens on December 12, and was given transportation money for the southern camp. Instead of g.ing there he was married, and later arrested as a deserter.

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Twenty-five prisoners confined in the guard house of the provest guard are affected by an outbreak of measles which occurred on Tuesday. Some of the inmates whose terms had need to Milrose Athletic respective at the Milrose Athletic respective.

in New York this week Friday by fo warter mile runners, former Harva

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### HARVARD

News Items. The management of the Fenway theatre on Massachusetts avenue, Bos-ton, announces that one of the at-tractions during Christmas week, betractions during Christmas week, beginning on Monday, December 24, will
be the rendering of the patriotic
hymn. "The unfurling of the flag."
the words of which are by Miss Clara
Endicott Sears. The song will be sungat-both afternoon and evening performances, and during the singing will
be illustrated by a very beautiful
and dramatic series of motion pictures.

Schools closed on Friday for a fourweeks' vacation, and will open again on January 21; close March 29 and open on April 8, and close on June 28. This new schedule has been arranged to help meet the heating prob-lem, as the coal supply is very short

At a meeting of the trustees of the Bromfield school, held December 15 Rev. H. C. Merrill was elected a mem-Rev. H. C. Merrill was elected a member of the corporation and board of trustees, with power to serve as an administrator of school affairs. The selection of Mr. Merrill, who is a member of the local school board, invites a passibility of a union of the educational interests of the town.

Sunday will be observed at all the churches as Christmas Sunday. The dhurches as Christmas Sunday. The Unitarian services will be as usual, at 10.45 in the morning and at seven in the evening there will be a vesper service. Music will be by a double quartet, who will sing carols and other appropriate music. Rev. H. C. Merrill will conduct these services. Catholic services will be held at the usual hour at the town hall. At the Congregational church Rev. H. B. Mason will conduct the service at 10.45 in the morning. The C. E. meeting will be held in the vestry at seven o'clock.

It will be of interest to know that the Congregational society contributed forty-seven dollars to the Hallfax fund. Other funds were sent from other sources, the exact amount not just know to your correspondent.

Percy A. Atherton has been appointed treasurer of the Bromfield schoo corporation in place of Arthur D. Hill who has enlisted for service with the Bromfield seniors are busy working

up a play to be given in the future. The title is "Bob," and is reported as a very attractive play.

Mrs. Hodgson, wife of Lieut. Hodgson, who has been with Mrs. H. A. Thayer for some time, is spending the holidays with her parents in Philadel-

in this five-act play. Expresses the struggles, the Joy and the danger that comes to a young man of ambition who tries to do right. See it, and see how he triumphed over a town corrupt "boss." There is a nice girl in this story.

The public safety committee requests residents of Harvard under the dearly law ho have changed their mail. Addms. And daughter, Miss hould be attended to immediately, sither to the local exemption board or to the adjusting general, room 258, State House.

Boston. It is important that this should be attended to immediately, as according to reports received by the committee hundreds of an are now advertised as deserters because friends for relatives who promised to forward mall to them forgot or didn't think it was important. All interested are urgently requested to attend to this mutter at once and thus avoid serious fromle.

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ranged especially for the younger classes and the older people are cordialit, invited to be present

Members of the congregation on Sunday are requested to bear in mind the annual offering for the Christman exercises.

Miss Veta Bindford, who is teaching in the high school at Bath, Me., arrived home last Saturday for a two-levereless.

Mrs. H. B. Masen, who for netrice three years has been guardian of the Makamacheckannucks. Camp Fire, is planning to lay down these duties at an early date. Miss Frances, O Brion has consented to take the position and within a short time will be in charge of the work. Miss O'Brion has been a camp fire guardian before and is in other ways peculiarly fitted to be a leader in this work. This circle is to be congratulated on finding the interest and service of one so admirably, fitted for the place. Makamacheckannucks are bound to have a period of increased activity and prosperity.

Last Sunday evening a party of the men of the Congregational church men of the Congregational churc

interested are eligible and welcome to unite with this club. The sole aim of the club is community betterment along broader lines of thought.

### SHIRLEY

At the meeting of the Aliance held on last week Thursday at the home of the president, Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman, the speaker failed to appear and the time was spent in routine business and social enjoyment. Appropriations were made for janitor service at the First Parish church, for the Clinton hospital fund and for the relief of the Alliance. Refreshments were served.

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rietcher's crothing store in Ayer.

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### LUNENBURG

A check for \$92.75 was sent to Robert Winson, chairman of the Halifax relief fund. Tuesday, December 11. This included the collection taken at the Congregational church, the gifts of the school children and also gifts from many citizens in town.

A squad of Girl Scouts was organized at the Center school last week

the speaker failed to appear and the time was spent in routine business and social enjoyment. Appropriations were made for janitor service at the First Parish church, for the Clinton hospital fund and for the relief of the Allance. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Ella F. Lawrence and Miss Altie Howe attended the Alpha Past Grands' association meeting held in Ritchburg on Tuesday.

Arthur C. Annis has again taken up his position at the store of C. R. White until he is called to the colors. Until recently Mr. Annis was employed at Fletcher's clothing store in Ayer.

The public schools closed this week Eriday afternoon for the scales near the nostoffice and the first Monday of the new year meetings will be held every Monday afternoon.

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Pupils of this town attending the Fitchburg high school are enjoying a vacation of two weeks, the schools of that city closing longer than usual to help conserve the coal.

The house on Leominster road belonging jointly to the estates of Mrs. Laura H. Ford was sold at auction by A. A. Fillebrown last Monday afternoon and was bought by Albert H. Sherman for C. F. Edgarton, The sum paid was \$1600.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, of Millers

Lic weigher.

A most interesting meeting was held by the Woranis club in the lower town hall on Friday afternoon, December 7, when Mrs. Florence A. Warner, of the Worcester County Farm Bureau, gave a very edifying and instructive talk upon and demonstration of bread of many kinds and meant. The best outs, etc., and economical ways of preparing appetizing dishes, with a small outlay of cash, and many valuable recipes were given which were tried by Lunenburg housekeepers in their Saturday's baking.

Christmas exercises will be held in

C. F. Edgarton. The sum paid was 1600.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, of Millers Falls, formerly pastor of the Congressional church here, has gone to Newport, R. L. to take up war work for the Y. M. C. A. He will go to France later.

Mary A. Livermore lodge will initiate three candidates at their meeting on Friday evening, December 28, at eight o'clock. The election of officers will also take place for the ensuing term.

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Although somewhat late in announcing the fact we are pleased to say that Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Caultkins are enjoying an extended visit from another baby girl. Miss Elsie Knight is assisting about the house.

L. K. Savage is filling his lechouse this week with ten-inch ice.

Quite a party of Harvard Grangers attended the meeting of the Borough Pomona Grange held on Thursday in Hudson.

Mrs. May E. Morse is visiting this many family. L. Harlow Morse, in Methuen.

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Hall theatre. Ayer, one day only—Christmas. Three shows—2, 6 and 8, 20—p. m.—

The last meeting of the board of sections. The least meeting of this week will be made by the town treasurer on any account between that time and Junuary 1.

Percy Crane, who has been employed as a chauffeur for Mrs. Charles W. Marshall, has returned to his home in Elticton for the winter. Mr. Crane will return to the Marshall home in Will return to the Marshall home in Spring, as Mr. Crane has given except the spring, as Mr. Crane has given except and efficient chauffeur and attentive to his duties.

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Mr. Schultz is very enthusiastic regarding the holding of a two-days demonstration school given by the farm bureau sometime in the near future in the town hall.

At the Grange meeting held on Tiesday evening, the retiring lecturer, Frank P. Abbott, was given a vote of thanks for his two years of service in Grange work. "The meetings I have enjoyed the most during the past year was the subject under discussion and a very interesting meeting it proved to be. At the next meeting, January 1, the installation of officers will take place.

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Saturday the road was broken convenient season, with less snow, when they will be crated and again sent on the way to the estern part

Mrs. N. R. Graves.

The next regular meeting of the Matror's Aid society will be postponed to the June will be held until the second Tuestings will be held until the

Christmas tree," Lillian Hosmer; "The holly tree," Edna Edwards; reading, Florence Biodgett; "Hang up the baby's stocking," Marjory Baker; reading, Rita Pendiebury; plano solo, Ethel M. Coilins; mandolin and plano selective.

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tions, Gladys M. and Lillian L. Baker; violin solo, Mildred V. Precious, Dalsy Precious plano accompanist; plano duct, Caroline E. and Dalsy Precious. Attention was then turned to the Christmas tree which suddenly appeared covered with tiny electric bulbs of many colors and decorated in a wonderful manner. But the best of all was Santa Claus, who appeared with a huge bag filled with many gifts and candy. All of the Sunday school children received a shitable gift and a box of candy. The janitor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, were presented with a sum of money as a token of appreciation from the parishioners. The gifts were given by members of the Groton School, and Mr. Hoyt impersonated Santa Claus, Refreshments were served to the young men afterwards by the Sunday school teachers.

### BROOKLINE, N H.

Mrs. Ralph Duncklee, of Ayer, Mass., was a guest of Mrs. Wallace Jenness last week Wednesday Will Shattuck is carrying the school children from the west part of the town.

own.

Marion Holcombe has been spendaccording to faw days with her aunt, Mrs. ing a few days with her aunt, Mrs. A. A. Simmonds, Concord, and during her visit attended several meetings of the State Grange. She was one of many to take the sixth degree.

On account of the severe snow on account of the sever shool was in session on Saturday, instead of on Friday, but with small attendance.

Mrs. Silas Wheeler was a guest in Milford on last week Friday.

Mrs. Clara Russell and Mrs. Edna Hall attended the State Grange meet-ings held in Concord last week.

Miss Marion Stiles is at her home or a two-weeks' vacation, from Anton Jensen and his son Alton have returned from a trip to Norfolk. Va. They are now employed at the paper mill in Pepperell.

Walter Cook, of Dunstable, is making his home with Clark Barnaby for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hadley were in town the first of last week and reported that their sons. Harold and Ralph, who are somewhere in France, are near enough together so that they have talked over the telephone.

Mr. Larson, of Boston, has been a recent guest in town. Mrs. Jane Lyons has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Lizzle Maynard, in

outh Brookline. Word has been received from Mat

tie: Burke, who is somewhere in France. He is assisting on an auto truck and reports that the weather is damp and foggy.

The annual Christmas concert will be given on Sunday at the Congregational church.

Brookline Grange took the prize for conferring the degrees in the best manner in this district.

Rev. Charles Dockrill preached last Sunday evening on the Halifax disaster. A special collection was taken up for that purpose.

Manage Mrs. Charles Roiton spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bolton spent Sunday in Hollis.

has enlisted and will report at Fort Johnson, Florida, shortly.

Warren Hartwell will study and qualify at Cambridge for service as wireless operator.

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Conservative of the Christmas season of the Christmas seas

The usual Christmas froile of the Unitarian society will be held in their vestry on Monday afternoon from 2,30 to 4,30. A varied program of recitations, songs and games will be followed by refreshments, and it is hoped and expected that Santa Claus will arrive in time to take the boxes from the tree and to Join in the fun.

One of the greatest of film plays, "Civilization," will be shown in Page's Hall theatre, Ayer, one day only—Christmas. Three shows—2, 6 and Christmas. 8,30 p. m.

THE CHRISTMAS CAROL OF A TRUE

PACIFIST
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That the peace we strive to gain
Comes, with so much sacrifice and pain,
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An eye for eye, and tooth for tooth,
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### NOTICE. TOWN OF HARVARD

The Board of Selectmen request that all bills against the town must be in their hands on or before December 31st, 1917.

Charles H. Haskell Perley Board, Spurgeon M. Farnsworth.

Harvard, Mass., Dec. 20, 1917. 2t16 NOTICE OF HEARING.

December 3, 1917.

To the Board of Selectmen: The undersigned respectfully asks for a License to sell Gasoline and install a 500 gallon tank 21/2, feet under surface at West Main Street, on private drive-way, between this store and store occupied by ESTABROOK &

EATON. Auto-Tire-Exchange M. B. Davis, Mgr. Ayer, Mass. Residence Application received December 3,

JOHN D. CARNEY. Chairman Board of Selectmen.



Ayer, Mass., Dec. 10, 1917. Ordered that a public hearing b held on the foregoing petition on Mon While day, the seventh day of January, 1918, at eight o'clock P. M., in the Select men's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer, at which time and place all per sons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard and that the petitioner give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer at least fourteen days prior thereto.

JOHN D. CARNEY, DOUGLAS C. SMITH. LYMAN K. CLARK.

Selectmen of Ayer.

A true copy of petition and order thereon. Attest: LYMAN K. CLARK,

Clerk.

Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, as. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin.
creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of FANNIE L.
NORRIS late of Ayer 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 ALBERT L. GALUSHA of Sharon in the County of Norfolk and
BERTHA H. HILDRETH of Monson in the County of Hampden without giving a surety on their bond.
You are hereby clied to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fourth day of December A. D.
1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And the petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public: Spirit, a nowspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
Witness Charles J. Mointire, Esquire.

Court. Witness, Charles J. Mointire, Esquire. First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of November in the year one thous sand nine hundred and seventeen.

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Ayer, Mass., December 6, 1917. 3114

### NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Stock-holders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Banking Rooms on Monday, January 7, 1918, at ten o'clock A. M., to choose a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Townsend, Mass., Dec. 5, 1917. 4t15

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To the hebrs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of LENA MAY SWICKER, late of Townsend in said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to VICTOR C. SWICKER of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond. You are hereby clied to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fourth day of December A. D. 1917, at nine olock the three of the Sabol house on Central Avenue.

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

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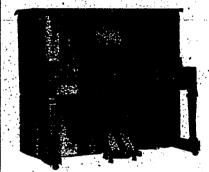
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# NOT REAL BUSTLE

New Dress Feature Not So Startling as Name Indicates.

Bulge Obtained by Arrangement of Material in the Skirt is Not for the Stout Woman

Announcement that the "bustle dress" had again arrived caused quite a furore . There is now every indication\_that\_it\_will\_have\_considerable

The public has almost become surfelted with straight-line "chemise" frocks, and the "barrel slihouette" has ilso enjoyed two seasons of life, so comed. It is well to emphasize, however, that the bustle dress is becoming only to women at least of medium height and of slender figure. Worn by a "stout" woman, the bustle dress even in its very moderate form would be grotesque and hopelessly unbecoming, says a fashion writer in the Wash-"barrel" skirt, if selected with care, could be worn by any woman, and the same rule applies to the straight-line chemise frock.

The bustle dress is really not so startling as first announcements indi-cated. When made of any of the wool fabrics, it usually consists of two, three or four loops, laid one over the other, like such ends, gathered and plaited into the waist at the top, so that a slight bulge is effected, which seems larger by contrast with the narrow, straight skirt it is a part of. Or large tucks may be similarly treated, with an apron overskirt or tunic of some sort joining the tucks at either side and continuing around the front

When taffeta or satin is used, frequently a long apron overskirt covers the skirt in front, and is sloped and draped at the sides, so that when the



New "Bustle" Dress. two sections meet at the back the rip-

pled edges stand out, giving the desired bustle silhouette A dress of this latter type is shown

It is not difficult to understand that

n dress such as the one shown would be rather hopeless on a large figure, and also that fair height is required to

### COLLARS BOTH HIGH AND LOW

Shapes and Materials Are Used for These Accessories and One May Take Her Choice.

Anyone who wants high collars may bave them. The designers have seen to that; but where there is one high collar there are a hundred low models. Such delightful low collars, too! The roll collar, with deep points in front, is a favorite and newer than any of the many versions of the sailor shape, says a writer in the New York Evening Sun. It is more becoming and suitable for anyone save the young things, too. No woman past her early twenties ought to wear a sailor col-lar, though many a grandmother does.

The popularity of square-cut blouse and frock necks has brought out a host of dainty collars in satin, georgette, organdie, muslin, what you will, shaped for wearing with these square necks, rolling at the back and down the sides, but leaving the neck line across the front uncollared. Sometimes a little tucker or chemisette to match the collar is provided.

Red Arms and Elbows

Red arms are not so difficult to cure as one might suppose. They are generally caused by sluggish circulation. which is sometimes due to too tight sleeves or a general impoverishment of the system. To treat the arms they should first be bathed in hot water. The following massage cream applied with the palms of the hands should be used every night before retiring: 'One ounce of oil of almonds, one drachm of spermaceti, one drachm of white wax. one ounce of rose water and one-quarter of an ounce of orange flower water.

the editorial paragraphers with mateinvolved in Miss Bertha R. Fearing's marriage to John B. Bold before Jus-tice Coward of South Norwalk, Conn.,

TOWNSEND

Center.

Rev. A. L. Struthers officiated at the funeral of the young soldier boy. Amasa Elliott, who died at the analythospital in Newport, R. L. and whose funeral was held on Thursday afterneon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Elliott. The singing was by Mrs. F. B. Higgins and Missing was 190 new them in which content to the mediate of the school board on Wednesday afterneon it was voted to extend the time of the vacation of the grade schools to one week—time of re-opening, January 2.

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The committee on entertainment for the community Christmas on Monday evening at Memorial hall, announce that the feature of the motion picture program will be "The vicer of Wakefield." by Sir Walter Scott. This is considered the best ever produced before a Townsend audience and everyone is urged to attend. This picture play has received great popularity, and has recently run for a week in the city of New York. There will also be other 4steresting films given. The proceeds of the entertainment is to be given to the Red Cross.

Mrs. Nancy Longley, of Shirley The committee on entertainment for

Mrs. Nancy Longley, of Shirley Center, came to town the first of the week to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Emma Davis.

Milo Porter, of Brookline, N. H., is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. George Kendall during the winter, while he is employed at the B. & A. D. Fessenden Company's plant. The Townsend Junior Winter Chau-

The Townsend Junior Winter Chautauqua held their monthly meeting on Monday afternoon at the Center school building, with Rolland Meade, mayor, and Louise Drake, town clerk, presiding. The afternoon's program was in charge, of the "Make good commission," Irene Moulton Florence Misner, Fred Wilder, Edward Lancey and Robert Drake. A play, "Uncle Sam's savings bank," was well given by the children and a paper nicely composed, containing many wise suggestions, was given by Miss Florence Misner on the subject, "How the junior citizen makes use of time." The songs, "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner," were sung by the children and indoor games enjoyed. Miss Dorothy Powell, supervisor of Junior Chautauqua clubs, from Pennsylvania, was present; also, the Pennsylvania, was present; also, the local manager, Mrs. Edna W. Bray. The next meeting will be held on Jan-

when Frank R. Jefts, rural carrier, finished work Saturday night he completed eight years of service for Uncle Sam. Subtracting 52 Sundays and 6 sholidays, and 15 days leave of absence granted each carrier, leaves 292 trips a year to make. Mr. Jefts has only lost five days in eight years, due to serious sickness in his family, thus giving him a record of 2331 trips out of a possible 2336, and as his route is 25 7/10 miles long it gave him a record of 59,906 7/10 miles. When he took the route he averaged 22 pounds a day and on the last weight and count taken in August we find the following: Delivered 7411 pleces, or 1585 pounds and 5 ounces, postage on same amounting to \$79.82; collected 1886 pleces, or 258 pounds and 2 ounces, postage on the same amounting to \$35.45, giving a grand total of delivered and collected 9297 pleces weighing 1843 pounds and 7 ounces; total postage, \$115.27. As that was an average month it gives the carrier a total of 101,564 pieces weighing 22,125 pounds carried in one year; total postage of \$1.383.24; total of 7,5043 miles. When Frank R. Jefts, rural carrier, carried in one year; total postage of \$1,383.24; total of 7,504% miles.

Cueer Mixup in Names.

People with queer names often get associated in a way which furnishes the editorial paragraphers with material. Such a mixing up of names with only one real change of name was that nonly one real change of name was that marriage to John B. Bold before Justice Coward of South Norwalk, Conn, with Miss Anna Hugg as attendant.

Measure 209 feet on each side and you will have a square acre within an content of the members of the campaign team to the content while at work at Damon & Richardson's mill last week Thursday, striking his hand agalant one of the flether point the top of the thumb to the bone.

Fred A. Patch spent Saturday with relatives in Boston and cutting the top of the thumb to the bone.

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TO THE HONORABLE THE JUS-TICES OF THE SUPREME JU-DICIAL COURT. RESPECTFULLY

your petitioners, JOSEPH HOLDEN of Hancock, in the County of Berkshire and JOSEPHINE C. JILSON of secours (first aid stations) may be of Harvard, in the County of Worcester, interest. Going down some rustic and all in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Trustees of the United Society of Believers, called Shakers, a voluntary religious association in the town of Harvard, aforesaid, that certain tracts of land hereinafter described with the buildings thereon have been conveyed to them and their predecessors in office, to hold in trust for the uses and purposes heremafter set forth.

Your petitioners further represent Commonwo that said United Society of Believets Middlesex, 88 the meals being served uping hot from an addoining room. If by chance the meals being served uping hot from an addoining room. If by chance the mean are not driving ambulances at the time breakfast is served in bed, which sounds somewhat aristocratic.

Bearing the familiar "Gott Mit Uns" (God with us) so often used in papers writings and sayings of the German army, a heavy belt of excellent leather that once encircled the waist of a German army, a heavy belt of excellent leather that once encircled the waist of a German about the letter that arrived with it, the belt was taken from a dead German. It is only about thirty inches hong and it is bettieved that scarcely more than a boy wore it in the stile, where he fell. The buckle. Upon this is the crown of That is all.

That is all without ornament save for the buckle. Upon this is the crown of their successors in said office and trust follower." as is more fally seen to Alfentown Pa, for training and went across with the Harvard and marked "A"

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the County of Middlesex and Common-wealth of Massachasetts held large Mrs. Tebbetts, of Melrose, who has been stopping with her mother, Mrs. Susan Morgan, has returned to her in the Counties of Worcester and Mid-home in Melrose for a few days. chusetts, in trust for the uses and pur poses hereinbefore set forth and that a large number of conveyances had beer made at various times to different prople by the trustees of said societies and their predecessors in office; that no power to sell any of said real estate conveyed to said societies by the sev-

hold said real estate; that such further and other relief be granted to them as the nature of the case may require

and justice and equity may permit, JOSEPH HOLDEN JOSEPHINE C. JILSON.

We, the Ministry and Elders of the do hereby approve of the foregoing petition and grant the Trustees afore-said full power and authority to take any and all steps necessary to complete

the proceedings herein begun. JOSEPH HOLDEN. M. CATHERINE ALLEN.

Commonwealth of Massachusett

high school and attended the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard. He is but twenty-three years old.

West.

Hethert Wise is on the sick list at his home, having neen quite ill for several days, but is reported to be improving.

The neeschool signals sounded early last week Friday morning and the schools were closed for the Christmas program which had been prepared. The teachers left on Saurday for their teachers left on Saurday for their trespective homes for the holidays.

The Ladies Liberal Aid secrety held the holid some of Mrs. George Adams on last week Thursday afternion and reselvented the following officers: Mrs. George Cipton and Mrs. Alexander Reed, work of Miss. E. J. Lees, see, and treas, Mrs. George Cipton and Mrs. Alexander Reed, work of Richardson's mill last week Thursday and mainful accident while at work at Damon & Richardson's mill last week Thursday. Striking his hand against one of the thursday.

T S JOHNSON.

A copy of the petition, with the exception of the description by metes and bounds, and of said order, Attest:

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that they may show cause why said

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should not be granted.

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Saturday, December 22, 1917.

NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS

the bride's mother, Mrs. (harles Goodwin. The ceremony, which was witnessed by members of the family only, owing to the recent death of the bride's step-father, was performed by Rev. W. H. Beers. The groom is an employee at the Nashua River Paper Co. and is a native of England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ansell, now residents of Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Ansell will reside with Mrs. Goodwin.

Mrs. M. E. Swasev, who has been Having been appointed by the Pres-Having been appointed by the President a member of the Legal Advisory board of division 15, which includes Pepperell, for the purpose of assisting registrants without charge in preparing their questionnaire, I shall be in my office in Pepperell every Wednesday and Saturday, from two to eight p. m. Please do not postpone your visit until evening unless absolutely necessary. Mrs. M. E. Swasey, who has been visiting her sister. Mrs. Elvira Glison, returned home on Wednesday and intends to go to Winchendon to visit her great-grandchild, Robert Glichrist, over the holidays.

Francis G. Hayes, of the Legal Advisory Board.

### PEPPERELL

News Items. On page three will be found two letters from Mark Riley, jr., and it says that he was called in the first draft, which is an error, as he enlisted three years ago and served on the Mexican border.

Mexican border.

The resignation of Mrs. Hattie Stewart from election to office of lecturer of the Grange was received at their last meeting and accepted and Mrs. Amy Shattuck was elected to fill the office. Her place as elected lady assistant steward was filled by election of Mrs. Jennie Rice.

One result of our part in the great war is beginning to come home to us. On Wednesday Merlin Salter, son of Isaac Salter, of this town, reached his home with his right arm gone above the elbow, from a dum-dum builet. He was a member of the Canadian Expeditionary force, joining in September, 1916. He was twice wounded in the battle of Lens, in France, his force being the one on the western front on August 15. Since that time he has the beautief the sential war is the heartief until sant 10. Canada, on a few months furlough for the explosion.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Kennedy returned Monday from New York and will spend the holidays at Pinchurst.

Miss Mae Meriam and Miss Adele Boynton, instructors at Mt. Ida school, will spend the Christmas vacation at their respective home in town.

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will spend the Christmas vacation at their respective home in town.

George Withrow of Boston spent the week-end with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Withrow, Park pstor, will be "Evidences of good street."

William Geltweldt has been heard by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Richardson. The anthem will be win the aviation corps. He is we in the aviation corps. from since his transfer from Camp Devens to San Antonio, Texas. He is now in the aviation corps. response will be "Christmas carois," by the little girls and there will be a solo by Miss Elizabeth Wright.
On Monday evening a Christmas tree and entertainment will be held in the vestry for the younger children of the Sunday school and the program will include the "Story of other wise men," which will be illustrated with about forty slides, shown by Rev. D. R. Child. At the close of the program Santa Claus is expected to apepar to distribute gifts.

At the Methodist church there will

Miss Lillian Dunton has been confined to her home with an attack of tonsilitis, the past week.

The Nashua River papermill at Hollingsworth's has been shut down part of this week, owing to scarcity of fuel. A small but pleasant meeting of the Ladies' Aid society was held at the home of Mrs. Frank and Carroll Robbins on Wednesday afternoon. It was voted not to hold a supper on New Year's eve, owing to the high prices of food stuffs and scarcity of sugar.

S. M. Nokes and Victor Geiger started for Orange with their teams Tuesday to bring back some machinery for the Pepperell Braiding (o., freight being now too uncertain. They are expenses to the propers of the propers cted back on Friday, if they have

Miss Florence Flynn from Erving and Miss Jessie from West Bridge-water are expected home on Friday evening for their holiday vacation.

Mrs. George Gorman and three chilen, who have been living in the Wilth house on High street, expect to art soon to join Mr. Gorman in Seat-

younger man is drafted for service. In the very natural confusion attending so sudden a death as that of Mrs. Mary Fitzpatrick last week some of the details were incorrectly understood. Mr. Murphy, the son-in-law, residing at the house, summoned Dr. Lovejoy and Mrs. Mary Drumm, a daughter of the deceased, while the son sent for Rev. W. J. Barry, the pastor.

the South road schoolhouse on Tuesday evening, the program was finely carried out under the direction of Mrs. Wilbur. The decorations of eventuals with colored creep papers in charge of Mrs. Robort Sherwood were profuse and well arranged and the trimming of the Christmas tree was also very pretty. Everyone was remembered with a gift from its branches, one of the Groton School students acting as Santa Claus to the satisfaction of all. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greene and two students from Groton School were present and Rey. Mr. Lewis was a welcome guest. During the program Mr. Sciple from the Groton School entertained everyone by humorous read-Mrs. Robert Sherwood were profuse and well arranged and the trimming of the Christmas tree was also very pretty. Everyone was remembered both having enlisted at the same time. Edward B. McNiff is with Mr. Griffin. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greene and two students acting as students from Groton School students acting as the substitution at Pillman's bowling alley this was killed in Maynard, was on exhibition at Pillman's bowling alley this week. The bird measured six feet and six inches from tip to tip, and is a magnificent specimen of its species. The eagle was killed by George Hartford, a farmer, of Maynard, after it ford, a farmer, of Maynard, after it had killed one of Mr. Hartford's small Mrs. Blache M. Brown of Groton. Af-

Mrs. M. E. Markham, who was call-

ed here by the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, last week,

has returned to her home at Winooski,

The death of Mrs. Josephine Gilson

pocasion of his nineteenth-birthday on Friday evening. December 7, at the Richardson farm, where he has assisted for about two years. Many of the guests were his associates and relatives from Oak Hill and he was remembered with useful gifts, The lunch of ice cream, sandwiches and cake of the guest of was notable in the absence of white sugar.

The plumbing and heating shop of Charles E. Perrin on West street was closed on Wednesday. Miss Gindys Briggs, the hookkeeper, will be at the seil and Miss Dorls Ripley, both of this town, occurred on Wednesday after tied. noon at three o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. ('harles Good' here is

The death of Mrs. Josephine Glison took place on Tuesday at her home, after a short illness from pneumonia. She had been employed at Groton most of last week, going back and forth by train. She formerly lived there with her husband, the late Steven Glison, the light company easts all its partons.

The annual election of officers will take place at the meeting of Ida Mc-Kinley chapter, O. E. S., Wednesday evening, December 26.

The town is now furnishing Camp Devens with 200,000 gallons of water per day to fill the deficiency caused by the added demand on the camp source At the Methodist church there will be Christmas services Sunday morning. The pastor will speak on the appropriate topic, "Jesus is king," and special music will be rendered by the choir under direction of Mrs. Bartlett. to the main cantonment. The town be educ supply filled the standpipes at the can-tonment and while this was being done in our

start soon to join Mr. Gorman in Seatlie, Wash.

Among the former l'epperell girls now teaching, who are expected home for the holidays are Miss Carrie Shattuck, from Laconia, N. H., the Misses Lydia and Gertrude Sullivan from Wakefield, Misses Dotts Hertwell from Revere and Helen Hartwell from Revere and Helen Hartwell from Service by the pastor. At seven there will be a carol service by the Sunday Ethel Wells, from Everett.

Mrs. Scott and daughter, who have been starying with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scott since Thanksgiving, returned to their home at Wakloboro, Me., last Saurday.

Eusene Donnelly, from St. John's

Mark Scott Mark Sond Mark Saurday.

The Christmas social for the younger with sond and Miss Mare general Saurday.

The Christmas social for the younger who announces his safe arrival in London, England, after a sea voyage of At the morning service at the Congressional church, Christmas Sunday the Christmas Sunday from a Canadian port the regiment who announces his safe arrival in London, England, after a sea voyage of At the morning service at the Congressional church, Christmas Sunday the Chorus choir under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Bliss and an appropriate though the weather was very cold with plenty of snow. Portions of the living quarters being in tents with out floors or any heat whatever, although the weather was very cold with plenty of snow. Portions of the living quarters being in tents with out floors or any heat whatever, although the weather was very cold with plenty of snow. Portions of the living quarters being in tents with out floors or any heat whatever, although the weather was very cold with plenty of snow. Portions of the living quarters being in tents with out floors or any heat whatever, although the weather was very cold with plenty of snow. Portions of the living quarters being in tents with out floors or any heat whatever, although the weather was very cold with plenty of snow. Portions of t

At 7.00: Evening prayer, sacred pageant and sermon. Prelude, Christmas melodies; introductory anthem, "Adore and he still." Gounod: response. "Peace I leave with you," from "Emmanuel"; solo, "Who are these a shelter seeking?" Decker, Mrs. Beckford; sacred pageant, "The Christmas tree," quartet, chorus, organ and orchestra; offertory anthem. "Glad angel volces."

Ashford; postlude, selections. Christmas music. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall. Subject, "The Christmas tree."

Time—Christmas eve and early Christ-mas morning

Boys and girls
Members of the church school
The poor widow
Mrs. Lucius C. Fairchild
(Evelyn Newton)
Cleo Baker Her children Cleo Baker Arthur Baker Mary, the mother Miss Pauline Sherwin

Quartet—Mrs. William S. Beckford, so-prano; Miss Eleanor W. Clark, con-traito; Frank E. Harlow, tenor; Fred W. Hosmer, bass.

W. Hosmer, bass.

Chorus—Mrs. William S. Beckford, Mrs.
Ruby Felch Smith, Mrs. George H. B.
Turner, sopranos; Miss Eleanor W.
Clark, Miss Alice P. Sanderson, Mrs.
Lucius C. Fairchild, contraltos; Frank
E. Harlow, Henry E. Sanderson, teréors; Fred W. Hosmer, Harry Lyngh,
James B. Cunningham, bassos.
Orchestra—George M. Barrows and
Theodore W. Barry, first violins;
George H. B. Turner, second violin;
Walter S. Lougee, 'Gello; U. H. Barrows, cornet; Lucius C. Fairchild,
chimes.
Organist and Director

Organist and Director Harold True Shattuck

1-Procession of children. Bring-in the Holy Tree and gifts. Carol came upon the Midnight Clear." cene 2—Adorning of the tree. Sleep of the little boys. Quartet (unaccompa-nied), "Bethlehem Babe." "Silent night."

night."

cene 3—The low twelve bell. Chorus
of children, "Adeste Fideles"; quartet,
"Hark. What Mean Those Holy
Voices": "Shine on Shine on" Miss
Beryl Proctor and chorus. Awakening of the little boys. Carol, "I heard
the Bells on Christmas Day."

cene 4—The outsiders, the poor widow
and her children. Their reception.
The giving of gifts. The Eternal
Mystery. Carol, "Joy to the World."

News Items.

Mrs. C. R. White will omit her dancing class this Saturday afternoon. Jacob C. Beach, of Medford, a form

The Samson Cordage Works closed their plant this week Friday noon un-til Monday to conserve electricity, the motive power of their plant. It is not expected that this fule will last more than a few weeks, as it is much against the wishes of the company, who have large orders booked ahead.

The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the public schools have made thristmas wreaths and found a ready sale, netting quite a neat sum

The sermon subject at the Congregational church on Sunday morning will be "The Christmas message to a world at war." Sunday school at twelve. Song service at seven in the eyening. The pastor will read Henry Van Dyke's story. "The first Christmas tree."

will entertain some of the soldiers from Camp Devens on Christmas night

Mr. and Mrs. John Conant and daughter Gertrude will spend the Christmas holidays at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Manning, of Upper Montclair, N. J.

iey and friends and \$176,50 was contributed by the residents of Shirley. The committee in charge of the Shirley drive was Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman, chairman, Mrs. Henry T. Grout and Miss Shirley Lawton.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodward enjoyed a visit from their son and his wife on Monday.

Mrs. Lida Wood and Mrs. G. F. Bux-on spent Thursday in Lowell.

### TOWNSEND

The Canadian overseas casualty list just issued includes: Reported dead, through German sources, Lleut. R. H. Sawler, Townsend, Mass.

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### EAST PEPPERELL, MASS.

We found during the season of the control of the co close each received a box of candy and an orange. A very pleasant evening was spent. The next meeting on January 1 will be installation of officers.

The Matrons' Aid society will meet with its president, Mrs. Mabel Graves, on Tuesday afternoon, January 8. At this meeting the annual election of officers will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodward enjoyed a visit from their son and his wife on the program with an account of the program with an account of the program with an account of the Mr. and Mrs. Woodward enjoyed a visit from their son and his wife on Monday.

A dancing party to entertain fifty soldiers from Camp Devens will be held in the town hall on Saturday evening. December 29. Music by Mudgelt's orchestra of Shirley. A small admission will be charged the public. Everybody

Sull River.

There will be a Christmas concert in the Baptist vestry on Sunday even-ing at seven o'clock.

help to make an enjoyable occasion at Mr. Haskell's. This takes the place of the usual Christmas tree in the ves-

The apple industry in the United States today represents a stupendous commercial achievement. It had grown to 69,000,000 barrels in 1896; it dropped to 28,000,000 in 1911, and went up again to 40,000,000 barrels in 1912. From this date forward there is a continual increase in the production, for the great cities of the world are crying for apples, and people everywhere are just beginning to apprehend the actual value of this delicate fruit. We are turning backward to our heritage, for in the days of our great-grandfathers turning backward to our herage, ton, the days of our great-grandfathers the common adage was, "An apple aday will keep the doctor away." Fruit as a part of the diet represents a most health-giving element.

The increased price of corn and corn meal appears to be based upon the fact the vestry this year, but Mr. and Mrs. Haskell have offered their house, and on Monday evening all of the young people, as well as the older ones, are invited to bring their presents and The increased price of corn and corn meal appears to be based upon the fact

Frank E. Griffin, who recently enlisted as a chauffeur in the automobile corps for war service, has written a letter to his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Griffin, from Jacksonville, Fla., where he is now assigned. Mr. Griffin says he is well pleased with At the Christmas tree exercises at Fig., where he is now assigned. Mr. Griffin says he is well pleased with his new quarters. After leaving here he spent a short time in Fort Slocum. N. Y., and then was ordered south

ley, member of executive communication of the program was given in the afternoon; Song, "It's a hard job to bent the Kaiser," audience; reading, "To the fiag," William Jubb, Shirley; "That old sweetheart of mine," with music by Mrs. Hazel Duren, Leominster; vocal solo, Mrs. Mabelle Bruckett of managed; reading, Mrs. Alice E.

Charles E. Perrin on West street was closed on Wednesday. Miss Gindys to Coal solo, Mrs. Mabelle. Brackett of Briggs, the bookkeeper, will be at the office until Mr. Perrin substiness is settled. The rest of the help have concluded their duties. Mr. Perrin came here about twelve years ago and started a plumbing business on Merchants row with Forrest Hooper, of Shirley, as a partner. A few years later he moved to quarters on West street which he occupies until the present time, Mr. Hooper having retired from the firm several years ago. MR Perrin has several to the program was in charge of Mrs. Broken and Elsie Ewilder. When the cast reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle A. Woodman, Fitchburg; reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle A. Woodman, Fitchburg; reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle A. Woodman, Fitchburg; reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle A. Woodman, Fitchburg; reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle A. Woodman, Fitchburg; reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle A. Woodman, Fitchburg; reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle A. Woodman, Fitchburg; reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle A. Woodman, Fitchburg; reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle A. Woodman, Fitchburg; reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle A. Woodman, Fitchburg; reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle A. Woodman, Fitchburg; reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle Callahor, in the cast: reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle Callahor, in the cast: reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle Callahor, in the cast: reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle Callahor, in the cast: reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle Callahor, in the cast: reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle Callahor, in the cast: reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle Callahor, in the cast: reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle Callahor, in the cast: reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle Callahor, in the cast: reading, Mrs. Duren; vocal solo, Mrs. Nettle E

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The First National Bank will continue their weekly savings and thrift club for 1918. Next week they will open subscriptions for this club.

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the vestry. "The story of other wise
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The children will have an entertain
who announces his safe arrival in Lonon, England, after a sea voyage of
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ed to quarters on the edge of the occupies until the present time, Mr. Hooper having retired from the firm several years ago. Mr. Perrin has several years ago. Mr. Perrin has several the town as a forest fire warden and as a fire engineer for severaly years, two of which he was chief engineer. He is the master of Caleb Butter lodge of Masons. No information has been received from him since thin has been received from him since the disappearance several weeks ago.

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follow, with a probability of a shutdown of the entire electric light and power system. Supt. Whitcomb of the Ayer Electric Light Company says that the situation is serious because of the lack of sufficient coal to run the plant. Even the water power which furnishes a part of the energy to run the plant is deficient, owing to low water in the Connecticut river, from which the power is taken.

Corp. Goodrich, of Reading, who did duty at Camp Devens last summer, and later went to France, in a letter to Ayer friends this week, says that there is an almost continual rain there and might be more appropriately called "Muddy France"

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Peter Paoli, depot brigade, and Miss Agnes M. O'Connell, by Rev. Frank B. Crandall.

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The degree staff of Fredonian lodge of Shirley conferred the third degree on six candidates at the meeting of

Unitarian Church.

Center.