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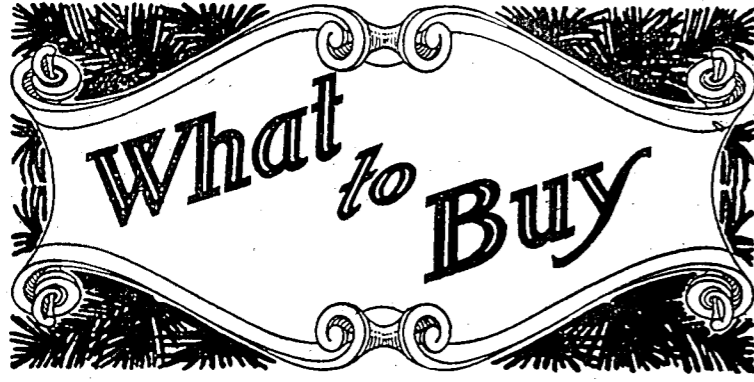
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BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Mrs. R. T. Cobleigh has gone to Waltham to spend the winter with her daughter.

The four schools here closed Friday for a vacation of two weeks. Interesting exercises were held Friday afternoon in all the schools.

Mr. Perkins of Boston was a week-end guest of Mrs. W. F. Furbush, Prescott Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Furbush, Mrs. C. B. Robbins and Miss Susie Coffey attended the meeting of the Pomona Grange at Hudson last Thursday.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on Thursday evening, December 23, instead of Friday evening as given on the program. It will be the regular Christmas celebration and open to all. A cantata will be given by the children. This is in charge of George Bernier, who is giving much time and work to the rehearsals.

This Grange is represented at the State Grange held in Pittsfield this week by Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson.

Church News.

Next Sunday morning the pastor will preach a Christmas sermon. All are cordially invited to attend. The Sunday school desires the cooperation of all to make their Christmas tree a success. The tree will be in connection with the Grange program at the town hall, December 23. Bring your presents for the tree. There will be treats for the children.

"Following the star," a Christmas pageant combining the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of the Pilgrims, and the spirit of missions, will be given by the Sunday school, December 26. This is an unusually interesting and pretty pageant.

The Christmas birthday offering received a hearty response from all. District No. 1, made the largest contribution, with districts 3, 4, and 2 following closely in order. The total was \$36.61. This will bring a bit of the season's cheer to many who might not otherwise have shared it.

The attendance last Sunday was: church school, 27; preaching service 44.

Mr. Crawford of West Port gave a very interesting lecture at the Grange last Friday evening. Prof. Dawber was unable to come at this time. He will come later.

Mrs. F. H. Dean is the president-elect of the Woman's Missionary society for 1921.

A committee has been appointed by the church to prepare a budget for the coming year. They will meet at the parsonage at 2.30 p. m., December 19.

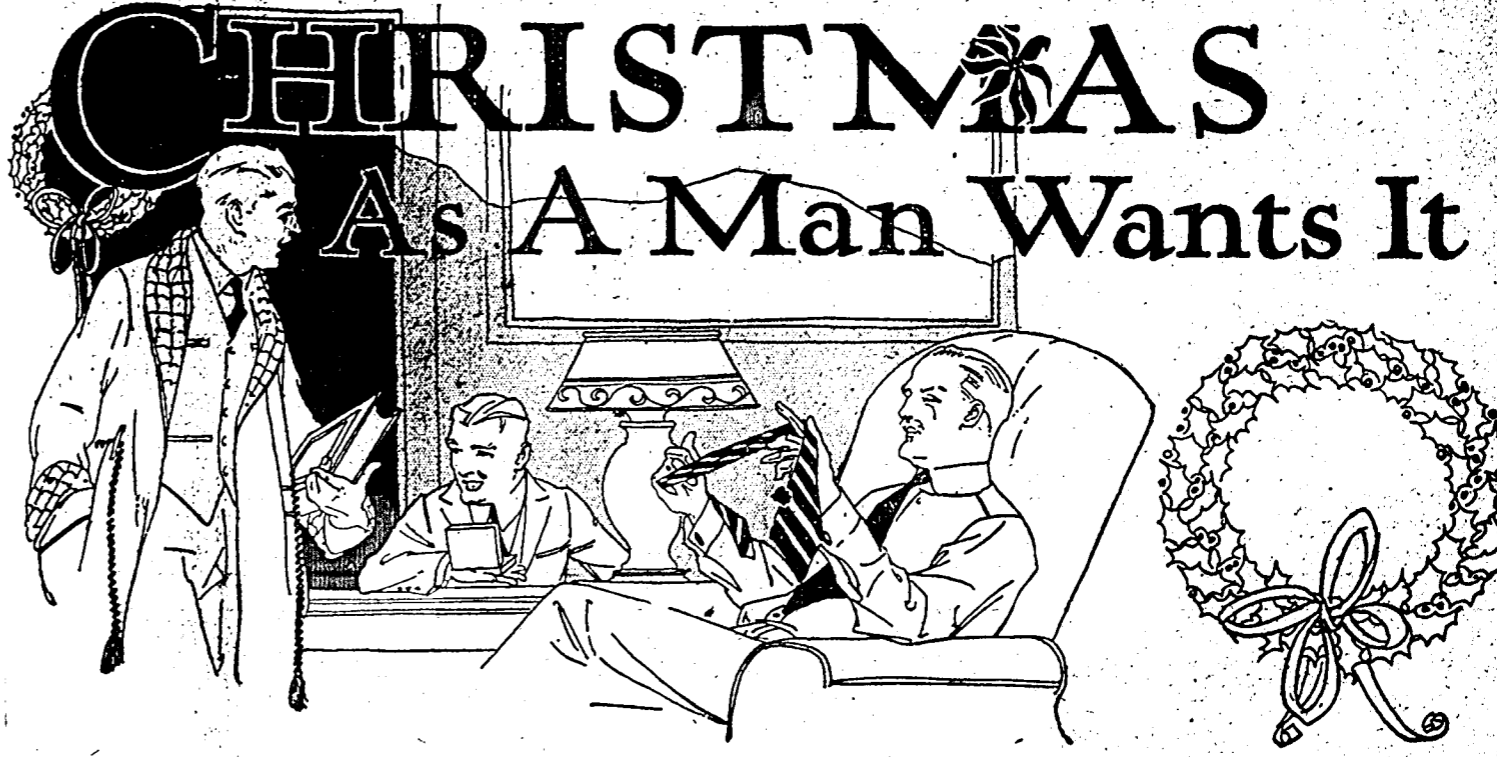
All who are willing to help, are asked to meet at the church next Sunday afternoon at 2.30 for a rehearsal of "Following the Star." Especially is help needed for the singing.

The holiday vacation at Boston University will extend from December 17 to January 2. Mr. and Mrs. Burrows will be at the parsonage during that time.

SHIRLEY

Center.

The hotel in Barre, which has been managed by Charles Haskins since his removal from Shirley, was burned to the ground on Tuesday morning, the guests having very little time to escape. The hotel was owned by Mr. Haskins' mother, and the loss is estimated as being between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The family lost all their personal effects, which were not insured.



Buy His Christmas Gifts at Brown's

THE STORE OF A THOUSAND-AND-ONE THINGS THAT MEN APPRECIATE

We want the women to learn that men's gifts can be bought to the best advantage in a men's store; also, that this store offers the newest merchandise, the most attractive styles, the finest qualities, the lowest prices and the best of service. It matters not what age, you can buy here a gift which will not only please him, but be of service to him. For men and boys of all age we have ideal gifts—just the kind that will be appreciated after Christmas is over. A few suggestions as samples of what awaits you at this store:

HANDKERCHIEFS



Embroidered Initial 15¢ to 25¢
Japanette Initial 15¢ to 25¢
Linen Initial 40¢ to 90¢
Plain Linen 39¢ to 90¢
Plain Cambric 15¢ to 25¢
Fine Cambric, 3 in Christmas Box 75¢ and \$1.00
Linen Hemstitched, 3 in Christmas Box \$1.50 to \$2.50
Fine Cambric, 6 in Christmas Box \$1.00 and \$1.50
Plain Silk Handkerchiefs 50¢ to \$1.65
Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs 50¢ to \$1.25

GIVE HIM GLOVES

Men's Dress Gloves, unlined Cape \$3.00 to \$5.00
Men's Dress Gloves, lined Cape \$3.50 to \$6.00
Men's Genuine Mocha, unlined \$5.00
Men's India Mocha, unlined \$3.00 and \$4.00
Men's Domestic Mocha, lined \$2.50 and \$3.00
Men's Horsehide, lined and unlined \$3.50 to \$5.50
Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens 50¢ to \$1.75
Men's Working Gloves, leather, lined and unlined 75¢ to \$3.00
Boys' Gloves and Mittens 65¢ to \$1.50
Men's Fur Gloves, and Fur Gauntlets, one finger \$5.50 to \$7.50

GIVE HIM A SWEATER

Nothing could be more acceptable for a gift than a good warm sweater. We have coat style, V-neck style, some with collars.

Coat style \$2.50 to \$12.00
V-neck style \$7.50 to \$10.00
Jumbo weave, wide collar \$4.50 to \$8.50
Boys' Sweaters \$1.50 to \$7.50

GIVE HIM

NECKWEAR



Four-in-Hands in Christmas Box 50¢ to \$1.50
Boys' Four-in-Hands 25¢ and 50¢
Silk Mufflers \$2.50 to \$6.00
Wool Mufflers \$2.50 to \$4.50

MEN'S AND BOYS' CAPS AND TOQUES

Caps of every kind for Men and Boys. Toques of every kind for Men, Boys and Children.

Men's Winter Caps \$1.00 to \$3.00
Men's Fur Caps \$5.00 to \$8.50
Boys' Winter Caps 75¢ to \$1.50
Yarn Toques 50¢ to \$1.50
Aviation Caps for Men and Boys 75¢ to \$1.50
Children's Warm Hats 75¢ to \$2.00

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Suspenders—Great variety, all in Christmas Box 50¢ to \$1.50
Arm Bands—Many kinds, all in Christmas Box 25¢ to 50¢
Cuff Buttons—Good assortment, many in Christmas Box 25¢ to \$5.00
Combination Sets—In Christmas Box, Arm Bands and Garters 65¢ to \$1.00
Suspenders and Garters \$1.00 to \$1.25
Umbrellas—Men's Umbrellas \$2.50 to \$4.50
Ladies' Umbrellas \$2.50 to \$9.00
Traveling Bags—Give him a Bag—
Imitation Leather \$6.00 to \$7.50
Genuine Leather \$7.50 to \$25.00
Sheep-lined Coats—For Men \$10.00 to \$20.00
For Boys \$12.50 and \$15.00
Mackinaws—For Men \$8.50 to \$16.00
For Boys \$6.00 to \$12.50
Bath Robes—Give him a Bath Robe—nothing better \$5.00 to \$15.00
Pajamas—Domet Flannel \$2.35 to \$3.50
Cotton, Plain and Fancy \$2.00 to \$3.50
Boys' Domet Flannel \$1.50 to \$2.00
Shirts—Give him a Shirt—
Percales and Madras \$1.95 to \$3.00
Silk Stripes \$4.00 to \$5.00
Silk Shirts \$6.00 and \$7.00
Night Robes—Domet Flannel \$1.95 to \$2.50
Cotton \$1.50 to \$2.00
Suit Cases—Give him a Suit Case—
Imitation Leather \$2.00 to \$10.00
Genuine Leather \$15.00 to \$25.00
Underwear—Union Suits—
For Men \$1.95 to \$6.00
For Boys 90¢ to \$2.25
Rubber Coats—For Boys, 6 to 16—
Black Rubber \$5.00 to \$7.00
Brown, Hat to match \$7.50 to \$8.50

HOLIDAY FOOTWEAR FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

SLIPPERS

Leather Slippers for Men \$3.00 and \$3.50
Felt Slippers for Men \$1.35 to \$3.25

RUBBER BOOTS

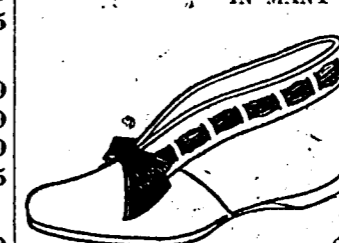
For Boys, sizes 3 to 6 \$3.50 to \$5.50
For Boys, sizes 11 to 2 \$2.75 to \$4.50
For Girls, sizes 11 to 2 \$2.50
For Girls, sizes 6 to 10½ \$2.25 to \$2.75

ARCTICS

4-Buckle Arctics for Men \$4.50 and \$5.00
4-Buckle Arctics for Boys \$4.50
2-Buckle Arctics for Boys \$3.00 and \$3.50
2-Buckle Arctics for Little Boys \$2.65
2- and 3-Buckle Arctics for Girls and Children \$2.65 to \$3.50

WARM FELT SLIPPERS

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For Women \$1.25 to \$3.50
For Girls \$1.25 to \$2.00
For Children \$1.00 to \$1.75

INDIAN MOCCASINS
For Men \$3.00 to \$5.00
For Women \$2.50 and \$3.00
For Girls and Children \$1.50 and \$2.00

HIGH CUT STORM AND SKATING BOOTS

For Boys, sizes 2½ to 6 \$4.00 to \$6.00
For Boys, sizes 11 to 2 \$3.85 to \$5.50

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Center-pieces, doilies, bureau scarfs, etc., when made of Indian Head do not rumple in the drawer. They are always fresh and ready for immediate use.

33-inch Yard 29¢ 44-inch Yard 39¢
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AT \$6.98—Blanket Comforters, very heavy and handsome. Used as couch throws or easily made into fine comfortable bath robes. Mostly dark colors, all fancy designs. Regular \$8.00 values.

WESTFORD

Center. We are sorry to report two more cases of scarlet fever. One of the five children in the Strong family at the Drew farm has the disease and one of the children in the Mann family at the Miller farm is sick. Both are reported as light cases. One of the children in the William Parritt family is sick with diphtheria. Little Vivian Green, who has been for some time with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Day, is now with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Hildreth. Mrs. Gertrude C. Skidmore and daughter, Elaine, and Mrs. Skidmore's stepfather, George Brigham, started Wednesday of this week for Daytona, Fla. Twelve academy students attended the College club play, a Shakespearean play, "Twelfth night" at Colonial hall, Lowell, Wednesday evening. Also, three others went for the afternoon performance. One of the pleasant social events scheduled for the holiday season is the New Year's eve dance at the town hall under the auspices of the Westford branch, A. L. The Colonial orchestra will furnish music. Mrs. William C. Roudenbush, who has been so seriously ill with measles, complicated with bronchitis, is reported gaining and beginning to sit up for short periods. The trained nurse in attendance left the middle of the week. Mrs. Roudenbush's sister, Mrs. Addie M. Spear of Greenfield, who is a nurse, is caring for the patient and will remain for some time. While Principal Roudenbush is under quarantine regulations Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth is acting principal at the academy. Schools closed this week Thursday afternoon for the Christmas vacation and reopen Tuesday, December 28. A very pleasant holiday affair was that for the pupils of the Frost school Thursday afternoon at the town hall, when a Christmas tree was provided with gifts for any child and candy and oranges as well. This was a sur-

prise treat to the children, not even the parents knowing of it in advance, and was made possible by the generosity of the Abbot Worsted Co. The happiness of the children was sufficient guarantee of real appreciation. It was surely one of the pleasant events of the happy holiday season. Mrs. Phoebe Isten has been among the sick ones with an attack of grippe. At the Congregational morning service Mr. Brownsey will speak on "The joy of Christmas," and there will be a special offering for benevolences. The Christmas tree and entertainments for the Sunday school will be next week Friday evening. Supper about 5.30 and tree later. Mrs. F. E. Meyer and Mrs. William E. Wright in charge of the supper and Mrs. Brownsey and Miss Elva Judd in charge of the entertainment. A very pleasant all-day Alliance meeting was held at the home of Mrs. H. W. Hildreth Thursday of last week. Social dinner at noon. Following the business session in the afternoon Miss Alice M. Howard read a timely travel article from a current magazine. Another of these meetings will be held the last week in January at the home of Miss Eva E. Fletcher. An interesting announcement is that during the recent Unitarian drive for funds this church's quota was \$500. The sum of \$1200.76 was raised. The Ladies Aid held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. George F. White Thursday of last week with H. W. Hildreth presiding. Dinner at noon. It was the annual meeting and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Perley E. Wright, pres.; Mrs. G. F. White, treas.; Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, sec.; Mrs. A. H. Hanson, chair. Mrs. Green, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Steele, dressesses. The committees for monthly suppers and entertainments were planned and January will be the month this church's quota was \$500. Other items of business were discussed, among which various plans of helpfulness for the sick and shut-in were formulated. Mrs. C. L. Hildreth and Mrs. Brownsey were appointed a committee of two in charge of this work. Mrs. George F. White, with Master Donald White and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, very nicely enjoyed guest night at the Littleton Woman's club Monday evening of this week with its pleasant program and delightful hospitality. Tadmuck Club. A drenching rainstorm Tuesday afternoon did not dampen the ardor of the workers and members of the Tadmuck club sale and entertainment. There was a good attendance and \$75 was realized for the club's treasury. An entertainment of music and readings was given by Miss Sharkey, violinist, and Mrs. McPherson, pianist, and readings by the club's own good reader, Mrs. Perley E. Wright. Afternoon tea, in charge of Mrs. Lawrence, was served to all. The well-filled food table was in charge of Mrs. Garret, Mrs. Feeny, Sr., Mrs. Feeny, Jr., and Mrs. Shaddick. The fancy table with the many pretty articles suitable for Christmas gifts was in charge of Miss Crocker, Mrs. C. L. Hildreth and Miss Eva E. Fletcher. Special attention is called to the next meeting of the club, which is in charge of Mrs. Alice M. Howard and is a musical afternoon. This at the Unitarian church and there will be an organ recital by Miss Mary MacMartin. There will also be club singing. About Town. Early last Saturday morning the Westford fire company was summoned to a fire in Historic hall, West Chelmsford. This makes three fires in a little over three days. Whatever doubt there may have been as to the origin of other fires, the fire in Historic hall was self-confessed as incendiary, as a sufficient amount of underpinning had been removed to enable setting the fire directly under the village fire apparatus. Owing to the dampness from recent rains the fire made slow progress and barely burned through the floor when discovered. As a result of these numerous fires and cutting of electric rail way poles and throwing them across the tracks the state police were called to town Sunday in consultation with the section of Westford and Chelmsford and the village in the attempt to burn Historic hall seems to confirm the prevalent opinion that the burning of the Green buildings, the town hall, Historic hall and Methodist church and Historic hall were incendiary. The announcement is made of the engagement of William Taylor son of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of West Chelmsford, to Miss Jessie McNaughton daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew McNaughton of Westford Corner. Planning is still the order of the winter and many are doing their spring cleaning. Arthur Griffin, who has been busy for several months doing team

work for the Abbot Worsted Co. at their Brookside mill, is now shifted to farming and plowing the large field adjoining their mill. The Brookside mill, while running half time, is still running the mill as many days per week as before; half of the help half of the time and the other half the balance of the time. This is wiser than a total shut-down half of the time. Tuesday a large auto truck from Boston got stalled in the mud at the intersection of the Cummings hall road and depot street. It seems early for so much mud. Miss Frances Banister, who has been ill with the prevailing cold, has recovered normal health. Mrs. J. Willard Fletcher has been a patient at Lowell General hospital. Miss Amy M. Schellenberg of Lowell was visiting in town Sunday. Mrs. Oliver Desjardin, who has been ill for more than a year, is still unable to be around the house. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Taylor on the Stone Brook road Monday evening. A strike is on at Moore's mill, North Chelmsford, for an increase in wages. A strike for any wages in these times would seem to be nearer sense. The work of rebuilding the furnace of the First Parish church was completed last week and services resumed in the building Sunday. First Parish church (Unitarian) union Sunday service at four p. m., Revs. O. J. Brownsey and Frank B. Crandall officiating. Special Christmas music: Anthem, "The message of the star"; tenor solo, "Night of nights"; anthem, "The birth of Christ"; anthem, "Glory to God," choir of Grace church, Lowell; Mrs. Lawrence Jordan, soprano; Mrs. George E. Burns, contralto; Harry Pascal, tenor; George E. Burns, bass; Clayton Kimball, organist; preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall; subject, "The Christmas mysteries." Tests for Seed Potatoes. Last spring the Middlesex County Farm Bureau arranged a series of tests for seed potatoes as to yield from seed raised in New York, Vermont and Maine. The towns listed in this experiment were Sudbury, Bedford, Waltham, Dracont, Westford. The tests were made by William Pollock, superintendent of the Electric Cold Spring farm, and the following is the result in bushels per acre: No. 1, New York, 458.6; No. 2, 26.6; total, 513. No. 1, Vermont, 306.7; No. 2, 22.7; total, 338.8. No. 1, Maine, 285.6; No. 2, 48.4; total, 334. The average yield for the six towns: No. 1, New York, 222.1; No. 2, 53.4; total, 285.5. No. 1, Vermont, 159.4; No. 2, 34.2; total, 193.6. No. 1, Maine, 151.6; No. 2, 55.9; total, 217.5. It will be seen that the largest yield on the three tests runs on the "Old Spring" farm, 456 bushels per acre, is certainly doing something in this locality to make H. C. L. look as though it was going out of business. The potato seed raised in New York state, it will be seen, gave the largest yield in all six towns as the total average shows. Graniteville. There are a few cases of scarlet fever here at present. Edward McLenna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester McLenna, and little Richard Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Palmer are victims of the disease. Both the McLenna and Palmer homes are under quarantine. The sickness appears to be in a mild form. The regular meeting of Court Graniteville, F. of A., was held on Thursday night. As this was the last meeting during the winter the regular business of importance was transacted. Miss Margaret Munroe of Cambridge was the week-end guest of Miss Emma Wood. Mrs. P. Mulcahy and daughter, Miss Christine Mulcahy of Lowell, and William Quinn, also of Lowell, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin Hooley. The Graniteville brotherhood made its first social picnic on Wednesday evening, when a supper and entertainment was held in the vestry of the M. E. church. The affair was well attended. The supper was a good one and the entertainment highly enjoyed. The affair was voted a great success. Joseph Murphy, the well-known photographer is now substituting at the Westford station on the Stony Brook line. The Abbot Worsted Co. soccer club and the Arlington Mills eleven of Lawrence met in a hot match at the last Saturday, in which the Arlington Mills won by the score of 1 to 0. The game was closely contested, as the score will indicate, and a high wind blowing from the river made play rather difficult at times. Only one play the Abbot Worsted club will meet the Gray and Davis eleven of Cambridge in the third round for the Pease cup and this game should certainly be a hummer. It is not known at present whether this game will be played in Cambridge or Forge Village, but due notice will be given. Miscellaneous Shower. Miss Gladys Welch, whose marriage to Michael B. Ledwith, will take place shortly after Christmas, was tendered a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thom Szigler last Saturday evening. The affair was planned with a complete surprise to Miss Welch, who received many pretty gifts. The evening was a very pleasant one, the spacious room over to the Szigler home being entirely at the disposal of the guests. One of the pleasing stunts of the evening was the work which was participated in by five young women. The bride was Miss Mary Bondman. Miss Albertine Sorey was the bridegroom, the best man was Miss Alice Boudreau, and Miss Edith Duce was the bridesmaid. Miss Martha Donette was the divorced clergyman. The ceremony was covered lots of merriment for the young people and the happy couple were showered with congratulations. Miss Hilda Szigler played for the wedding. Games were played, the old and new songs were sung, and the affair proved to be very enjoyable. During the evening refreshments were served by the young women in charge of the affair, and they were assisted by Mrs. Szigler. Forge Village. Work of rebuilding the destroyed at Forge Village that were destroyed by fire several weeks ago is now underway. The work at present will be for the temporary order as it is expected that the Gaze Co. will build only stacks in order to house the ice harvested during the present winter. When the stacks are filled cars will probably be loaded and the surplus transported to the Lowell houses of the company as in former years. Large crowds were in attendance at the movies here on Tuesday evening when Wallace Reid was shown in "Excuse my dust." On Saturday evening the popular screen star, Mary Miles Minter will be seen in "Anne of Green Gables," followed by a "Fatty Arbuckle comedy."

HARVARD

News Items. At the next meeting of the Woman's club Dr. Roland B. Dixon of this town will give an illustrated lecture on "The Himmilayas and Westward." The meeting will be held in the town hall on Monday evening, December 20, at eight o'clock p. m. and the public is cordially invited to attend. The club has recently contributed to the Red Cross, to the Massachusetts Tuberculosis league and to the fund for starving children. Schools close next Wednesday. The Congregational Men's club held their regular meeting on Sunday evening last. Supper was served at seven o'clock. The club was much disappointed to learn at a late hour Saturday that Mayor Cook, who was booked as the speaker of the evening, was unable to be present. He is to come at a later date. Rev. M. Allen Keith of Lancaster gave an impromptu talk on "The Need of the hour in the life of Christian man." Those who had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Keith will have something to remember. Mr. Keith is a Montana man, now a student at Boston university. The club voted to hold a supper and entertainment at the town hall on Friday evening, December 31. The Sunday school of the Congregational church will give their annual Christmas concert Friday evening, December 24, at the church vestry at seven o'clock. A very attractive program with the usual songs and Santa Claus is being arranged for. Miss Lorraine Stone was one of the solo dancers at the dance given by the senior class of the Ayer high school on Friday evening of last week. Her dancing was especially well-spoken of by those present. She is a pupil of Mrs. C. R. White of Shirley. There is to be a vesper service at the Unitarian church Sunday evening, December 20, during which will be Mrs. Madeline Parker Sargent, soprano, assisting. Everyone invited. A detailed notice will be given next week. The next meeting of the Grange is to be held on Tuesday evening, December 21. The entertainment is to be given by the new members. A farce comedy under the direction of F. R. Preston is to be given. E. O. Ryan, who with Mrs. Ryan, have been delegates from this Grange to the State Grange session at Pittsfield this week, will also give his report of the State Grange meetings. The fourth annual membership Red Cross roll call campaign has closed and the collectors are very grateful to the townspeople for their ready response to this worthy cause. The netted the very tidy sum of \$241.50. Edgar Cleaves' boy, Earle, who has been so critically ill with pneumonia, has passed the crisis and is on the road to recovery. Next Saturday at the moving picture show in town hall Alice Brady in "Marie, Ltd.," by Louise Winters, will be the feature. The story of "Marie, Ltd." revolves about a fashionable Fifth avenue millinery establishment. Marie Hilliard, the mother of the character portrayed by Alice Brady. Pathe news and comedy. This is a nice play. Coming Christmas night Francella Billington in the "Day she paid," based on Fannie Hurst's Cosmopolitan magazine story, "Oats for women." See next week's paper for write-up. The Christmas party of the Unitarian society will be held in town hall Thursday evening, December 23, at seven o'clock. Information may be obtained from any of the Alliance officers. Gifts must be left with Mrs. Ripley before December 22. Death. On Saturday, December 11, at 2.30 Mrs. Sarah P. Whitney passed away at the home of her son, Fred A. Whitney, at the age of 90 years, 2 months and 28 days. She was born in Harvard April 10, 1830, daughter of Ephraim and Dorothy (Parker) Barnard. She was married in 1857 to George Whitney of Stow and resided in Stow until the death of her husband in 1871. She then came back to Harvard, where she has since lived. She was a devoted mother and a kind and generous friend. Her husband spent his last years in Stow and she spent a pleasant retirement in Stow until the last five weeks of her life and her memory was bright until she fell sick. She will be greatly missed by the home by her son and wife and grandchildren who have cared for her so many years. She leaves a son and daughter and several grandchildren. Also, one sister, Mrs. Glen Essex, and a brother, George, and a brother-in-law, Henry A. Barnard, both of Leominster. Funeral services were held at her home Monday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Kent, pastor of the Unitarian church officiating, who paid eloquent tribute to the virtues of the deceased. Mrs. Whitney was a member of the Second Baptist church of West Acton sang by the singing society. In the society two beautiful sections, "In the sweet bye and bye" and "Beautiful valley of Eden." There was an abundance of beautiful flowers from relatives and friends. She was laid to rest beside her husband in the old cemetery in Stow. She came to the world on the 13th of the month and was laid to rest on the 13th of the month.

APPROPRIATE PRESENTS

FOR MOTHER

- Cut Glass
- Silverware
- Toilet Sets
- Brooch Pins
- Bracelet Watches
- Diamond Rings
- Fountain Pens

FOR "HER"

- Rings
- Bracelet Watches
- Gold Beads
- Pearl Beads
- Bracelets
- Brooch Pins
- Bar Pins
- Pendants and Chains
- Rosaries
- Toilet Sets
- Manicure Sets

FOR FATHER

- Watches
- Watch Chains
- Fobs
- Cuff Links
- Scarf Pins
- Rings
- Fountain Pens
- Pocket Knives
- Cigar Cases

FOR "HIM"

- Watches
- Chains
- Rings
- Link Buttons
- Scarf Pins
- Hair Brush Sets
- Fountain Pens
- Cigarette Cases
- Match Boxes
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SHERIFF'S SALE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss. November 24, 1920.

Taken on execution and will be sold at public auction on Thursday, December 30th, 1920, at five o'clock in the afternoon at my office, Room 219, Hildreth Building, 45 Merrimack Street, in Lowell, in said County, all the right, title and interest which Alec Oja, alias Alexander Oja, of Townsend in said County had not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution on November 21, 1920, at five o'clock in the afternoon, before the time when the same was taken and sold on execution in and to the following described real estate, to-wit: A certain tract of land situated in said Townsend, containing forty-five acres, more or less, and thus bounded: Beginning at a stake and stones on the south-westerly side of the Turnpike Road, so-called, leading from Townsend to New Ipswich, N. H., at a corner of land late of Ebenezer Clark; thence southwesterly by land late of said Ebenezer Clark 8 1/2 rods to a stake and stones, within 2 feet of northerly end of the house late of said Clark; thence about south 30° west 1 rod to a stake and stones, at a corner of land of said Clark; thence about 19 rods across a brook; thence south by said brook about 62 rods to a corner by said brook, at land now owned by the inhabitants of Townsend; thence by said land of the inhabitants of Townsend to Elisha Taylor's; thence north by said Taylor's land to a stake and stones near a ledge; thence east by land late of James Davis, now deceased, to the Turnpike Road as before mentioned; thence south 1 1/2 rods to the place of beginning.

Also, a certain other tract of land situated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend, containing 11 acres more or less and thus bounded: Beginning at a stake and stones a little west of the Old Turnpike, so-called, at the northeast corner, thence north by said town of Townsend about seven rods to a stake and stones by Turnpike; thence northwesterly by said Turnpike about 70 rods to a corner at stake and stones; thence south 70° W. 8 1/2 rods to a stake and stones; thence south 33° W. 1 rod to a stake and stones; thence S. 33° E. about 15 rods across brook to a stake and stones on the S. side of the brook; thence S. 80° W. by said Brook 62 rods to a corner of said brook at land of Townsend; thence north 88 1/4° east by Town of Townsend 38 rods to place of beginning.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to AGUSTE PELLETIER of Ayer in the County of Middlesex without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the ninth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

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SHIRLEY
News Items.
The officers of the Industrial school held a whist party Friday evening in the club-room. There were seven tables, the first prizes, stationery and playing cards, were won by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McKenzie, Mrs. Early and Mrs. Lawton, with a score of 78. Consolation prizes, toy musical instruments, went to Mrs. Lona Allen, Mrs. George Campbell, U. H. Barrows and Master Donald Campbell, scored 58. Mrs. George S. Wells was a guest of Mrs. Clarence Wells at dinner and conducted the whist party. Refreshments and dancing followed the whist.

Mrs. David C. Lash attended the annual dramatic of the Swampscott Women's club, Monday afternoon. The cast was members of the club and the play, "What Every Woman Knows."

Mrs. Harold Westover has received a letter from Mrs. Roy Oakley saying a twelve month boy was born to them November 18, but only living a few minutes. Mr. and Mrs. Oakley, nee Stehler, are living in Bridgeport, Conn.

A son Harold was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Bloomenthal Friday, December 10.

The faculty and teachers of Fitchburg High school held senior night on Friday, December 10. Pupils from Shirley are Misses Ruth Hooper, Marjorie Jubb, Kathleen Miner and Omaha Wolf. They were accompanied by Mrs. Catherine Hooper, Mrs. Clara H. Miner and Mrs. Roy Brown. There was an entertainment and refreshments were served.

A Most Enjoyable Occasion.
A Sunday school class reunion, which was significant from an historic point of view, took place last week Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Ruth (McClintock) Phelps. The affair was also most enjoyable from a social standpoint and was a memorial to William H. C. Lawrence of San Diego, Cal., who over twenty years ago was a teacher of a junior Bible class of young ladies at the Congregational Sunday school. However, the many changes that have come into the lives of teacher and pupils since that time have not changed the attitude of respect and esteem which grows deeper as the years go by. It would certainly have been a proud moment in the life of Mr. Lawrence if circumstances could have permitted him to have been present at that class reunion. He would have assuredly have felt repaid three-fold for labor and effort he has put into that class over two decades ago.

A special feature of the evening was a poem composed and read by the hostess, Mrs. Ruth Phelps.

Happy discussions of reminiscences of those golden days brought to light the fact that Mrs. Rose Lawrence, wife of Mr. Lawrence, was a prominent factor in the social life of the class and here interest, love and affection has served as a beacon light in sunshine and rain, through prosperity and adversity, to the members of the class, through many winding pathways.

The hospitable home of the hostess was the scene of many reminders of bygone days and refreshments, music, etc., were the features of entertainment. The following is a list of the members of the class, but through unforeseen circumstances not all were permitted to be present: Miss Mary A. Park, Mrs. Ada (Scott) Wheeler, Mrs. Alice (Livermore) Wright, Mrs. Ruth (McClintock) Phelps, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Thacher of Littleton, Mrs. Mary (Hewes) Bond of Texas, Mrs. Nellie Fuller of Ashby, Mrs. Nellie (Hume) Kowmer and Mrs. Hattie (Hume) Walker of Fitchburg and Miss Annie Moore, the pastor's daughter.

Since the class was organized in 1873 only one of the class has passed away, Mrs. Ada (Scott) Wheeler, who was primarily the motive that prompted the gathering. He was well known to the older residents of Shirley, being the village blacksmith. He was a kindly man with strong force of character and was endowed by God with a noble personality that won the affection of his friends. Words are inadequate to portray the influence of his manly Christian life.

Mrs. Lawrence has always kept in touch with his class, sending them letters, views and souvenirs; some of which were rose head necklaces made by his wife. These necklaces are thought a great deal by his class. Members of the class present from out of town were: Miss Elizabeth Thacher of Littleton, Mrs. Hattie Walker of Whitcomb and Mrs. Nellie Fosmer of Fitchburg.

Center.
On account of the vacation at Groton School T. J. E. Pulling will not preach at Trinity chapel again for several weeks. Services, however, will be held as usual at 3:15 p. m. and the pulpit will be supplied by one of the other masters from Groton School.

During the past two weeks A. A. Adams has been making further repairs to Center road, consisting mainly of filling in with gravel. With this work completed Center road should be in such condition that it will be passable at any time of the year throughout its length.

David E. Marsh is making extensive alterations and repairs at his home on Center road.

Wedding.
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Wright at Plympton was the scene of a very pretty wedding last Saturday when their daughter, Miss Edith L. Wright, was united in marriage to Edward A. Farnsworth of this town. The couple were attended by the groom's brother, Frank Farnsworth and by the groom's sister, Miss Marion Mellish of Aliston. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Emery Gould of Rockland, a sister of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. E. Bachelder, of the Congregational church of Rockland, the double ring service being used.

The bride was dressed in white satin, hand-embroidered with French knots and her veil was caught with rosebuds. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The bridesmaid wore yellow crepe de chine and carried sweet peas. The wedding party stood beneath an arch of laurel, evergreen and white carnations, the remainder of the room being decorated with laurel. The dining-room also was decorated with laurel and poinsettias. The bride's mother, assisted by Mrs. James Keeney and Mrs. Lester Keeney, served a dainty lunch after the ceremony.

The couple were the recipients of many pretty gifts of linen, cut glass, pictures, china and silver. Guests were present from Kingston, Whitman, Rockland, Springfield, Aliston, Shirley, West Groton, Maynard and Plympton. After a trip to New York and Hartford, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth will reside at the groom's home at North Shirley and will be at home after March first.

The bride is a graduate of the Rockland schools and of Bridgewater Normal school. She was for four years a teacher and principal of the Tarbell school at West Groton, and last year taught mathematics in the junior high school at Maynard. She is very popular and has a large circle of friends in the social life of her town. Mr. Farnsworth is a graduate of local schools and is well known and respected in the town. He is a member of the Grange, in which he now holds the office of chaplain.

Christmas Tree.
In spite of the very unpleasant weather the annual Christmas tree, which is the custom of the school, was held Tuesday evening for the children of the Sunday school at Trinity chapel. The tree was decorated with lights and the children sang carols. A short Christmas program was given consisting of vocal selections by a quartet from Groton School; recitation, Elizabeth Comstock; reading by T. J. E. Pulling of Groton School; vocal solo, Sylvia Richardson; vocal duet, Marion and Sylvia Richardson; selection by quartet from Groton School; song by four little girls. Santa Claus then appeared on the scene and distributed candy and presents to all the children. Ice cream and cake were served and the remainder of the evening was spent in playing games.

SOUTH BROOKLINE, N. H.
News Items.
Walter Fossenden was a visitor in Boston on Thursday last week.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Edith Bryant, a former teacher at Daniels academy, to Mr. Provost of Bellows Falls, Vt.

O. D. Fessenden was in Boston last week on a brief business trip.

Miss Loretta Gardner of Lowell was a visitor of Mrs. John Gilmore over the week-end.

Mrs. Belle Barnaby with her sister, Mrs. Hinds, spent the day Saturday with relatives at West Townsend.

The Social club met with Mrs. Martha Pierce December 9. There were thirteen members present and a very spirited meeting was held. At the close of the business period the literary program was much enjoyed. There were readings, recitations and comedians. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess and the social hour was full of merriment and good cheer. The next meeting will be at the home of

Mrs. Elsie Shattuck December 16. Mrs. Elsie Storor, nee Fossenden, was in Nashua Saturday on a business trip.

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Evidence of spring has arrived as a result of the unusually warm weather picked in this part of the town Monday by Mrs. Florence Barnaby.

PEPPERELL
News Items.
At the meeting of the Woman's club, to be held at Saunders' hall on Tuesday afternoon, December 21, at 2:45, the program committee, Mrs. Abbie Woodard, chairman, will be in charge. A program of music and readings will be given, and a short sketch of the career of Horatio Woodard, following the program there will be a "Christmas party" with a tree, and every one attending is requested to bring a wrapped package, suitable to exchange with one of the other members of the club. Each member may secure from the chairman, Mrs. Woodard, the escort ticket for Guest Night, to which the program committee will be a special meeting of the executive board preceding the program.

Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson was recently appointed a member of the State Board of Charities, and on Wednesday attended a meeting of the organization, in Boston, followed by a luncheon at the Twentieth Century club.

There will be a meeting of the Department of the Grange, hall, on December 27, at eight p. m. Prof. Greig of Harvard university will tell "How to enhance the value of your New England woodlot."

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Victor Le F. Filibrown, son of Mrs. Albert A. Filibrown, and a native of this town, who has been employed by the Manufacturers' National bank, Cambridge, since it was opened for business about three years ago, has been elected assistant cashier by vote of the directors.

The first basketball game of the season was played Thursday evening, when the Ayer A. A. played the Base hospital boys from Camp Devens. The local team showed that they have not forgotten how to play basketball. The camp team was outwitted, but came back stronger in the second period.

We understand from good authority that on account of the large amount of uncollected taxes due the town, a notice of same has been prepared by the collector and that all taxes remaining unpaid December 23, for the years 1920 and preceding, will be published in the local papers December 24.

The sixth annual union fair was a financial success as the following statistics show: Federated, \$43,622; Unitarian, \$41,915; Baptist, \$23,822; Episcopal, \$28,224; total receipts, \$137,583; total expenses, \$29,583; bills unpaid, \$108,000.

Mrs. Ellean Gray Sawyer, past president of George S. Boutwell, No. 49, has been chosen to install the officers of the corps next year.

The annual election of officers of the Ayer Rebekah lodge took place last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Milburn, vice-grand.

The Ladies' Benevolent society held its first meeting of the new year last Tuesday afternoon. It was voted to contribute \$200 to church expenses, \$200 to furnishings for the minister's residence, \$100 for repairs on the church interior.

Arthur Garfield Hazard has brought an action of contract against Miss Mabel P. Puffer for \$30,000 returnable at the superior court at Cambridge the first Monday of January, 1921.

A special meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., was held in the Masonic rooms on Wednesday evening for the purpose of conferring the degree on four candidates.

On Monday morning the court was called on to pass on several cases in violation of laws relating to eggs and milk. Calvin Supernant of Grotton, who was charged with violating the milk laws in selling milk with part of the cream removed, was found guilty and fined fifty dollars, from which he appealed.

The Ayer school's close this week Friday for the Christmas vacation. Ayer Grange was represented at the state convention in Pittsfield this week by Harris L. Badger and Mrs. Daniel Macon.

At the annual meeting of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons on Monday evening the following officers were elected: Timothy Cleary, master; Dr. Herbert B. Priest, senior warden; Theophilus G. Smith, Jr., junior warden; Benjamin Turt, treasurer; Warren L. Preble, secy.

On Wednesday morning Thomas McKay of Ayer was found guilty of drunkenness and was fined ten dollars and was placed on probation for three months.

In the civil case of Frank W. Spill vs Annie M. Desmond, which was tried December 4, Special Justice Hayes has issued judgment for the plaintiff for \$30.50 and costs.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded recently from this vicinity: Ayer—Emma N. Webb to William T. Fitzerald; Alfred A. Whitcomb et al. to L. W. Palmer; Boxboro—Frank M. Kimball to O. D. Fescenden; Littleton—Lury M. Adams et al. to H. Adams et al.; Passaconaway to Silvio P. Cantano; Peppercorn—Edgar W. Blake to W. E. Shattuck; William F. Dennen to R. E. Shattuck; Julia E. Robbins to W. E. Dennen; Lillian I. Williams to C. T. Dennen; Townsend—Arthur P. Blanchard to L. C. Blanchard; Arthur P. Blanchard et al. to G. C. Blanchard; Elizabeth R. Gamble to G. C. Blanchard; Peppercorn—Minnie A. Book et al. to Joseph Dubinskas, land on Pine street; George A. Johnson to Zachary Denisevich, land on Pine street, Lunenburg; Helen E. Cumings et al. to Frances L. Dresnack, land on road to Piteburg; Isaac N. Brackett to Joseph Politinus, land in easterly part.

The senior class dance held last Friday evening at Hardy's hall was a success, both socially and financially. A particular feature of the evening was the exhibition of fancy dancing given by Lorraine Stone and by Gladys Pillman, class '22. During the intermission, refreshments were served in the banquet hall. Dancing was enjoyed until twelve.

The junior class rings have arrived and were given out at a meeting Monday afternoon. They are gold, with a diamond shaped ring set with green enamel, on which are the appropriate markings.

Joseph Schneider, a pupil at the high school during the war, when he was the official Camp Devens newspaper, has been awarded the Benjamin Newsboys' scholarship at Harvard for passing the entrance examination with better grades than his brother news merchant.

The house-to-house canvass for the sale of the anti-tuberculosis Christmas seals, which has been carried on during the last week by the high school pupils, is almost completed. Mr. Gleason and the pupils are much gratified at the ready response of the townspeople.

The Ayer bowling team played Leominster Wednesday evening at Blodgett & Hillman's alleys. Ayer won by the following score:

by Frederick L. Marlon, an inspector of the State Public Health department. The defendant was represented by Attorney John D. Carney.

John Carr of Pepperell, also charged with violating the milk laws by adding water to his milk, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of fifty dollars. The inspector stated that he took samples from about thirty cows of the defendant's milk, and the analysis showed about fifteen per cent of water had been added.

Conrad Richard of Westford, charged with selling cold storage eggs without having them properly marked, pleaded guilty, and was fined ten dollars.

Zachary Denisevich of Westford, charged with the same offense as Richard, was found not guilty. The complaint in both cases was made by Inspector Arnold Perham of Boston, who bought eggs of both defendants.

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Hodge	86 100 102-288
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AYER	
Halloran	86 95 113-294
Washburn	113 103 88-304
Task	83 82 82-247
Pillman	95 81 95-271
Fitzgerald	87 101 106-294
Totals	464 452 453 1369

A. W. C. Notes. Wednesday, December 15, was Federation day at the Women's club. Following the business meeting Mrs. Helen Streeter delighted the audience with a piano solo. The president, Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence, then introduced Mrs. Frederick G. Smith, second vice-president of state federation, who in a very pleasing manner described the work the federation expects the club women to perform. This most interesting meeting was closed with a piano solo by Mrs. Helen Streeter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence and Mrs. George H. Norris entertained Mrs. Helen Streeter and her family at the Leominster Women's club Guest night.

The Leominster girls will meet at the home of the chairman, Miss Mary B. Johnson, Wednesday, December 22, at three p.m.

The Leominster Camp Fire girls will hold a fund and candy sale in the vestry of the Congregational church Saturday, December 18, at three o'clock.

A meeting will be held at the home of Miss Helen Streeter Wednesday evening, December 22, at three o'clock.

This week the Camp Fire girls have taken as their motto "Hold on to health." One of the fundamental principles of health is exercise, so Friday afternoon the girls will practice basketball at the Soldiers' club.

The annual business meeting of the Noncolorists' club was held on Monday evening and the officers for 1921 were elected as follows: Jessie S. McGregor, pres.; Edessa J. E. Crawford, vice pres.; Edith C. Harlow, secy.; Rita Green, treat; Alice E. Rand, chairman of social com.; Esther O. Washburn, reporter.

Unitarian Church. Sunday services: 10.45, regular of service and sermon. Music: "Adesle Fides" (In Latin), traditional; O. night divine; Jordan, Mrs. Sargent. Preacher, the minister. Subject, "An Interpretation."



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Lyons and Moran in "ONCE A PLIMBER." "THE BLACK SHEEP," with Tom Moore.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Edith Roberts in "THE ADORABLE SAVAGE." Century Comedy.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 and 22

Nell Shipman in "BACK TO GOD'S COUNTRY." From the story "Wapi, the Walrus," by James Oliver Curwood. One of the greatest pictures of Alaskan Snows and Canadian Woodlands ever screened.

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The Villainous Sea Captain who covets Delores, almost kills her husband by a despicable trick. They are placed ashore among the Eskimos, and Delores seeks a surgeon in a settlement many miles away. The captain schemes to prevent her, but she meets Wapi, the killer, and the valiant dog becomes her companion. Comedy. "Terchy's Millions."

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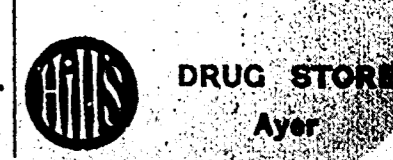
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HOLLIS, N. H. News Items. The A. A. played the Townsend basketball team last week Friday with a score of 26 to 13 in favor of Hollis.

There were only a few members present at the D. A. R. meeting at Miss Stratton's last Saturday. The program for Forerunners' day was carried out by Mrs. Elizabeth D. Worcester.

Miss Dorothy Farley, who was operated on for gullet at the Memorial hospital, Nashua, last week, is making a good recovery.

Rev. R. M. French walked to Merrimack Sunday to conduct the service there in the afternoon, preferring to walk on account of the bad traveling.

Thomas A. Greenleaf has bought a house in Pepperell, but has hired an apartment for a time, as the house is occupied.

Mrs. Charles E. Hardy visited Derby E. Foster and family in Concord last week.

Much needed repairs are being made on the road south of Dr. Frank Bell's. Dudley P. Lawrence last week received word of the death of his son-in-law, Matthew Noonan.

Mrs. Sarah A. Kendall, who died in Milford last week at the age of 79, was a native of Hollis, being the daughter of Alfred and Sarah Lord.

A Warren item in the Manchester Union says that Mrs. Ruth Wither is convalescing from an illness. Mrs. Wither lived for a good many years where Edson Hurd now lives and has many acquaintances in town.

Ralph C. Herrick has taken a furnished apartment in Winchester, Mass., and is storing his household goods in the Worcester building in the center. Mr. Herrick expects to leave town the last of this week with his family.

Within a few months three old estates in town have again changed hands. The Conant place, sold by Miss Minnie Colburn to Frank Walters of New York, had been in the Conant family 182 years when Miss Colburn bought it a number of years ago.

Over forty dollars were taken at the church supper last week in spite of the fact that it was a very disagreeable night. The committee served a fine supper of chicken, meat, pies, beans, peas, etc.

Mrs. Flora Hardy was in Boston Wednesday on business. Miss Minnie Colburn left Tuesday for New York for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. William (Canadian) Smith arrived for Daytona, Fla., where they will spend the winter. There will be the usual Christmas tree and entertainment for the "kids" in the town hall Christmas eve in charge of Mrs. May T. Worcester.

The annual Christmas concert will be given Sunday, December 26. Charles J. Nichols of West Roxbury has given to the Ladies' Reading and Singing society a fine pair of work horses for them to dispose of as they think best.

Mrs. Norman Bennett and Miss Wylie Parker returned to Ayer Wednesday from an extended visit with friends and relatives in Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hardy and family are in the home of Mrs. Clinton to Alwyn Garrison of Mont Vernon.

Elizabeth Worcester is home from Wellesley college for a three weeks' vacation. Miss Helen D. Worcester is having a two weeks' vacation from her school work at Miss Leslie's school in Cambridge.

next meeting will be Girl Scouts' afternoon at the parlor in charge of Mrs. Flora Hardy. Mrs. Daniel Goodwin underwent a successful operation for appendicitis last week.

The daughters of Rev. Mr. Crutcher have received a certificate saying Mr. Crutcher was seriously ill in a hospital in Beirut, Turkey. Mrs. Crutcher and son are with him.

Miss Ruth Hills has had a telephone installed in the Proctor house. BROOKLINE, N. H. News Items.

Frank E. Kilgus post, A. L., have remodeled the south primary school house into a clubroom and are holding their meetings there. They have just installed a fine pool table.

Harry Von Mall had the misfortune to lose one of the team horses last Sunday, from colic.

George Dodge and family who have been living in Groton for several years, moved back to town Monday into the house recently purchased by Mr. Emerson of North Chelmsford.

Mrs. Henry Jests of Fitchburg has been a visitor at the home of Mrs. Mary Gerrish. The Ladies' Aid held an all-day session at the Congregational church parlor Tuesday.

Mrs. Clara Russell is attending the state grange which is being held in Claremont this year. Edward Sheridan of Newton, Mass., has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. Jennie Fessenden, the past week.

Mrs. Myrtle Rockwood was quite ill the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chandler were recently called to Ware by the sickness and death of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jensen had the misfortune to lose one of their little girls last week. The little one was sick only a short time with the measles. The funeral was held at the home Sunday, Rev. Mr. Abbott officiating.

Peter J. Pankey shot a very fine 200 lb. doe recently. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunbar entertained Sunday Mr. Nichols and Mrs. Stewart from Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pinkree, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Klein and two sons, John Nye of New York state and Mr. and Mrs. George Nye of this town.

Rev. Mr. Abbott has accepted the call to become pastor of the Federated churches here and will move his family here this week from their home in Medford, Mass.

The regular meeting of the grange was held Wednesday night. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on a class of nine. The literary program was in charge of Delbert Parker and was a great success.

Miss Martha A. Parker, daughter of the late Abel B. and Martha E. Parker, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Herbert I. Grey, Hudson, Thursday morning of last week. She was born in this town January 18, 1839, but was a resident of Nashua the greater part of her life.

She was a member of the First Universalist church, which she dearly loved and of which she was an active member as long as she was able. She leaves one other niece, Mr. Kate E. Parker of Washington, D. C., and a nephew, Frank E. Fairbanks, of Woomersock, Md.

The funeral was held Saturday at Hudson, Mrs. Cecilia Powers of this town attended it. In Halls of Receiver. William H. Hitchcock, an attorney of Boston, was appointed receiver for the heavy Chemical Bank of Boston Tuesday by Judge Anderson in the United States district court, on a petition filed recently against the company.

Meritorious Service. The Secretary of the Navy Washington, 11 November 1920. Sir—The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the navy cross to Lieutenant Commander George N. Barker, U. S. N., for services during the world war as set forth in the following citation:

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half of his mother, an invalid, presented the flag and Nathan Whitecomb in behalf of the church, accepted it. Then the minister dedicated the flag saying: "As minister of the First Congregational society in Littleton, I hereby solemnly dedicate this flag to the glory of God and the memory of our country ever prove to us as to those who follow after us an unending source of inspiration for patriotism and keep us loyal to those ideals of government for which our fathers pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. After the dedicatory prayer the bugler gave the 'call to the colors' and the entire congregation, led by the minister, pledged its allegiance to the flag and joined in singing the 'Star Spangled Banner'.

The Laymen's League met last Sunday evening and listened to an interesting address by Carl B. Wetherill, its secretary, on "The mission, aims and ideals of the league."

The annual meeting of the First Congregational society will be held on Monday evening, December 27. Reports will be made by the officers, committees, allied societies and the minister.

The Woman's Alliance held a food sale yesterday which attracted a large attendance. The annual Christmas party of the church school will be held Friday afternoon, December 24, in the vestry.

A special offering to help save three and one-half million children in Eastern and Central Europe from starvation will be taken Sunday morning, December 26.

On Sunday morning the pastor will take for his subject, "A Christmas dream." Sunday evening at 6.30, Catherine Fieldard will lead the 12 meeting, subject, "Joseph meets his brethren."

Friday afternoon there will be the Christmas party with three and entertainment for the children of the Sunday school and their parents. Sunday evening, December 26, a Christmas cantata, "The story of Bethlehem," will be given in the church by the regular singers and an augmented choir.

The church canvassing teams reported most encouragingly Sunday evening. A fine solo was rendered at the morning service last Sunday by Miss Florence Hunt.

L. W. C. The Woman's club enjoyed an unusually large attendance at the annual guest evening entertainment held in the Unitarian vestry Monday evening. The auditorium was prettily decorated with small hemlock trees, holly, berries and evergreen, Mrs. C. A. Kimball, Miss Ewings and Mrs. Emily Phelps having the care of this feature.

The church musical program by Mrs. Spaulding, a sweet singer, and Miss Wright, a talented violinist, of Lowell, was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated. Much interest centered in the play, "Parting greater part members, including Mrs. Cleland, Miss Marlon Flagg, Miss Ruth Willard, Mrs. Horst, Mrs. Lillian Priest, Miss Olive Ther, Miss Copp and a few who took the minor parts. The actors attained their splendid reputation in dramatic art and enjoyed repeated applause. The last of the evening was given to sociability and refreshments were served by Mrs. W. E. Conant and an efficient corps of assistants.

Under the auspices of the Back-log club a dance will be given in the town hall December 25, with music by Morcy's orchestra from Lowell. Mrs. Nettie M. Turner has been chosen a trustee of the old ladies' home in Milford, N. H.

Many people in this vicinity were acquainted with the late Dr. Myron E. Pierce, who died at the age of 53 years, of cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 53 years. Rev. Samuel Jackson of Boston officiated at the funeral services in the Unitarian cemetery chapel. Family friends and members of the dental fraternity attended. Burial was at Littleton. Dr. Pierce was born in Westford in 1861, the son of John and Elizabeth (Flagg) Pierce. Since graduation from the Tufts Dental school he practised in Cambridge until the time of his death and stood high in his profession. He leaves his wife, who was Lois Emch of Rockford, Ill., one sister, and three brothers.

Mr. Dunbar will again occupy the Baptist pulpit Sunday morning. The committee directing the sale of tuberculosis Red Cross seals report enclosing a few hundred seals to be sold in this vicinity. They will buy and thus complete Littleton's quota. The American Legion has bought two \$5 bonds, the King's Daughters have bought a \$5 bond and a few of the \$2 certificates have been taken. Let us rise to the occasion as in all times past and see that Littleton's name remains on the honor list.

Members of the King's Daughters are requested to return all Red Cross work to Miss E. W. Thacher this coming week. The Woman's club chorus will hold the next rehearsal at the home of Mrs. G. Edward Freese Monday afternoon, December 20, at 8.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Elmer W. Fletcher, Miss Mary Nye and Mrs. Annie Smith left town Monday for Laredo, Tex. The parish is reminded of the benefit holding to be given for St. Anne's mission this Sunday evening. Mrs. Estelle Moulton was in town Wednesday.

The Monthly family of New Estate and relatives gathered at their home Sunday for the winter. The boys had a fine party at Hartwell, society, and a fine pair of work horses. Mrs. W. L. Smith has bought Hartwell and Homer's for business.

Dr. J. M. Smith has been appointed pastor of the Central Avenue Congregational church of Brooklyn, to become "Nehemiah Boynton, Minister at Large in New York City." After Easter, when his resignation becomes effective, he says he will have more time to devote to it here and abroad. Dr. Boynton, former moderator of the National council of the United States, has held pastorate in Detroit, Boston, and in Haverhill and Littleton.

Ice cream orders for Christmas should be placed with Mrs. T. N. Ayers not later than December 21st. Orders taken for home baked beans and brown bread Saturday nights, also doughnuts, plain and fancy pies, and cut-price groceries.

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PEPPERELL

News Items

Mrs. Eugene McCarthy spent the week-end with Mrs. Roger Robbins, in Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Spaulding, who are on their trip to California, have not yet been heard from at their destination, as they proposed to make several stop-over visits, on the way.

Thomas Sullivan is expected here from Chicago to spend the Christmas holiday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick F. Sullivan, at the Center.

Little Gerry Attridge, the small three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Attridge, is having a serious time for a young lad, with an abscess on the gland of his neck. He has been under the care of a physician, who lanced it on Sunday to relieve it, and as soon as practicable it seems advisable to have his tonsils removed, as it is thought infection might take place from those again.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shattuck, born December 1, has been given the family name of Harry Brainerd.

Twenty-five of the high school pupils were delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Blythe Eaton, at their pleasant home on Main street, on Saturday evening of last week. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Olsen assisted in making the party, the former assisting Mrs. Eaton in serving refreshments of hot cocoa, cake, wafers and candy, and the latter with the games, which took up the earlier hours of the evening. The decorations of the rooms and the paper napkins and smaller decorations of the lunch, were of the approaching holiday season, and very pretty. The occasion was one of much friendly feeling between teacher and pupil, as Mr. Eaton is one of the high school faculty.

George Granger, a former resident here, was in town over Sunday at the home of his son, John Granger, Tucker farm, coming from Shirley where he is now employed at the President Suspendor works.

Mrs. E. A. McCarthy went into Boston on Wednesday, and would visit her relatives in West Acton on her return. Town schools close on Friday for a two week vacation over the holidays. There will be appropriate exercises at the grade schools, both at the Clara M. Shattuck building and at Groton. The exercises at the former will consist of recitations and music, as the children have been interested in collecting or saving their pennies for the Literary Digest, "child-feeding" fund, and there will be no gifts on any Christmas tree. The amount donated by the children is 441.07. It was given cheerfully, and came in amounts from a penny to a dollar, the largest one being \$5.00 donated by a friend. The exercises at the Groton street school building will include trees and Christmas carols by the children in all the lower grades.

Howard Shattuck came home from his school, the Norwich University of Northfield, Vt., earlier than was expected, arriving on Tuesday morning. He was suffering from an attack of appendicitis, and went to St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua, on Wednesday for an operation which was successfully performed on Thursday morning.

Walton Bosworth returned last week from the hospital at New London, Conn., where he has been acting as attendant, as he is suffering from blood poisoning in the hand, from infection from one of the cases in the hospital. He was under treatment several days there, before being allowed to come home.

George Willis is in quite a serious condition following his long illness from lung trouble, with a final attack of pneumonia. A consultation was held a short time ago, by his local physician, Dr. Quin, and Dr. Smith, of Nashua. Although there were some peculiar symptoms, it was thought at that time that he would no doubt regain his natural mind as soon as the weakness of his disease passed off. The delirium however, continued, and seemed to increase, as on Tuesday, during the heavy rain, he escaped from the house, and went out on Main street to the home of one of the fellow workers in the paper mill, and showed strong signs of being entirely out of his right mind. The exposure and approach of a cold, which seemed for the worse, at this writing. Previous to his illness Mr. Willis was employed by the Nashua River Paper Company, as machine tender, at the Hollingsworth mills.

A very successful whist party was held in A. O. H. hall, Monday evening, December 13, under the auspices of the Ladies' Sodality of St. Joseph's church. About one hundred and twenty-five tables for whist. The first ladies' prize was won by Mrs. Bouchard, and the first gent's prize was won by Declan Lynch and Mrs. R. Tupper. The guess box was won by Mrs. John Attridge. Refreshments were served and an entertainment given which was enjoyed by all.

Frederic Tarbell was at home from Quincy over the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tarbell.

Mrs. Roger Robbins (nee Miss Lydia Waite) was in town from Lawrence the early part of the week. The Misses Hilda, Hope and Barbara Boyd entertained the members of the Hope Circle of the Loyol Girls, of which they are members, with the teacher, Miss McNary, on Monday evening at their home, the Donnelly place. There was ample room for games in the spare rooms, which were given over to the circle for the evening by the rest of the family. It was voted during the business session to buy one dollar's worth of Christmas seals now being sold for the benefit of the National Anti-Tuberculosis association, a certain percentage of which remains for local use. Following business and games the young hostesses served refreshments, with a fine assortment of candies. The regular meeting of the circle, which would occur on December 27, will be postponed one week, and be held January 3, instead.

A great pleasure was given Mrs. H. N. Tower this week by the rare occurrence of a visit from her three sisters at the same time. Mrs. G. W. Harris, who has been with Mrs. Tower for the past two weeks, returned to her home at Petersham on Thursday. Mrs. Edith Towne, also of Petersham, will remain for a longer stay, and Miss Mabel Spooner, from Amesbury, will spend a part of the winter here.

George H. Stewart, master of Prescott Grange, has been in attendance at this week at the meeting of the State Grange at Pittsfield, as delegate. Mr. Stewart also attended the meeting of the Pomona Grange at Groton on Thursday of last week.

The Ready Workers' circle of the Rebekah lodge met at the home of Mrs. May Davis, Franklin street, on Thursday, with good attendance over the holidays.

Ensign Lloyd L. Tower is expected here the latter part of this week from New York, where his ship, the "Rebecca," has been in port. He will probably have a two weeks furlough over the holidays.

A rehearsal of Christmas carols for the community Christmas tree will be held on Monday evening, December 20, at eight o'clock, at the K. of C. rooms in the Tarbell block. All persons are requested to come and especially the young people.

Christmas seals are placed on sale at all the stores and are also being

sold by the two troops of Boy Scouts and by the Girl Scouts. A large percent of the amount taken from the local sale will be returned here for disbursement under the District Nursing association. Although the fund is raised primarily for the suppression of tuberculosis by the National Anti-Tuberculosis association, as the need in this locality is small at present for such patients, a dental clinic has been formed, to which the sum left with the local association, will be devoted.

Our merchants have decided to keep their stores open Thursday afternoon and evening and Friday evening of Christmas week.

Other Pepperell matter on page 3.

Death.

Francis M. Nash, an aged resident of this town for several years, passed away on Monday, December 13, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elmer Nash, High street, at the advanced age of 88 years, having been born in Raymond, Maine, April 28, 1832. He was the oldest son of Elijah and Phoebe (Mason) Nash, and the last of his family. In his younger days Mr. Nash took an active part in political and town affairs, being an ardent Republican. His marriage to Miss Juliette Westcott of Gorham, Me., took place in 1858. She was deceased nearly twenty-five years ago, and of their four children, three survive him. These are Oliver M. Nash, Mrs. Nellie Plummer and Mrs. Hannah Mason, all of this town. One son, Enoch, died some years ago in Maine. Mr. Nash also leaves four grandchildren, Mrs. Beatrice Dunson of Westbrook, Me., Ernest O. Nash of Chelsea and Robert and Sydney Mason of this town. Also, one grandchild, Marjorie Nash, of Chelsea. Other relatives, more distant, are a niece, Mrs. Albert Chubb of New York, and Orange, this state; also a niece, Mrs. James Snow, of New Gloucester; three nephews, C. E. Fisher of Minneapolis, Minn., Charles H. Fisher and George Fisher, both of Dorchester.

Mr. Nash was a resident of his native town of Raymond until about 1880, when he removed to Westbrook, and became connected with the S. D. Warren Paper Co. He afterward entered the employ of a shoe concern, his original trade being that of shoemaker. He was an enthusiastic and very successful gardener, as was demonstrated by his fine gardens here in town, and at one time, had charge of the garden, on several of the farms about Westbrook, in Gorham and Cumberland mills.

Mr. Nash was by faith a Universalist, joining the church of that denomination at Westbrook, soon after its formation. He was also a member of Hawthorne lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Raymond.

Mr. Nash first came here about twenty years ago, but made frequent visits in Maine, and did not come here to reside permanently until about ten years ago. His quiet, cordial manner and pleasant personality were characteristic of him during the years preceding his ill health, since when he has been more closely at his home.

Funeral services were held at his late home on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30, Rev. B. W. Rust, officiating, and the remains were taken to his home, to be buried in the cemetery by his son-in-law, Elmer Mason, and grandson, Ernest Nash, on Thursday morning. Committal services were held at the grave at the Westbrook cemetery Thursday noon, the Rev. Mr. Townsend of the Universalist church, officiating.

Current Events Talk.

The second of the meetings at the Lawrence library for the talk by Principal Whitmarsh on current events was held on Monday afternoon. Although the weather was not inviting, the reading-room was well filled at the appointed hour with interested listeners. Although not a rapid speaker, Mr. Whitmarsh keeps one constantly on the alert for the "next good subject."

His first topic, Mr. Whitmarsh took up the nationwide campaign advised by the commissioner of education at Washington, for a "school week" December 5-11, for special effort in grade schools, for improvement along educational lines. Recommendations are made for larger appropriations for schools; larger space in daily papers for educational purposes; for organizations to observe educational topics; also, for motion pictures of educational character, and community meetings to discuss needs of schools. The speaker observed that no stress had been laid on the subject in the daily papers, and he had yet to hear that the request had been made in any of the town schools.

Passing to the topic of the better education, he said the young people of the present day do not take seriously to study. Colleges are looked upon as much as a big club, with excursions and interruptions. It has been shown that we are not the best educated nation in the world, and before there can be any radical change, we must discard the illusion that the wise thing in life is to have a good time. The professors of our universities and colleges should not be required to act as passive judges, and parents should be content with imperfect results. In setting the requirements and tests applied to the recent army and navy enlistments, the speaker said that the average soldier and sailor could only be ranked as thirteen and a half years of mental age; and he wondered if similar tests were applied to the young people of this country. He summed up the difficulty as "inability to interpret instructions."

Important among the events was the first meeting of the League of Nations, held November 15, in the Hall of Representatives in Geneva, with Paul Hymans of Belgium, presiding. Forty-one nations, representing two-thirds of the world's population, met, through the medium of their 240 delegates around one table, a thing that never happened before. The Geneva gathering was larger than the Hague conference, and with "a profound difference" in the character of the occasion. Among editorial comments appear the phrases, "that the friends of peace are frankly disappointed with the result of the session," "Notable," says another writer, "are the selfish designs of the powers," "Great Britain dominates the league," says a Spanish writer, "Germany and Soviet Russia are ostracized and America, of course, not represented." A significant statement has been made that the convention at Geneva "sounds the swan-song of the league."

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much interest of the arrival of Brig. Gen. Mark L. Hershey at Camp Devens, mentioning that he was a classmate of his in former days.

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In conclusion, Mr. Whitmarsh humorously remarked that those who had been thinking awake nights pondering over the Japanese menace, might take courage from the fact that Japan's appropriations for military preparedness, both army and navy, is far exceeded by like appropriations here in America.

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SHIRLEY

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Clarence I. Goodheart, a business man of San Francisco, Cal., spent several days in town this week visiting his mother, Mrs. E. Goodheart. He left today for Washington and New Orleans.

Sermon subjects at the Congregational church next Sunday morning will be: "The children, boys, girls and penitents; receive the word of God." The subject of the evening service will be "The children, boys, girls and penitents; receive the word of God."

Several more men were laid off at the State Suspendor Co., Tuesday. Many of the girls are only working two days a week.

The children of the public schools have had the parents sign a petition asking the school committee to give the children a vacation the week following Christmas instead of the week ending December 29.

A daughter was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. William Lambert.

The B. B. club met with Miss Mary Ann Monday evening. The young ladies were given such refreshments were served by the hostess.

Donations of partly worn clothing, shoes and rubbers may be sent to the State Suspendor Co., Tuesday, and will be gratefully received.

Mrs. Oliver Balcom is not coming as her friends wish, she has not the time to do so yet and other troubles have to be met.

Shirley Post, A. L., will hold open house and admit night on Wednesday, December 22. The post issues a cordial invitation to all its friends to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weeks, Jr., leave on Thursday, December 23, for Chicago to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Manning and family. Willis Weeks will also be present.

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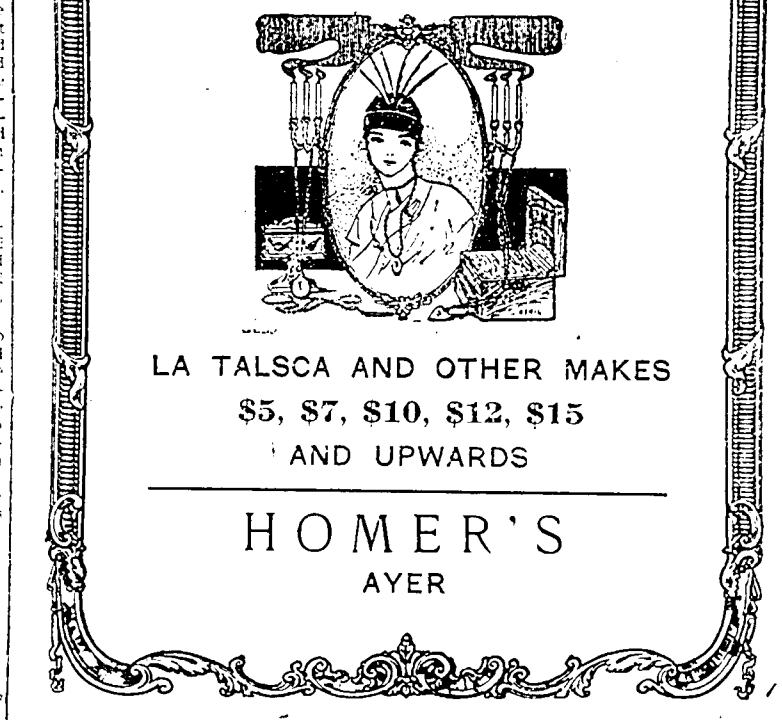
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