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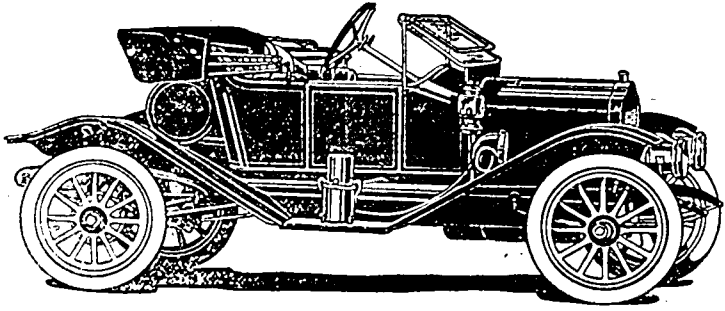
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News Items.

The C. E. subject for tomorrow evening is "The foreign missionary whose life has most inspired me."

The extreme cold of two weeks ago is thought to have killed the peach buds in this vicinity. Ten degrees below zero is considered the coldest weather they will endure, and there is scarcely a place in town where the thermometer did not register lower.

Miss Etta Ewings, of Lexington, visited her father at Hon. F. A. Patch's on last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Keirstead and son, of West Gorton, were in town on Sunday, calling upon several friends, home this week.

George Yapp, of Newtown road, went to Boston recently and bought a handsome pair of bay work horses, whose weight is 3,000 pounds.

M. H. Bithrow's horse, used on the Grand Union Tea wagon, died last week.

It is said on good authority that the tall woods on Newtown road near D. G. Houghton's tenement house are to be cut down in the near future and the trees are to be used for electric light poles.

Alfred Morse, who was at work for Mr. Wilde, of Harvard, recently fell from a scaffold and broke one of his legs. He is in the care of Dr. Christie.

Mrs. E. P. Wilcox visited her parents in Cambridge last week.

Albert F. Conant will speak on the topic, "Marens Whitman and the saving of Oregon," at the evening meeting of the Congregational church tomorrow evening at seven o'clock.

A fire was discovered last Sunday in the Smith barn on what is known as the W. D. Stratton farm. As there were several men near at the time, the flames were easily brought under subjection so that the loss will not be very great.

Mrs. Anna T. Kimball, Miss Martha Kimball and John H. Kimball attended the funeral of their cousin, Thacher C. Warren, at Woodlawn cemetery chapel last Monday afternoon. Mr. Warren was the only son of the late Sampson Warren, formerly of Littleton. His death, which was caused by pneumonia, occurred last week Friday, at his home in Charlestown, after an illness of only three days.

John H. Kimball was one of the bearers at the funeral of the late Bowers Church, conductor, held at the home of the deceased in Ayer on Thursday forenoon. Mr. Church was one of the oldest conductors, from point of service, employed on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine road, and for many years was conductor of the early east-bound train and the six o'clock evening west bound accommodation train.

Wallace Robinson has decided to continue clerking for Conant & Company, and has given up the lease of the town farm.

Mrs. Eliza Hartwell is reported as very sick at her son Haywood's in Somerville.

Miss Esther McEnnis will take up her new duties on the Malden teaching staff next week Monday.

The Unitarian church and society is again free from debt, the necessary funds to warrant this condition having been pledged within a few days.

Mrs. Horace Amsden has been sick, but is reported convalescent.

John Wright has filled his icehouse and also put in a supply for the Harvard Shakers.

Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant has returned from her visit with the home people in St. Louis.

The Alliance will meet with Mrs. J. M. Hartwell on next week Friday afternoon, when the program will consist of a symposium on denominational work in charge of Mrs. Gardner W. Prouty.

Robert Roberts, who has had blood poisoning in his hand since Christmas, is now rapidly improving and will soon be able to return to his work. Although the case was a stubborn one, the case has been in the faithful and constant charge of Dr. Christie.

Frank J. Hager and nephew, George W. Sanderson, Jr., returned on Tuesday to their home in Ironwood, Mich., after a visit of several weeks with friends in the east.

A. T. Kimball, W. H. Titcomb, C. H. Kimball, N. H. Whitcomb and D. G. Houghton attended the Farmers' Institute in Tewksbury on Wednesday, where they listened to an excellent program, and sat down to a fine dinner. The sleighride furnished no small part of the good time.

J. T. Warren has been housed with a very severe cold for a week past.

Alice Hager, better known as Patti, has had an attack of tonsillitis that has kept her at home for a week.

E. A. Cox is canvassing the town in the interests of electric lights.

The Ladies' Chorus club, training with Miss Ida Dow, meets every Friday afternoon with Mrs. Leslie A. Hager, and is making good progress. The class numbers about thirty-five now and new additions to the membership are reported each week. The class has begun work on a cantata that is to be given before the public in the early spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Layton entertained a party of young people at their home on King street on Wednesday evening in honor of their guests, Mr. and Miss Page, of New York. The evening was devoted to whist and a pleasant social. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Ernest Kimball and daughter Katherine attended a wedding reception in Boston on Thursday evening. They were the guests also of Misses Dodge, in Cambridge.

Rev. Herbert Caulkins' household goods have arrived from Harland, Me., and the family has moved into the Baptist parsonage.

Mrs. Frank Hill and daughter Elizabeth arrived home from South Portland, Me., last Saturday evening.

The Boston Dairy Company hope to have their icehouses all filled by this Saturday night. The weather and other conditions have been very favorable this week and the work has been rushed ahead wonderfully.

The Baptist C. E. society will hold the annual business meeting supper and social in the vestry next week Saturday evening.

The Backlog club is to give an entertainment in town hall on Thursday and Friday evenings, February 1 and 2, and will consist of a play entitled "The colonel's maid." Music will be furnished by the Littleton Ladies' quartet. Tickets for the play are on sale at Thacher & Ireland's and J. M. Hartwell's.

The Woman's club had a good attendance on Monday afternoon. In the absence of the president and the vice president, Mrs. Florence B. Wilcox, corresponding secretary, took charge of the meeting. The program, as scheduled in the club program, was carried out and gave much enjoyment to the very appreciative audience. A piano duet was well rendered by Misses Olive Flagg and Evelyn Kimball, and a pleasing violin solo was played by Miss Katherine Kimball. The study of Browning as announced last week, was continued under the able leadership of Rev. O. J. Fairfield, and the

poems selected for study were beautifully read by Mrs. Annie C. Smith and Mrs. Eulalie Fairfield.

To the Editor:

In a short time the Littleton lyceum elects its officers and executive committee. As a member of the executive committee during the past year, it has seemed to me that we have not been as efficient as we might have been, owing to the fact that the committee was not so representative an one as could have been chosen.

A lyceum course should be diverse enough to interest all. The writer has enjoyed the course this winter very much, but that it hasn't appealed to us all is evidenced by the small attendance at some of the lectures, even at some which the committee had hoped would be especially appealing.

May I suggest the following as a representative committee: The pastor and a representative from each church, including the catholic mission, the noble grand and a member of the Odd Fellows, the master and a member of the grange, the president and a member of the woman's club and two representatives from the town at large.

Such a committee would be in touch with all the people of the town and would be able to offer a course in which all could find enjoyment. Consideration may show that this plan is not feasible, but I trust it will, at least, provoke discussion so that when we elect our new officers we can do so intelligently. Harrison L. Packard.

The Sick Ones.

There is much sickness in town, particularly among the elder residents. Timothy Sullivan, who has been very low, is reported much better. Chas. P. Hartwell is confined to his bed, and in the care of a doctor. His niece, Mrs. Nellie F. Johnson, is assisting in the sick room. Henry Nye is suffering from excessive nose bleed, and for a few nights was obliged to remain sitting in his easy chair throughout the night. Charles H. Yapp's oldest son, Clifford, is sick with tonsillitis.

Peter S. Whitcomb continues to improve in health and is no longer in the care of a nurse. Mrs. Emily Adams is still in care of a nurse and remains much the same. Her daughter, Miss Emily, has returned to her school in Weston and Miss Lucy Adams, teacher in Waltham, is at

Annual Meeting.

A good representation of the society attended the dinner and annual business meeting of the Congregational church and parish at the vestry last Saturday. After a substantial dinner had been served the meeting of the church was called to order and Rev. H. L. Packard was chosen moderator.

Reports of the various officers and committees were read and acted upon. The election of officers for the new year followed, and are:

J. W. Dods, clerk and treasurer; C. A. Kimball, S. S. supple; Ernest Robinson, ass't. supple; John W. Thacher, dea.; Mrs. W. E. Conant, J. W. Thacher, C. A. Kimball, Miss Fannie A. Sanderson, church com.; Rev. H. L. Packard, dea.; Thacher and Conant, C. A. Kimball, benev. com.

The meeting of the church having been declared adjourned, the clerk of the parish, Frank Gregory, called the parish meeting to order. George A. Cook was chosen moderator. Reports of the officers, committees and the trustees of funds were read and acted upon. The treasurer announced that all bills up to date had been paid and a small balance remained in the treasury. A plea was entered for increase of contributions for current expenses. The missionary committee reported \$214.10 given for benevolent purposes and the apportionment met. The officers elected are:

Frank Gregory, clerk; W. E. Conant, treasurer; N. B. Conant, G. W. Sanderson, V. H. Flagg, trustees; N. B. Conant, E. S. Kimball, C. V. Flagg, benev. com.; C. F. Flagg and J. P. Thacher, C. A. Kimball, ed.; Wallace Robinson, G. H. Kimball, alt.; E. A. Cook, Mrs. E. A. Kimball, Mrs. F. D. Layton, music; Frank Farmer, Harold Conant, Roland Whitman, Wallace Robinson, deacons; E. S. Kimball, Mrs. C. A. Kimball, par. ed.

Entertainment and Social.

Another Pineville social brought between forty and fifty of the neighbors together for a good time at the Sandy pond schoolhouse last week Friday evening. Mrs. James Nye, Jr., and a corps of able assistants served a patooka supper that was thoroughly relished. The entertainment following was chiefly of a musical character, Joseph Wainwright playing several selections on the accordion, and Miss Laura Amsden contributing choice piano solos. Some of the younger members of the party indulged in dancing to the music furnished by Mr. Wainwright on the piano. The remainder of the evening was devoted to games and discussion of the weather. The society has planned for another good social and supper for next month, with Mr. and Mrs. John Wright and Mr. and Mrs. William Landry in charge.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

A little daughter, Louise Ruth, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wright, on Friday, January 19.

A calm, fair night, and elegant sleighing, brought many couples from all the surrounding towns to the coopers' tenth annual concert and ball at Memorial hall on Thursday evening. The concert by Brigham's orchestra was as satisfactory as in former years, and the grand march was led by N. J. McGuire and Miss Helen Dobson. An excellent cold meat and oyster supper was served in the banquet hall at intermission. Dancing followed until two in the morning.

The Monday club met with Mrs. A. D. Fessenden and Miss Angela Boute this week. The roll call was answered by nature quotations and Mrs. Marlon Miller, of Quincy, read a fine



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One Lot of Men's Coat Sweaters, regular 75c. and \$1.00 goods, price for this sale..... 43c

One Lot of Boys' Plain Gray Coat Sweaters, now for..... 43c

One Lot of Men's Coat Sweaters, Red Trimmed, sizes 34, 36, 38 only, actual value \$3.00 to \$3.50, reduced to \$1.50

Shirts

One Lot of Men's Fancy Shirts in Coat or Negligee Style, the regular \$1.00 Grade, now reduced to..... 79c

One Lot of Men's and Boys' Fancy Shirts, our regular 50c. kind, price now reduced to..... 39c

One Lot of Men's Working Shirts, made of Domet Flannel or Fancy Cheviots, our regular 50c. kind, now go for..... 43c

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We have many odd pairs and discontinued lines of Shoes for Men, Women and Boys, which we have put upon the Bargain Counter for this sale. Such well-known makes as Queen Quality Shoes for Women, W. L. Douglas and J. O'Donnell are included in this lot.

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50c. Caps for Boys now..... 39c
Misses' 50c. Angora Tams, now..... 19c

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Men's White Handkerchiefs 3c
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Men's Police Brace, the 50c. kind..... 35c
Way's Mufflers, with slight imperfection, the 50c. kind, now..... 25c

NECKWEAR BARGAINS

One Lot of 25c. Bows, now 15c
One Lot of 25c. Four-in-hands now..... 17c
One Lot of 50c. Four-in-hands now..... 35c
One Lot of 25c. Button-on Ties, now..... 15c
One Lot of 15c. Bows, now 5c

Also price reductions on the following lines of goods, running from 20% to 30% from the regular price. The original and the cut-price tags on every garment and every article.

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paper on "The charms of New England." Mrs. Whiton and Mrs. Moore, of Quincy, were guests and added greatly to the afternoon's entertainment by rendering vocal and instrumental music. Mrs. Whiton gave a piano solo and also accompanied Mrs. Moore in several songs which were much enjoyed. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

HARVARD.

Still River.

Last week Friday, the Ayer District Sunday School association met with

the Still River Sunday school. Delegates were present from Townsend, West Townsend, Shirley and Harvard only, owing to the storm. It was an informal affair. After the morning session a bountiful dinner was served. The afternoon session closed at three o'clock and the delegates took the 3.28 train from here.

Miss Edna Flanders went to Whitinsville last week Friday for a three-days' visit.

There is a talk of having electric light service in town. Representatives from the Ayer Electric Light Company and also from Shirley have been look-

ing the field over and getting an idea of the number of people who would use it. As yet nothing definite has been done.

Miss Edna Robinson visited friends in Ayer on Wednesday and Thursday. Several from Still River attended the invitation ball at Clinton on Tuesday evening.

Miss Grace Goodwin, an aunt of Mrs. Frank Sprague, is very sick at the Clinton hospital, and no hopes are given of her recovery. She has been a frequent visitor at the home of Mrs. Sprague.

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WESTFORD.

Center.

Miss Bessie Hadley has been the
guest of Miss Edith Forster at Nasho-
na farm this week.

Members of the Tadmuck club will
bear in mind the meeting next Tues-
day afternoon in the Unitarian church
parlors at 2.30. Miss Drew, of Cam-
bridge, will give one of her well-
known art lectures. Club tea will be
served.

Mrs. Ida M. Gould is acting as house-
keeper and companion for Mrs. Tyler
in the latter's pleasant new home.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Wilson gave
a pleasant party for their daughter
Florence at their home on Boston road
last Saturday afternoon. It was the
young lady's tenth birthday anniver-
sary and a group of her school friends
were invited. There were games and
refreshments of ice cream, cake and
fruit were enjoyed; also, the proverb-
ial birthday cake and candles were not
missing. Those present report a
very happy time.

Mrs. W. W. Wright has been con-
fined to the house with an attack of
the grippe and under the doctor's care,
but is now convalescing.

Mrs. James Hildreth, who passed
her ninety-fourth birthday last Sun-
day, was the recipient of cards, mes-
sages and calls to mark the event.
She is in comfortable health for one
of her years and these manifestations
of good will were met with the same
cheerful appreciation toward the
blessings of life that have always
been so characteristic of her.

Mrs. William E. Green's many
friends are glad she is sufficiently
convalescent from her long critical
illness of pneumonia and heart trou-
ble to be able to ride out. She was
out Sunday a little while during the
warmer part of the day for the first
time in many weeks.

The regular meeting of the Middle-
sex-North Pomona grange will be held
with Tewksbury grange on Friday,
February 2.

Frank C. Bannister noticed in the
Westford depot neighborhood on Tues-
day of this week a particularly large
bird flying about. Calling John
O'Brien, the blacksmith's attention to
it, he identified it as a large eagle.
Mr. O'Brien, who is something of an
authority in bird-lore, pronounced it
an especially large bird of its kind.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitney and
Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Fletcher were
in attendance at the Masonic Eastern
Star banquet at Ayer on Wednesday
evening of this week.

Dexter Cogshall, principal of the
academy, has been appointed a mem-
ber of the board of trustees of the
J. V. Fletcher library in place of Rev.
B. H. Bailey, resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Abbot and Miss
Abbott sailed on Wednesday from New
York city for a trip around the world.

Miss Mary E. Drew underwent an
operation for appendicitis at a pri-
vate hospital in Brookline on Thurs-
day of this week.

Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding entertained
the Thimble club at her home on
Wednesday afternoon of this week
with a full attendance of members,
and one guest present.

Congregational Notes.

At the Congregational church on
last Sunday evening, Dr. Yarnell, con-
nected with Y. M. C. A. work in Low-
ell was the speaker of the evening.
He presented the "Men and religion
movement," and outlined what the
campaign had endeavored to accom-
plish in strengthening the service and
interest of men and boys in the work
of the church. Dr. Yarnell is an en-
gaging speaker and held the closest
attention of his audience and convey-
ed a convincing impression of what
one consecrated layman would count
for in the work. There was a large
audience present. H. G. Osgood con-
ducted the praise service and Mrs.
Charles D. Colburn rendered special
music.

A special meeting of the W. C. T. U.
took place on Tuesday afternoon
at the home of Mrs. E. J. Whitney.
There were eighteen in attendance,
and beside other routine business
plans were made for having the state
president, Mrs. Katherine Leane
Stevenson, present on February 9, to
give an address in the Congregational
church. Refreshments were served
and a social hour enjoyed.

Grange.

At the grange last week Thursday
evening, there was a good meeting
and a large attendance of the mem-
bers. The attendance was nearly up
to one hundred. The new officers filled
their respective places in a way
that spoke well for a good standard
of efficiency for the coming year. Mrs.
Clara A. Greig, the new lecturer, had
the year's program ready for distri-
bution. On the outside of these is a
good picture of the town hall, which
has always been the grange's meet-
ing place since its organization in 1895.
Inside are the officers and committees,
the program for the year and a printed
list of the members.

Plans for the Farmers' Institute
were discussed and the institute is in-
vited for the second week in February.
The committee in charge of arrange-
ments are A. H. Sutherland and Mrs.
J. E. Knight. Mrs. S. B. Wright was
appointed to have charge of the din-
ner.

The program for the evening con-
sisted of some good music by the
young people and was as follows:
Violin duet, Evelyn Hamlin and Ever-
ett Miller, accompanied by Miss
Hazel Hartford at the piano; vocal
duet by Misses Beatrice and Lillian

Sutherland, and solo, "The songs my
mother used to sing," Lillian Suther-
land.

This was followed by a bright
sketch called "Interviewing a stran-
ger," presented by S. L. Taylor and
W. R. Taylor. This little sketch of Tay-
lor and son was very cleverly done
and much appreciated. The program
closed with a one-act farce called
"Borrowing trouble," with the follow-
ing cast of characters: Joseph Wall,
Mrs. Perley Wright, Rachael Wall,
Mrs. Clara A. Greig, Fred Blodgett,
John P. Wright and Mr. and Mrs.
Alvin Nelson. All sustained their
parts well, and the costumes were
something to be remembered.

At the next meeting, on February 1,
Charles M. Gardner, state master, will
be present and address the members.
Mr. Gardner is a favorite with this
grange and a good attendance is ex-
pected. A program of readings and
music by home talent will supple-
ment Mr. Gardner's address.

Death.

Mrs. John P. Wright has the sincere
sympathy of her many friends in her
sudden bereavement, owing to the
death by peritonitis of her only sister,
Mrs. Josephine Bright Baker, at her
home in Whitesville, N. Y. Mrs.
Wright received a message of her
sister's critical illness on Saturday,
and went on Sunday to Whitesville,
her sister passing away the next
morning. Mrs. Baker is remembered
by Westford friends as Miss Josephine
Bright, and for some time previous
to her marriage made her home with
Mr. and Mrs. Wright. She made many
friends here, possessing a capable,
attractive personality, and her untimely
death has caused much sorrowful
comment.

A few years ago she was married
to Rev. Frank M. Baker, a Methodist
minister. He was a widower, with a
little son, about a year old, and to
this little boy she gave a mother's
care and affection. Since her mar-
riage, three children have been born,
the youngest being an infant but a
few days old.

Mrs. Baker had been a member of
the Congregational church here up to
within only two weeks ago, when she
had taken a letter of dismission to
unite with the church of which her
husband was pastor.

The funeral was held on Thursday
at her girlhood home, the home of her
parents, in South Royalton, Vt. Mrs.
Wright attended the funeral.

Social.

The monthly supper and social took
place at the Congregational church
on Wednesday evening. Moonlight
and good sleighing proved a good com-
bination to bring out a large attend-
ance. Seats at the supper tables were
all taken and tables had to be reset.

The "mystery supper" for the very
nominal charge proved very enjoy-
able, the menu consisting of vege-
table and meat hash, cold meat, rolls,
coffee and fancy pies.

The following entertainment took
place later in the lower vestry: Piano
and violin duet, Mr. Kabele and
daughter, Daisy Kabele; reading, Mrs.
Perley Wright; piano solo, Miss Hazel
Hartford; recitation, Miss Daisy Ka-
bele; solo, Mrs. Norah Colburn; read-
ing, Mrs. Wheeler, piano and violin,
Mr. Kabele and Daisy. The commit-
tee in charge were Mrs. J. E. Knight, Mrs.
S. L. Taylor, Mrs. E. G. Boynton, Mrs.
J. E. McManis, Miss Ida Leighton
and Miss Martha Crocker.

Clipping.

In a recent issue of the Congrega-
tionalist we quote the following:
"Miss Bessie Copping, of Stratford, N. H.,
daughter of the Congregational
pastor, Rev. Bernard Copping, has just
left Boston to join the force of Dr.
Grenfell's staff at St. Anthony's, Labra-
dor. The teacher in that settlement
having eighty scholars, found it im-
possible to do the work required, and
Miss Copping has willingly started at
this late time as assistant teacher.
She went on the last ship from St.
John's before navigation was closed
by ice for the winter."
This is of interest because Mr. Cop-
ping was for a number of years pastor
of the church in Acton Center, and
previous to that, we are told, in Dun-
stable, and was well and favorably
known in the churches of the Middle-
sex association.

About Town.

Hugo Page has been on the sick
list again and under the care of Dr.
Blaney. During this relapse the hum
of the old saw mill with its familiar
buzz is quiet.

Wallace Johnson has been on the
quiet list as a result of fractured ribs.
His usual harvesting of ice on Bur-
gess pond is under headway and West-
ford Center and other closely sur-
roundings will soon have its summer
supply housed.

The ladies of the Unitarian parish
are planning for a concert to be given
in the church on Wednesday even-
ing, February 7, by Grace Universalist
church quartet, of Lowell. This is the
quartet that entertained last Memorial
day.

Work at the H. E. Fletcher quarry
has curtailed to the usual winter
proportions. The steam shovel is still
working and will continue for several
weeks with a gang of about twenty-
five men. A recent break in the
steam shovel caused a postponement
of the time planned to finish the work
of excavating.
Milk is extremely flush in the val-
ley farms of the Stony Brook, and as
a result part of the raisers will be
dropped the first of February. This
milk will probably be sold at West-
ford station where a large share of
Westford milk is being delivered.
With butter at present prices, milk
ought not be flush a great while.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitney attend-
ed the installation of officers of Ida
McKinley chapter, O. E. S., at Ayer
on Wednesday evening.

There was a largely attended meet-
ing of the West Chelmsford Debating
society on Tuesday evening, when the
following question was discussed:
Resolved, "That capital punishment
should be abolished." The question
was decided in the negative. The next
meeting will be held on Tuesday
evening, February 6, when the follow-

ing question will be discussed: Re-
solved, "That women should have the
right of suffrage." Speakers will be
announced later.

Farmers' Institute.

A largely attended Farmers' Insti-
tute was held at Tewksbury on Wed-
nesday. The principal address of the
day was given by Rev. W. H. Daven-
port, of Coleraine, on "Plain poultry
talk for the farmer." The speaker
has had large experience in the poul-
try business and presented many in-
teresting statements backed by fig-
ures and charts to prove his experi-
ence. Contrary to general belief he
proved that old hens returned more
profit than laying pullets. He believed
in dry feed and disbelieved in stand-
ard varieties. In the afternoon he
spoke on "The cheap lands of New
England, and what to do with them."
The institute will be held at
Westford on Wednesday, February 14,
the speaker to be announced later.

Forge Village.

On last week Thursday evening, a
stereopticon lecture on Egypt was
given in Recreation hall by Rev. En-
dred Peabody, D. D., of Groton, which
proved to be both interesting and in-
structive to the large number that
was present. Mr. Peabody only re-
turned from abroad but a few months
ago, and his descriptive talk on places
he had visited was certainly enjoyable.
The proceeds of the affair will be used
for a most worthy cause.

W. H. P. Hart is the proud owner
of six young chicks, a week old, and
notwithstanding the cold weather are
getting along fine.

Many lovers of music from the vil-
lage attended the concert given by the
Lowell Choral society in Associate
hall, that city, on Tuesday evening,
and were well rewarded for their
journey, as a most excellent program
was rendered by the society.

The Daniel Gage Ice Company have
finished their work of cutting ice on
Forge pond and will now cut ice on
the Merrimack river, Lowell, after
which they will work at North Lit-
tleton, harvesting ice from Spectacle
pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blodgett, of
the Ridges, Groton, were the guests
of Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett, of
Lamb street, Lowell, Saturday and
Sunday.

The skating on the pond is in first-
class condition, and a good number
are enjoying the sport at every oppor-
tunity. Coasting is at its height also,
and Pleasant street hill is covered
every night with jolly coasting parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Fennimore Morton en-
tertained on Sunday at their home.
Mr. and Mrs. John Morton and daugh-
ter, of Lowell, and Mrs. Mary Moran,
of North Chelmsford.

Little Miss Laura Morton, who has
been visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Mor-
ton, of Lowell, returned home on Sun-
day.

Mrs. Gertrude Price, of Maynard,
was the guest of her mother, Mrs.
Winnie Patrie, Sunday.

Miss Letitia V. Ward, principal of
Camden school, will give her pupils
their annual sleighride on Saturday
afternoon, the trip being through Lit-
tleton to Acton and return.

On next Tuesday evening, January
30, in Abbot hall, the annual concert
given by the members of the Groton
School orchestra will be held. This
affair is always looked forward to by
all lovers of good music, and a rare
program has been arranged. It is
hoped that a large number will at-
tend this concert. The director, Mr.
Griswold, will be in charge. Com-
and enjoy a real musical evening.

Graniteville.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church
held a very successful food sale and
entertainment in the church vestry
on Friday evening of last week. The
food sale was held in the afternoon
and continued into the evening, after
which a very pleasing entertainment
was given by Charles J. Bernhardt,
of Boston, assisted by local talent.
George Wilson was heard in a piano
solo, and Miss Bertha Wilson gave
a very pleasing vocal selection. The
whole affair was very enjoyable and
the sale netted quite a neat sum for
the treasury.

The ice cutting at Forge pond is
now finished and work has already
been started by Wallace Johnson at
Burgess pond, where the town of West-
ford gets its supply. Judging from
present weather conditions all the
icehouses will be filled, and the peo-
ple do not need to worry over an
ice famine next summer.

Speed Trials.

Great interest is being shown in
the coming speed trials for horses to
be held on Forge pond on this Sat-
urday afternoon. Just Austin Healy,
with his fast trotter, "Dolly C," and
Harry Harrington with his speedy
colt, will be in the lineup, and it is
expected that Dr. C. A. Blaney, of
Westford, and Angus McDonald, of
Littleton, who always drives a speedy
horse will be on hand. Mr. Wesley,
of Acton, will also be present with a
fast one, while others will be present
from Lowell, Groton, Pepperell and
all the surrounding towns. Every-
thing is free and all are welcome. It
is thought that the Yapp stables of
Littleton will send over some fast
ones for first honors. All roads lead
to Forge pond this Saturday afternoon
for the speed trials.

Entertainment and Dance.

The members of St. Catherine's
choir held a very pleasing entertain-
ment and social dance in Abbot hall,
Forge Village, last week Friday evening,
that was a great success, both from a
social and financial standpoint. In-
stead of having the musical program
consist entirely of local talent, the
management had secured for this oc-
casion the talented Robbins' family
entertainers, of Wakefield, and their
versatile group presented a program
that was highly pleasing and filled
with snap from beginning to end.
Although there was not a dull moment
at any time, and all did finely in their
respective parts, due credit should be
given to Little Harold Robbins, for the
clever manner in which he sang his

songs made a tremendous hit, while
his different impersonations "took"
the house. The Robbins' family are
certainly very clever people.

The local numbers on the program
were given by songs from Miss Sadie
Smith, Miss Rebecca LeDuc and a
vocal quartet composed of R. J. Mc-
Carthy, James Byrnes, James May and
Henry LeDuc, Miss Mary F. Hanley
being the accompanist. Following is
the program:

"The good old United States," Rob-
bins' trio; "Novelty song," Mabel Rob-
bins; Harry Lauder's successes, Har-
old Robbins; "I have your number,"
Margaret and Lawrence Robbins;
sketch, "Barney's courtship," Robbins'
trio; "Nora Malone," Lawrence Rob-
bins; "The leader of the German band,"
Mabel Robbins; Italian comedienne,
Harold Robbins; "Yama, Yama man,"
Robbins' trio; "Rube act," Harold Rob-
bins; song, Margaret Robbins; "The
tattle tale," Mabel and Harold Rob-
bins; "Uncle Sam's girl," Robbins'
trio; finale, Robbins' quintet, song, Miss
Rebecca LeDuc; song, Miss Sadie
Smith; vocal quartet, "Somewhere my
love lies dreaming," R. J. McCarthy,
James Byrnes, James May, Henry Le-
duc.

Immediately after the entertainment
dancing was enjoyed to excellent music
given by the Charlton orchestra, of
Graniteville. Miss Agnes Charlton,
pianist; Frank Charlton, violin; Mrs.
Lester McLenna, guitar; Arthur Char-
lton and Mrs. John Burnett, mandolin.
The pleasing singing of the above-
named orchestra added greatly to the
success of the dance numbers.

Refreshments were served during
intermission. The whole affair was
very enjoyable and reflects great
credit on the following committees,
who gave material aid toward the suc-
cess of the affair:

Executive—Miss Mary F. Hanley,
chair; James Byrnes, sec.; James May,
treas.; Supper—Miss Catherine Hanley,
Miss Sadie Smith, Miss Mary Gardner,
Miss Christine Lowther, Miss Nellie
Byrnes, Miss Rebecca LeDuc, Miss Dora
LeDuc, Mrs. James May, Miss Cath-
erine May, Mrs. W. H. Healy, Miss Agnes
Charlton, Mrs. Lester McLenna. Re-
ception—Rev. M. E. Doherty, R. J.
Wall, R. J. McCarthy, Henry LeDuc.

TOWNSEND.

Townsend Center.

Quite a few were present at the
grange meeting on Monday evening
and much fun was derived from the
discussion of "Which is the most pay-
ing investment, to have the town in-
stall a water system, or let a private
corporation do it?" G. A. Wilder and
A. N. Fessenden were allotted the town
side of the question, and T. E. Flarity
and G. L. Whitcomb the corporation.
G. A. Proctor and James Dixon also
spoke upon the question. Each side
had convincing arguments and called
each other to order for getting off of
the subject, but general good-fellow-
ship prevailed. No vote was taken
upon the question.

The funeral services were held last
week Friday afternoon at the M. E.
church over the ashes of William
Henry Spear, which were sent on from
Los Angeles, Cal., where he died soon
after arriving to visit his brother. The
services were conducted by Rev. S. P.
Robertson, and the G. A. R. ser-
vice was also used. Besides being a
G. A. R. man, Mr. Spear was one of
the oldest trustees of the M. E. church.
He will be missed from the community
as he always had a cheerful word for
everyone.

In Sunday's Boston Post was the
name of Mrs. E. A. Cleon, of Town-
send, among the five-dollar prize win-
ners in the picture-name contest.

About twenty members of the E. A.
Spaulding Rehearsal lodge enjoyed a
sleighride to Pepperell on Tuesday
evening to witness the installation of
the officers of the Acoma Rehearsal
lodge.

Charles W. Hildreth has been con-
fined to his home this week with a
bilious attack, but is now much bet-
ter.

Several parties from the surround-
ing towns have taken advantage of
the sleighing and enjoyed a ride to
and supper at the Park hotel this
week.

Miss Martha Harrington, teacher of
the third and fourth grades, has been
called home to North Amherst, on ac-
count of the illness of her mother.
Mrs. E. L. Haynes is substituting until
another teacher can be procured.

Mrs. Mary Attridge McGuane and
little son were guests at H. L. Whit-
comb's this week.

Miss Ella Wilder enjoyed a visit
over Sunday with Miss Carrie Hagar
at Winthrop.

Mrs. John Sears, of Rockport, is a
visitor at W. L. Bruce's this week.

There are beginning to be several
cases of measles in town. Clarence
King's little boy and Ruth Morse, of
Townsend hill, are among the latest
victims. Edward Saunders is also sick
with what promises to be measles.

Parke Struthers has had to come
home from Clark university on ac-
count of having the mumps. There
has been quite a number of cases
there.

Death.

Mrs. Nancy Louisa, wife of Jonas
L. Jennerison, aged 84 yrs. 9 mos. 4
days, died late Wednesday evening.
She was taken with a shock on Mon-
day evening, from the effects of ill
health endured for some time, and
could not revive from it. She was born
in Lunenburg and was the daughter of
Abel and Nancy Wyman Adams. She
has lived in one home at the Old City
ever since her marriage. Several
years ago Mr. and Mrs. Jennerison ob-
served their sixtieth wedding anniver-
sary.

Funeral services will be held from
the home on this Saturday afternoon
at 2.30, in charge of Rev. S. P. Rob-
ertson, of the M. E. church. She leaves
a daughter, Mrs. Frank Wells, who
has tenderly cared for her, and will
be missed as a kind and loving neigh-
bor.

West Townsend.

Miss Nancy Reed, of Cushing acad-
emy, Ashburnham, is at the home of
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander
Reed.

Mrs. E. T. Davis underwent an op-
eration for appendicitis at her home
on Tuesday afternoon, and is reported
as doing as well as can be expected.
The operation was performed by Dr.
R. S. Ely, of this village, assisted by

Dr. Lowell, of Fitchburg, and the pa-
tient is under the care of a trained
nurse.

Miss Emily Orr, of Lynn, is at her
tenement in Charles Hodgman's house
for a brief visit.

W. W. Webster has been spending a
few days with relatives in Troy,
N. H.

A cottage prayer meeting will be
held on next Wednesday evening at
the home of W. E. Bruce.

Mrs. Susie Aldrich, from Ayer, is
visiting her sister, Mrs. Benjamin Sea-
son, of Josselynville.

William Tenney has returned from
a few weeks' visit to friends in Green-
field and vicinity.

Owing to the absence of the leader,
Mrs. Joseph Thompson, Mrs. Ely took
charge of the reading of "The taming
of the Shrew," and questions upon the
lesson. The reading will be con-
tinued at the next meeting, Thursday
afternoon, February 1, and will be in
charge of Mrs. Josephine Boynton.

Alden Sherwin, who has been con-
fined to his home for the past week,
has resumed his duties at the Brick
store.

Mrs. Charles E. Morgan has been
on the sick list for the past few days,
but is reported as improving.

The work of clearing away the dead
limbs and trimming the trees along
the state road has commenced on low-
er Main street, and one of the large
elms in front of Dr. Boynton's barn
has been removed as well as the old
locust tree in front of Miss M. B. Wig-
gin's cottage.

George A. Seaver has been confined
to his home for a few days, suffering
from a slight attack of rheumatism.

Edward Patch, who has been at the
home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Fred A. Patch, of Josselynville, for a
few days last week, on account of ill-
ness, has returned to his work in Bos-
ton.

It is expected that the high school
will repeat the play that they suc-
cessfully gave at the Center last week
Friday evening, in Seminary hall on
Tuesday evening.

The West Townsend Brotherhood
met on Sunday noon with a good at-
tendance, twenty-six signing as char-
ter members. Plans are well under
way for the banquet and address by
Rev. Calley, D. D., pastor of Governor
Foss' church in Dorchester, to be held
in the vestry the first of February.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will occupy his
pulpit at the Baptist church on Sun-
day morning and evening, and the Y.
P. S. C. E. will hold their consecration
meeting at six o'clock in the vestry,
Miss Lena Thompson in charge.

Club Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Ladies'
Study club was held last week Thurs-
day evening at the reading-room, with
nine in attendance, under the direction
of the chairman, Mrs. R. S. Ely. Mrs.
Fred Patch was chosen as third chair-
man for the month of April, and after
quotations, Mrs. G. A. Seaver reported
for China in current events. Mrs. E.
J. Lees gave a brief account of art-
ists' quarters in Berlin. Mrs. L. O.
Parker reported on woman's suffrage
in Sweden, and of the origin of the
leap year. Miss Alice Seaver recited
the parable of the Lone Traveler, as
relating to affairs in Persia, and Mrs.
Ely gave a brief account of the largest
dry-dock in the world, at Belfast, Ire-
land.

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rough and sore chapped hands and
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sores, chapped lips, chapped hands, cuts,
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-
SETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin,
creditors, and all other persons inter-
ested in the estate of ADRIAN WIN-
SHIP late of Townsend in said County,
deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a petition has been present-
ed to said Court to grant a letter of
administration on the estate of said
deceased to RICHARD McELLIOTT of
Townsend in the County of Middle-
sex, 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
fourteenth 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 granted.

And the petitioner is hereby direct-
ed 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.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

One of the enjoyable events of the week in Shirley was a sleighing party on Tuesday evening to North Lancaster, where the party sat down to a sumptuous turkey supper at the Fairbanks hotel, which had been previously arranged for. A social hour followed the feast, the party leaving Shirley at 7:30, and arriving home at eleven o'clock. All report a delightful time. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Weare, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Weare, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. Cronin, Miss May Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Mabel and Evelyn Miner; also, Amos Parker, who conveyed the party in one of his barges.

A business meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church will be held at the home of Mrs. B. S. Binney on Wednesday evening, January 21, at 7:30 o'clock. A special meeting of the Mission circle will follow. A full attendance is requested.

Mrs. Ida M. Warren was a member of the installing suite that ushered into office the officers of Prosperity Rebekah lodge of Leominster on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Warren is this year the right supporter to the noble grand of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge of Shirley.

Willie and Rose Monahan, aged about eleven and six years, respectively, were taken away from their home at Mitchellville by the town officials on Monday, and in the district court at Ayer, were adjudged neglected children and turned over to the State Board of Charities.

The leap year party held at Odd Fellows' hall last Saturday evening, under the auspices of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge, was as usual an overwhelming success. The hall was filled to overflowing, parties being present from all nearby towns. The supply of ice cream and cake on sale was soon exhausted. Johnson's orchestra, of Leominster, furnished the music. About twenty-five dollars was netted for the lodge.

A mail bag was caught under the wheels of the cars as it was thrown off the ten o'clock train, Boston bound, last week Friday morning. However, no damage was done to the letters. Some magazines and papers were badly torn.

Pupils of the seventh and eighth grades, about forty in number, enjoyed a sleighride to Leominster Center last week Thursday evening and spent an hour in the moving picture show, arriving home about eleven o'clock. They all reported a merry and enjoyable time. Mrs. J. Stevenson, Mrs. C. Stebbins and Mrs. A. Annis, accompanied the party as chaperons.

Thomas Love is making a brief visit at the home of his mother, Mrs. Will Love. Mr. Love is en route for Nebraska, from Lake George, N. B., where he has been visiting for the past six weeks.

There will be a food sale at the Baptist church on Saturday evening, January 27, from five to seven o'clock. Alex. Gionet and daughter, Mrs. George Stebbins, were visitors at Clinton last Sunday.

Miss Edith Bicknell, of Westford, spent the week-end with Miss Evelyn Miner.

Miss Bertha Love, of Concord, spent the week-end with Miss Blanche Wells. Russell Miner, of Allston, spent the week-end at home.

Dart Weare, of Boston, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Weare, Jr.

Thomas Landry, of Grand Anse, N. B., and Miss Ellen Hache, of Shirley, were married in St. Anthony's church on Monday morning. Nuptial mass was celebrated at 6:15 o'clock. The bridegroom was attended by Harold Landry, brother of the groom, and Miss Mary Hache, sister of the bride. A reception and wedding breakfast was held at the home of the bride following the ceremony. The newlywed couple then departed for Lowell, where they were tendered an ovation by relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Octave Pontbriand and Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Levesque, in company with their families, arrived home last week Saturday from the Province of Quebec, where they have been since Christmas.

Willie Gilmartin, employed by the C. A. Edgarton Company, was thrown from a double-runner while coasting down Lancaster road last Sunday evening and landed against a telephone pole, breaking two ribs and sustaining bruises on head and body. He will not be able to attend to his work for at least two or three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Foster arrived in town last week Friday after an extended visit of eight months in Montreal, Canada.

Emile Morin and Miss Molly Devaney were married at St. Anthony's church on Monday morning at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. J. H. Cote.

John W. Chaisson, of Chelsea, was a week-end visitor at the home of his brother, John J. Chaisson. Mr. Chaisson is employed as inspector of the Chelsea division of the Boston and Northern street railway.

Mrs. Charles H. Miner spent a few days this week with her sister in Allston.

Mrs. Augustus Chaisson, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phileas Gionet since Christmas, has left for her home in Lincoln, N. H., accompanied by her brother Camille.

John T. Smith is confined to his home this week with an attack of appendicitis. The doctor hopes to avert an operation and thinks after treatment that he will be out again in a few days.

Newly Organized.

A poultry association has been organized in Shirley, the object being to stimulate interest and gain knowledge along the many and varied lines of poultry raising, and to cooperate together for the best interests of the whole. It is the intention of the association to hold poultry shows annually, and occasionally to present before the association, speakers who

know the art of poultry raising from beginning to end.

A meeting was held the latter part of last week at the home of Alfred Shearer on Leominster road, when the following officers were elected:

Arthur H. Jubb, pres.; Frank P. Rugg, Jr., Leon D. Mudgett, sec. and treas.; V. P. Deardon, Frank Wheeler, E. F. O'Neill, C. H. Tremblay, A. H. Sherman, board of dir.; Aibe L. Annis, Alfred Shearer, aud.

The next meeting of the association will be held on next Tuesday evening, when a name will be selected for the organization and a code of by-laws adopted.

Anyone interested, whether a resident Shirley or not, may become a member by paying the sum of one dollar per year. It is the purpose of the organization to meet every Tuesday evening for the present. A suitable place will also be considered at some meeting in the near future.

Pleasantly Remembered.

At the regular rehearsal of the Samson Cordage Works' band held at their rooms on Wednesday evening, a very pleasant incident took place when the leader and director, Andrew H. Phelps, was presented with a fine baton; the gift of the members of the band. Mr. Phelps, on behalf of the members, made the presentation, and in a simple, but effective manner, voiced the sincere appreciation of all. Mr. Phelps responded with words of cordial thanks. The gift was a timely one and was not given for its intrinsic value, but for the patience and cheerfulness which Mr. Phelps has always displayed since his association with the band as director and which has given the members every opportunity to test the fibre and calibre with which their leader made of, as ninety percent of the members were beginners when the band was organized during last spring. The band is made up as follows:

Andrew H. Phelps, director; J. Albert Deardon, Chester W. Phelps, bass horn; Joseph Gionet, bass drum; Chas. H. Weare, Jr., snare drum; Stanley Wells, E. F. O'Neill, cymbal; Oscar Sibley, Michael Honors, H. F. Lynch, R. S. Wheeler, Mr. Marston, W. G. Vastoni, cornet; Charles Devarney, Philip Hocquard, Charles M. Devitt, Robert Reed, alto; W. H. Wilbur, Joseph Descoeur, baritone; Harry Collier, Gus Cook, trombone; Tony Bilkus, Mr. Fowler, clarinet; Mr. Hadley, piccolo.

The entertainment and dance to be given by the band in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday evening, January 29, will be of special interest as considerable thought and care has been given to the entertaining features. The program opens with selections by the band, piano and violin solo by Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Goodwin, reading by Mrs. Thomas E. Lilly, vocal solos by Charles McDevitt, overture by orchestra, clarinet solo by Daniel Emerson, of Leominster. This will be followed by dancing, music being furnished by Johnson's orchestra of Leominster.

The special feature is to be a barn dance, which was given at the Maypole festival last year under the direction of Mrs. C. R. White, by the Altruistic club. Much interest is being taken by the people in general in the town, who are anxious to show their appreciation for the splendid work done by the band in Shirley since its organization.

Center.

The next meeting of the Girls' Sewing guild of Trinity chapel will be held on Saturday afternoon, January 27, at the home of Mrs. J. Otis Evans.

Edward Farnsworth, of the North, was a visitor at the home of his sister, Mrs. Edward Mellich, at West Groton, last week.

Miss Ruby T. Crockett, of Fitchburg Business college, was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. L. Crockett, at the North over the week-end.

Miss Emma Hubbard spent the latter part of last week with Miss Margaret Sargent at Townsend.

Mrs. Ardie A. Adams spent a few days this week with her brother, Henry Moulton, of Lunenburg.

John W. Farrar was confined to his home last week with a severe throat trouble, under the care of Dr. B. H. Hopkins, of Ayer.

J. Edward Adams left last week to return to Worcester.

Miss Merle Crockett, of Lunenburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. L. Crockett, at the North.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves, with their daughter Alta, and son Clyde, visited in Townsend on Sunday.

The Matrons' Aid met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mabel Graves, instead of Miss Etta Holden, as was announced.

Walter Wood, of Ayer, spent the latter part of last week at the home of Mrs. John W. Evans.

The Girls' Sewing guild held a candy pull in the town hall on Friday evening. Molasses and vinegar candy were prepared by Miss Marion L. Holden and Miss Edith Longley, after which all took a hand in the pulling. Games were played and dancing was enjoyed by all. Miss Ora E. Holden, Miss Edith Locke and Miss Rachael Carpenter played the piano for dancing.

Jack and Mary Grout spent Sunday at the homes of Miss Margaret Walsh in Ayer, and Miss Alma Bowles in Groton.

Miss Etta M. Holden spent a few days with friends in Leominster last week.

Mrs. Morse, of the East, who is at the Groton hospital, is improving so rapidly that she will be able to return home in a few days.

Fred Frary, at Woodville, is reported to be confined to his home with an attack of pneumonia.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of Ayer, addressed the congregation at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon, with a very interesting sermon on "American missionaries." The young men from Groton School once more took charge of the Sunday school classes. Their non-appearance on the Sunday before was caused by a runaway, their horse being caught later that afternoon near the bridge at West

Groton. Mr. Bumpus has offered to give a stereopticon lecture on Friday, February 9, if the sewing guild wishes to make arrangements for it.

Grange Notes.

At the last meeting of the grange a very interesting program was given under the direction of the new lecturer, Miss Elsie M. Holden. All of the members answered to the roll call with the most amusing incident which they had experienced during the past year. This was followed by a talk on the subject, "How we can better our grange," by Ardie A. Adams and Merrick W. Carey. The program closed with the reading of the Grange Journal by Ralph I. Evans. The editors of the Journal were Mrs. Homer P. Holden and Ralph I. Evans.

Seven members of Shirley grange attended the working of the first and second degrees at the Ayer grange last week.

The meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange at Fitchburg, last week Thursday afternoon: Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, Etta M. Holden, William Jubb, N. Otis Colburn, Mrs. Alice Cummings, Mrs. Mabel Graves, Ruth M. Graves.

The ladies' degree team of Shirley grange, with Miss Margaret Evans, master, will work the third degree at the next meeting of Ayer grange, Wednesday evening, February 7. The Shirley members will act as judges of a dual entertainment to be given during the lecturer's hour. A good attendance from Shirley is desired.

The lecturer's programs for 1912 have been printed and were distributed at the last meeting of the grange. They seem to promise some very interesting and entertaining meetings for the coming year. The following committees are named:

Relief—Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves, George Farmer, Ora Holden, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lynch. Literary—Mrs. J. W. Ward, Ruth M. Graves, Mrs. Edson H. Price, Miss Etta M. Holden. Reception—Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, Mrs. John Evans, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ward.

At the next meeting of Shirley grange, on Tuesday evening, February 6, the lecturer's hour will be devoted to a debate: Resolved, "That rural free delivery is more important to the farmer than the telephone." Affirmative, Mrs. J. W. Ward, William Jubb, Negative, Mrs. Luther Holden, Ruth M. Graves. An additional feature will be a discussion of the subject "Do farmers raise enough vegetables?" by Arthur R. Cummings.

New Management.

George F. Wetsell, of Boston, has purchased the general grocery business, buying out the interests of both John W. Farrar and Ernest E. Dexter. Mr. Wetsell is a brother-in-law to Charles Casteel, formerly a clerk for Mr. Farrar for several years, and very well-known here. The sale was made through the real estate agency of S. LeRoy Longley. The store was occupied by Mr. Wetsell on Saturday, for whom Mr. Farrar had been carrying it on for several days previous. Mr. Wetsell's furniture arrived on Saturday evening on a truck from Boston and was stored in the apartment above the store, where Mr. and Mrs. Casteel arrived on Sunday to remain for a few days. The early settlement of the difficulties of the store was a very welcome one to the people of the town who had been greatly inconvenienced by the closing of the store. Mr. and Mrs. Farrar expect to leave for their farm in Vermont very soon.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Rev. A. T. Kempton will preach in the Congregational church on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, Rev. Sumner P. Vinton will give his illustrated lecture "In Pagoda land." Rev. A. T. Kempton will have charge of the lantern slides during the lecture, which insures good light and the best presentation. Mr. Vinton was born in Burmah, and was for many years a missionary there, as were his parents and grandparents before him. The pictures that he shows are some he took himself, and he is well acquainted with many of the people and the scenes he portrays. All who heard him when he was here a few weeks ago, will want to hear this time.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will hold a Scottish social in the vestry of the Congregational church on Tuesday evening, January 30. An interesting program will be presented and refreshments served.

The Townsend high school played a game of hockey with the Lunenburg high school on Wednesday afternoon on Marshall's pond. The game resulted in a victory for Lunenburg by the score of 1 to 0.

Doris Cooke, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Cooke, is quite seriously ill at her home on Cunningham avenue. The family have the sympathy of the entire community, as her father has only recently undergone a severe surgical operation at a hospital in Boston, and is not yet sufficiently recovered to return to his home.

T. B. Snow, C. E. Brown and H. A. Tucker have returned from a week's outing and fishing in Lake Winnepesaukee. It was very cold and stormy weather for camping out on the island and a foot and one-half of snow was on the lake. There were ten in the party and they had fairly good luck in fishing, one of them landing an eight-pound trout.

There will be a special town meeting in the town hall on Monday evening, January 29, to take up the election of three road commissioners, and improving the condition of roads in general.

Deaths.

George H. McIntire, who has been failing in health for several years, died at his home on Lancaster avenue on Monday afternoon. Several years ago he received a serious injury by a kick from a horse, and that with diseases incidental to old age, caused his death. He was born in Fitchburg on February 14, 1832, thus being nearly eighty years of age. He married and

lived in Lunenburg for over fifty years. His wife died about ten years ago.

In 1862, Mr. McIntire enlisted in Co. A, 36th Massachusetts regiment, and after the war closed was for many years a member of Post 15 Fitchburg G. A. R., and of the Memorial association of Leominster. He leaves two sons, Walter H. McIntire, of Worcester, and Henry H. McIntire, of Salt Lake City, Utah, two step-sons, Fred H. Hadley, of Sterling, and William G. Hadley, of Worcester, two step-daughters, Mrs. Charles E. Smith, of Lunenburg, and Miss Mary F. Hadley, of Lunenburg, who has kept house and cared for him since the death of her mother, ten years ago.

The funeral was held at his late residence on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. A. T. Kempton conducting the service, and interment was in the South cemetery.

Stephen Adams, one of the oldest residents of Lunenburg, died at his home in Goodrichville on Tuesday afternoon, aged 85 years 2 days. A few weeks ago he received a paralytic shock, but seemed to rally, and for a time was quite comfortable until the second shock came, after which he failed rapidly until the end. Mr. Adams was born in Townsend on January 21, 1827. He learned the cooper's trade when quite a young, and used to go into the woods and cut the lumber from which he made his barrels. It is said that the year he was seventy years old he made 3,000 apple and cranberry barrels. He was married to Miss Lucy Smith, of Lunenburg, on January 1, 1849, who survives him.

The funeral services will be held at his late home on this Saturday afternoon at one o'clock, and will be private. Interment will be in the North cemetery.

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CARD OF THANKS.

We take this opportunity of thanking neighbors and friends for the kindness so bountifully shown to our loved one during her sickness and death. For the beautiful flowers and words of sympathy, all of which helped to sustain us in the hour of affliction. We are sincerely grateful to each and all who helped or assisted in any way.

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West Groton, Jan. 22, 1912.

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

LUCY A. SARGENT, Executrix.

Ayer, Mass., December 11, 1911. 20

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Boston to Ayer Ayer to Boston

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Saturday, January 27, 1912.

GROTON.

Funerals.

Charles H. Dodge and sister, Miss Lucy A. Dodge, of Groton Inn, attended the funeral of their cousin, Stuart Park Dodge, at Boxborough last week Friday. The remains were brought that afternoon to Groton cemetery for interment. The deceased was born in West Groton, the son of the late Parker Dodge, of that village. As a youth he attended the public schools and Lawrence academy. He married Miss Farmer, whose father was for several years the superintendent of the Groton farm. They began their married life in West Groton, where two of their children were born, afterwards removing to Boxborough, where they have since lived.

He leaves his widow and three children, one daughter, Miss Dodge, of Lawrence, for several years the matron of the Lawrence hospital, but now a nurse in private families. The other daughter is Mrs. Hager, of Concord, and a son, Frank Dodge, of Boston, a member of the firm of Thayer & Co.

S. R. Dodge, of this town, is a cousin and there are other relatives in Groton.

The funeral of William Arthur Kilbourn, father of Dr. Arthur G. Kilbourn, of this town, took place on Monday afternoon, January 22, with services in the First Parish church, Lancaster. Rev. Abbot Peterson officiating. Business was suspended throughout the town, all sessions of public schools and of Lancaster academy were given up, and the public offices were closed. The church was filled with friends and relatives and delegations were present of members of Washburn post and of Lancaster grange.

Attended Alumni Meeting.

Miss Fannie E. Woods, leaving town last week Friday afternoon, went to Providence, R. I., to attend, as an invited guest, a meeting on Saturday of the Normal School Alumni association and the Rhode Island Teachers' association. Special effort was made to get together as large a number of teachers and graduates as possible for this meeting, as an important business proposition was under consideration. The meeting was held in the elegant normal school building, and there was three hundred that sat down to the banquet. Miss Woods was a teacher in the normal school for four years, from 1900 to 1904. The class of '04 voted her in as an honorary member of their class. Besides this teaching at the Providence, R. I., Normal school, Miss Woods was the principal of a girls' school in the same city for a number of years.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

Vesper service will be held at the chapel on Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. Principal Clough will be the speaker. Miss Willoughby, a former teacher, will be present and render a violin solo.

M. C. H. Libby, last year at the head of the science department, visited the school last Saturday.

The next meeting of the Gamma Beta society will be held on Friday, February 2. The debate will be on the question of woman suffrage.

Stuart D. Hallagan, who was operated on for appendicitis near the close of last term, returned to his work on Wednesday.

News Items.

The meeting of the Groton chapter, D. R., was held at Miss G. A. Boutwell's last week Thursday afternoon. The program consisted of a talk by Miss Boutwell on the annual meeting of the general society in Washington, and a paper by Mrs. Eugene F. Nutting, "Impressions of a brief visit to Mt. Vernon." To this, Miss Boutwell added some personal recollections of Mt. Vernon. A social hour was followed by refreshments.

The young men of the village are getting ready for a minstrel show, to be given in the town hall under the auspices of the Groton Farmers' and Mechanics' club. The date is now set for February 16.

Edward Fuller, whose illness was mentioned in this column last week, is suffering from heart trouble and complications, and is seriously ill.

Dennis Coughlin was taken sick on Sunday with an attack of the grippe.

Samuel P. Williams has not been as well as usual for the past two or three weeks, and is under the doctor's care.

Mrs. George H. Woods, Miss Hattie Woods, Fred Lacey, Chas. H. Berry, Mrs. Blanche M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Millard S. Sawyer attended the Pomona at Fitchburg last week Thursday. Millard S. Sawyer, master of Groton grange, was installed master of the Pomona, Mrs. Brown, of Groton grange, as lecturer of the Pomona, and Mrs. Edith Kierstead, of Groton grange, as lady assistant steward of the Pomona. There were thirteen members of Groton grange present on Thursday of last week at the Pomona at Fitchburg.

The town hall was filled beyond its seating capacity last Saturday evening. The crowd was present to hear the third in the series of the Luther Blood free course. It was given by the Wilbur Starr Company, of Boston, and it was certainly a star of the first magnitude as an entertainment, brilliant and effective, appreciated by all.

Thirty-two from Groton grange attended Ayer grange last week Thursday evening to witness the first degree work by the Ayer officers, and the second degree work of the Groton grange men's team that was con-

ferred on a list of new candidates to that order.

The Groton School play, which has been given by the boys annually at the school on February 22, and the following night repeated in the town hall, is to be omitted this year.

The selectmen have had the wooden panels of the doors at the main entrance to the town hall building removed and heavy glass panels substituted. Now when entering or going out a person can see if anybody is on the other side and collisions such as have frequently occurred will be avoided.

Born, on Monday, January 22, a son to Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Cressey.

The men's supper and entertainment at the Unitarian church will be held on Thursday evening, February 1. Supper will be served at 6.30, and George H. Woods is chairman of the supper committee. The entertainment will consist in part of a farce entitled "At the Junction," with the following cast of characters:

Jack Sharp.....J. T. Bennett
Percy Keen.....Harry L. Bruce
Jotham Spots.....Henry Adams
Fannie Quick.....Howard Gilson
Clara Cate.....Dr. Branigan

The Reading club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Fanny Sampson.

The Groton Branch Alliance met with Mrs. E. M. Needham on Thursday afternoon. Miss Edith Melvin, of Concord, who holds a special appointment from the governor, was present to read a paper on the subject, "The legal status."

The next meeting in the Luther Blood free course will be on Friday evening, February 9. Byron Pratt will give the lecture, subject, "The mass against the man." Mr. Pratt's lecture in this course last winter was on "Morals," and was highly praised by all who heard it. He deserves and will no doubt be given a large audience.

The ice harvested this week on Bad-dacook is from fifteen to eighteen inches in thickness.

Frequent sleighrides have been in order since the advent of good sleighing. Last Monday afternoon a number of prominent people in town enjoyed one given by Miss Sarah Bancroft, of Groton Inn. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Park, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lawrence, Mrs. Rising, with her son and daughter, Miss G. A. Boutwell, Miss Lizzie Woods and Miss Sarah Bancroft, who after the sleighride entertained them as her guests, taking supper at the inn. Miss Bancroft, by the way, is a daughter of the late Dr. Amos Bancroft, the younger, formerly a leading physician of Groton.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona meets next week Thursday at North Leominster, the meeting opening at 10.30 in the morning. Evan Richardson, state lecturer, will give an address.

Miss Nellie M. Hill is an expected guest at Groton Inn next week Monday.

Mrs. George F. Bancroft, who met with an accident when in Boston a number of weeks ago, has returned home, having been at a hospital in the city until her recovery.

Groton School rowing candidates started work this week, and the outlook for strong crews is bright. There are enough candidates out to comprise three full eights.

Mrs. E. P. Shumway was not in her usual health for several days recently and called her physician, but is now much better.

Frank F. B. Chapman, who is well-known here in Groton, where he lived for years, demonstrated at the late poultry show in Boston with a number of his inventions along the poultry line. The trap-net, drinking fountains, and picking frame, particularly the latter, seemed to be quite popular and successful. Some Groton people who attended the poultry show met Mr. Chapman there and saw these demonstrations. He has a number of other inventions connected with the poultry business.

James Bywater went to Boston on Monday to consult Dr. John Howard Paine, oculist. Dr. Nutter, of Nashua, N. H., whom he had consulted previously, is in Philadelphia, taking a further course on eye diseases and treatment for same. Dr. Paine, like Dr. Nutter, told Mr. Bywater that the trouble with his eyes is glaucoma, and needed immediate attention. Mr. Bywater made another appointment with Dr. Paine for Friday.

Mrs. S. H. Shattuck attended the poultry show in Boston last week Friday.

Miss Delia Haley, going last Saturday, was an over Sunday visitor in Boston.

The next meeting of the grange will be held on Tuesday evening, February 12, Valentine's night. The first and second degrees will not be given until the following meeting.

Dennis Coughlin, who was taken ill on Sunday night, was not able to attend his sister's funeral.

A number of the Groton customers and friends of Mrs. Lawrence, of Pepperell, who drives to town and sells her home-made candy, hear that she has been very ill at her home though she is a little better at this time of writing.

L. G. Carpenter, station agent, is taking a short vacation. William Charlton is taking his place, and Mr. Crane is substituting for Mr. Charlton.

Miss Marian Hart, commercial teacher at the high school, went on Saturday for an over Sunday visit to Mrs. Lora Sherwin Eaton, at Nashua, N. H.

Deaths.

Miss Mary J. Coughlin, daughter of Mrs. Catherine and the late Patrick Coughlin, passed away on Tuesday morning, January 23, after a week's illness from pneumonia. She died in the same house where she was born fifty years ago. Miss Coughlin, who was very constant in her attendance at church, went as usual on Sunday, January 14, which was a very cold day. On Monday, the next day, towards evening, she was taken with a chill, and as she had been somewhat

run down in health, was not able to rally, but grew more seriously ill until the end came. This unexpected death brings grief to a large family circle, to neighbors and many others who knew, loved and respected her.

Miss Coughlin was a quiet, lady-like woman, of whom only good words are spoken. She was employed for many years in Boston, but for the past eight years, since her father's death, has mostly lived at her old home with her mother who will sadly miss her.

The funeral was on Thursday from the Sacred Heart church, Rev. Michael Calahan, of Ayer, officiating. The bearers were four brothers-in-law—Henry Fitzgerald, John Connell, Louis Herbert and J. Denahy. There were numerous and beautiful floral offerings. The interment was in St. Mary's cemetery, Ayer.

Miss Coughlin is survived by a mother, seven sisters—Mrs. Daniel Dilbert, Mrs. Henry Fitzgerald, Mrs. William McMahon, Mrs. Edward Smith and Mrs. Jerry Denahy, of Groton; Mrs. John Connell, of Littleton, and Mrs. Louis Herbert, of Pepperell; also, three brothers—Daniel, of Newport, R. I., Eugene, of Hyde Park, and Dennis Coughlin, of Groton.

West Groton.

A. W. Lamb was ill on Sunday and was obliged to leave the mill for a time on Monday. On Tuesday, however, he was again at his post.

John Winkle had his fingers caught in machinery one morning this week and Dr. Kilbourn was called. The injury proved to be less serious than was feared, and Mr. Winkle returned to his work in the afternoon.

Earle Sleeper has so far recovered from his severe attack of the grippe, that he has been out, but has not returned to work.

The Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. L. G. Strand on last week Thursday, who substituted as hostess for Mrs. Charles Bixby. Owing to illness of the committee in charge of the entertainment, literary exercises were omitted. The next meeting will be with Mrs. A. L. Harrington, on Thursday afternoon February 1.

The Italian, Joseph Meech, assailant of Rosario Falzone on Sunday, January 14, has not been captured, so far as known. His companions say that he cannot return to Italy as he is wanted by the police of that country for the shooting of his father. Whether he is an actual or attempted patricide was not stated. A fugitive from justice, both in his native land and the country of his adoption is the unpleasant situation he faces at present. Falzone is reported as doing well.

Born on Saturday, January 20, a 10½ pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Draper. This is the first grandchild to enter the family of Mr. and Mrs. James Fallon.

The Henry Adams house on Main street, vacated some time since by Joseph Lucia, is to be occupied by a Polish family, who moved their goods on Wednesday.

In the obituary of Mrs. Clough, published in this column last week, a few typographical errors were noticed. "Two years of her life were spent in Groton," should have read ten years. "Not every want" should have been not only every want, but every wish was gratified by the devoted husband.

"All West Groton," so report says, attended the Weber concert, given as a number in the Luther Blood free lecture course in Groton last Saturday evening. A beautiful evening, fine sleighing and the Weber quartet in prospect proved a strong trio of attractions and needless to say that the realization of these enjoyments fully justified the pleasant anticipations.

Mrs. M. J. Shepley and her granddaughter, Irene Stone, of Waltham, coming on Saturday were guests at W. F. Lane's for the week-end.

Little Doris Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wright, underwent an operation for adenoids on Tuesday.

Miss Angeline Farnsworth, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Edward Mellish, has returned from a visit of several weeks in Watertown.

Deaths.

Mrs. Emma Surette, wife of Fred Surette, an employee at the paper mill, died of heart trouble on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Surette and family moved from Lunenburg some months ago and have occupied one of the Kane houses at Vose. Mrs. Surette was taken ill shortly after and has since had repeated attacks of heart trouble which physicians were not able to help permanently. The death is particularly sad as by it three little ones—Mary, Bertha and Harry, aged six, five and three, respectively, are left motherless.

Funeral services were held at the house on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge officiating. The remains were placed in the tomb at Groton.

Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family and should it find expression in material assistance, we are assured by the pastor that it will not be misplaced. It is but a few weeks ago that Mr. Surette lost his mother by death.

AYER.

District Court.

Thomas Antonion and Costas Natsos, both of Shirley, were arraigned on a charge of maintaining a common nuisance at Shirley in court last Saturday morning. Natsos was found not guilty. Antonion was found guilty and fined fifty dollars. Through his counsel, John M. Maloney, he appealed, and furnished sureties for his appearance before the superior court at the February session at Lowell.

The case of Pearson vs. Haynes-Piper Company was heard in the civil session of the court last Saturday morning, before associate justice John M. Maloney. The action was one of tort, in which the plaintiff, William W. T. Pearson, of Ayer, seeks to recover \$1,000 for injuries which he claims to have sustained while at work for the defendant corporation at its cider mill in Ayer, by reason of an alleged defect in the floor of the room in which he was employed at the

time of the accident. Lyman K. Clark, of Ayer, appeared as counsel for the plaintiff, and H. R. Bygrave, of Boston, for the defendant. The decision of the court has not as yet been filed.

Death.

Sylvester Boutwell, a former well-known citizen of this town, died at his home in Fitchburg on Thursday, January 18, of heart disease. Mr. Boutwell had not enjoyed good health for several years, but had been confined to the house but a few days previous to his death. He was a native of Woburn, where he was born on January 21, 1841. He was the son of James and Mary R. (Kendall) Boutwell.

Mr. Boutwell married Miss Sarah J. Shepard, of Lowell, in 1862. His wife died shortly after marriage. In 1865, he married Mrs. Elizabeth S. Narramore at Richmond, N. H., who died on November 24, 1909. Mr. Boutwell leaves a son and daughter, J. W. Boutwell and Mrs. Emma L. Wood, both of Ayer, and three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Philbrook, of Wilmington; Mrs. Harry Berthrong, of Arlington; and Mrs. Daniel Ashmorth, of Wap-pinger Falls, N. Y.

During the civil war, Mr. Boutwell served in the First New Hampshire cavalry. He was a member of Social Friend lodge, F. and A. M., of Keene, N. H.

The funeral was held last Saturday, Rev. Paul E. Secrest, of the Ayer Methodist church, performing the religious service. The interment was at Evergreen cemetery, Leominster.

Mr. Boutwell was engaged for years in the grocery business and conducted stores in Fitchburg, Lunenburg and Peterboro, N. H.

Officers Installed.

The officers of Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., were installed by Jacob A. Hunt, d. d. g. w., and suite of Fitchburg in the presence of a gathering numbering one hundred people. Mrs. George R. Downing, who retired from the office of chaplain, after eleven years of service, was presented with a set of orange spoons and a silver pie knife. Mr. Hunt, who had served two years as deputy, was presented with a stick-pin. The grand lodge was represented by Mrs. Margaret Brunet, g. c., and Mrs. Estelle Evans, of the grand lodge finance committee. These officers were installed:

W. L. Preble, j. p. w.; J. B. Washburn, w.; Mrs. Margaret Rand, v. w.; Mrs. J. S. Washburn, sec.; Miss N. H. Carrigan, f. s.; Mrs. Kate C. Carrigan, treas.; Mrs. Ida L. Preble, chap.; Mrs. Elizabeth Scruton, g.; Mrs. Charlotte Miller, g.; H. H. Philman, s. g. R. Downing, trus. 3 yrs.; Mrs. E. M. Reynolds, 2 yrs.; Mrs. G. M. Rhymes, org.

News Items.

Frank O. Melcher, general manager of the Rock Island system, who was killed in the train wreck near Chicago on Monday, was formerly superintendent of the Fitchburg railroad, and after the Boston and Maine absorbed this corporation in 1900, he continued as general superintendent of the Fitchburg division. His term of service extended from 1899, when he was placed at the head of the Fitchburg road until 1902, when he left to accept a responsible position with the Rock Island road. His ability was further recognized by his appointment to the position of general manager, which place he filled when he met his death.

The fourth quarterly conference of the official board of the Methodist church was held last week Friday evening. District Superintendent Spencer, of Newton, was chairman of the meeting. The reports of the officers and committees connected with the church were read and accepted. Preparations were made for the election of a lay delegate to the convention at Springfield in April, such election to be held at a future meeting of the church, subject to the call of the committee appointed for the purpose.

For the present, the Sunday evening service of the Methodist church, which was formerly at seven o'clock, will be discontinued, and the Epworth league meeting will be held at 6.30 instead.

District head installer McElhon's crew of inspectors of Fitchburg are in town and are giving a general inspection of the sub-stations in the Ayer telephone district. They started in this week and it will take them several weeks to complete the inspection.

We note that the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, of Boston, has given notice to its patrons that on and after March 1, the price per kilowatt hour will be reduced from eleven to ten cents. The rate paid here is eighteen cents per hour. Ayer Electric Light Company and Board of Trade take notice.

Mrs. E. E. Dunklee and her sister, Mrs. E. J. Crawford, of San Jose, Cal., who has been visiting here for several weeks, left last Monday for Boston, and the day following started from that city for California by way of Washington, D. C., and New Orleans. Mrs. Dunklee intends to remain with her sister in California until April, when she will return home.

Chief Beatty is after those who skate or coast on the public streets or sidewalks of the town in violation of section seven, article eight of the town by-laws.

Services at the Baptist church on Sunday will consist of the usual sermon in the morning by the pastor. Sunday school will be held at twelve and a praise service at seven in the evening.

Capt. George V. Barrett was knocked down by a double-runner on Washington street on Monday evening, and aside from a severe shaken up, received eight injuries. He was confined to his home for a couple of days. He resumed his duties at the custom house at Boston on Thursday morning. A meeting of St. Andrew's Guild will take place in the parish rooms next Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock.

Judge Atwood visited his office in the bank building on Wednesday, the first time since his illness.

Ray B. Greene, C. L. Hall and Carl B. Boutwell, of Dorchester, are spending the week at the Sesame cottage at Sandy pond.

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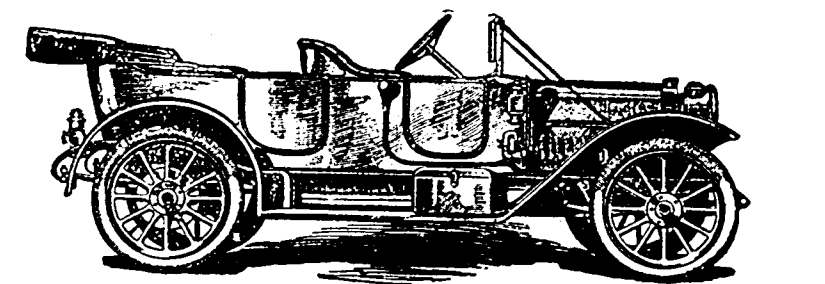
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Saturday, January 27, 1912.

AYER.

Death.

David A. Connors died at his home on Shirley street last Sunday morning of pneumonia, after an illness of only six days. The announcement of his death came as a great shock to his large number of friends. His sickness was not at first thought to be serious, but a change for the worst set in and he gradually failed till the end.

Mr. Connors was a native of Bayfield, Nova Scotia, where he was born on October 12, 1835. He came to this town seventeen years ago and with the exception of a year that he worked for the telephone company, has been a very faithful employee of L. W. Phelps, as a teamster. Mr. Connors was a very quiet and unassuming man, an excellent neighbor and was liked by all who knew him.

He leaves a widow and six children, William B. Connors, of Fitchburg; Frank A. Connors, Michael M. Connors, John L. Connors, Mary M. Connors, Annie M. Connors and Bertha M. Connors, all of Ayer. In the family of Mr. Connors, in less than a month, there was a birth, a marriage and a death.

There were a number of beautiful floral pieces which included the following:

Sprays, chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McDonald, Fitchburg; spray sweet peas, carnation pinks and ferns, Mrs. Anderson, pillow pinks, Mr. and Mrs. A. McCall, pinks, Mrs. Michael Connors and family; pillow pinks and lilies-of-the-valley, nephews and nieces of deceased; sprays—white roses, violets and white forget-me-nots, G. H. Hill, white and red pinks, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Tweedy; white and red pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McDonald, Fitchburg; pinks, Miss Rose Wheeler.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning. A requiem high mass was said at St. Mary's church, by Rev. P. J. Sheedy. The interment was at St. Mary's cemetery, where Rev. Sheedy performed the committal service.

The bearers were Alexander McDonald and Donald McDonald, Fitchburg; Roderick McDonald, Lawrence; W. J. Connors and Joseph Connors, of this town, and John McDonald, of Lowell.

Basketball.

The two Leominster high school teams will be the attraction next week. The games will be played on Friday night, February 2, as the Leominster high school teams are unable to play on Thursday nights. Leominster high school first team will lineup against the Ayer Civic club and are already figuring on a victory as they have lost but one game this year. In deadly they have a center of exceptional ability, and his playing against "Joe" Donahue, the local star center, will be well worth seeing. Merrick, the right forward on the Leominster team, is another star, but against Hooley he will have his hands full. The remaining members of the team are all fast men so that Leominster has an especially good team this year.

The Ayer high school team will go up against Leominster high school second team, and this should prove an equally good game. Ayer high school has been putting up some good basketball, increasing in speed with each game, and are looking for a victory. Next Saturday night the Civic club team plays a return game against the Normal School team in Fitchburg. The Normal School aggregation are putting up much better ball than they displayed here, so the local boys expect a hard game, but hope to win.

The fast Civic club team scored another victory on Thursday evening when it defeated the strong Colonials of Leominster in the closest and most exciting game of the season by a score of 35 to 29. The locals held the lead until about the middle of the last half of the game, when the visitors' fast work succeeded in tying the score amid wild excitement. The tie was only of brief duration, however, as the Civic club players spurred on by the cheers of the crowd, again broke away and kept the lead to the end.

The work of the Civic club team was superb, and their fine playing received well deserved applause. Sullivan, Green and Donahue scored the most points for the Civic team, but they were backed up well by their fellow players. Deady scored the most points for the Colonials. The visitors felt their defeat keenly as they felt confident of victory with their great team.

The two boy teams connected with the gymnasium, called the Whites and Grays, furnished much amusement between the time periods. The Grays, captained by Ralph Brown, defeated their opponents, who had Percy Fowler as leader, by a score of 6 to 2. The score:

CIVIC CLUB	COLONIALS
Sullivan, 11	Donahue, 11
Green, 11	Garland, 11
Donahue, 11	Deady, 11
Hooley, 11	Letters, 11
Ryan, 11	Bacon, 11
Score—Civic club 35, Colonials 29.	
Goals from floor, Sullivan 2, Green 6, Donahue 5, Hooley, Lane 3, Merriman 2, Deady 4, Letters 2, Garland, Bacon, Goals from fouls, Sullivan 7, Merriman, Referee, Forbes, Timekeeper and scorer, Mullin.	

This evening the Civic club will go to Fitchburg for a return game with the Fitchburg Normal school five.

Next Wednesday afternoon, at 3.30, the team will play the Grotton (Scholar) boys at Grotton. The players will leave here in a barge about 2.30 o'clock.

Officers Installed.

James N. Keefe, d. d. s. k., of Athol, assisted by Joseph P. Fox, of the same town, installed the following officers of Ayer Council, Knights of Columbus, on Tuesday evening:

J. H. Burns, k. k.; P. H. McNiff, d. s. k.; J. H. Hooley, c. m. H. O'Neill, f. s. k.

J. J. McCarthy, r. m. J. Griffin, w. J. P. Mullin, treas.; P. F. Mullin, sec.; W. J. Madigan, trum.; Hugh McDonald, adv.; Joseph Markham, l. s.; David Walsh, o. g.

After the installation exercises, lunch was served.

Enjoyable Time.

A party consisting of members of the senior and junior classes of the high school, Ernest Gleason, principal, and the three assistant teachers of the school, Misses Leavitt, O'Neill and Benson, enjoyed a sleigh ride to Leominster last week Friday night. Upon arrival at their destination, the party had supper at the Leominster hotel. After supper there was dancing until midnight, when the party broke up and started for home. Music was furnished for dancing by an improvised orchestra, consisting of the members of the party. Upon their arrival home, all agreed that it was one of the pleasantest times they ever experienced.

A True Fish Story.

The late Ex-Mayor, William W. Bolster, of Auburn, Me., related to the writer the following fish story, that he knew was true and absolutely happened when he was a boy, attending school at Peacham, Vt., at his grandfather's, William Wheeler, and it was also the home of the writer, who attended the same school when he was a boy.

Up in Peacham, Vt., lays Martin's pond, at the foot of Devil hill. At the side of that pond, on a farm, lived a farmer by the name of "Si" Sturtevant, in 1840. In June, that year, he drew a seine in the pond and got ten bushels of suckers. There being more fish than he and the neighbors wanted, he took them to Danville, then the county seat of Caledonia county, and offered them for sale as pucker-mouthed trout, and sold them at a good price. Before he was through selling, a man came along and said: "Say! What did you call them fish?"

He replied: "Pucker-mouthed trout."

"Well," he answered, "I never heard of that kind of trout before. Where did you get them, and what made their mouths that way?"

"Si" said: "I got them in Martin's pond, over in Peacham, and that pond is surrounded by choke-cherry bushes and they bear great quantities of fruit, and that is why their mouths are puckered, and they have lived on them all their lives."

WILLIAM H. LYNDS,
Lowell, Mass.

Obituary.

Mrs. Nellie F. Hastings, widow of the late Horatio Hastings, of East Templeton, died in the Heywood hospital, Gardner, on Wednesday, January 17, after one week's illness. She was 60 years, 9 months old, and was born in Troy, N. H., the daughter of Joseph and Mary Kendall, being one of a family of eleven children. She is survived by three brothers and three sisters—Warren Kendall, Princeton, John Kendall, Ayer, Edwin Kendall, twin brother, Melrose Highlands, Mrs. Lucy Hale, Troy, N. H., Mrs. Helen Hosley, Springfield, Mrs. Carrie Fraser, Nova Scotia. She has been a mother of five children—Frank Hastings, Gardner, and George Hastings, Southbridge, three daughters having died.

Mrs. Hastings was an industrious woman and a kind and helpful neighbor.

Funeral services were held at her late home on Friday, January 19, the pastor of the M. E. church there officiating. Floral tributes were abundant. The interment was in Templeton cemetery.

Financially Strong.

It is so seldom our readers see anything in print in regard to our North Middlesex Savings bank, that they will find especial pleasure in reading its statement of January 5. It is said that its financial standing was never stronger than today. From a humble beginning some twenty-five or more years ago, it has made a quiet and gradual growth until now it stands among the strong, conservative small banks of the commonwealth. This speaks well, not only for the bank management, but equally well for the enterprise and thrift of Ayer and adjacent towns, from which the bank very largely draws the support.

The primary object of savings institutions is to encourage savings among those in humble circumstances. Miss Tuten, the treasurer, informs us that there were 4,451 depositors on January 15, with an average deposit of about \$285. By this statement it would appear that the North Middlesex is fulfilling its mission to a very high degree. Ayer is especially fortunate in being the home of such a strong and beneficent institution.

The following is the statement issued by the North Middlesex Savings bank on January 5:

Assets.	
Public funds.....	\$72,000.00
American Tel. & Tel.....	23,250.00
Bank stock.....	14,014.71
Railroad and Railway bonds.....	313,537.50
Boston Terminals.....	50,000.00
Real estate for banking purposes.....	35,000.00
Real estate by foreclosure.....	5,090.06
Loans on real estate.....	569,925.14
Loans on bank stock.....	2,332.00
Loans on personal security.....	133,690.00
Loans to towns.....	113,060.00
Cash and deposited in banks.....	57,762.24
	\$1,380,661.65
Liabilities.	
Deposits.....	\$1,312,894.15
Surplus.....	67,711.10
Interest.....	123.40
	\$1,380,661.65

Was In Town.

Dennis Shea, of Ware, was a visitor on Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Mullin. Mr. Shea is a deputy fish and game commissioner and gained great distinction by his courageous capture of Silas N. Phelps, after Phelps had killed Deputy Sheriff Haskins at Monroe Bridge in June, 1910. After the crime Phelps fled to the woods near his home and defied arrest. He was finally located and Mr. Shea, single-handed, went into the woods and arrested the prisoner, who was armed for a fight. Mr. Shea was given a reward of five hundred dollars, which he very generously gave to Phelps' family as they are very poor. The Phelps' case has attracted

a good deal of attention of late on account of the strong efforts made to save him from the death penalty. Mr. Shea is married to a niece of Mr. Mullin, and is small of stature, but he surely is full of courage.

Special Guests.

The members of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., were special guests of the E. S. Bennett camp of Leominster on Thursday evening. For this reason the regular meeting of the local camp was dispensed with and the members left on the seven o'clock electric car for Leominster. An entertainment, consisting of vocal and instrumental music was enjoyed by all. A very pleasant feature of the evening's entertainment was furnished by George S. Gibson, of the Leominster camp, with his post-card slides thrown on a sheet by a powerful electric light. After the entertainment remarks were made by Commander Ward, Past Commander Sawyer, and Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, of the Ayer camp, Secretary Rice, of the Fitchburg camp, and Brothers Harvey and Watkins of the Townsend camp. Fourteen members attended from here.

News Items.

E. F. Kendall, Melrose, J. A. Kendall, of this town, Mrs. C. F. Gowen and Miss Bernice Gowen, of Fitchburg, N. H., attended the funeral of Mrs. Nellie Hastings at East Templeton on Friday, January 19.

The remains of Mrs. Mary Dee, of Franklin Falls, N. H., were brought to town on Monday noon and burial was in St. Mary's cemetery. Mrs. Dee was aged 69 years and 8 months, and when a young girl lived in this town. She leaves a daughter, Winifred, who lived with her mother, a daughter, Kathryn, living in Lowell, and a son, Thomas, of New York city.

Edward H. Bliss reports a bright prospect for farm seekers in this district as soon as snow goes off. He has a long list of inquirers ready to look to him and is very busy with correspondence and seeking new places for sale. Fruit and poultry combinations are much desired. During this quiet season he finds plenty of exercise on his Harvard farm with six fine cows, 120 fowl, two pigs, two horses and plenty of brown-tails.

The democratic town committee organized last week Friday evening with the choice of W. J. Donlon, chairman, Charles A. McCarthy, secretary, these two officers being reelected, and Joseph Markham, treasurer.

Joseph Savon moved his family into the quarters formerly occupied by Mrs. M. J. Hill, on Merchants' row, Monday, where Mrs. Savon will carry on the restaurant business. Mrs. Hill has moved into the Fletcher block on Main street, where she will let rooms.

The Ayer Woman's Alliance will meet with Mrs. George J. Burns and Mrs. Harry Fisher on Thursday afternoon, February 1, at three o'clock.

Word has been received this week from Fred Barrows, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. H. Barrows, of this town. He is playing in the orchestra as clarinetist in the hotel Galvey, in Galveston, Texas. He says he is enjoying the warm weather and the sights, and is playing in one of the finest hotels in the south, situated right on the Mexican Gulf.

Quite a number of the members of Easter Star lodge, N. E. O. P., went to Fitchburg to witness the installation of the officers of Watatic lodge of that city last week Friday evening.

The Grotton School rowing crews started in training this week. Bennett Sanderson, son of Judge and Mrs. George A. Sanderson, is a member of the first crew.

The service at St. Andrew's church on Sunday will consist of morning prayer and sermon at 10.45. Sunday school will be held at twelve.

While riding on a locomotive on what is known as the ash pit track in the upper railroad yard on Monday evening, John E. Scullane was crushed between the stone wall close to the track and the engine. He was severely bruised. He was attended by Dr. Hopkins, and later taken to the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston. His condition is reported favorable.

These officers of Harbinger lodge, K. of P., were installed on Monday evening by A. F. Pecteau, g. d., and C. L. Lucille, of Lowell: M. W. Sargent, c. c.; Waldo Blood, p.; Charles Harris, o. g.; A. E. Oikle, l. g.; S. I. Reed, k. r. and s.; O. C. Rand, m. w.; J. C. Davenport, m. e. Following the installation there was a lunch and smoke talk. Many visiting brethren were present from out-of-town.

The Junior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's church will meet at the home of Mrs. F. S. Bennett next Monday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

Miss Bernice Gowen, of Fitchburg, N. H., was a guest of J. A. Kendall over Sunday.

Miss Irene Beverly will read the play "Polly of the circus," before the guests and members of the Ayer Woman's club on gentlemen's night, Wednesday, January 31, in Page hall. Members may obtain tickets of Mrs. Elizabeth Kyle at her home on January 29 and 30.

Be on the lookout for a prize wait to held in Page hall on Wednesday evening, February 14. Music will be furnished by Newell's orchestra, of Marlboro. This orchestra is credited at being the best five-piece dance orchestra in the state. A good time is guaranteed; also, competent judges for the prize wait.

A week ago last Tuesday, Mrs. Frank Hibbard, of Prospect street, slipped and fell on a sidewalk when in Littleton that day. Not feeling at the time any ill effects from the fall, she took to her bed a few days afterwards, but is now improving.

Miss Maud Luddington, clerk in the Ayer Variety store, went to St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, N. H., last Monday to have her tonsils operated upon, and returned to her home here on Thursday. She is getting along nicely.

There will be no session of the sewing school this week or next, because of the many cases of measles among the children.

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\$3.00 Pants reduced to.....	\$2.45
\$2.50 Pants reduced to.....	\$2.00
\$2.00 Pants reduced to.....	\$1.65
\$1.50 Pants reduced to.....	\$1.15
\$1.00 Pants reduced to.....	\$0.89

BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS

\$5.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$3.75
\$4.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$3.25
\$3.50 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$2.75
\$3.00 Overcoats reduced to.....	\$2.25

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Other Ayer news may be found on pages 4 and 5.

Tickets are now on sale at Webb's jewelry store for the two-act drama, "The last lot," to be given in Page hall on Monday evening, January 29, by the Barraca club.

Letters remaining unclaimed for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending January 22: Miss May F. Fitzgerald, Agosteo Francesco, A. Sumner.

Unitarian Notes.

Rev. A. Judson Rich, of Belmont, who acceptably supplied the pulpit at the Unitarian church last Sunday, will preach there again on Sunday morning.

The Y. P. R. U. will meet at seven o'clock Sunday evening. Miss Pauline Sherwin will lead and the address will be by Rev. O. J. Fairfield, of Littleton.

The Unitarian Social Gathering met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Austin E. Lawrence and elected these officers for the current year: Mrs. J. E. Porter, pres.; Mrs. Ruth C. Sherwin, sec. and treas.

At a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Ellen F. Kittredge on Washington street last week Friday afternoon, these officers of the Unitarian Sunday school were elected: Mrs. Susan M. Barker, supt.; Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, asst. supt.; Mrs. Ida C. Perkins, sec. and treas.

Items of Interest.

Finland, with its 1,000 lakes is now considered attractive enough to be on the general tourist's list.

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Points For Mothers

An only child is liable to disadvantages that do not come the way of children brought up among brothers and sisters. It is not only that the child is in danger of being spoiled and of growing selfish through having no playmate with whom to share his or her toys, sweets and so on, but there is the lack of young, healthy companionship to be reckoned with, and this means much to the child's development.

If he or she lives only with grown-up people much of the sweetness of child life will be lost, for, no matter how gay and bright parents may be, children require the companionship of children of their own age, with their own childlike ideas of fun and frolic, who will bring the light touch of youth and inexperience to nursery gambols.

It is a mistake to educate an only child at home. Send him or her rather to a kindergarten at an early age and afterward to a good day school. It is not absolutely necessary for a girl to go to a boarding school. She can finish her education after having passed through an advanced day school by attending first class lectures daily.

What's in a Name?

When you named your little girl did you stop to think what kind of name you were giving her to live up to or to live down to, as the case may be?

The old query, "What's in a name?" is a rather senseless one.

There's a good deal in a name, after all.

Read, for instance, what Mrs. Gramercy Park writes in the January number of the *Delineator*:

"It is thanks to me (you can owe me that, at least, though ordinarily I detest nicknames) that you are generally called Nancy. With a name like that you have a fair chance. To be Gloria you need a lot of looks—brilliant, overpowering looks—and money, lots of it, for the clothes such a name needs to carry it off. They might have called you Anne! Anne does not need wealth, but Anne should be a shy, demure, sweet maid. Pale she should be and bending to the breeze like a sheaf of golden grain. That is the kind of name it is! It would make the most cold hearted cynic prate in poetry. No, my dear: it is not for a gypsy such as you! Nancy is the name for you! There is joy in the name of Nancy, and freshness and a chance for happiness. It is pretty enough too."

Parents and Children.

Never praise or blame your children in the presence of strangers. The tender susceptibilities of childhood are injured by so doing. Insist on strict obedience, but make the duty less irksome to the child by issuing the command only when absolutely necessary.

Be firm but mild in your authority, never punishing childish faults as though they were very great offenses. When, however, there is real cause for blame do not pass it over and, above all, never relent when once you have forbidden anything.

Children are not mere playthings; therefore do not treat them as such. On the other hand, although our little folks claim all our attention, they must not conclude that they are the masters whom everybody else has to obey. Their turn to rule will come in due time.

The Night Nursery.

It must be clean.
It must be very airy.
The hardwood floor is best.
Stained floors may be varnished.
Floors at least must be easily cleaned.

There's a washable rug before each bed.

For lighting choose electricity or candles.

Smelly kerosene lamps and leaky gas are tabooed.

Gray-blue or gray-green, not dark, is good for the walls.

Curtains (they are often necessary) must be washed once a month at least, some say every week.

Points to Remember.

It has been proved by experiment that children who drink milk grow and develop three times as fast as those who habitually drink tea or coffee.

Tea and coffee stimulate the heart and the secretory action of the kidneys. These effects cause them to be unsuitable beverages for children.

Raw vegetables—cucumbers, lettuce, radishes, etc.—are more indigestible than those which are cooked. That is why they should not be given to children.

Biscuits of any kind are not nearly so nutritious as bread and butter.

Training the Baby.

Babies are babies only such a little while, and there is so much difference in their makeup. They have so many things to learn. It is hard to have patience with them, but if mother can't who is going to? They must be taught to love pretty things and leave perishable things alone. It is a problem, but time and patience will be rewarded.

Magnitude of Stars.

The brighter a star is the smaller the number representing its magnitude, and consequently a star of the first magnitude is brighter than one of the second, and one of the second magnitude is two magnitudes brighter than one of the fourth. In the same way stars brighter than the first magnitude can be represented by numbers smaller than one, by decimals, or even by negative numbers. Sirius is of the 1.4 magnitude, Vega of 0.2 magnitude. Our sun is a star of the 26.5 magnitude, and it gives us 10,000,000,000 times as much light as Sirius. If the sun were twice as far away from us as it is it would give only one-quarter as much light. If it were 100,000 times farther off than it is its light would be the same intensity as that of Sirius. But even at this enormous distance the sun would be only about one-sixth as far away as Sirius exactly lies. In other words, Sirius shines with a luster fully thirty times that of our sun.—New York World.

How Fast of Ramadan Begins.

Since the Mohammedan year is composed of lunar months, the beginning of the fast is dependent upon the appearance of the new moon. The word of the almanac is not taken as true evidence, and before the mufti, the highest Moslem official in the nation, declares the fast to have begun two Mohammedans must appear before him and swear that they have seen the new moon. In precisely the same manner the fact comes to a close. The mufti proclaims a three days' feast whenever the next new moon is seen by two of the faithful. One year the moon was visible in upper Egypt the night before it was observed in Cairo. Two Mohammedans up the Nile telegraphed the fact to the mufti, asking him to announce the feast. This he refused to do on the ground that a telegram could not take the place of two Moslem witnesses.—Christian Herald.

Old Daddy Longlegs.

Everybody is well acquainted with the insect called "daddy longlegs." But not everybody knows that there is evidence to show that this strange little creature, towering high upon its thread-like stilts, is probably a more ancient inhabitant of America than any representative of the human species. Far back in tertiary time, at the very dawn of the modern world, its ancestors lived, we are told, in great numbers in that part of the continent which we call Colorado. The fossil remains of these insects show the characteristic features that mark them today, although new species have taken the place of the old, for even "daddy longlegs" knows what evolution is and has attained to something that in his view is perhaps a kind of civilized existence suitable to the exigencies of life in the twentieth century.—Harper's Weekly.

The Hunting of the Tahr.

Of all the ways of hunting surely that of the hillmen of Garhwal is the strangest. This, according to Major the Hon. C. G. Bruce, in "Twenty Years in the Himalayas," is their method of killing the tahr, a local species of goat. "Having driven the tahr into deep nullahs with most precipitous sides, out of which there are certain well known tahr runs, they proceed to cover these runs where the ground is most difficult with mats made of split bamboo which have been previously well drenched in water. The result is the mats freeze and become as slippery as glass. Then they frighten the herd and drive them over these mats, with the result that they are precipitated from the cliffs and that the Garhwals pick up the remains—perhaps twelve basketfuls."

Mostly Hall.

A New Yorker bought one of those fine old colonial places down in Virginia, principally on account of the glowing description of the real estate agent and on information from friends. When he went down to see his mansion he was much impressed by the great pillars, the spacious porch and particularly the great hall running from the front to the back of the house.

He inspected the place and came back to New York.

"What shall you name it?" he was asked.

"I think," he replied, "I shall call it Mostly Hall."—Saturday Evening Post.

Philadelphia Is Not So Slow.

"Mother," said a thoughtful Boston child, "is Philadelphia older than Boston?"

"Of course not, my son. The first settlement was made in Charlestown in 1630, while William Penn did not arrive on the site of Philadelphia until fifty-two years later."

"That was always my impression, mother. How is it, then, that Philadelphia is mentioned in the Bible, while Boston is not?"—Boston Star.

Discovered.

Little Violet was one day examining a beehive, which was new to her. Being disturbed, the bees came out of their hives and one of them stung her. Tears came into her eyes, but she quickly dried them and cried triumphantly:

"Now I know who takes the needles out of mamma's cushion."—Delineator.

Couldn't Bother With Trifles.

"Has your father ever given you any idea what he thinks of me?"

"No. I really don't believe father thinks of you at all. He has so many important things to fill his mind."—Stray Stories.

If you be poor do not seem poor if you would avoid insult as well as suffering.—Goldsmith.

LITTLETON.

Expensive Toys.

A news item in a recent issue of the Boston Post calls to mind very forcibly the fact that our Uncle Samuel is wont to indulge occasionally in very expensive toys. The news item referred to tells of the opening of bids and awarding the contracts for two first-class battleships at approximately five million dollars each. In these days we talk glibly of millions, but how many stop to try and realize what five million means.

Let us figure a little. There were in Littleton in 1910, 336 poll tax payers. Supposing they average to earn five hundred dollars each per year, and adding fifty percent for the earnings of women workers and minors we have as the earning of the people for a whole township, \$252,000. In other words it would take the whole earning of the people of something like twenty townships of the size of Littleton to build one first-class battleship.

Again supposing the same amount of money were expended in building cottages for working people at say \$2500 each. The money we put into one battleship would build two thousand such cottages. The town of Littleton has 289 dwelling-houses, therefore the money put into one battleship would build nearly as many dwellings of the \$2500 class as there would be in seven towns of the size of Littleton.

At nearly the same time the news of the letting of the contracts for battleships was announced another news item told of a projected first-class double-track, up-to-date electric railroad between the cities of Boston and Providence, which fully equipped and ready to run was expected to cost five million, the cost of one battleship and the report of the experts appointed to investigate the cost of a tunnel from the North to the South stations in Boston was also published, and that estimate too, was five million, exclusive of land damages.

It would seem to one not connected with the navy that the two schemes for rapid transit would be of more benefit to the people than the two battleships.

The battleship is an expensive luxury after it is finished. Repairs and changes commence usually very soon after the launching and continue at frequent intervals during the life of the ship, which at best is short.

When the navy and its peace society get their program worked out and universal peace prevails let us hope these extraordinary expenses for naval armament will be unnecessary and the expensive arrangements for killing people at sea will cease.

Very Prosperous Condition.

Interesting accounts come to us of the good work that is going on in Prospect Hill church, Somerville, of which Rev. Paul Gordon Faver is pastor. There has been a net gain over all losses and removals of over sixty in less than two years. Great attention is paid to the religious instruction and social life of the young people. A club recently formed for young men and women over twenty, has a membership of fifty, and the society meets once a week for an hour devoted to prayer and praise and addressed by the pastor, followed by a social half-hour, during which light refreshments are served. The senior Endeavor society instead of losing by this new club, has more members than before, between the ages of thirteen and twenty.

At the annual meeting of the church, the church was reported in the best financial and numerical state for many years. The pastor's salary was raised from \$2,000 to \$2,500, and five hundred dollars paid to reduce the floating debt. During the past year the women of the church have raised \$1,200. The benevolence of the church reached the eight hundred dollar mark for the year, and about the same amount is pledged for the current year. On January 7, nine people united with the church on confession of faith.

Mr. and Mrs. Faver are comfortably settled in the church parsonage and report themselves happy in their new field of labor.

A GIRL'S WILD MIDNIGHT RIDE.

To warn people of a fearful forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horseback at midnight and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung trouble, coughs and colds, which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia. "It cured me of a dreadful cough and lung disease," writes W. B. Patterson, Wellington, Tex., "after four in our family had died with consumption, and I gained 57 pounds." Nothing so sure and safe for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by William Brown, Ayer.

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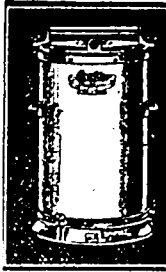
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the next of kin and all others interested in the estate of **PALLINA M. LOWELL**, late of said County of Middlesex, deceased.

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 account 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 of 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.

Attest **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 **MARY B. BALLOU**, 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. BALLOU**, 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.

Attest **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. WHITAKER**, 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. WHITAKER**, 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.

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 tenth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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SETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin,
creditors, and all other persons inter-
ested in the estate of DANIEL J. HAR-
INGTON, late of Ayer in said County,
deceased, Intestate:

Whereas a petition has been pre-
sented to said Court to grant a letter of
administration on the estate of said
deceased to JULIA HARRINGTON, of
Brookline 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
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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
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Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper
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Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,
First Judge of said Court, this fourth
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One great essential in getting winter
eggs is to make the hens entirely com-
fortable. The first thing to do is to get
busy now and clean out the house thor-
oughly. Remove every useless article
and leave the floors entirely free from
anything that will obstruct their free
use as a scratching place. Clean down
the walls, spray thoroughly, remove
every bit of litter from the floor, and
if it is a dirt floor take out at least a
couple of inches of the old dirt, which
should be replaced with clean loam.

Make ready a corner in each pen
that can be used as a dusting box.
This can be kept supplied with the
fine shavings from hard coal ashes and
will be much enjoyed by the whole
flock. If it can be placed where the
sun will shine on it so much the better.
Do not close the windows until the
weather gets real cold. Let there be
one glass window for each pen of 10
by 12 or 16 feet and one muslin cov-
ered frame, with at least twelve
square feet of surface for each pen.

This may look like a cold proposi-
tion, but it will be found the muslin
does not make the pen any colder than
does the same amount of glass surface
and at the same time gives a steady
supply of fresh air. This muslin will
help greatly in keeping the poultry
house dry during the winter and will
make it much more comfortable than
a closely shut house can ever be.

For colder nights have a curtain of
cheap sheeting running across the
front of the roosting place. This does
not need to fit tightly except at the top
and may hang out some inches from
the dropping boards, giving plenty
of room for the fowls to pass to
and from the roosts. On the very
coldest of nights the roosting place
will be found to be entirely comfort-
able, and in the morning the hens will
come out ready to scratch and bustle
for their breakfast.

Above all things, be sure to keep a
good six inches of perfectly dry straw
on the floor for scratching material.
There can be little comfort for the hen
in scratching a pile of dirt, damp lit-
ter that has been on the floor for a
month or more.

HINTS ON HOUSE FLOWERS.

How to Care For Plants During the
Winter Months.

Keep plants well watered. Many per-
sons will pour a little water on a plant,
enough to soak in an inch or two, and
wonder that the plant does not grow.
The trouble is that the growing part of
the plant receives no nourishment.
Plants should be watered every day
and in such a way that the roots get
plenty of moisture. The soil should be
rich. Care should be taken in placing
flowers near a window. Remember the
upper sash is warmer than the lower.

Asparagus ferns and sword ferns are
very good winter plants. They must
be kept moist and be closely watched
for the red spider.

Primroses require much care. They
should be changed from one pot to an-
other until in a pot five or six inches
in diameter. The atmosphere should
be cool, about 55 degrees. They should
be kept well watered.

The umbrella plant, the cyclamen,
the geranium, the petunia, all will
thrive in the winter if attention is given
to them.

Helliotropes need especial attention.
The soil should be rich and the room
warm and the plant kept where it will
get lots of sunshine. The soil should
be kept just on the verge of drying out
and differs from other soils in this re-
spect.

Palms need a moist heat. They are
among the most difficult plants to care
for in the winter. Coal gas often
proves fatal to them. They always
should be kept moist.

Begonias are the best plants for winter.
Their foliage is beautiful, and the
coloring on the leaves is as dainty as
that on the flowers when they bloom.
Good soil and plenty of water will
make them grow.

How to Preserve Plaster Casts.

Plaster casts which for any reason
have to be exposed to damp or to out-
door weather conditions can be readily
insured against disintegration by the
use of a cheap and simple soapy pre-
paration. Dissolve three parts of cau-
stic potash or use three parts of am-
monia in thirty-six parts of hot water.
To this add nine parts of stearic acid.
Dilute this paste with an equal quan-
tity of hot water containing 25 per cent
alcohol. In the case of old plaster
casts the surface should be cleansed
with a 3 per cent potash solution be-
fore the preparation is applied. Then
it should be put on warm and after-
ward sponged.

How to Bronze Cast Powder.

Here is a simple method of bronzing
cast powder articles requiring no great
skill and entailing little expense. After
cleansing the surface of the powder
thoroughly wash the articles in a bath
in which twenty parts of water, one
part green vitriol and one part blue
vitriol have been stirred. After the
surface has been dried wash it again
in a bath of eleven parts wine vinegar
and four parts verdigris. When this
in turn has dried the bronzed article
may be polished with crocus.

How to Hang Out Washing.

A good way to save yourself and
handkerchiefs in freezing weather is
to get a line long enough for the
amount you have in wash, pin hand-
kerchiefs on line while in the laundry,
carry line to yard and hang on hooks.
When dry take line from hooks, carry
to laundry and remove clothespins.

He Worried the Judge.

A story was recently told of the elder
Judge Peckham, father of the supreme
court justice. In the early days of
dentistry a hickory plug was put into
the cavity to fill the space where a
tooth ought to be. This plug had to
be gently pounded into its desired po-
sition. The old judge was somewhat
addicted to strong language, and when
the dentist began his work the judge
indulged in some classic comment. As
the tapping of the plug continued he
threw all dignity to the four winds of
heaven, and his language became de-
cidedly "more forcible than elegant."
When, however, he arose from the
chair after what seemed to him an
interminable period of agony he pulled
out all the stops in his vocabulary for
a grand climax. The impression on
his listener seems to have been deep
and lasting. As the judge passed out
the dentist grimly remarked to a wait-
ing patient:

"Wasn't it beautiful? It wasn't really
necessary to pound half so long, but
I did so enjoy his inflection that I al-
most 'rounded the hickory plug into
splinters.' Wonderful command of
language the judge has!"—Case and
Comment.

Crossed by the Corpse.

Most of Walthamstow is too modern
to have much mystery about it, but
the Walthamstow strip" of Leyton
preserves the memory of a curious old
rule. Barely a hundred yards broad,
this strip of land, belonging to Wal-
thamstow parish, ran right across Ley-
ton from the sea to Snarebrook, par-
allel with the southern border of Wal-
thamstow. How came Leyton to be
crossed by this alien strip? Leyton.
It was said, had once refused to bury
a body found in the sea; Walthamstow
came forward to do it. And in such
cases it was the rule that the volun-
teering parish might take from the
other as much land right through to
the other side as the men who carried
the corpse could cover walking in line
hand in hand arms extended. The
inconvenient result worried both par-
ishes until the growth of population
made new parishes necessary.—London
Chronicle.

Wasted on Him.

"Occasionally," remarked the visiting
Londoner, "I see in some American pa-
per a supposititious colloquy referring
to an aeroplane line to Mars. Do you
know, that strikes me as being exceed-
ingly funny. Evidently the writer is
ignorant of the fact that our atmos-
phere does not extend upward more
than fifty or a hundred miles and be-
comes more and more tenuous as it
nears the limit. He does not seem to
know that the air is absolutely neces-
sary in flying an aeroplane. It is high-
ly probable that no aviator ever will
ascend to a higher elevation than ten
or fifteen miles even if he can endure
the excessive cold he will encounter at
that altitude. The idea of sailing an
aeroplane through the impenetrable
ether is ineffably absurd."—Chicago
Tribune.

Help the Children.

"There is nothing in all the world
so important as children, nothing so
interesting. If you ever wish to go in
for some philanthropy, if you ever
wish to be of any real use in the world,
do something for children. If you
ever yearn to be truly wise, study chil-
dren. We can dress the sore, bandage
the wounded, imprison the criminal,
heal the sick and bury the dead, but
there is always a chance that we can
save a child. If the great army of
philanthropists ever exterminate sin
and pestilence, ever work out our
race's salvation, it will be because a
little child has led them."—David Starr
Jordan.

Strange Storehouses.

In the old birds' nests that are placed
near the ground in shrubs and small
trees close to hazelnut bushes and bit-
tersweet vines one will often find a
handful of hazelnuts or bittersweet
berries. They were put there by the
white footed mice and the meadow
mice, which visit these storehouses reg-
ularly. Very often a white footed
mouse will cover a bird's nest with
fine dried grass and inner bark and
make a nest for itself.—New York
Tribune.

Three Inscriptions.

On the doorways of Milan cathedral
are three inscriptions. The first, placed
under a carved rose wreath, runs, "All
that which pleases is only for a mo-
ment." The second, under a cross,
reads, "All that which troubles is but
for a moment," and under the central
arch is the inscription, "That only is
which is eternal."

A Popular Game.

"Many games originated from an-
cient forms of worship, human sacri-
fices, marriage, burial and other cere-
monies," Dr. A. O. Haddon remarked
in an address at the Royal Sanitary
Institute. "Leapfrog is a game com-
mon to almost every country, includ-
ing New Guinea and Japan."—London
Standard.

Dying of Love.

"Och!" said a love sick Hibernian.
"What a recreation it is to be dying
of love! It sets the heart aching so
delicately there's no taking a wink of
sleep for the pleasure of the pain."—
London Telegraph.

Not Jealous.

Mrs. Jawback—John, I do believe
you are jealous of my first husband.
Mr. Jawback—Well, no; I don't believe
I'd call it jealousy. Envy is the word.
—Cleveland Leader.

Yet.

He—Is Maude thirty yet? She—Yes,
yet.—Boston Transcript.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

The Hollis high school gave their
annual entertainment and supper at
the town hall on Friday evening of
last week. A bountiful supper was
served, in charge of Mrs. F. W. Dudley
and assistants in the lower town hall.
Afterwards the company repaired to
the upper hall and enjoyed the fol-
lowing entertainment: Recitation, R.
L. Lovejoy; piano duet, Misses Lillian
Lovejoy and Ruth Goodwin; recita-
tion, Christine Scott; vocal solo, Rob-
ert Jones; piano solo, Elwin Wheeler;
an amusing farce, entitled "An econ-
omical boomerang," given by Daniel
Goodwin, Harvey Powers, Elwin
Wheeler, Misses Nellie Britton, Lillian
Lovejoy and Evelyn Brown. The en-
tertainment closed with singing by
the high school, after which a social
hour was enjoyed.

Lee Hughes, of Worcester, spent
several days last week with his friend,
Robert Leslie.

Rev. C. H. Davis left Hollis on Mon-
day to spend several days with his
father in Ware, Mass.

The Hollis Woman's club met on
Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Har-
riet Dudley. The program was roll
call, current events given by the mem-
bers in response, "Home life and wo-
men in Japan," by Mrs. Sweetser,
"Japanese traits and characteristics,"
by Mrs. Elsie Hayden, "Japanese re-
ligions," by Miss M. Wilson.

A party of sixty from the First Meth-
odist church in Nashua had a sleigh-
ride to Hollis on Wednesday evening
and were guests at Grange hall. The
party was the members of the Ep-
worth league and choir of that church.
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Spaulding
were the caterers for the party.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

The Loyal Workers will meet with
Mrs. William Dodge on Wednesday
afternoon, January 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey spent
Sunday in town.

The telephone pay station has been
moved from Arthur Brown's store to
the Elmwood.

The library will not be open on
Saturday evenings for a few weeks.
All those wishing books can obtain
them on Saturday afternoons from
2.30 to five o'clock.

Horace Nye is home from Wallons-
burg, for a few days.

Clarence Hobart was a visitor in
town on Sunday.

Mrs. Cora B. Beaver filled the pul-
pit at the M. E. church on Sunday
morning and evening. Rev. Mr. Beaver
being detained at home by illness.

The ice cutting began at the lake
this week. The ice is from sixteen to
eighteen inches in thickness.

Walter Corey lost a valuable horse
last week. The horse became fright-
ened at a pair of oxen and dropped
dead.

Recent guests at the Elmwood have
been N. E. Rogers, Nashua; R. A.
Field, Amsterdam, N. Y.; Henry Far-
nham, Thomas Martin, Ayer.

There will be a caucus in Tarbell's
hall on Saturday evening, February
3, at eight o'clock, to choose a can-
didate to be supported on March 12,
to the constitutional convention to be
held in Concord on June 5.

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in New Orleans in 1842. Mightily costly
for those with stomach trouble or indiges-
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good deal, I thought I would try it.
I never used any remedies before and
bald on top of my head.

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a lot of hair where I was bald.
I would like you to see the new hair
sprouting from my head. The itching
in my scalp quickly disappeared. I
am 65 years old and have been at the
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-
SETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin,
creditors, and all other persons inter-
ested in the estate of WILLIAM HENRY SAWYER
late of Littleton in said County, de-
ceased, Intestate:

Whereas, certain instruments pur-
porting to be the last will and testa-
ment—and one codicil—of said deceased
have been presented to said Court for
probate, by EDWARD HENTON BREN-
AN who prays that letters of adminis-
tration with the will annexed may be
issued to him, or some other suitable
person, the executor named in said will
having 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 February, 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
the Littleton Guardian, a newspaper pub-
lished in said County the last publica-
tion 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
fourteen days, at least, before said
Court hereby directed.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,
First Judge of said Court, this twenty-
second day of January in the year
one thousand nine hundred and twelve.
3120 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell for
Boston via Tewksbury and Reading
to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charle-
stown—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 Salem to Sullivan Square
Terminal, Charlestown—5.25 a. m. and
every 30 mins. until 9.25 p. m. (Sat-
urdays—5.30 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 9.30 p. m.) Return—Leave Sul-
lin Square—5.25 a. m. and every 30
mins. until 9.25 p. m. 10.25 p. m. to
Woburn. Return—Leave Woburn
Square Terminal—6.32 a. m. and every
30 mins. until 9.32 p. m. (Saturdays
every 30 mins. from 11.32 a. m. until
9.32 p. m.) Sundays—7.32 a. m. and
every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m.

Tyngboro via Middlesex Street—5.18
a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.18 p. m.
Sundays—5.15 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 9.15 p. m. Return—Leave Tyng-
boro—5.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.33 a. m. and
every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. then
every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. and
every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex
Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03 a. m.
and every 30 mins. until 11.33 p. m.
Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m. and every 15
mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave
North Chelmsford—5.15, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03,
7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until
11.03 p. m. then 11.48 p. m. Sundays—
6.00 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03
p. m.

Lawrence—5.15, 6.15, 6.40 a. m. and
every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sun-
days—5.15 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 10.40 p. m. Return—Leave Law-
rence—5.20, 6.10, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.20 a. m.
and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m.

Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30
mins. until 10.45 p. m. until 10.15 p. m.)
Sundays—7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua
—6.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until
10.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins.
from 11.35 p. m. until 10.35 p. m.) Sun-
days—7.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. un-
til 10.35 p. m.

THOMAS LEES, Supt.

TIME TABLE.

Cars leave Ayer for North Chelms-
ford and Lowell—5.05 a. m. and hourly
at 5 minutes past the hour up to and
including 10.05 p. m. An early car
leaves the Ayer carhouse at 5.15 a. m.

Sundays—First car leaves Ayer at
7.05 a. m. then same as week days.
Running time to North Chelmsford, 40
minutes. Running time to Lowell, 1
hour and 10 minutes.

Cars leave North Chelmsford for Ayer
—4.25 a. m. and 20 minutes past the
hour up to and including 11.20 p. m.
Sundays—8.20 a. m. then same as
week days. Cars connect at Ayer up
to 9 p. m. for Fitchburg and Leomin-
ster. Until 9 p. m. for Worcester.

Cars leave Forge Village for North
Chelmsford and Lowell—24 minutes
past the hour.

Cars leave North Chelmsford for
Brookside—4.45 a. m. and 15 minutes
past the hour up to and including 10.50
p. m.

Sundays—First car at 8.05 a. m. then
same as week days.

Leave North Chelmsford for West-
ford—4.50, 7.50, 8.50, 11.50 a. m., 12.50,
1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50 p. m.

Leave Westford for Lowell—6.55, 7.40,
8.40, 11.40 a. m., 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40,
4.40 p. m.

Sundays—7.40, 8.40, 9.40, 10.40 a. m.,
12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40, 4.40, 5.40 p. m.
All schedules subject to change with-
out notice.

L. H. CUSHING,
Superintendent.

