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WESTFORD.

Center.

The death of Basilios K. Socorella, the Greek fruit dealer, took place at his home on Tuesday of last week after a lingering illness from pulmonary tuberculosis. Mr. Socorella came to this country from his native Greece and a few years ago bought the Hugh Mills farm where he has lived with his large family, carrying on the business of fruit peddling in this and the surrounding towns. He is survived by a widow and seven children, four sons and three daughters. The funeral took place from his late home on Friday, a Greek priest of Lowell officiating, and the bearers were some of his native countrymen. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Interesting accounts from the world tourists, Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Wright, come this week telling of their sojourn in Yokohama, Japan.

Inadvertently we failed last week in writing the obituary of the late Mrs. John B. Fletcher to state her age. Mrs. Fletcher was born on November 29, 1833, making her at the time of her death, seventy-eight years old her last birthday.

The mid-week prayer service was held this week with Rev. and Mrs. Wallace at the parsonage.

Rev. David Wallace, John P. Wright, H. G. Osgood, A. E. Day and Otis Day attended the banquet and speeches at the Kirk Street church in Lowell on Monday evening of this week, under the auspices of the Men and Religious Movement. They report an inspiring session.

Joseph Perkins, in the employ of O. R. Spalding, got hurt while loading logs in the woods last week Friday, bruising and straining the ligaments of his shoulder, which will incapacitate him from work for some time.

Monday's snowfall proved the heaviest of the season. Nothing like schedule trips were possible on the branch line electric and the cut, with some of the townsmen, put in some hard work getting the tracks cleared. Sunday morning was the coldest of the season with temperature reported all the way from sixteen to twenty-six below zero, according to location. Ice on the various ponds is of excellent thickness, and the ice harvesters are getting ready to fill their houses.

It was to be regretted that the weather was so unfavorable for the whist party under the auspices of the Cavalry association at their building on Boston road on Friday evening of last week. Considering the intense cold there was a good number present and they had a most enjoyable time. Refreshments were served and the highest points were scored by Mrs. Lena Currier. A unique prize of miniature dancers on a platform, made from peanuts was the skillful and artistic work of Miss May Balch.

Mrs. James Hildreth, who with her daughter, Miss Martha Hildreth, is spending the winter with Mrs. Fletcher Peckins, is ninety-four the twenty-first of this month. Mrs. Hildreth is the oldest woman in town and is enjoying comfortable health. The cheerful and grateful attitude toward and those around her that has dominated all her life, does not diminish with the added years.

Miss Edith Forster was an invited guest at the Middlesex Woman's club, Lowell, on Monday, and enjoyed a fine concert program, the artists being Mme. Frieda Langendorff, contralto, and Miss Betsy Wyers, pianist.

A charming set of descriptive views depicting "The story of Hiawatha," is on exhibition at the library.

Word has come to friends here of the death of Mrs. F. A. Mellen, of Nashua. Mrs. Mellen is remembered by her Westford contemporaries as Miss Mary Butterfield, whose home was in the big house now occupied and owned by John C. Abbot, in those days kept as an inn and known as "the Butterfield tavern."

Miss Della Wheeler is for the present staying in the home of the late Mrs. John B. Fletcher. Miss Chandler has returned to her school duties in Boston.

Mrs. Nelson Tuttle visited her daughter, Miss Ruth Tuttle, at Winthrop; also the school where Miss Tuttle teaches, recently.

The monthly supper and social of the Congregational church will take place next Wednesday evening.

A recent engagement, announced at the Christmas-tide, was that of Miss Gertrude E. Bartlett, of Kingston, N. H., to Rodney Wilson, of New York. Miss Bartlett was one of our former popular teachers at the academy, and has many Westford friends to wish her happiness.

Pleasant letters came to the Westford friends from Mrs. Julia A. Fletcher, and her sister, Miss Maria Chamberlain, from their home in Billerica.

Miss Chamberlain has had a recent birthday, when she was eighty-four, and Mrs. Fletcher is eighty-two, and aside from lameness, both are comfortably well. Both cherish the keenest interest in Westford and its welfare, which was their life-long home until a few years ago.

Death.

Westford friends of Mrs. Martha P. Cooper were shocked and saddened to hear of her death at Shirley last week Saturday. Mrs. Cooper had many associations here. It was her early home, and she always cherished her friendships and associations in Westford. Until the last two or three years she had made her residence here for a considerable period. Mrs. Cooper possessed a charming personality, with a gracious, out-reaching spirit that won her many friends, and she was identified with the social and literary life of the village. In the days of the Tuesday reading class, she was one of its most interested members, continuing this same interest and cheerfulness when it merged into the organized Tadmuck club.

Mrs. Cooper was gifted as an artist, and the fine discriminations of the artistic temperament influence all her outlook upon life. Those who knew her well will cherish her memory with loving appreciation.

Tadmuck Club.

The Tadmuck club met in Library hall on Tuesday afternoon of this week, the snowy roads and cold weather making it somewhat hard for the members to attend, but notwithstanding, there was a representative contingent in attendance. This proved worth while, for it was an afternoon of genuine literary merit. The president, Miss Sarah W. Loker, was the chairman of the afternoon, with the fifth in the series of the season's special topic of South America, the subject being "Brazil—the wonderland." Miss Loker regretted that it was not possible to present the subject with the vantage points of experience, but she gave a very comprehensive and interesting outline of this great country. She was admirably supplemented in her program by Miss Mabel Drew, who presented "Brazilian coffee plantations." Mrs. J. E. Knight read a paper on "The rubber industry," which was prepared by Mrs. C. A. Blaney, and Mrs. Ella Langley gave a paper on "Brazilian diamond mining."

Under preliminary exercises Miss Loker had for inspection a set of pictures of some wonderful cloud effects, the work of an artist friend in North Dakota. An accompaniment to this was a reading by Rev. David Wallace of "The rhapsody of the clouds," by Edward Rowland Sill.

The next meeting of the club promises to be of special interest. Owing to Rev. Mr. Bailey's removal from town and continued ill health, the Shakespearean readings had to be given up, and the executive board have been fortunate enough to secure Miss Sarah Drew, of Cambridge, to present one of her lectures on "Art." Club tea will be served and it promises to be one of the best of the season's programs.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Miss Zelpha Wright, of Fitchburg, was at her home in Pingreyville over Sunday.

Miss Lucy Houghton left home last Wednesday for Gloucester City, N. J., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Dodge.

The grange, at its regular meeting last Wednesday evening, had a roll-call, each member present responding to the name by a quotation, a favorite poem or recitation. A large class will be initiated in March.

Arthur Barteaux and family have recently moved into the lower tenement of the former William E. Emery house.

Arthur R. Parker arrived home from Oregon last Saturday evening. He is now assisting his brother Harry on the farm recently purchased by Barker Bros., at Littleton Common.

Mrs. Paul Brown and Mrs. Adeline W. Knowlton attended the mid-winter meeting of the New England association of Alliances held in the First Unitarian church at West Newton on Thursday. The subject of the morning conference was "Service," followed by an address on "Consecration," by Rev. W. I. Lawrence, of Winchester. The subject of "Church unity" was discussed by Rev. Julian C. Jaynes, pastor of the West Newton church.

Elmer Fletcher went on Tuesday to the mid-winter meeting of the New England Fox Hunters at Bedford, making headquarters at the Bedford house, and returned on Thursday.

Miss Helen Prouty is taking a course in domestic arts in Cambridge. Rev. Herbert Canlins will begin his ministry at the Baptist church to-

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tomorrow. His goods left Hartland, Me., on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Laura Amsden returned this week from a visit of three weeks in Winchester.

Unique Entertainment.

Only the pleasantest comments have been heard from all sides regarding the entertainment, "The congress of nations," given at the Congregational vestry last Tuesday evening. The audience was not especially large, but very appreciative and enthusiastic. Rev. H. L. Packard, the speaker, in college gown, gave a very fitting and pleasant introduction to each scene. Those who took part in tableaux, recitation, or song were as follows:

Indians—Ernest Robinson and Miss Davis. Pilgrims—Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Kimball and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Kimball. Irish—George A. Cook and Miss M. H. Kimball. Dutch—Fred Cook and Miss Olive Thacher. Chinaman—Lester Griffiths. Japanese—Miss Miriam Conant and Mrs. F. D. Layton. Swede—Miss Hilda Halstrom. Russian—Mrs. Dr. James D. Christie. German—Miss Smitley. Armenians—Miss Ruth Prescott and Mrs. F. S. Kimball, with Miss Merriam as baby nurse. Italian—Miss Florence Bartlett. African—S. P. O'Banion. Jews—C. V. Flagg and W. L. Pickard. Goddess of Liberty—Miss Andrews.

Attics and old chests yielded up their treasures for costumes, and many were very "fletcher." The parts were well taken and furnished a fine variety, with no end of fun. To the committee who put a great deal of time, thought and work into the entertainment, as well as to those who performed, much credit was given.

Sleight Parties.

The young people are greatly interested in sleight parties now that the runners glide so smoothly over the snow. Last week Thursday evening, the high school freshmen went for a jolly ride to Acton. Warren Moore furnished the team. The juniors and seniors enjoyed a good sleigh ride with M. W. Leahy, under chaperonage of Miss Mitchell, last Tuesday evening. Thursday afternoon of this week, Austin T. Kimball gave the Center school, grades seven and eight, a fine ride to Ayer. The King's Daughters will take their annual outing very soon and plan to ride to Groton, where they will take supper at the Inn.

Wedding.

A quiet home wedding was celebrated on Sunday afternoon at Hiram Sawyer's home. The contracting parties were Miss Mabel Malda Sawyer, daughter of Edson Sawyer, and St. Clair A. Lohnes. Rev. William J. Cloues performed the ceremony. Attending the bridal couple were Emily M. Sawyer, a cousin of the bride and Clarence Lohnes, brother of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Lohnes are taking a wedding trip and upon their return will spend the winter at Hiram Sawyer's. Mr. Lohnes is a weaver, employed in the webbing factory. His friends at the factory are planning a pleasant reception for Mr. and Mrs. Lohnes upon their return.

Gradually Recovering.

As William L. Flagg, lawyer in New York, was riding recently in his automobile, he collided with another autoist and received injuries from which he is gradually recovering. The people at the Baptist church are eagerly watching his improvement with the hope that he will soon be able to adjust matters with the company that installed the clock at the Baptist church. It seems that several weeks ago the pin holding a string of twenty-five heavy weights in the clock gave way and the weights with a fearful crash broke through the belfry and the ceiling of the church auditorium into the balcony. Mr. Flagg holds the guarantee papers and hopes to have repairs and a settlement satisfactory to all parties made as soon as his health permits.

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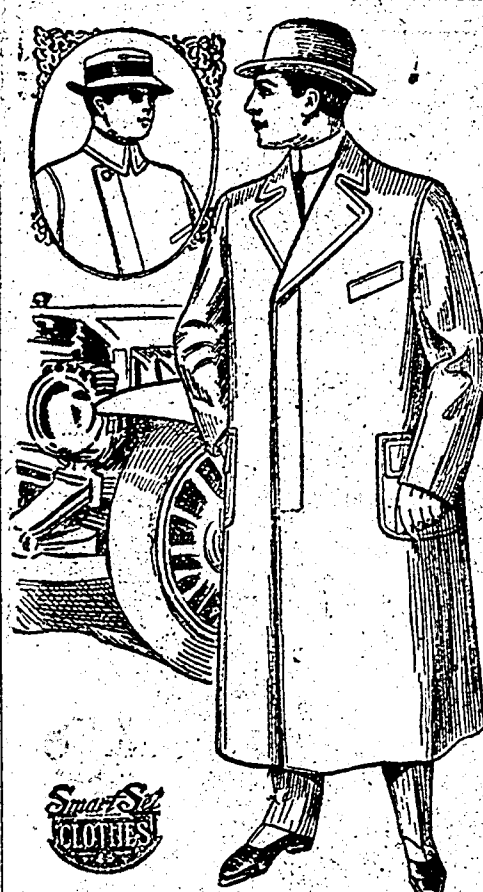
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WESTFORD.

About Town.

George C. Moore intends to make nearly a clean sweep of his forest preserves around Nabnasset pond, having commenced to cut on the plain road. This lot contains nearly two hundred acres, part of which is heavily timbered and is part of the bright green on the southern slopes of Nabnasset pond. The moths are expensive boarders and is a chief reason for disturbing the natural attractiveness of this embankment of forest and wild flowers, and the easily secreted home of the crow, hawk and owl.

The cold registered twenty-two below Sunday morning. This multiplied by two is what Dakota knew.

Howard W. Foster, committee on Farmers' Institutes for Middlesex North, writes that in accordance with the vote of Westford grange inviting an institute here, he will be prepared to hold an institute here the first or third week in February, also sending a list of speakers to select from. Westford is one of the towns where everybody seems to come in large numbers and have a good time, and it is up to the grange to offer the wide-open door of hospitality in a cheery and attractive way.

The next meeting of the West Chelmsford Debating society will be held at historic hall next Tuesday evening, when the following question will be discussed: Resolved, "That capital punishment should be abolished." The following speakers have been appointed on the debate, having been changed slightly from the original: Affirmative, Fred A. Snow, Chas. S. Edwards; negative, Capt. John J. Monahan, David Olson.

The second Farmers' Institute of the season by Middlesex North will be held at Tewksbury Center on Wednesday, January 24. Rev. W. H. Davenport, National American Dominican Club secretary, will speak in the morning on "Plain poultry talk for the farmer." Afternoon, "The cheap lands of New England, and what they offer." The speaker has had large experience in the poultry business, besides being an entertaining speaker. Dinner will be served at 12.30, with short after-dinner speeches. Cars leave Merrimack square for Tewksbury every half hour, fifteen minutes of and fifteen minutes past the hour.

At the last meeting of the W. C. T. U., the following delegates were chosen to attend the county convention, which was held at Somerville Thursday: Mrs. Jewett Wright, Mrs. Homer M. Seavey, Mrs. John W. Day, Mrs. Houghton Osgood, Mrs. Alta M. Taylor, Mrs. E. J. Whitney.

At the vesper service at the Unitarian church on Sunday evening the choir of the church was assisted by John S. Greig, which proved to be a much needed addition. Rev. L. B. Weeks spoke with his usual eloquence on "The origin and destiny of men."

The many acquaintances of Mrs. Martha P. Cooper, who died in Shirley on Saturday, were surprised to learn of her death, it being the accepted opinion that she would recover. While in Westford she was an active member of the W. C. T. U., and in loyal remembrance they contributed a wreath at the funeral. While in town she attended the Unitarian church, and readily expressed herself for its welfare. She had a bright and cheery nature in the ordinary of life, and to this she added the attractions of an artist and painter.

The grange, under the leadership of its new officers, started with a promising future. The new lecturer, Mrs. Clara Greig, filled the hour in an entertaining manner, the program as carried out being as follows: A duet, "Borrowing trouble"; violin duet, Everett Miller and Evelyn Hamlin, with Hazel Hartford as piano accompanist; farce, "Interviewing a stranger."

Food Sale.

The ladies of the Unitarian church held a food sale and musical entertainment at the vestry of the church on Wednesday afternoon. The food sale was in charge of Mrs. Stella Hildreth, which was sure to be attractive. The candy table was in charge of Grace and Mary Burbeck, assisted by others. The apron table was in charge of Mrs. Herbert Fletcher and Mrs. Sutherland. The musical part of the entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Homer M. Seavey and was sure to be entertaining. It was furnished by friends of Mrs. Seavey from Cambridge, who came in an auto. Their program was successfully carried out by pianist, violinist and soloist. Those who are musical pronounced it one of the best heard in Westford. After the entertainment light refreshments were served in charge of Mrs. John Feeney. Not only a good social and instructive time was held, but the financial condition of the church was aided by about fifty dollars.

Forge Village.

The Daniel Gage Ice Company started on Saturday to cut ice on Forge pond, and have a large crew at work. The ice, after being scraped, is twelve inches in thickness, and of a good quality.

It is expected that on Saturday afternoon the first trout for fast horses will be held on the pond, the ice being in excellent condition for a race.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie S. Bennett, recently married in New York city, visited recently at the home of Mrs. Harriet E. Randall.

Forge pond has been closed to fishing through the ice for two years. The price of milk, which was advanced to seven cents per quart on

January 1, has again been lowered to six cents.

Anthony Martin, who sustained a broken leg on December 31, is now much better, but has suffered greatly for the past two weeks.

A pair of horses owned by Samuel Bloodgett, of Groton, while unloading hay for James Benoit, on last week Wednesday, fell through the floor of his barn and would have sustained serious injury but for the help of John Edwards and Fred Swatt, who secured chains and block from the mill of the Abbot Worsted Company, and with the help of others finally got the animals out of their cramped positions. The horses, although no bones broken, were very much bruised and cut.

Little Malcolm Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver, who has been quite ill at the home of his grandparents, is now somewhat better.

Oleide Cachon, one of the men employed by the Daniel Gage Ice Company, fell and broke his leg on Saturday while cutting ice on the pond. Dr. W. H. Sherman attended the injured man, who was put aboard the electric car, which was met at North Chelmsford by an ambulance.

Cameron school held but one session on Monday, owing to the snow storm. The town roller was at work to facilitate the traveling for the school children.

Mrs. George Wyman and daughter Mabel, of Camden, N. J., who have been guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, left here on Friday for Worcester, where they will visit Mr. Wyman's sister, Mrs. John Jones, leaving there on Sunday for the home town.

A large gang of men under the direction of J. A. Healy, of Graniteville, are busy scraping the pond in order that ice cutting may be continued.

Mrs. William Weaver is still ill at her home, her daughter, Mrs. Henry Tyler, of Worcester, being in attendance.

Funeral.

The funeral of the late Daniel M. Sullivan, who died at Rutland, Vt., on January 10, was held on Monday morning from the home of his sister, Mrs. John Sullivan, at 8.30 o'clock, and was attended by his many friends and relatives from Boston, South Boston, Roxbury, Lowell, Graniteville and this village.

At nine o'clock, a solemn high mass was sung at St. Catherine's church, West Graniteville, the pastor, Rev. E. T. Schofield, being assisted by his curate, Rev. M. E. Doherty, and Rev. Curtin, of St. Patrick's church, Lowell. The regular choir sang the mass for the dead, the solos being sustained by the organist, Miss Mary F. Hanley. The De Profundis was sung by the choir as the body was being borne from the church. The bearers were James Ferrin, Jeremiah Sullivan, Patrick Sullivan, Peter Lyons, Dennis Moran, William Adams and Patrick Mass, all of Roxbury, being in the employ of the deceased.

There was an unusual display of floral offerings, which showed the esteem in which the deceased was held.

Death.

Walter G. White, formerly of Cape Breton, N. S., but who had been visiting relatives here, died at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Fennimore Morton, on Saturday evening at 8.50 o'clock, at the age of 17 yrs. 10 mos. Although his stay in the village was short, the young man had endeared himself to all who knew him, being of a quiet, willing and obliging disposition, and although his health was far from good, his death will come as a shock to all his friends and relatives here.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his father, Henry White, of Cape Breton, N. S., a brother, Harry White, of this village, two sisters, Minnie and Florence, two half-brothers, Hartley and Clifford, and one half-sister Gladys, all of Cape Breton, besides relatives in Lowell, Nashua and Pepperell.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fennimore Morton, Rev. Louis Havermale, pastor of the Methodist church, Graniteville, officiating. Miss Theresa Lowther and Rev. Havermale sang "Jesus lover of my soul," and "Nearer my God to thee." The bearers were Charles Flanagan, Geo. Wilson, William DeRoehn and Edward Spinner. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Westford.

Wedding.

The first wedding of the year was held on Sunday morning at St. Catherine's church, West Graniteville, when Miss Catherine Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Elliott, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Frank Connors, of Ayer, by Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, the pastor.

The bride was attended by Miss May Connors, of Ayer, sister of the bridegroom, and William Connors, of Fitchburg, acted as best man. The bride was becomingly dressed in a blue suit and white beaver hat with large white willow plumes, and carried white sweet peas. The bridesmaid wore a blue suit with hat and furs.

After the ceremony the wedding party were driven to the home of the bride's parents, where a wedding breakfast was served. Guests were present from Shirley, Pepperell, Ayer, North Chelmsford, Waltham, Newton, Lowell and Lawrence.

A reception was held from twelve to three o'clock, during which time an entertaining program was given. The happy couple then left for a wedding journey to Waltham, Newton and New York, after which they will reside in Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Connors were the recipients of many beautiful presents.

Graniteville.

Judging from present indications, it looks as though there would be a few speed trials for horses on Forge pond in the near future. Local horse owners are getting their trotters in shape and arrangements will soon be made to get the speedway in the proper condition for fast work. It is hoped that the final arrangements may be perfected in order to have the first race pulled off on Saturday afternoon, January 27. Horses from Acton, Littleton, Westford and Groton are expected to compete and as no horse is barred a good afternoon's sport is looked for.

Two masses were celebrated in St. Catherine's church on Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, and both were largely attended.

Last Sunday was the coldest day this winter, the mercury registering from twenty-four to thirty degrees below zero at various places in the village during the early morning hours.

The regular meeting of Court Graniteville, F. of A., was held in the rooms of the organization on Thursday night of last week. Considerable business of importance was transacted, three applications received, and two candidates initiated into membership of the order.

Edward S. Bruce, of Tyngsboro, has been a recent visitor here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Choate. Mr. Bruce is the son of the late Norman Bruce, who was a former tag manufacturer in this village, and a very well-known man in Westford in the early 70's. Edward Bruce was born in Forge Village, and resided in this vicinity in his early years, but of late years has resided in Tyngsboro, but finds time to renew old friendships in this village when occasion permits.

St. Catherine's church choir is now rehearsing for a cantata to be presented in the early spring. The chorus numbers about forty voices. James Murphy, of St. Michael's choir, Lowell, is the musical director, and Joe Wall, of this village, who has had many years' experience in local dramatics, is the stage director.

Miss Mary Worden, of Tyngsboro, visited her sister, Mrs. A. R. Choate, here this week. Mrs. Choate, who has been ill for the past few weeks, is now feeling greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Frechette, of Standfalls, P. Q., Canada, are now visiting with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. LeDuc. Mr. and Mrs. Frechette are the parents of Mrs. LeDuc.

Rosanna, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theophile Canton, is now attending the Sister school in Nashua, N. H.

The Ladies' Aid society of the N. E. church, held a very successful food sale and entertainment in the church vestry on Friday afternoon and evening of last week. The entertainment consisted of impersonations and vocal solos by Rev. Charles Bernhardt, of Boston, assisted by local talent.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Large companies of men are busy cutting and hauling ice from Long pond and the mill pond. W. H. Titcomb, Walter Kimball, N. H. Whitcomb, A. T. Kimball, Charles Yapp, F. S. Kimball, C. V. Flagg, W. G. Brown, Henry J. Couper, D. G. Houghton, W. L. Pickard, George Proctor and Hartwell & Hosmer have filled their icehouses this week. Most of the ice, excepting that harvested by Boston Dairy Company and Daniel Gage, was cut by John Wright and Charles A. Hartwell.

Misses Marion Whitcomb and Katherine Kimball spent last Saturday with their former teacher, Miss Jackson, in Leonminster.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hunt attended the funeral of his aunt in Chelmsford last Sunday. On Tuesday they attended the funeral of Mrs. Hunt's aunt in Concord.

J. H. D. Whitcomb was one of the party entertained by F. P. Knowles, of Worcester, a few days last week.

Rev. John Mallick, former pastor of the Unitarian church, has taken his family to Kansas City, where they will make their permanent home.

The Unitarian choir began last Saturday evening a special course of instruction with Mrs. Ida Dow. A Heywood Knowlton plays the organ for rehearsals.

James E. Smith addressed the Brotherhood of Way Maintenance Employees at Lowell last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Frank H. Hill, receiving word of her mother's critical illness in South Portland, Me., last week, left home immediately and reached her destination just as the grim reaper was making his claims. Mr. Hill went to South Portland on Sunday, and the funeral services were held the following day.

Members of the Congregational church and parish are reminded of the lunch at the vestry today at 12.30 o'clock, and the annual business meeting that follows shortly afterward.

On Monday afternoon, January 22, the Woman's club will continue the study of Browning with Rev. O. J. Fairfield as teacher. An art program is planned with Miss Annie C. Smith and Mrs. Eulalie Fairfield, readers of "A farce," "Andrea del Sarto," "Fra Hippo Ippi," and "The guardian angel." There will be a violin solo by Miss Evelyn Kimball and Olive Flagg.

Littleton is up-to-date in its record for cold weather. Sunday morning the climax was reached when the thermometer in a few places registered twenty-four degrees below zero, and according to trustworthy persons, the mercury dropped to twenty-six below in one locality. We don't care to distance other towns, but we hope that no place has anything worse to report.

Entertainment.

Newtown night was observed at the Backlog club last week Thursday evening. The entertainment was given by the graduating class of the Littleton Female seminary, 1855. Mrs. William H. Tenney, as preceptress, announced the following program: Song, "Lightly row," by the class; recitation, "Marco Bozzaris," Hattie Robinson; song, "Silver moon," Mrs. Cora Hager; recitation, "The ship that never sailed over the seas," Lucy Dodge; piano solo, "Waves of the ocean," Jennie Couper; recitation, "The albatross," May MacQuarrie; song, "The spider and the fly," Jennie Flagg; recitation, "The diamond ring," Annie C. Smith; piano solo, "Coro Hager," recitation, "The model violet," Mrs. Brown; "The three blind mice," the class; drill, the class; song, "The last summer," Cora Hager; recitation, "Della Martin," Miss Tenney; recitation, "Soliloquy of a young

lady," Alice Kimball; song, "Auld Lang Syne."

The above names suggest approximately all star cast. Each entered with zest and enjoyment into the performance of her part and thus produced an entertainment that sparkled with fun and amusement from introduction to conclusion. Perhaps there is no better test of success than the still urgent request for another repetition of this unique entertainment.

Caused Some Commotion.

A brawny six-foot man visited the town on Sunday evening, causing much commotion and not a little fear among the residents along his route. He entered uninvited, at least eight different houses on Harwood avenue and in Newtown district, and finally circled around to the common, where Constable Reed overtook him about 9.30 o'clock in the evening. He gladly accepted Mr. Reed's pleasant invitation to ride, saying that he had come from Gardner and was going to Worcester. When the two men reached the Ayer lockup the stranger asked permission for a night's lodging, which was granted. Upon investigation, it was found that the man had escaped from Baldwinville, to which town he had been transferred from Worcester insane asylum. On Monday he was taken back to the latter institution.

About Town.

Do not forget the date of the Backlog club play, "The colonel's maid," February 1 and 2. This play is without a plot or moral—just fun. Did you ever see a Chinaman as an actor? More fun than "Who stole the rooster." The following persons take part: Mr. Taylor, Hosmer, Whitcomb, Jacobs, Barker, Priest, Mrs. Whitcomb, Miss Proctor, Mrs. Priest. Tickets on sale at usual places after January 23.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of ORSAMUS W. ANDREWS, late of Shirley in said County deceased: Whereas, HERMAN S. HAZEN, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the second account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased: You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the fifth day of February A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same in the Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3118 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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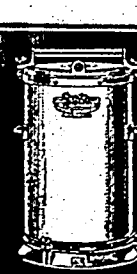
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of NICHOLAS FAFOUTIS who died in Ayer in said County of Middlesex, intestate, leave notice of said County of Middlesex to be administered, and not leaving a known widow or husband, and of this Commonwealth, and to the Treasurer and Receiver General of said Commonwealth.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant letters of administration of the estate of said deceased to JOSEPH S. LAPIERRE public administrator in and for said County of Middlesex:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-ninth day of January A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the said public administrator 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, and by further directed to deliver to each of the persons named a copy of said citation fourteen days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3118 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN McPADE late of Harvard in said County deceased:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, and ROSE E. McDADE who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Worcester, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-third day of January A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Herald, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing a copy thereof to each of the persons named in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fourth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3117 JOHN W. MAWBEE, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of MARY F. SAWTELL of Ayer in said County, an insane person:

Whereas, ELISHA D. SANE the guardian of said ward, has presented for allowance his first account as guardian upon the estate of said ward: You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-fourth day of January A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said guardian is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing a copy thereof to each of the persons named in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3117 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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SHIRLEY

News Items.

At the session of the Congregational Sunday school last Sunday the following officers were elected for the year 1912: Miss Blanche Wells, sec.; Joseph H. McClellan, treas.; Miss Emma Knowles, lib.

The Universalist church Sunday school have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Lydia R. Binney, supt.; James L. Holland, asst. supt.; Mrs. Hattie W. Evans, sec. and treas.; Mrs. Mitty M. Nickless, lib.

The entertainment advertised to take place in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday evening, January 22, under the auspices of Odd Shirley chapter, D. A. R., has been indefinitely postponed owing to unavoidable conditions.

The following members of Court Jacques Cartier of Société l'Assomption, attended the installation exercises of Court Beaufort, of Fitchburg, last Sunday: Sylvester Thomas, William Glonet, Richard Murray, Joseph Thomas and Charles Glonet.

There have been forty-three children baptised, five marriages and eight funerals in St. Anthony's church during the year of 1911.

Moses Chaisson, of Lawrence, was a visitor the first of the week at the home of his brother, John J. Chaisson.

Sunday, January 21, will be the monthly communion for the Sodality of St. Ann at St. Anthony's church.

Mrs. Cora (Sleeper) Clough, of North Shirley, wife of Warren Clough, died early on Tuesday morning from the effects of tuberculosis after an illness of four years. Funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, with burial in Groton cemetery.

Miss Gertrude L. Conant is paying a visit with friends in Providence, R. I. J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting next Monday evening at eight o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ellis, of Taunton, are visiting at the home of their sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Augustus B. Cram.

Mrs. Charles H. Weare, Jr., spent this week with relatives in Boston.

Mrs. Bridget O'Connors, eighty-seven years of age, who resides in the red house at the corner of Center road and Davis street, is very critically ill with heart trouble.

Mrs. Charles Miner has been confined to home this week with sickness. About a score of the members from Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge attended the installation of officers of Vesta Rebekah lodge in Ayer on Wednesday evening.

Funeral.

The remains of Mrs. Eleanor Noble, of Waltham, was brought to town for burial in the village cemetery on Tuesday. Mrs. Noble was 74 yrs. 11 mos. and 18 days old at the time of her death. She was a native of Shirley and resided in the house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Provost on Center road. Her husband, John Noble, who was a jeweler in Waltham, died some years ago.

Mrs. Noble was a guest for a few weeks at the Park homestead a short time ago. She passed away last Sunday at one o'clock, at the Old Ladies' home on Leland street, Waltham, from the effects of a shock. Mrs. Noble entered the Old Ladies' home just before Thanksgiving.

When a resident of Shirley, Mrs. Noble was a regular attendant at the Universalist church. The body was placed in the tomb, and in the spring will be interred in the family lot. She was a lady of sterling character and will be kindly remembered by the older residents of the town.

Death.

Mrs. Martha P. Cooper passed away last Saturday evening at 5:45 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Mary M. Nickless at the age of 78 yrs. 4 mos. Mrs. Cooper's death was caused from the results of an accident which occurred on Friday evening, December 22, shortly before six o'clock in the evening. While crossing the roadway, only a few yards from the steps leading to her home, she failed to notice a passing team and came in contact with the shafts, which knocked her down and she sustained a broken hip. The evening was dark and a heavy rain was falling and neither driver or the victim of the accident saw each other until too late to avert the accident. Complications developed and although two trained nurses and the best of medical attendance tried to bring her back to health again, the inevitable followed.

Mrs. Cooper has been a resident of Shirley for the past three years, coming here to care for her sister, Mrs. William Sawtelle. She was born in Westford and for many years was a teacher in Ayer. She was especially gifted in art and literature, her many oil paintings that adorn the walls of the various clubs and homes are evidence along lines that necessarily require the finer and idealistic train of thought.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock from the Universalist church, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker officiating. About a score of rich and beautiful floral tributes were banked around the casket. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery, Ayer. Members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Altrurian club, Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge, Sandy Pond School association, and the Woman's Relief Corps of Ayer, of which the deceased was a member, were well represented at the funeral.

The rites and burial service of the Woman's Relief Corps was read at the church. The survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Ida Wallingford, and two grandsons, Richard and Peletiah Wallingford.

Worthy of Patronage.

The Samson Cordage Works' band have made final arrangements for their entertainment and dance to be held in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday evening, January 29. The committee in charge have arranged the program with a view to making the evening one of real, solid enjoyment, and a dance will follow the entertaining

numbers. Johnson's orchestra is to furnish music for the dancing.

The band has given their services all last summer, or since their organization, to the town of Shirley gratis. The out-door concerts last summer were enjoyed immensely by everyone, and in return the townspeople should show their appreciation by giving them a good audience on that night, or at least, buy one or more tickets. The proceeds of the entertainment and dance will be devoted wholly and entirely to the band expenses, which are no small factor.

Water Statistics.

The annual meeting of the legal voters of the Shirley Village Water District was held in the engine hall on Monday evening. The clerk, John E. L. Hazen, called the meeting to order and read the warrant. Elmer H. Allen was chosen moderator. John E. L. Hazen was reelected clerk for one year. Thomas L. Hazen was reelected commissioner for a term of three years, and Herman S. Hazen was reelected auditor for one year.

Voted, that the report of the auditor be accepted.

Voted, that a tax of \$1,000 shall be laid for the year 1912, the same to be payable before November 1, and that interest shall be charged at the rate of six percent per annum on all sums not paid on that date.

Commissioner J. T. Tolman read the report of the water commissioners, which showed the loan has been reduced \$1300 during the year, and now amounts to \$42,200.

The income from water rates was \$3,043.82, and of this amount the State Industrial school for boys paid the sum of \$800, or nearly one-quarter of the total income.

The income from hydrant service was \$1,303.30. Water supplied during the year 1911, 18,125,300 gallons. Number of services installed during the year, ten. Number of services now connected, 234. Total cost of system to date, \$55,933.09.

The commissioners' report was exhaustive, covering every detail of the water works, and a vote of thanks was tendered the commissioners which was well deserved, as the report was a volume of statistics, which was not only interesting, but instructive.

Presented.

Miss Caroline Cordner, owner of the Holiday house, on Lancaster road, has presented to the Shirley public library a very beautiful twelve-volume set of the works of Francis Parkman. The motive that prompted this splendid gift was the article read at an Alliance meeting a short time ago by Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen on Francis Parkman. Miss Cordner, who is a niece of Mr. Parkman, reading the account of the Alliance meeting in the paper, became interested, and this proved the incentive for the gift which is highly appreciated by the people of Shirley, who extend their thanks through the columns of this paper.

Installation.

The members of Court Delorme of L'Union de St. Jean Baptiste de America, installed the officers elect for the year 1912, at their regular meeting last Sunday afternoon in St. Anthony's hall. F. X. Morin, of Fitchburg, was the installing officer, assisted by Michael Glonet as follows: Simon Guerlin, hon. pres.; Daniel Tetrault, pres.; Joseph Lecuyer, v. p.; Emile Carter, fin. sec.; Rudolph Pontbriand, per.; Ernest Michaud, treas.; Theophile Lambert, mas. cere. At the close of the installation exercises an address was delivered by Rev. J. H. Cote. Brief remarks were then made by the deputy, F. X. Morin, and Michael Glonet.

Installations.

Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., installed its officers at the regular meeting last week Thursday evening. A very appetizing collation was served at 8:30 in the dining hall, that being about the time the deputy and his suite arrived from Pepperell. About sixty sat down to enjoy the supper, prepared under the direction of Charles R. White. At the close of the banquet all adjourned to the lodge room when F. A. Conant, d. g. m., of Pepperell, installed the officers in a very able manner, assisted by his suite—Mr. R. Gilchrist, g. w.; N. G. McWilliams, g. m.; M. I. Gilchrist, g. sec.; J. G. Willey, g. treas.; Joseph Lavalley, g. chap.; G. M. Palmer, g. i. g.; and E. B. Soule, g. h.

The following is a complete list of the officers installed:

J. E. Pomfret, n. g.; J. C. Beach, v. g.; J. W. Balch, sec.; G. F. Buxton, treas.; P. E. Hocquard, w. g.; R. Hocquard, fin. sec.; Frank Harlow, chap.; C. H. Weare, Jr., r. s. n. g.; J. L. Holland, l. s. n. g.; Walter Knowles, r. s. v. g.; Richard Pomfret, l. s. v. g.; F. P. Rugg, r. s. s.; E. W. Eisner, l. s. s.; J. T. Smith, l. g.; E. S. Baker, o. g.

At the close of the installation, speeches and remarks were in order. F. A. Conant, d. g. m., who has not visited the lodge for a year, owing to sickness and other unavoidable circumstances, was the first to voice his sentiments by congratulating the staff of newly installed officers, and then gave a good, practical talk on general lodge work without regard to fear or favor. Remarks were then made by all the members of the suite. The lodge then closed and a social half-hour followed.

Fredonian lodge has initiated one member during the year of 1911, and admitted one non-contributing member, besides having one withdrawal, which leaves its present membership at sixty-eight and three non-contributing members, making a total of seventy-one.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., held its annual installation of officers at its regular meeting last week Friday evening. A bountiful collation was served in the banquet hall at 6:45 o'clock, under the efficient management of Mrs. Ernest Harris, assisted by Mrs. Jacob C. Beach, Mrs. Leon Mudgett, Miss Agnes Holden and Miss Clara Penescau. The waters consisted of Misses Inez McMurray, Nellie Gardner and Etta Holden. About sixty sat down to enjoy the many and varied bill of fare, both substantial and dainty, provided by the supper committee.

At the close of the banquet all adjourned to the lodge room, where the

newly elected officers were installed by Miss Ella P. Rugg, d. g. m., of Leominster, assisted by the following suite: Jennie Bedell, g. m.; Lillian Davison, g. w.; Nellie Garland, g. chap.; Mabel Bowles, g. sec.; Clara Sweet, g. treas.; Minnie Smith, g. i. g.; Mabel Smith, g. o. g.

Following is the list of officers that were installed:

Mrs. Ella P. Lawrence, n. g.; Mrs. Annie M. Brockelman, v. g.; Miss Althea F. Howe, sec.; Mrs. Martha A. Holden, treas.; Mrs. Rena Churchill, w. g.; Miss Emma Knowles, con. g.; Helen McCoy, chap.; Mrs. Ida M. Warren, r. s. n. g.; Mrs. Lydia P. Binney, l. s. n. g.; Mrs. Mary M. Nickless, r. s. v. g.; Mrs. Annie I. Banks, l. s. v. g.; Mrs. Jennie Knowles, l. g.; Mrs. Rena Eisner, o. g.

At the close of the installation exercises, appropriate and brief remarks were made by Miss Ella P. Rugg, d. g. m., and the members of her suite. The special and pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to the retiring noble grand, Mrs. Inez R. Lynch, of a past noble grand's collar, the gift of the lodge for services rendered in passing through the several chairs. Mrs. Lynch has made an exceptionally fine executive officer of the lodge, being complimented by the grand lodge officers.

The newly installed noble grand, Mrs. Ella P. Lawrence, has been a very active worker for the lodge, and enters upon her new duties with the respect and full confidence of the members of the lodge.

During the year of 1911, Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge admitted by initiation one male and six female members, making a total of seven new members. They have lost one through death and one by withdrawal, which makes their present membership sixty-seven.

Their record for caring for sick and distressed members has created marked attention, not only locally, but throughout the entire jurisdiction. Guests were present from Fitchburg, Ayer and Leominster.

Center.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel held a very pleasant meeting on Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Ruth M. Graves. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 27, with Mrs. J. Otis Evans.

Herman S. Hazen, town clerk, has issued eighty-nine hunter's licenses up to date.

Miss Gertrude Dodge, formerly a teacher at the Shirley Center grammar school, spent a few days last week with Mrs. J. Otis Evans.

Little Helen and Doris Wood, at Woodville, are confined to their home with the measles.

Miss Bessie V. Farnsworth played a piano selection at a recital held in Jordan hall, Boston, last week Wednesday evening.

Dr. Fuller, of Boston, was a guest of his brother, Howard Fuller, over Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Longley was called to Huntington last week to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law.

Robert H. J. Holden, of Harvard university, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Hattie P. Holden, on Horsepond road.

On Saturday and Sunday, the temperature reached a point lower than has been experienced here for many years, ranging from eighteen to thirty-two degrees below zero.

Mr. Bigelow, of Rutland, spent a day at Woodville last week to look after his interests.

Miss Bessie V. Farnsworth, at the North, was a guest of Miss Lydia McCormick, Huntington avenue, Boston, last week.

The services at the First Parish (Unitarian) church have been discontinued for the rest of the winter, according to the usual custom.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware have left their house in charge of the hired man and have returned to their home in Brookline.

Miss Ruth M. Graves spent Sunday with Ruby T. Crockett at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conant, at North Leominster.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus addressed the congregation at Trinity chapel on last Sunday afternoon with a fine sermon on the subject of "Missions." As the young men from Groton School were unable to be present, the young ladies from the bible class took charge of the Sunday school classes.

Mrs. William C. Graves, of Fitchburg, was a visitor last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Louis J. Farnsworth, at the North.

An informal dancing party was held in the town hall on Saturday evening under the management of several of the young people of the Center. Games and dancing were enjoyed by a party of about thirty. Miss Rachael Carpenter furnished music for dancing. Candy was served to all by the girls.

Mrs. Morse, of Woodville, who recently underwent an operation at the Kilbourne hospital at Groton, is reported to be gaining rapidly, but has not yet returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton have closed up their house on Center road and returned to their home in Brookline.

Another small child from Leominster is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt.

William Wilkins, at the East, salesman for the Grand Union Tea Co., received a very credential letter from that firm last week. Mr. Wilkins has had charge of this route for about three years, and his pleasant personality and cheerful manner have won him many new customers. His net gain in sales during 1911 has been \$580 over 1910. The Grand Union Tea Co. are so well pleased with his work that they are to present him with a fine Morris chair as a reward.

At the last meeting of the Matrons' Aid, held at the home of Mrs. Homer P. Holden, the annual election of officers took place. The entire board of officers for 1911 were reelected without change. They are: Mrs. H. P. Holden, pres.; Mrs. Julia E. Holden, v. p.; Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, treas.; Mrs. Mabel Graves, sec.; Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings, Mrs. Annie B. Ward and Mrs. Julia E. Holden, ex. com. After the election of officers light re-

freshments were served by the hostesses. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday afternoon, January 23, at the home of Miss Etta M. Holden.

Petitions Being Circulated.

Several of the world petitions to prevent war between the nations are being circulated about town at present. This gigantic peace petition movement is being carried on by Miss Anna B. Eckstein, of Boston, who intends to secure a vast number of signatures in this country and others, and to present the result as a "majority world vote," at the third Hague conference which is expected to meet in 1915. The petitions in this locality were distributed through Wesley Weyman, the pianist, who is spending the winter in London. Any man or woman, who is of age, is eligible to sign the petitions. Everyone is interested in the abolition of war between the nations, and this is for the interest of all, to sign the petitions, as the greater the number of signers, the greater will be the influence upon the representatives of the nations at the Hague tribunal. All that is necessary when you receive a petition is to fill in your name, occupation and address, and then give it or send it to a friend. It is expected that all large members who wish to sign may have an opportunity to do so at the next meeting.

Equity Suit Settled.

The superior court equity suit in which Ernest E. Dexter charged John W. Farrar with making fraudulent representations relative to a grocery business in the Center, and in which Dexter, who purchased the business claimed that Farrar would resign as postmaster and help to get Dexter appointed to the position by the government, has been settled out of court.

S. LeRoy Longley has purchased the business and the injunction, which was issued to restrain Farrar from going ahead with foreclosure proceedings against Dexter after Farrar had taken possession of the store, has been dissolved by agreement and the case will be dismissed in court.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Invitations are out for the annual complimentary ball to be given by the Clintonians on Tuesday evening, January 23, at town hall, Clinton. A large representation from this town are planning to attend.

Miss E. B. Hersey visited with relatives in Boston and vicinity this week.

On Friday evening, January 26, the Warner lecture committee will present the Lotus quartet of Boston, with Miss Catherine Cole, reader. This quartet enjoys an enviable reputation as musical entertainers, and with Miss Cole, as a reader, will give an evening of pleasure to all who attend.

The annual sleigh-ride party given by the scholars of Bromfield, which was to have taken place on Monday last, has been postponed until more favorable weather conditions prevail.

Very Gratifying.

The first meeting of the Musical society for rehearsal was held on Monday night at the town hall. The results were very gratifying, considering the night and weather conditions. Thirty in all were in attendance. Mr. Lyon, who will conduct the rehearsals, was present and a genuine interest is established. The next meeting will be on Monday evening, January 22, at the same time and place.

All that is needed is the cooperation of the townspeople. A small amount of available cash is necessary, which should not be hard to raise. Either Mr. Reed or Miss Helen Stone will be in position to receive any donations for this object. The talent to put out a first-class concert a little later is already on the paid up membership list. Now, let us hear from those who cannot give time or talent, but who can give of their moral and financial support.

Was Well Planned.

Miss N. T. Hartshorn closed her dancing school with a reception and ball on Friday evening of last week. The whole affair was well planned and successfully carried out and the orchestra played the grand march. The ushers, W. J. Kerley, R. A. Reed, Henry Dickson and W. A. Dickson, escorted the matrons, Mrs. J. A. Barry, Mrs. W. H. Fairbank, Mrs. J. E. Maynard and Miss G. E. Ellis to their seats at the head of the hall. The favor bearers, Misses Bernice Sears, Alice Chadwick, Nora Brook and Nina Perkins, with Miss Hartshorn were then ushered to their seats. The class was then presented to the matrons of the evening, after which an hour was devoted to the class dancing.

A special number, the Highland Fling, was very prettily presented by Miss Mildred Carman and Miss Josephine Baker in costume.

At ten o'clock, the floor was given over to general dancing. Refreshments were served.

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GROTON.

Of Historical Import.
Hon. John Varnum, who represented the Haverhill, Essex north district in Congress in 1826, wrote a letter to his brother-in-law, Caleb Butler, of Groton, which is interesting as showing the political sentiment of that day when John Quincy Adams was president; that they had insurgents and progressives in those days.
He says the long list of resolutions for amending the constitution must indicate to strangers that it is imperfect and that the people are dissatisfied with it. The speeches on the amendments also indicate that the power is safe in the hands of the people, but the executive and legislative departments are exceedingly corrupt, that nothing must be entrusted to them; that members of congress, when the election of president devolves upon them may all be bought at a low price, and that the most unfit and unprincipled man will certainly be elected to power. I have no faith in such doctrine. The parties—one headed by Calhoun, the other by Clay—begin to develop themselves. Although Calhoun has no intention of fighting under the banner of Jackson, yet both parties are united to run down the administration.
I presume no treaty has been formed between them, offensive or defensive, but chance and accident or intrigue must decide who shall be appointed dictator. The time may come when we shall be compelled to resort to a dictator, but I am opposed to it at present.
In a private letter written by him, Mr. Varnum describes interestingly social events at the national capital at that period. "Last Monday I called to congratulate the president on the favorable auspices of the new year." This was the new year's reception, then as now, the most ceremonious occasion of the season, when his Excellency receives foreign ministers in full regalia, officers of the army and navy in their chapeaus and gold-braided uniforms, and officials of the government and members of congress in plain clothes.
He says: "Among others present were twenty Indian chiefs in paint and feathers. Great numbers of citizens were present with hundreds of ladies in splendid dresses and plumes of red and green and white of at least three feet in length, all on the same bonnet. As it is very ungentle for any man to be seen with his wife, two gentlemen who happened to be in this mortifying situation, strung their wives on my arms. I was obliged to escort them about for two mortal hours."
"Five large rooms at the White House were opened on the occasion; one of which, at the east end, has never been furnished. The members were much mortified that strangers and foreigners should see this naked room, and the very next day a resolution was presented to furnish it. The southern members said that it was a disgrace to Yankee trick in Mrs. Adams, but it was a good one and they would vote for it."
WILLIAM H. LYND, Lowell, Mass.

News Items.
Miss Ruth Allen, of Worcester, was a recent guest of Miss Marion Blood.
Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Bancroft received a cable from Limoges, France, January 18, announcing the birth of their seventh grandchild, Frederick Haviland, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Haviland, (née Catherine Bancroft).
Mrs. J. S. Nutting, of West Groton, who has been caring for Mrs. W. V. Bixby, and the new little baby, finished her engagement there, Tuesday, leaving the little fellow thriving with his five brothers.
The W. R. C. meeting on Tuesday had a pleasing program for the good of the order. There were readings by Mrs. Benedict, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Parkhurst and Mrs. Woolley. Piano selections were given by Mrs. Sherwin and Miss Barrows. Mrs. B. M. Brown presided for the first time since her election and installation as president.
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Donahue, of Boston, were up to attend the firemen's ball.
Miss Bertha Sanderson, teacher in Boston, was a recent guest at the home of her uncle, A. A. Wood, and attended the firemen's ball last week Friday night.
The installation of officers of Middlesex Rebekahs is postponed until further notice. The installation will not take place until the return of Mrs. Mary D. Boynton, who is noble grand-elect.
M. P. Swallow commenced on Thursday to fill the icehouse at Lawrence creamery.
Chief Riley returned on Wednesday night from an unsuccessful hunt for the guilty man who attempted the life of the Italian at West Groton on Sunday.
Mrs. George L. Boynton is still at Bridgton, Me., where she was called more than three weeks ago by the illness of her sister, Mrs. O. G. Plummer. Mrs. Boynton writes that her sister is improving, but not well enough for her to leave her.
Miss Mary Coughlin, whose home is with her mother, Mrs. Catherine Coughlin, of the Mill road, has pneumonia and is under the care of Dr. Priest and a trained nurse.
The Bishop family are moving their goods into their residence bought of J. M. Wetherbee on Main street.
Word of the death of Mrs. Cora Sleeper Clough was received here, where she had many friends, with feelings of sorrow and regret that such a brave struggle for life as she had made should not have availed. Her

pleasing personality, gentle expression of countenance, the sweet tones of her beautiful voice are immediately recalled as one thinks of her.
The Italian who was attacked and badly hurt at West Groton on Sunday last, was brought over by auto that night to Groton hospital, where he is at present and is getting along very well.
The Weber quartet, of Boston, give an entertainment in the Luther Blood free course in town hall, Saturday evening, January 20.
Grant W. Shattuck, F. H. Torrey, James D. Wilson and A. H. Torrey tried their luck fishing through the ice at Baddacook. They got several pickerel, one weighing over two pounds.
Miss Wilhelmina Anderson, of this town, and John Guest, of Pepperell, were married at Lawrence on Saturday, January 13.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osgood returned home on Monday evening. Mr. Osgood has improved in health since being away, but is now suffering from a cold.
Charles M. Raddin and the other men of the family commenced on Wednesday to harvest their ice from Baddacook.
Dr. Priest, in his talk on Sunday night before the Young People's Guild, was instructive and interesting, as he spoke hopefully on "The conquest of tuberculosis." Since 1887, the rate in 10,000 in the state of Massachusetts, has been reduced from thirty to fifteen, and in 10,000 in the city of Boston from forty to twenty during the same length of time. Those present were invited by the speaker to ask any questions on the subject that they would like to have answered.
F. A. Sherwin is able to be out again after an attack of the gripe.
Tuesday, after dinner, George E. Hodgman, as he was going back to work at his market, slipped on the steps of his residence and broke a bone in his left arm, which is now in splints.
Edward Fuller is reported on the sick list, quite ill, and kept from his work at the bakery.
The meeting of the Neighborhood club was postponed from this week to next week Thursday afternoon. This was on account of the funeral of Mrs. Cora Sleeper Clough, which took place this week Thursday afternoon.
The telephone calls, 61-13 and 61-2 are changed respectively 118-2 and 118-3.
K. T. Fletcher, with a force of men, is harvesting his ice from Cady pond.
Mrs. Charles Lawrence has returned to her home in Brookline after a visit to her friend, Mrs. P. J. Benedict, and family.
The Men's second degree team of Groton assisted the Ayer grange in their initiation of members on Thursday night. The ladies' third degree team of Shirley is to work the third degree on the same candidates at the next meeting, Wednesday evening, February 7.
Some boys who hired a horse and sleigh at H. A. Johnson's stable on Sunday afternoon met with a tip-over on the road near Mr. Taylor's. The horse ran away, and after a search from seven o'clock that night to one o'clock in the morning, was found in West Groton.
Rev. C. A. Finnigan's place at the catholic church was filled by another priest last Sunday. Mr. Finnigan has gone on a trip south.
Last Saturday morning the thermometer registered in different places in town at from six to sixteen below zero. On the next morning, Sunday, it went still lower, being eighteen to thirty below, according to different localities.
While Arthur Carlin was splitting up some kindling, the axe glanced and cut off the little finger of his left hand. As the finger hung by a small piece of skin it was put in place and stitches taken, hoping that the wound might heal, and the finger unite again.
Mrs. S. H. Raddin and Mrs. Estella Collier passed an enjoyable day in Boston last week, taking in the poultry show and "The Wizard of Oz," at the Castle Square theatre.
Tuesday evening, January 23, will be a geographical night under charge of the school teachers who belong to the grange. There will be other numbers on the program, besides the geographical questions.
The officers for the Congregational Sunday school for the ensuing year were elected at the Sunday school session on Sunday, January 7. The superintendent, Sidney F. Davis, was previously chosen at the church business meeting on January 3. The other officers elected are Ansel M. Shattuck, asst. supt.; Lewis M. Knapp, sec. and treas.; Mrs. Marshall Swallow, lib.; Miss Ruth Davis, asst. lib.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Southard have left town for their annual visit to New York of about two months. During their absence Mr. Southard's secretary, Irving R. Hendrickson, will remain at the Dix house and look after their business matters at this end.

Entertainment.
The church social held by the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church last week Thursday evening passed off in a most desirable manner, with an excellent supper, under charge of Mrs. Blanche Brown and assistants, and an enjoyable entertainment under charge of the Misses Helen Belle Moore and

Firemen's Annual Ball.
The fourteenth annual concert and ball of Engine and Hose Company No. 1, was held successfully in the town hall on Friday evening, January 12. The hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens and bunting, presenting an inviting appearance. The cold of the evening, following a stormy afternoon, probably affected the number in attendance, which was not as large as of some former years, but still there was a good sized crowd out, and everybody seemed to have a fine time. The concert from eight to nine o'clock by the New Second Regiment orchestra, of Concord, N. H., was first-class, giving a fine program. Perhaps a cornet solo that was given in the program might be selected as the favorite, yet when all was so very fine it is not easy to choose.
A grand march of fifty-eight couples was led by Foreman and Mrs. Charles M. Raddin. The aids, Herbert Hynes, 'first asst.' foreman, James Bywater, second asst. foreman, Fred O. Porter, H. H. Rockwood, John McDonald, Jr., John L. Gilson, Robert Fletcher, Wilbur P. Tolles, Howard Souther, John H. Boynton, Thomas F. Donahue, Jr., and their ladies, with a large number of others present, joined in the dance to music furnished by the Nevers' orchestra of eight pieces.
At twelve o'clock, a tempting hot supper, with menu of scalloped oysters, turkey, ham and all the other good things was served in the lower town hall. Fully two hundred sat down to enjoy the spread, which was under the charge of a committee, of which Howard Souther was chairman and Mrs. George Badtman was caterer. Dancing followed the supper until three o'clock.
Extract.
The following was taken from Rev. H. A. Cornell's letter of resignation, presented to the Baptist church at its annual meeting last week, and has been furnished for publication:
"For more than twenty years past, from a variety of causes, this church has been steadily and rapidly declining in numbers and in prestige. As pastor I have striven faithfully for a little over two years to overcome these conditions and bring about better ones. Last spring the church had a small addition to its membership by baptism, the first addition of any kind for over six years. This small gain, however, has been more than counterbalanced by large losses, and the decline in the last two years has been exceptionally rapid. In this time the little church has lost by deaths and removals no less than twelve of its members and twenty-two members of its congregation, including in both classes some of the best helpers of former years.
"This is a loss of practically a full half of its working force of two years ago. So large a loss greatly increases the difficulties and discouragements, and affects the church's life and power in many ways. Both spiritually and financially the outlook to the future is not promising. In view of the conditions so rapidly and largely changed, the pastor feels justified in laying down his work here and seeking another field, and tenders his resignation, to take effect May 1, next, after three months' notice."

Lawrence Academy Notes.
Carl A. Hope and Clarence J. McLane, both graduates of Dartmouth, have been elected to the faculty and they began work at the opening of the present term. James E. Turnbull, who had charge of the English department last term, resigned to enter into business.
T. Channon Press, of New York, has been elected assistant business manager of the baseball team. Already a good schedule of games has been secured, which will be added to and be one of the best that the academy has ever played.
The following were elected officers of the Gamma Beta society for the present term: George E. Hammond, pres.; William F. Loomis, v. p.; C. C. Babel, sec. and treas.; C. A. Hope, S. P. Williams, H. S. Richards, ex. com. At the meeting held on Friday, January 12, the question for debate was: Resolved, "That co-education in the schools of the United States was detrimental to both boys and girls." It was decided in the negative. Graham and Hoar supported the affirmative, Loomis and Dusenberry, negative.

Death.
William Arthur Kilbourn, of Lancaster, father of Dr. Arthur G. Kilbourn, of this town, passed away at his home in Lancaster on Thursday morning, January 18, from heart trouble, having been ill for several weeks. He was born here in Groton, where his father and grandfather also resided. In 1838, attended the public schools and Lawrence academy, and graduated from Harvard college in 1858. He was principal of the old Lancaster academy, which was discontinued after the establishing of a high school.
For many years Mr. Kilbourn had been the superintendent of the extensive Thayer estate at Lancaster, and on the death of the proprietor, Nathaniel Thayer, a few years ago, received from him by will, a handsome bequest. The funeral will be held at the Unitarian church, Lancaster, Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Dr. A. G. Kilbourn, at this bereavement, has the kindly sympathy of his many patients and other friends.

West Groton.
Mrs. Roscoe Harrington, of Long Island, is spending a week with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Harrington.
Mrs. E. P. Shores visited in Boston and vicinity on Thursday and Friday of last week.
Miss Angeline Farnsworth is making an extended visit with friends in Watertown.
Coming on Friday, Mr. Elliott, of Danvers, spent the week-end with his daughter, Mrs. C. R. Dudley.
Mrs. F. L. Blood visited in Fitchburg on Tuesday.
C. H. Hardy, contractor, of Ayer, with two workmen, was employed this week in placing a fence around the filter bed at the paper mill.
Mrs. Talmage Kierstead is entertaining her brother, Harvey Kierstead. Little Rudolph Bixby is in the doctor's care this week with a severe cold and cough.
Little Joseph Ballo is also in the care of a physician.
Earle Sleeper, who has been suffering from a severe attack of the gripe, is still confined to the house, it is understood, by order of his physician.
Mrs. William Fernald, of Groton, was a recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. G. S. Webber.
Miss Kathleen McGowan, who has been quite ill with the gripe, is able to be out again, but will not resume her work at Groton hospital for the present.
Wilbur Colson, of Townsend, who has been ill with a severe rheumatic attack, has returned to his work for Hollingsworth & Co.
Mrs. J. L. Nutting, who during the past three weeks has been employed professionally at W. V. Bixby's, returned to H. Spaulding on Tuesday, and is now visiting her daughter, Mrs. Irish, of Granville.
Rev. J. P. Trowbridge attended the ministers' meeting in Ayer on Tuesday afternoon.
Fred Sleeper, of Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sleeper, of Walpole, and Mrs. Hallett, of Yarmouth, have been in town this week, called by the death of their sister, Mrs. Clough.
Officers of the Sabbath school were elected last Sunday as follows: G. H. Bixby, asst. supt.; Mrs. G. H. Bixby, sec.; G. H. Bixby, treas.; Miss Marian Mellich, lib.; teachers, senior class, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge; junior class, girls, Mrs. Florence Briggs; junior class, boys, Miss Bertha Bixby; intermediate, Mrs. Charles Bixby; primary, Miss Sylvian Lawrence and Miss Lillian Harrington. Charles Bixby was elected superintendent at the annual church election.
Runaways.
As Miss Alice Dawborn was driving from her home in North Shirley to West Groton late last Sunday afternoon, the sound of a rapidly approaching team from behind warned her to clear the road. This she did just in time to escape collision with a runaway. As she neared the village she noticed that the speed of the frightened horse was slackening, and she followed until it turned voluntarily into the chapel yard. Miss Dawborn then secured the runaway, covered with foam, and showing evidence of a long run. The horse was stabled by Talmage Kierstead and later claimed as belonging to Johnson's stable of Groton. It is understood that the team was driven by boys from the Groton School and that no one was injured.
Another runaway caused some little inconvenience to L. G. Strand, Jr., early one morning this week, when he was harnessing, preparatory, it is said, to conveying a passenger to Ayer. Escaping from the yard, the horse, in attempting to pass through a narrow gateway, left the sleigh behind him, and passed on his joyous way. He was captured about noon in the paper mill vicinity. The harness, it is reported, was somewhat scattered.

Obituary.
All who had known her in life sustained a sad loss in the death of Mrs. Warren Clough, who passed from this life at the home of Nathan Bonney in North Shirley early on Tuesday morning, January 16, of tubercular pneumonia, at the age of 29 years and four months. Though strictly speaking, never a resident of West Groton, yet Mrs. Clough was so well-known here and so closely has her family been identified with the place and its interests, that, in her death, the village mourns as for its own, and the loss is no less sad to those who loved her, because it has so long been recognized as inevitable.
Cora Louise (Sleeper) Clough was born in North Shirley on September 11, 1882, the second daughter of Mary and the late Charles Sleeper. In her early teens she entered the family of Myron Swallow, of Groton, where she remained for three years. A like period was spent in the home of William Gleason, and she was for some time with Miss Reid, of Groton School. In all, about two years of her life was passed in various homes in Groton, a gentle nature, a sweet, even disposition, an engaging personality, united to win her many friends, who remained loyal during the long months of her illness. Her musical ability was beyond the ordinary as was evidenced by a voice of remarkable sweetness and purity, which was often heard in public, and appreciated by many friends. She was at one time a member of Groton grange, and became affiliated with the Baptist church during the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Turner.
Into this beautiful young life came the insidious work of the dread tubercular disease, which after five years of struggle, has conquered at last, despite earnest efforts of physicians and her brave, determined resistance. One year was spent in Rutland sanitarium, and since her return, open air treatment has been followed exclusively.
On October 11, 1910, at the Groton Baptist parsonage, Miss Sleeper was married to Warren A. Clough, of Groton, to whom she had been engaged for some years. Soon after the marriage, Mr. Clough, an electrical engineer, accepted a position in Chicago. Mrs. Clough being unable to accompany him, remained at her home and was later taken in charge by Mrs. Bonney, a faithful nurse, till death ended her care. Not every want, but every wish, so far as possible was gratified by the devoted husband, and messages from the west were delivered daily at her door. During this long, trying illness, days of hope alternating with days of despair, Mrs. Clough has shown a beautiful patience and a splendid courage, which have been the wonder and admiration of her friends.
Funeral services were held in West Groton chapel on Thursday afternoon, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge being the officiating clergyman, assisted by Rev. G. M. Howe, of Groton. The church was filled with the friends of the deceased, a large number being from

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Groton. The songs "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," and "Safe in the arms of Jesus," was finely rendered by a quartet consisting of Mrs. David Gibson, Miss Susie Hill, William Gleason and Rev. G. M. Howe. A profusion of beautiful flowers, sprays, wreaths and set pieces covered the organ, the altar and the casket, silent testimonials of the love and respect of a host of friends. The four brothers present were the pall bearers. Interment was in Groton cemetery.
Rev. G. M. Howe, who had known the deceased for many years, characterized her life as that of a splendid girl who became a splendid woman with a strong christian character. "Nothing but good can be said of her," was the simple but comprehensive tribute paid by one who has known her intimately almost since childhood.
Mrs. Clough is survived by her husband, now in Iowa; her mother, Mrs. Mary Sleeper; one sister, Mrs. Oliver Hallett, of Yarmouth; and five brothers, Fred Sleeper, of Shirley, Charles, of Attleboro, Eugene, of Walpole, and Earle and Raymond, of West Groton.
Attempted Murder.
A crime unprecedented in the annals of our quiet little village, was perpetrated here last Sunday evening, which though serious, was greatly exaggerated by the daily press. An Italian, Rosario Falzone, boarder in the family of Antonio Ballo, in one of the Fallon houses on the Groton road from the paper mill, was the victim of a murderous assault by another Italian, Joseph Neech. Two shots were fired by Meech from a 35-calibre revolver, both taking effect. One bullet entered the left side, striking a rib and following it to the back. The affair was the outcome, report says, of a gambling dispute.
The would-be murderer escaped through a window, demolishing the glass, and it is said, minus hat, coat and shoes. Making his way to Ayer he boarded an early train and is still at large, so far as known.
Dr. Kilbourn was summoned from McGowan's store by telephone, and Falzone was removed to Groton hospital and two bullets extracted. Reports are favorable for his recovery. Officer Riley was at the scene of the shooting soon after the arrival of the surgeon and immediately took steps for the capture of the fugitive. A few days earlier Meech had shown a revolver to Chester Hill, driver for M. F. McGowan, when he forcibly took from him an order book which Meech had snatched and refused to peaceably relinquish.
TOWNSEND.
Harbor.
Hubert Leadbetter is nearly recovered from the measles.
Mrs. Holohan, the station agent, is again at his post of duty.
Addie Conant, on account of a severe cold, has been unable to attend school this present week.
Mrs. Keenan is caring for Mrs. Babcock, who is still a victim of the asthma.

HOLLIS, N. H.
News Items.
Mrs. E. K. Jewett suffered an attack of congestion of the lungs last Sunday. She is improving.
Mrs. C. H. Davis left Hollis on Tuesday morning for Baltimore, where she will visit her parents two weeks, going from there directly to her new home in Portland, Me.

A conference will be held by the committee on Industrial and social conditions this Saturday afternoon at two o'clock in the rooms of the New England Woman's club, Copley Sq., Boston.

At the meeting of Ayer grange on Thursday evening was in charge of Mrs. Margaret Rand, the lecturer. It was a poet night and the reading of poems of well-known authors, composed the main feature of the enter-

The officers for 1912 are as follows:

For some years it has been rumored that there was an undistributed fortune awaiting the Page descendants. During the investigation referred to was disclosed that since 1830, there has been in England an immense

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Townsend Center.

A child of Frank Wheeler's was brought here for burial on Thursday, January 11. Mr. Wheeler is a son of Charles Wheeler, who formerly resided here, and for a while ran the Park hotel livery stable.

Don't forget the tenth annual concert and ball of the Coopers union at Memorial hall on Thursday evening, January 25. There will be an oyster and cold meat supper served at intermission. Harry E. Brigham's orchestra, of Marlboro, will furnish the music.

T. E. Flarity, d. d., installed the officers of the Middlesex Central Post-Office at Lexington on Wednesday evening, and was especially pleased to have the honor of installing as the master, Rev. Sylvester P. Robertson, of this town.

The annual meeting of the Congregational society was held last Saturday afternoon and the following officers were elected after H. B. Hildreth had been elected moderator:

A. S. Howard, clerk; T. J. Harvey, treasurer; R. G. Fossenden, A. H. Bumstead, W. Hildreth, ex. board; J. W. Eastman, ex. of. Dr. L. G. Chandler, G. L. Whitcomb, H. B. Hildreth, an. com.; A. N. Fossenden, E. L. Haynes, Hattie M. Smith, music com.; H. L. Whitcomb, horse shed art.

The Lincolnton high school hockey team defeated Townsend's team in a game of hockey played here last Saturday, the score being 2 to 1.

The Townsend high school hockey team defeated Ayer high school on Wednesday afternoon in that town by a score of 4 to 0.

The members of the Sep-tem club enjoyed a sleigh ride to Ashby on Wednesday, where, at the pleasant home of Miss Irving French, they enjoyed their tenth annual dinner. Nearly every member was present and Mrs. Charles Damon and daughter Maud, of Ashby, were present as guests. All had a very enjoyable time.

A party of fourteen from Fitchburg enjoyed a sleigh ride and had supper at the Park hotel on Wednesday evening.

Installation.

The following officers of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge were installed at Odd Fellows' hall last week Friday evening by Kate Dunlap, d. d. g. m., and suite of the Acoma lodge of Pepperell:

Margaret B. Higgins, n. g.; Eva M. Ely, v. g.; Lizette E. Smith, sec.; Lena D. Blood, treas.; Mary A. Spring, w. g.; Clara C. Crowder, con.; Harriet E. Savage, char.; Clara C. Crowder, C. C.; Laura I. Richards, I. O. O. F.; Emma F. Lacey, r. s. v. g.; Persis L. Reed, I. s. v. g.; Myrtle A. Gray, I. g.; Emma F. Seaver, o. g.; Hannah E. Gray, r. a. s.; M. Lizette Whitcomb, n. a. s.

A banquet was held and speeches were made after the installation took place.

Death.

Charles Jennerson, aged eighty-one years, who lived alone at "Old City," was found at his home on Thursday, January 11, in nearly an unconscious condition, and before medical aid could be summoned, he passed away. Those who called at the house received no response and going in he was found as if he was evidently trying to get something in the pantry with which to alleviate his sufferings. The funeral services were held on Saturday and were in charge of Rev. S. P. Robertson, of the M. E. church. Burial was in town.

Mr. Jennerson was a bachelor. He leaves two brothers, George and Jonas, and also one sister, Miss Jane Jennerson, all of this town, and a nephew, Henry Jennerson, also survives him.

Presented a Comedy.

The three-act comedy, "A Kentucky Belle," was presented by the junior and senior classes of the Townsend high school at Memorial hall this Friday evening. All the parts were well taken and the entertainment was enjoyed by a large audience. The following is the cast of characters:

Mariah Douglas.....Mabel Bliss
Isabel Douglas.....Estella Farrar
Marie Van Harlingen.....Alice Welch
Col. Wm. McMillen.....Clagde Hartford
Dr. B. Van Harlingen.....George Davis
Miss Madden.....Mattie Brown
John Cason.....Louis Smith
Mrs. Gordon.....Helen Plummer
Miss Gordon.....Edna Haynes
Telephone linemen: C. Howard, B. Heald, C. Farrar, C. Lacey.
Cindy.....Edna Temple
Henry.....Thomas Rogers

West Townsend.

Mrs. Luther Blood has given up her rooms at the Baptist parsonage and gone to Townsend Center, where she has a position as housekeeper for George Eastman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman have closed their tenement for a few days and are visiting friends in Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilson have returned after spending a few days with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Misses Lillian and Myrtle Blanch, from Greenville, N. H., have been visiting at the home of William Bell.

John Manchester has been spending a few days this week at the home of his aunt, Mrs. A. J. Manchester, of Josselynville.

Miss Lena Thompson, who teaches in Fitchburg, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson.

Edward Patch, of Boston, has been at his home in Josselynville for a few days, suffering from an attack of lumbago.

Mrs. Harry Dawes, from Cambridge, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Davis.

Roy Kaddy, from Boston, who was recently in a painful elevator accident, has been spending a few days with relatives in town.

Last Thursday evening, about six o'clock, a chimney fire broke out at the residence of Alexander Reed, which caused some anxiety for a few hours, owing to the extreme cold and high winds but with prompt attention little damage was done.

Alden Sherwin has been confined to his home for a few days by illness and Perry W. Sawtelle has been assisting in the store.

A very interesting meeting of the Ladies' Literary and Social circle was held at the home of Mrs. Charles E.

Patch last week Friday afternoon. Six were present and the topic was the "Life and writings of J. T. Frowbridge." After the program a five o'clock tea was served and a social chat followed. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Josephine Boynton, and the topic will be "The writings of Robert J. Burdett."

The coldest weather of this and many years was recorded on Sunday morning when the mercury went to thirty-two below zero at the home of Daniel Coffey on Main street at eight o'clock.

At the meeting of the Eclipse engine company on Saturday evening, the following officers were elected: Louis Welch, fore.; George M. Street, 1st asst.; Thomas Veno, clerk; Louis Welch, steward; Clarence L. Webster, treas.

The first meeting of the West Townsend Brotherhood was held in the Baptist vestry from twelve to one o'clock on Sunday and was well attended, twenty-four being present. The president, H. B. Boynton, presided, and Rev. S. D. Ringrose acted as teacher. Plans are being completed for another banquet to be held the first Monday evening in February, and Rev. Walter Calley, D. D., of Dorchester, will be the speaker.

Miss Inez Munroe has returned to the home of her sister, Mrs. S. D. Ringrose, after a few days' visit to the home of her mother in Marlboro.

Mrs. Simon Francis is quite ill at her home in Josselynville, suffering from an attack of the grippe.

The Men's club held their regular meeting at the reading-room on Tuesday evening and enjoyed an interesting discussion of current events.

Foster Hamilton has given up his position as janitor of the Baptist church and his place will be taken by Benjamin Hodgman.

Ashbel Streeter has returned from a brief visit to friends in Laconia, N. H.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will occupy his pulpit on Sunday morning and evening, and the Brotherhood will meet in the vestry from twelve to one. The Y. P. S. C. E. service will be conducted by Miss Blanche Sprague.

Mrs. Monroe, from Marlboro, is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. D. Ringrose.

Death.

On Saturday, the community was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Adron Winship, who passed away at his home on Bridge street, after only a day's severe illness of acute indigestion. Apparently in his usual health, he was taken violently ill early Friday afternoon of last week, and grew rapidly worse, suffering severely until Saturday noon, when he relapsed into unconsciousness, dying at four o'clock. Had he lived until Sunday he would have reached his seventy-ninth birthday, and it added pathos to his death that his many friends had sent him a shower of birthday cards, the first installment of which he was able to see and expressed great pleasure in them.

Mr. Winship was a native of Mason, N. H., the youngest and last of a family of thirteen children. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Noah Winship, old residents of Mason, and most of his life has been passed in the vicinity of his birthplace. He was for thirteen years foreman at Adams' mill at the Center, and resided at Townsend Harbor, then returning to Mason, he carried on a sawmill and small farm. Until about three years ago, when he returned to Townsend, purchasing the little cottage on the bank of the river, where his last days were happily passed.

He leaves a widow and one son Adron, a step-daughter, Miss Ruth Hayden, and four children by a former wife, Mrs. David Rowe, of Worcester, Mrs. M. L. Moore, of Swansey, N. H., Mrs. S. B. Lewis, of Fitchburg, and Noah Everett Winship, of West Rindge, N. H.

The funeral services were held at his late residence on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. S. D. Ringrose officiating. Two selections, a duet, "Shall we meet beyond the river," by Mr. and Mrs. Wilder, and a solo, "As thou wilt," by W. E. Wilder, were sung at the service, and the casket was surrounded and covered with many beautiful floral pieces, tributes of affection and sympathy from the friends and relatives.

Interment was at the Center cemetery, the pall bearers being Fred Robbins, of Ashby, George C. Robbins, of Greenville, W. E. Sherwin and Thomas Welch, of this village.

Mr. Winship was a good neighbor and a kind and devoted husband and father, and although not mingling to any great extent in the social affairs of the village, he will be greatly missed in his own immediate circle, and much sympathy is expressed for the suddenly bereaved family.

Clipping.

The many friends of James L. Flynn, a genial and public-spirited summer resident of this village, will be pleased to observe the following from a Brooklyn, N. Y., paper:

"Among the men appointed to the school board, few are better known than James L. Flynn, of District No. 34. Mr. Flynn has already served five years, and in that time has missed but two meetings, and has never missed a graduating exercise during his term of office. He has resided in the thirty-fourth district over forty years, and is known to every man, woman and child, as the commissioner."

Interesting Session.

The Ladies' Mission circle met with Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence on Wednesday afternoon and a very interesting session was observed. The topics was general and the program consisted of scripture reading, Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence; prayer, Miss Seaver; a brief account of work in Japan, Mrs. Lawrence; paper on Russia, Miss Seaver; reading of account of a converted Russian, Mrs. Josephine Boynton; account of Russia's development, Mrs. Herman Lawrence; commencement of the continued serial on work in the west, Mrs. J. C. Hodgman; letters from missionaries in Oklahoma, Miss M. Elinor Tower. At the close of the program, afternoon tea was heartily enjoyed. A cottage prayer meeting was held

with Miss M. Elinor Tower on Wednesday evening and was attended by twenty-one in spite of the raging snow storm. The services were conducted by W. E. Wilder, and the topic was "Hope." The next meeting will be with W. E. Bruce, and the subject will be "Faith."

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

C. J. Bell returned home last week Friday morning from a two-days' trip to New York city, where he attended the annual meeting of the Ayshire Cattle Breeders' association, of which he is a prominent member.

Florence Pineo, the daughter of Mrs. E. Pineo, was bitten by a dog last week after she left school in the afternoon while she was walking from the schoolhouse to Mrs. Flora Hardy's art and fancy work store. The doctor cauterized the wound and it is healing, but still quite sore.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Greenleaf, who went to Florida on November 10, have returned to their Hollis home.

Lewis Brown is the fourth victim to suffer an attack of measles. The other three cases are all in one family, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Worcester.

An informal reception as a farewell to Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Davis, was held in grange hall on Monday evening. Owing to the inclement weather and illness in some families, many who desired to attend were prevented, but a goodly number availed themselves of the privilege. A purse of thirty-one dollars was presented as a reminder of the affection of their Hollis friends. The presentation speech was made by Miss Lucinda Read, the clerk of the church.

A council of Congregational churches that installed Rev. C. H. Davis as pastor of the Hollis Congregational church five years ago, met on Wednesday to consider his letter of resignation and act on his dismissal. The council consists of the First and Pilgrim churches of Nashua, and the Millford, Amherst, Brookline, Pepperell and Dunstable churches.

Prince Bros. commenced cutting their ice on Tuesday and have filled their icehouses. They supply nearly all the families of South Hollis. They will cut for the Boston Dairy Company and fill their houses.

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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 JULIA HARRINGTON of Brooklyn in the County of Plymouth without giving a surety on her bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-ninth day of January, A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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.

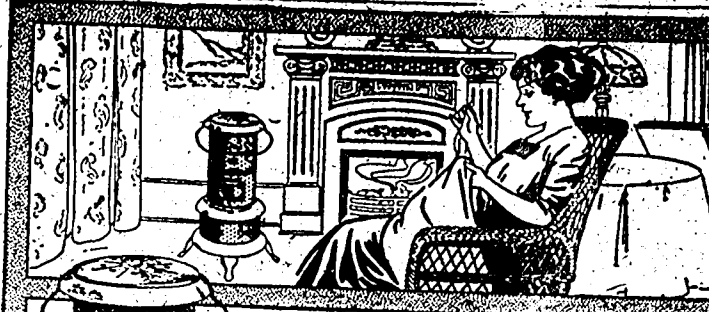
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.
3118 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the next of kin and all others interested in the estate of PAULINA M. LOWELL, late of Mason, in the State of New Hampshire, deceased. Whereas, FRED W. LOWELL has presented to said Court for allowance an application for a distribution of the balance in the hands of the administrator of said estate among the next of kin of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why said application should not be allowed and distribution made according to said application.

And the petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by delivering or mailing post-paid a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.
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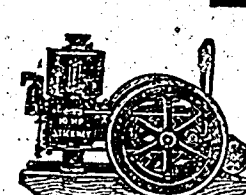
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All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

GRACE E. SHATTUCK, Admrx.
Winthrop, Mass., December 29, 1911.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of FANNIE A. SHERBURNE, late of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, Intestate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY B. BAILEY, late of Townsend in said County, deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to GEORGE A. BAILEY of Townsend 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 of Middlesex, on the twenty-ninth day of January, A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this third day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.
3118 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ELBRIDGE W. WHITTAKER, 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 MARY J. WHITTAKER of Ayer in the County of Middlesex without giving a surety on her bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Miss Ruth Nye, of Sandown, N. H., is sick with scarlet fever at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Nye.

Miss Blanche Fessenden is the guest of Miss Minnie Stewart at Portsmouth.

There was a dance in Tarbell's hall on Tuesday evening. Music was given by Bailey's orchestra.

The thermometer registered thirty below zero here on Sunday morning.

Miss Ethel Taylor and Mrs. Maud Greeley were in Nashua last week.

Mrs. John Martin was in Boston last week on a visit.

Miss Lizzie Hammond has been visiting friends in town.

Henry Hall, of West Somerville, was in town last week.

Frank Hall was in town on Monday, taking the place of A. C. Bishop, who is detained at home by illness.

Mrs. Louise Bragg has been entertaining friends from Groton.

Mrs. Addie Nye is at the home of George Nye, caring for her daughter Ruth.

Recent guests at the Elmwood have been N. E. Rogers, George Bugbee, Nashua; George Taylor, Samuel Nallibow, Milford; Mr. Brown, Ayer; Edward Hadley, Cambridge, Mass.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items.

F. H. Sargent, the local ice man, commenced harvesting his ice crop early this week.

Sunday morning was the coldest this town has seen for many years. The mercury was from twenty-four to thirty-two degrees below zero.

There will be a minstrel show, followed by a play in two acts, given by the T. I. A. in town hall, on Friday evening, February 2.

The local milk producers met at C. H. Dickinson's recently to sign a petition asking for more money per can for their milk.

Those who have logging to do are making the most of the excellent sledding.

By-laws of the Town of Ayer

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Article I

Town Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first Monday in April of each year.

Section 2. Every Town Meeting shall be notified by posting attested copies of the warrant calling the same in three or more public places, one of which shall be the Town Hall, seven days at least before the day appointed for said meeting.

Article II

Financial Affairs

Section 1. The financial year shall begin with the first day of March each year and shall end with the last day of February following.

Section 2. No money shall be paid from the Treasury without a warrant therefor signed by a majority of the Selectmen, except State and County Taxes, money paid on account of the water works, and any other payments required by law to be made by the Treasurer. No money shall be so paid on account of the water works without a warrant therefor signed by a majority of the Water Commissioners.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall have the custody of all receipts and bills and receipts except those of the Water Department which shall be in the custody of the Water Commissioners, of all notes, bonds, and coupons which have been paid, and of all bonds running to the Town except his own official bond, which shall be in the custody of the Town Clerk.

Section 4. No bill, charge, or account against the Town shall be paid without being first approved in writing by the person or board incurring the same.

Section 5. Any portion of an appropriation other than for a specific purpose, on which the work has not been completed, remaining unexpended at the close of the financial year shall revert to the Town Treasury unless otherwise provided by law, or by vote of the Town.

Section 6. During the interval between the last day of February in each year and the time of making the necessary annual appropriations, the various Town officers, in order to meet the liabilities of their several departments incurred in carrying on the business of the Town, shall have authority to make expenditures and payments from the Town Treasury from any available funds therein, and the same shall be charged against their next annual appropriations, but no such expenditure shall be made or any such liability incurred for any purpose beyond the absolute needs of the Town or in excess of one-sixth of the last appropriation for said departments.

Article III

Legal Affairs

Section 1. The Selectmen shall have authority to prosecute, defend, or

compromise all claims, suits and controversies to which the Town is a party and to employ counsel therefor. They shall have custody of the law library of the town.

Section 2. The Town Clerk shall keep a true copy (in a book to be kept for such purpose alone) of all deeds or conveyances executed in behalf of the Town by any Town officer. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to see that every conveyance to the Town of any interest in real estate is properly recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Article IV

Records and Reports

Section 1. All boards and officers of the Town shall cause records of their doings and accounts to be kept in suitable books, which shall be kept in their respective offices while in use, and in the town vault when not in use.

Section 2. The Selectmen shall cause to be distributed, not less than three days before the annual meeting among the voters of the Town, the annual reports of the officers of the various departments and boards of the town and reports upon such other matters as directed by the Town and these by-laws.

Section 3. The Town Clerk shall furnish for publication in the annual Town Report an abstract of the official records of all Elections, and Town Meetings held during the preceding financial year. He shall also furnish for the same purpose an abstract of the vital statistics for the preceding calendar year.

Article V

Junk Dealers and Collectors

Section 1. The Selectmen may license suitable persons to be dealers in and keepers of shops for the purchase, sale, or barter of junk, old metals, or second-hand articles in the Town. They may license suitable persons as junk-collectors, to collect, by purchase, or otherwise, junk, old metals and second-hand articles from place to place in the town; and they may provide that such collectors shall display badges upon their persons or upon their vehicles, or upon both, when engaged in collecting, transporting, or dealing in junk, old metals, or second-hand articles; and may prescribe the design thereof. They may also provide that such shops and all articles of merchandise therein and any place, vehicle, or receptacle used for the collection or keeping of the articles aforesaid, may be examined at all times by the Selectmen or by any person by them authorized to make such examination.

Section 2. Every keeper of a shop, for the purchase, sale, or barter of junk, old metals or second-hand articles within the limits of the town shall keep a book in which shall be written, at the time of every purchase of any such article, a description thereof, of the name, age and residence of the person from whom and the day and hour when such purchase was made; such book shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Selectmen or any person by them authorized to make such inspection; and every keeper of such shop shall put in a suitable and conspicuous place on his shop, a sign having his name and occupation legibly inscribed thereon in large letters; and such shop and all articles of merchandise therein may be at all times examined by the Selectmen or any person by them authorized to make such examination; and no keeper of such shop and no junk collector shall, directly or indirectly, either purchase or receive, by way of barter or exchange, any of the articles of aforesaid of a minor, knowing or having reason to believe him to be such.

Article VI

Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks

Section 1. The tenant or owner of any estate abutting on any street, highway, or town way in the town, and where there now is or hereafter may be, a sidewalk constructed of or covered with concrete, brick, cement, stone, wood, or any other material, within twelve hours after the ceasing to fall, form, or drift thereon, of any snow, sleet, or ice, remove or cause to be removed such snow, sleet, or ice therefrom so far as it can be removed, and if the same cannot be wholly removed shall sprinkle, or cause to be sprinkled thereon, sand, ashes, sawdust, or other suitable substance so that such sidewalk shall not be slippery and shall be safe and convenient for public travel.

Section 2. Whoever violates the provisions of the preceding section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars.

Article VII

Police Regulations

Section 1. No owner or person having the care of any sheep, goats, swine, cows, oxen, horses or other grazing animals shall permit or suffer the same to go at large or to graze on any street, way, common, square, or other public place within the Town, nor permit any such animal to go upon any sidewalk therein except for the purpose of crossing the same.

Section 2. No person shall hitch his horse or suffer any horse to remain hitched across any sidewalk or draw or propel any handcart, wheelbarrow, or any carriage of burden or pleasure (except children's carriages drawn by hand) over any sidewalk so as thereby to cause any injury either to person or property of others or to obstruct the safe and convenient passing of persons lawfully using the same, or to injure or encumber any such sidewalk. No person shall stop his team, carriage or other vehicle or unnecessarily place any obstruction on any foot crossing made in and across any public ways in the Town.

Section 3. No person shall leave any vehicle or material or place any obstruction in any sidewalk, street, or public place without the permission of the Selectmen or suffer the same to remain there after dark without maintaining a sufficient light and suitable guards over or near the same, or allow the same to remain after notice from a police officer, constable, or the Selectmen to remove the same.

Section 4. No person shall place or maintain over any sidewalk, any awning, shade, shade frame, canopy, sign or sign-board without a permit from the Selectmen, but no such awning, shade, shade frame, canopy, sign or sign-board shall be less than seven feet from the ground in the lowest part or extend beyond the line of the sidewalk.

Section 5. Not approved.

Section 6. No person shall, by any means or in any manner willfully frighten any horse, or play at any game in which a ball is used, or shoot with bows and arrows, fly any kites, or throw stones or other missiles in any street or any sidewalk.

Section 7. No person shall skate or coast upon any sidewalk, any street, or public place except at such times and upon such street or places as the Selectmen may, by public notice, designate for such purposes.

Section 8. Not approved.

Section 9. No person, other than a duly authorized officer or employee, shall dig a trench or lay a pipe in, or in any way disturb the earth or materials on, in, or under, any street or public way without a permit in writing given by the Selectmen upon application by said person made to them; and whenever such a permit is so issued the person or persons to whom it shall be issued shall whenever a pipe, drain or any other structure is placed in, along, or under such a street or public way, file with said Selectmen a plan of the same showing the location and elevation of such pipe, drain, or other structure, said plan to be of such size and standard as said Selectmen may require.

Section 10. No person shall behave in a rude, indecent, or disorderly manner, or use any indecent, profane or insulting language in any public place or on any street or sidewalk in the Town or near any dwelling house or other building therein, or upon any doorstep, portico or other projection from any such house or other building to the annoyance or disturbance of any person; nor shall any person throw or drop in or upon any foot-path, sidewalk, or highway in the town any piece of wire, nail, metal, mineral or other material that might or would be a source of annoyance or danger to anyone lawfully passing over or using the same.

Section 11. Three or more persons shall not stand in a group or near each other on any public way or sidewalk in such a manner as to obstruct a free passage for pedestrians after a request to move on made by any constable or police officer.

Section 12. No owner or occupant of property shall permit any gate leading to premises abutting on any public way in the town to swing outwardly upon said public way.

Section 13. No person shall throw or deposit in any manner upon any public way, place, or square in the Town any article, substance, or material which may prove injurious in any respect to the hoofs of animals, the tires of bicycles, or the rubber tires of automobiles and other vehicles.

Section 14. No person having the charge of a vehicle in any street shall neglect or refuse to stop the same as directed by a police officer.

Section 15. No person shall distribute or deposit advertising circulars, papers or other matter on the streets of the Town or shall team manure, hay rubbish, ashes, liquid, or other material in such a manner as to litter, pollute, or injure the streets of the Town; nor shall any person throw or deposit in any street or on any sidewalk, ashes, dirt, rubbish or other refuse of any kind except in the manner provided by the Board of Health.

Section 16. No person shall cart or convey garbage, manure, rubbish, or filth of any kind nor any noxious or refuse liquid or solid matter or substance in any public street or place except in such manner and at such times as the Board of Health by regulation or permit shall prescribe.

Section 17. No owner or driver of a vehicle shall halt or feed in a street or public place a horse or beast connected with such vehicle except in a place or places designated by the Chief of Police, nor unless the horse or beast while being baled or fed in under the care of some suitable person and is properly secured to prevent it from getting beyond such person's control.

Section 18. No person shall, without proper authority, extinguish or remove any light placed to denote a obstruction or defect in a street or way.

Section 19. No person shall make any figures or write any indecent or obscene words upon any fence, building or structure in any public place or commit a nuisance upon any sidewalk or against any tree, building, or structure adjoining the same.

Article VIII

Repeal and Amendment of By-Laws and Penalties Thereunder

Section 1. These by-laws may be repealed or amended at any annual Town Meeting or at any other Town Meeting specially called for the purpose, an article or articles for such purpose having been inserted in the warrant for such meeting.

Section 2. Every violation of any of the provisions of the foregoing by-laws, unless otherwise provided by law or these by-laws, shall be punished by a fine not less than five (\$5) dollars nor more than ten (\$10) dollars for each violation or breach thereof.

Section 3. These by-laws shall go into effect upon their acceptance by the Town and their approval and publication in the manner required by law, and all by-laws heretofore existing are hereby repealed.

Ayer, Mass., Dec. 21, 1911.

I, Guy B. Remick, Town Clerk of the Town of Ayer, hereby certify that the foregoing By-Laws were adopted at the annual meeting held on the third day of April A. D. 1911, and that they have been approved by the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

GUY B. REMICK,

Town Clerk.

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WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell for

Boston via Tewksbury and Reading

to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charles-

town—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins.

until 9:45 p. m. Sundays—Same as

week days. Return—Leave Sullivan

Square—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins.

until 9:45 p. m. Sundays—7:45 a. m.

and every 30 mins. until 9:15 p. m.

Boston via North Billerica, Billerica

Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winches-

ter, and Bedford to Sullivan Square

Terminal, Charles-town—6:45 a. m. and

every 30 mins. until 9:25 p. m. (Sat-

urdays every 30 mins. from 12:25 p. m.

until 9:55 p. m.) Return—Leave Sullivan

Square Terminal—6:45 a. m. and every

30 mins. until 9:32 p. m. (Satur-

days every 30 mins. from 11:32 a. m. until

11:32 p. m.) Sundays—7:32 a. m. and

every 30 mins. until 9:32 p. m.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5:15

a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:30 p. m.

and every 30 mins. until 10:30 p. m.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex

Street—5:15 a. m. and every 30 mins.

until 11:30 p. m. and every 15 mins.

until 11:30 p. m. Sundays—5:30 a. m.

and every 15 mins. until 11:30 p. m.

Lawrence—5:15 a. m. and every 30 mins.

until 10:45 p. m. and every 30 mins.

until 10:45 p. m. then same as week

days. Return—Leave Lawrence—5:20

a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:50 p. m.

then same as week days.

Nashua—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins.

until 10:45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30

mins. from 10:45 p. m. until 10:55 p. m.)

Sundays—7:15 a. m. and every 30 mins.

until 10:15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua

—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until

10:35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins.

from 1:35 p. m. until 10:35 p. m.) Sun-

days—7:35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until

10:55 p. m.

THOMAS LEES, Supt.

Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co.

TIME TABLE.

Cars leave Ayer for North Chelms-

ford and Lowell—6:05 a. m. and hourly

minutes past the hour up to and in-

cluding 10:05 p. m. An early car

leaves the Ayer carhouse at 5:15 a. m.

Sundays—First car leaves Ayer at

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Saturday, January 20, 1912.

PEPPERELL.

Grange.

The following is a verbatim report made by Mrs. L. E. Starr at the meeting of Middlesex-Worcester Pomona, grange, at Fitchburg on Thursday, as master of that order:

I shall make this report including the grange session also. Your program, and secretary, books show the regular work and here I wish to thank each officer who has tried to make this year a success.

The first meeting of the year we had at Fitchburg, with the state master, to tell us about the new Pomona grange ruling, and our grange went from 587 to 116 members.

At Ashby, on February 22, we celebrated Washington's birthday, and in the evening had a "merrie" that had three hundred present. In the day we had about sixty-five; most of whom went home at night-fall. One hundred and fifty came from New Hampshire and Ashby was to be congratulated.

At Leominster, a week before the meeting, I was notified that the deputy would be there, and we had no rehearsal till that day after a heavy session and with two officers absent, but we got a marking of 87. The lecturer of Leominster took charge of the "merrie" after the inspection.

A special meeting was held at Townsend Harbor on April 12, and the next was the field day at Pepperell, July 12, on a sizzling hot day when people feared to take their teams out or go themselves. The traveling picnic was the next event, sixty-three going.

Your master went to work in May to see about the new Ayer grange, but the atmosphere was not right. On the travelers' picnic I found that Henry Robbins was a resident of Ayer and then I asked him if he would take the mastership of the new grange. I knew that Sister Robbins was an excellent worker and had found out that Brother and Sister Winslow could be depended upon.

After the Townsend meeting I wrote the state master that we had a grange and five officers. A hurried arrangement was made with Arthur Winslow over the telephone, not a member, to have a meeting with the state master at his house. At that meeting we had twenty-two signers, and the institution was set for October 5, when fifty-five charter members formed the new grange. No. 300. I told the state master that I did not want to lessen Groton grange, but four members did join with Ayer. Contrary to reports that I received commission on each member, I personally put seventeen dollars in cash, beside time, and never got a cent or credit in any way. I knew that it was for the best interest of the state grange and of this Pomona to have a grange in Ayer, and it will be a benefit to the town of Ayer, as it is educational in every turn.

October 11, this grange gave a program for a regular grange wedding ceremony, which was performed by Rev. A. H. Wheelock, chaplain of the state grange, that was the first of its kind ever held in the annals of Massachusetts grange.

November 8, we had the fifth degree at Groton, with additional new floor work preliminary, as the "Crowning of Pomona." Credit of this is due to Mrs. Minnie Green, Misses Bertha Farnsworth, Edith Messenger and other members of Groton grange. The express company did not bring the things for the fifth degree. The lecturer is to be congratulated for her splendid work and our worthy Pomona has always been ready to help.

Report as delegate to the Massachusetts state grange:

This is a year of full reports as you will see. Inasmuch as you have received the routine work from your subordinate grange masters, I will give you some of the notes that I took from the different speakers. After greeting the 355 delegates and over 200 members of the grange, Gov. Eugene Foss said: "We have about eighty million dollars in agricultural products. The abandoned farm" was due to legislation, although the abandoned farm seems to be a feature of the past. One of the causes was the sum taken too largely by the transportation companies, and the middleman. Boston pays ten cents a quart for her milk, and the farmers get but four cents a quart. It is not right to transport a car of milk as cheaply from Canada as from Worcester. The trouble is with legislation. The farmers should pool their issues. We are coming to a popular government, exact legislation, that will, please the people."

Part of the worthy overseer's response was: "It is a man we want and the state grange is not a set of politicians or ministers."

After Mayor Logan was introduced, referring to his third and last term, he said: "There were those that thought he had left undone all he should have done, and done all that he should have left undone. He knew of many that had started for the west, the golden land of promise—some had to walk home. If a person will deny himself as much in New England, as in the west, he would find as good a living here. Our stubborn climate makes men and women of strong fiber as our forests produce woods of a firmer and stronger fiber than in the south. It produces a spirit of freedom."

At two p. m., the session convened and shortly after we listened to the report of our state master, which took one hour and five minutes for him to read; and I doubt if any other man in the state could have held the attention as did his clear, smooth voice. You all ought to read his report covering agriculture, education and milk legislation. He desires community work extended.

In the evening the prize essays were read by Miss Estelle Gummow, of Halifax, and Morris Conant, of Dudley. The worthy lecturer told of the desire of the state grange to foster some plan of help to those worthy, and made a suggestion to that end. There began a siege of money giving that resembled the ways of old revival days and almost every grange master pledged five cents a member toward the amount.

One feature of the evening was a lady whistler, who surpassed any one I had ever heard. The hall was decorated with flags or the national colors flared down and from the center of the hall were many streamers of crocheted cotton, filled with hundreds of small flags, and when the last of "Old Glory" was sung these flags were released and came floating down, and after a while we went home.

Wednesday morning was taken up with the recitation of all but two officers.

Wednesday afternoon the state master provided a treat for those present in the address of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, of Washington, D. C., the pure food expert. This lecture must have been of signal importance that the state grange should defer its business to listen to it and I concur in it value and so I have some of salient points for you, but you will forget the message of the grange to you. Why should it sink into your minds? This is part of the lecture:

"He owned cattle and he sold the steers for eleven cents a pound, and when he was in the city he paid \$1.50 pound for beef. He raised wheat, and it cost him eighty-six cents a bushel and sold it for eighty-four cents a bushel. The farmer should know what a thing costs him, and he has a right to count the interest on the investment. You don't own the land only as long as you pay taxes on it. The government owns the land. Farmers must study the economic situation and the farmers must cooperate. Get a boy or man for fourteen dollars a month and work him fourteen hours a day and no picture shows, this is what makes the boys leave the farm. The city should be the place of exchange, but the country town should be the place for manufacturing purposes—no man can get a million dollars—no man can earn a million. We should insist on the pure food law, and the date of putting up should be stamped on the package."

He told of the percent loss on package goods bought in bulk and said that the consumer paid for the package and work. "The railroad is all right, and not one could do the hauling as cheaply. Another loss is in weight. People don't always get the weight they pay for."

After the lecture some went to the fifth degree and others to the lecturers' conference. Brother Richardson gave fifty dollars for the best paper on community work. I offered an oil painting of fruit to the grange having the best discussion on Resolved, "That the Dick military bill should never have been passed." As far as I know but three granges care to inform themselves as to the true nature of a law that covers every male citizen from the age of eighteen to forty-five years in every hamlet in our nation.

Wednesday evening, the sixth degree was conferred on a large class, followed by installation of the officers at eleven o'clock. We returned to our room, but waited for information till past twelve.

Thursday we were at the hall before the state master. The worthy chaplain's report was a "gem" of honest endeavor and of the false modesty concerning sex hygiene. Every father and every mother in our granges should have heard and ponder on the subject—then papers comment on poor little Avis Linnell, "the simple but ignorant country girl." When we have a land of "white slavery," it is time for parents to think who recruit these places and why and who patronize these places.

This is the consensus of all the speakers: The farmers should cooperate, yet all farmers seem to think their brother farmers are their enemies and each try to get a little the better price. They have no idea of standing together in union work and pooling their interest. Unless you work along this line the individual farmer will pass into history with the household loom, shoemaker, cooper, and a big trust will gobble you up. As past national master Aaron Jones said the last year of his grange office: "Unless there is a change the American farmer in twenty-five years will be a surf on the land he once owned."

Dr. Wiley said: "Study economics." Never separate in thought the people from the government, we are the government and the land is ours. "All public officials of the government are our servants, and they have so abused our confidences that the national grange advocate the referendum, initiative and recall. To me the recall is most necessary. The national official organ of January, 1912, is against the Aldrich currency bill, which is but another way to cheat every working person. Why don't you study these matters of dollars and cents? How many of our grange men will work for the referendum, recall, initiative and against the currency bill as advised by the grange authorities, or will they do as Grafton Cushing, of Boston, speaker of the house, dictates.

The kalidescope movements of our money has mortgaged our lands and our incomes for years. As Dr. Wiley says, "study the conditions." Let us better the conditions.

After the report of the master came the reports of the secretary and treasurer, which showed the receipts of \$56.56, and \$42.19 were paid out. As the dinner had to be served promptly at twelve, the business was rushed through. At 1.30, the installing officers, Mrs. Ellen D. Rice and her assistant, Miss Smith, of Leominster,

were introduced, and installed the following officers:

Millard S. Sawyer, Groton, m. t. W. Robbins, Littleton, o. m. Mrs. Blanche M. Brown, Groton, l. c. Richard Barrows, Concord Junction, s. t. A. W. Rockwood, Lunenburg, s. t. Mrs. Fannie Barrows, Concord Junction, ch. p. H. L. Hill, Fitchburg, treas. Mrs. Minnie F. O. Knight, Townsend Harbor, sec. L. C. Bascom, Fitchburg, g. k. Mrs. Alice E. Cummings, Shirley, Center, Pomona; Mrs. Martha D. Stone, Ayer, pres.; Mrs. Lillian E. Stearns, Townsend, Flora; Mrs. Edith L. Kistead, Groton, l. a. s. special fifth degree officer, Charles E. Cox, Lunenburg.

The first number of the new program was a piano solo, by Miss Hazel Cummings, of Shirley. This was followed by an original poem by Mrs. Nettie Woodman, of Fitchburg, which was a grange ballad, telling of the wooing of its worthy master, Miss Amy Andrews, by the master of Prescott grange, Walter Shattuck, and as the couple are now on their honeymoon at Jacksonville, Fla., its spiciness was fully enjoyed. Mrs. Woodman gave another original poem, which was localized. The essay, written by Miss Miriam Cash, of Littleton, on "Woman's responsibility for home ideals," for the state grange, was given and presented a remarkable paper for so young a woman. Woman's version of home was the first step towards civilization. A home is the sacred refuge of life. Many men's dishonesty can be traced back to his wife's and daughter's extravagance. Mothers should know the company her children keep. Misses Edith and Hattie Messenger, of Groton, favored all with a piano solo.

Rev. Dudley R. Child, Pepperell, then gave his pleasant lecture on "St. Hilda." "While we are busy with the problems of the day, what we shall eat and drink, and where with all shall we be clothed, it is well to open the eye of the mind, look into the past and learn its lessons. American, or what ever nationality, if you should go to the Germanic rooms at Harvard college, Cambridge, you would find a boat of the olden days, where sixty or seventy men could be utilized in rowing. About 614 B. C. a child was born in that Christianized Hilda, which meant in that language "battle." Some time, 630-640, she was baptized and changed her life from ordinary housewife to that of religion—from those times we have the term "free" and "common." Because every man had a voice in law of every clan had a common for the raising of the cattle.

"War was decided upon by the votes of the free-men in council assembled and it was from this custom that our town meeting is the survival. Hilda grew up in this atmosphere and soon started a monastery, the first on the British soil, and so clearly defined and strong was this founder that the monastery sheltered both men and women. When the division came between Irish and Roman Christianity, St. Hilda chose the Roman side of the question and by her wonderful power was enabled to draw a large following. Even the kings and princes came to St. Hilda for conferences, and it was there that the date for Easter was established. Here was the budding of poetry and Scott's 'Marmion' alludes."

Readings were then given by Mrs. Alice E. Cummings, Shirley, Mrs. Arnold, Fitchburg, and Miss Effie Gillespie, Pepperell.

Current Events.

Louis H. Beah is critically ill at his home on Cross street. Since the middle of December he has been under the doctor's care, from heart trouble. Last week his symptoms became so much more alarming that his son, Harry Beah, of Boston, was hastily summoned to his bedside, and his daughter Edna, from Wyoming. She arrived on Monday, after the attending physician had pronounced it double pneumonia, and is assisting in caring for him. Although very weak at this time of writing, Thursday, hopes are entertained for his ultimate recovery.

Fine sleighing in town now that the thermometer rises above zero. Sunday morning, at Weston's store, it was thirty-five degrees below zero. Other places about town it was from fifteen to twenty-five degrees below, which is colder than the oldest inhabitants can remember.

On the Dennen farm ice is being harvested from fourteen to sixteen inches in thickness from a reservoir in back of his field, and is of very good quality and pure spring water.

Mrs. John Frazer is quite ill with the prevailing cold and distemper, her advanced years making it more serious.

Mrs. Irving Rowell is convalescent and able to be out after being confined to her home for the past three weeks with neuralgia and bronchial trouble.

Mrs. John R. Shattuck, formerly of this town, came up from Concord Junction, where she now resides with her daughter, and was a welcome guest at the meeting of the Ladies' Aid society at the home of Mrs. George Pierce, on Wednesday, visiting in town the next day also.

The Ladies' Aid society will hold a food sale at the home of Mrs. Cuthbertson, corner of Main and Mill streets on Friday afternoon, January 26, at three o'clock.

Joseph Lawrence, of the Nashua road, has been under the doctor's care with the prevailing cold.

Mrs. Harry Powers, Brookline, N. H., visited her parents some days this week.

The pastor's subject at the M. E. church for Sunday morning will be "The conquering church." In the evening he will continue on the series of messages from the prophets. Subject, "The teachings of the book of Jonah."

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bailey, of Braintree, were guests of Mrs. Bailey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chase, recently.

Items of News.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold their meeting on Thursday afternoon, January 23, at the regular time. A supper will be served at 6.30 o'clock.

Miss Bernice Lant has not been able to attend the Normal school at

Fitchburg the past week on account of illness.

Mrs. Abbie M. Shattuck and J. Ideola Ward attended the Alpha Past Noble Grand association at Fitchburg on Tuesday afternoon.

The installation of the officers of Acoma lodge will take place on Tuesday evening, January 23.

Mrs. F. J. Dunlap, district deputy grand master, and suite, installed the officers of E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge of Townsend last week Friday evening. The members of the suite were Miss Anna P. Sartelle, m.; Mrs. Nellie M. Gutterston, w.; Mrs. Jessie Parker, treas.; Mrs. F. J. Piper, sec.

William Davis, who was confined to his home on account of ill health, is able to be out on the street again.

The firemen's ball is to take place on Friday, January 26, and turkey supper is to be served at town hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Harmon, of Stow, were in town Sunday.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Pepperell Card & Paper Co., was held at the company's office on Wednesday, January 17, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rainford Deware, pres. and treas.; Waldo Spaulding, v. p.; A. G. Pike, clerk; C. A. Weaver, R. Deware, W. Spaulding, dir. At the meeting of the directors it was voted to pay the regular semi-annual dividend of three percent on stock outstanding.

Rev. Demott Goodyear, representing the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon league, gave an address on the aims and work of the league at the morning service in the Unitarian church last Sunday.

The District Nurse association will have the annual meeting in the town hall on Monday evening, January 29.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the post office for the week ending January 15: Louis Dean, Holmes & Nelson, Allie Sargent.

Woman's Club.

The Pepperell Woman's club held a meeting at Central hall on Tuesday, January 16, with the legislative committee, under Mrs. Ada W. Shattuck. As the roads were in poor condition many were unable to hear this valuable talk and a more lengthy report will be given than usual.

Plans were made for the guest night on Monday, February 26. A recess was taken and then the meeting was called to order and all listened to a duet by Mrs. May B. Farbell and Mrs. Eva Gage, followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. Drawbridge. Then Mrs. Rich. of Salem, chairman of the legislative committee of the Woman's Federation, was introduced, who told of the seven committees of the federation, and what they stood for. Her comment on the civil service was replete with personal knowledge and crisp. Conservation considered, the forest and streams, and human health as well. Rural school and transportation were considered and were interesting to many woman's clubs.

A committee was at work on industrial and social conditions and the public health included sex hygiene. The tediousness of attending different hearings, day after day, was compensated by the education gained thereby and the Pepperell women were urged to attend some of the hearings. Mrs. Rich told how some of our laws are put through, men never knowing what they are voting for, or seldom do, but we women do want to. "However I am no suffragette. The time is past when individuals can meet and have an influence, but bodies of women command respect. When there is a measure you are interested in and want it to go through, talk it over with your husband and son, there is hardly any woman but can influence the men of her household at least, and they can tell high officials that they expect them to do certain things that the office stands for."

"If Massachusetts would pass less bills and attend more closely to those already passed, it would be better. The committee is doing considerable work on pure food and drugs for men and children. The subject of cold storage with the desire to have the date of the consignment to cold storage and the date of its release and not to allow a second time in storage was to be worked for. Cold storage has made it possible for many a poor working man to have meat stewed that but for cold storage, the price would be prohibitive.

"On sanitary milk we found that there were two sides. We met some really smart men—the farmers, the grange representatives and milk dealers. We learned a great deal. Anyone can pasteurize milk at home and have it just as good as that which you buy. I put down eggs in water glass when they are cheap. Did you know that there was less food value in the eggs of July and August than in April and May? There should be a unification of the laws of different states. Massachusetts is third in the child labor law. Two states allow boys under sixteen and girls under eighteen years to work but forty-eight hours a week. Senator Lodge had failed to carry out some pledges. The legislative bulletins could be had and every club legislative committee should have one."

After answering some questions and listening to a vocal solo by Mrs. Elsie Copp, the meeting was dismissed.

Annual Supper.

The Village Aid society, of Pepperell, served its annual supper to a goodly patronage at 6.30 o'clock on Thursday evening of last week. At eight o'clock an entertainment by children of the public school, was presented by a committee of teachers, as follows: Instrumental solo, Evon Cote; recitation, "Polonius' advice," Margaret Carter; "Things to forget," Kenneth Durant; songs, grades 3 and 4; recitation, Audrey Bancroft; vocal solo, Richard Sullivan; recitation, "The swing," Doris Fisher; exercises by grade five; instrumental solo, Leora Brainerd; recitation, "The parson's daughter," Lilian Woodworth; song, grade 8; recitation, "The schoolroom clock," Nora Flynn; recitation, "The builders," Flora Boynton; violin solo, Thomas Sullivan.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Rev. Arthur Fenderson, of Vineyard Haven, occupied the pulpit in the Congregational church on Sunday morning, and delivered a fine sermon on "The first man is of the earth, earthy;"

the second man is the Lord from heaven." Rev. Arthur Fenderson is a friend of long standing of Rev. A. T. Kempton and he was very glad of the opportunity for inviting him to speak in his pulpit. Mr. Fenderson, with his wife and little daughters, Margaret and Ruth, are spending their winter vacation with friends in town. Mrs. Fenderson is a sister of Mrs. C. C. Lane.

Union services were held in the Methodist church last Sunday evening. Rev. George R. Moody preached the sermon. This ended the meetings for the week of prayer. During the service Miss Helen Moody sang "Callst thou me, O Saviour," in a clear, strong sweet voice.

The W. T. C. U. met at the home of Mrs. William Aker on Friday of last week. This week a special meeting was held at the home of Mrs. S. A. Warren on Thursday afternoon, January 25, the county convention of Worcester North W. C. T. U. will be held in the Congregational church here, morning and afternoon sessions, beginning at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Dinner will be served at noon by the Lunenburg union. An interesting program will be given by members from various unions. A very cordial invitation is extended to everyone interested, either ladies or gentlemen.

The Lunenburg high school hockey team defeated Townsend high on the Spaulnikook river last week Friday by a score of 2 to 1. A return game is scheduled for the near future.

Last Sunday morning was a record breaker in temperature, the mercury running from two degrees to thirty below in various parts of the town.

More telephones are desired in town and the selectmen will give a public hearing on Saturday, January 27, at their office in the town hall upon the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., for permission to erect poles and wires on Flat Hill road from Elmwood to Page street, and on Page street from Flat Hill road to the residence of Fred A. Lawton. There are nearly one hundred subscribers now on this circuit, and the prospect is that it will over-run that number before the year goes out.

HARVARD.

News Items.

The children's ball was led by Master Willie King and Miss Ruth Shores at the reception given by Miss Harts-horn, and escorted by the ushers with candles, marched up the hall, and on arriving at the station of the matrons, the ushers opened rank and formed an arch with their candles under which the children marched. One pretty figure of the dance was the grand march led by Master Waldo Hynes and Miss Mary Benedict, the children walking out the changes in this in a creditable manner.

All members of the former 1908 Leap Year club are requested to meet at the Memorial rooms on Saturday afternoon, January 20, at three o'clock, to arrange for a leap year party.

The case of McMahon vs. the town of Harvard is slated for this week Saturday before Judge Smith at Clinton.

The goods of Mrs. A. S. Waller, of Fitchburg, were moved into the south part of the house of W. P. Farwell, on Thursday last.

On Sunday, January 14, the Sunday school of the Orthodox church presented to Waldo Hynes a gold pin and certificate of honor given him in reward for a year's perfect attendance in the Sunday school. Master Hynes is very proud of his record and will try again this year for a two years' perfect in attendance record.

Miss Gertrude Smith is taking a short vacation and respite from her secretary's duties at F. Warren's. She is visiting with friends in Springfield, Illinois.

Miss Ella Gordon, who has been one of the nurses in charge of Master Donald Crooker, is at home for a week's rest. Master Crooker is considerably better of his ailment.

Edgar P. Cleaves and Richard Kinsman are at work carpentering in Wal-tham for a few weeks.

Mrs. Mary D. Sherman has been and is still quite ill with spasmodic bronchitis. She is somewhat better.

The extremely cold weather has had bad work in the artificially heated about town. The thawing on the roofs from inside heat, and the freezing on the outside has backed the water up under the shingles and badly damaged houses. The worst sufferers were A. H. Bigelow, Allen Hazard and James L. Whitney when in several rooms the interior decorations were ruined.

Sleigh Ride.

The pupils and teachers of the Bromfield school had their annual sleighing party on Wednesday evening last. Leaving town at five in the afternoon the party drove to Bolton, where Robinson's hall was engaged for the evening. Perhaps the program of the evening can be best told in the words of a new song composed for the occasion by Prof. A. F. Leonard:

There is a school in Harvard town, It is known for miles around, They took a ride in Bryant's pung, Starring the natives by the song they sung.

They wished to sup on oyster stew—So got Dickenson and Webster too, These lonesome boys felt so mean, So we got Harriet and Josephine, We had some dancers of renown, Eva Grace, McNitt and Brown, We have a few who work real hard—Royal, Parker and William, There are some more who always toil—Russell, Carman, Whitney and Hoyle; Olive, Catherine and Marguerite, Make the list almost complete, Now here we are teachers three—Chardwick, Sears, and also me, I've left out one, can you guess her, She's right here and her name's Oressa, The party has one more lady, She is quiet, and her name is Sadie, And now I guess I'll say amen For I see it is almost ten.

SUN RIVER.

Last week Friday evening, John Bigelow carried a party to Clinton to hear Handell's "Messiah," as given by the Clinton Choral union. They report a splendid concert, and all felt well repaid for the trip in the cold. In the party were Fred Bateman, Eliza Bateman, Blanche Willard, Edna Robinson, Mrs. L. H. Morse, Ethelva Russell, Helen Stone, Eleanor Haskell, Herbert Vaughn and S. B. Haynes.

Next Thursday evening the Ladies' Benevolent society will give a supper and entertainment in the chapel.

Tuesday evening, the annual business meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent society was held with Mr. and Mrs. Levi Howard, and after the report of secretary was read, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. L. H. Morse, pres.; Miss Edna Robinson, v. p.; Miss Helen Stone, sec. and treas.; Levi Howard, col.

Last Sunday morning was one of the coldest in several years. At the railroad station it was twenty-six below zero, and in the village it was eighteen below. It was so cold that with furnaces running full blast it was far from warm in the church and the Sunday school was omitted. The farmers have been filling their ice-houses this week, good, clear ice from twelve to thirteen inches thick being the harvest.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

The following subject will be discussed at the grange on Monday evening: "Which is the better financial proposition for the town of Townsend—to build a water system as a town, or to let a private corporation build a system?" The question will be opened by A. N. Fessenden and G. A. Wilder for the town, and by T. E. Flarity and George L. Whitcomb for the corporation, after which there will be an open discussion. The meeting promises to be an interesting one.

Fred Miller, the elderly man who committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn cellar of the Farrar place on Bayberry hill, the latter part of last week, has worked several times for John Goings. He was left in charge of the stock while W. H. Whalen was away, and was found dead upon their return.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Stuart Park Dodge died on Wednesday, January 17, shortly after noon. The cause of his death was apoplexy, and was 66 yrs. 5 mos. 5 days old. He was born in Groton, but had resided in Boxborough for many years. He leaves a wife and three children—two daughters and one son. He was the son of Silas P. Dodge, of Groton, and Catherine P. Kendall, of Harvard. The funeral was held on Friday forenoon and the remains taken to Groton receiving tomb, Rev. F. H. Viets officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Richardson attended the Borough grange at Marlboro last Wednesday and report a fine time.

On January 7, Mrs. Nellie Norris, of West Acton, and Mrs. Kate Sawyer, of South Acton, presented the Sunday school with a flag in the name of the Relief Corps.

The Neighborhood club held its first meeting of the season last week Thursday at the home of Mrs. Charles Dudley.

Mrs. Mary C. Joy, of Dorchester, and Dr. Harry R. Roberts, of Boston, spent a very pleasant week-end at Sunshine farm.

David Taggart, of Wakefield, a cadet on the Ranger, spent the week-end with Oliver Shattuck, and the coming week Oliver will spend with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartwell visited one day this week in Maynard, with Mr. Hartwell's sister, Mrs. Flood.

Mrs. Gooch and children, and Miss Louisa Gooch, have returned from Assinippi.

Miss Mary Hager is visiting at Brooks Station with a cousin.

The body of Frank A. Norris was brought from West Acton last Saturday and placed in the South cemetery.

Miss Annie Williams, of Acton, has been visiting with the Sherry family.

At the last meeting of the grange the officers for the coming year were installed by Albert Littlefield, assisted by Mrs. Littlefield. A supper was given and despite the storm many attended the meeting.

SHIRLEY.

Clipping.

From the following is taken from the Fitchburg Sentinel:

David I. Walsh, as attorney for Chas. H. Hewes, a Shirley young man, Saturday, filed in the legislature a petition with an accompanying order for payment of \$10,000 to Hewes for personal injuries sustained at the state industrial reform school at Shirley.

The petition relates that Hewes on August 1, 1909, was employed about the institution, that he was requested by a superintendent to do certain work in the engine room, that he was ordered to go to the laundry, where his left hand and arm were caught in an extractor, badly injuring him.

He was treated at the Massachusetts general hospital in Boston and it is said he has not yet recovered from the accident. In the usual course of events the petition will be referred to a committee and a hearing will be given the petitioner.