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### AYER

News Items.

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Federated church service Sunday morning at 10.45. The subject for the sermon will be "The imprint of the divine nature." The C. E. meeting at 6.15 will have for its subject, "How the prophecy of the angel's song may come true." Evening service at seven. There will be a Christmas celebration for the children of the Sunday school on Christmas eye. A lunch will be served at five p. m., after which there will be a program and Christmas tree.

Daniel H. Dickinson has returned from a visit in Melrose.

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The pastor of the Baptist church will preach on Sunday morning on the "Song of the angels." Sunday school at twelve. Praise meeting at seven in the evening. Subject of sermon "No room in the inn."

These officers were elected by Caleb Butler lodge of Masons on Monday evening: Harrison E. Evans, m.; Charles E. Perrin, s. w.; Ellis B. Harlow, J. w.; Ira G. Dwinell, treas.; E. H. Bigelow, sec.; Frederick Whitney, trustee charity fund three years.

Mrs. Daisy G. Bickford, who has been quite sick with a quinsy sore throat, is reported as improving.

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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. ax Schwartz on Tuesday.

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Mrs. Tarrant, of Malden, the mother of E. F. Tarrant, died recently in that city after a long illness. Mrs. E. F. Tarrant's father also died there from the effects of a cancer. The Tarrant family formerly lived in Ayer, in what is known as the Rufus Fletcher place on East Main street. They moved to Malden several years ago.

The military drill, entertainment and dance given under the direction of Harbinger lodge, K. P., in the town arbinger lodge, K. P., in the town all on Thursday evening was first-ass in every respect. The entertain-ent given by Washington Coles, the innous blind ventriloquist and imper-mator, held the close attention of all sonator, held the close attention of all and he was repeatedly applicated for his fine work. The military drill was given by the Fitchburg lodge uniform rank of the order and was first-class. Grand Master at Arms Jones made an address on the order. The committee having the affair in charge was Walter C. Winslow and Chester P. Perrin.

Mrs. Bessie (Durston) Sondberger, of Freeport, N. Y., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kyle.

Mrs. Sondberger was a former well-known resident of Ayer.

Chief Beatty is making his annual

chown resident of Ayer.

Chief Beatty is making his annual rounds seeing that the law relative to cleaning sidewalks is obeyed. While the people generally comply with the law there are always some chronic delinquents who disregard it. It might be well for the town to set a good example in cleaning its own walks which still remain untouched.

Rimors are again in circulation regarding the renting or buying of the Chandler Planer Company shop, but nothing definite can be learned. It was said this week Friday morning that a big Worcester firm was contemplating locating here and have been looking over the shop.

J. W. Brown, proprietor of the lunch room that bears his name, is confined to his home on Pleasant street by ill-

ness.

While a local business man, an honorary member of the Hot Stove club, was out walking a few days ago he encountered a small dog, which made objections to his progress. The gentleman brushed Towser aside and proceeded a short distance when he fel a cold draught on one of his lower limbs. Making an investigation he found that the dog had ripped a large piece from his pants and carried is away.

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Chester P. Perrin, who has be working as a plumber for his broth Charles E. Perrin, has concluded i

Frank C. Fletcher, son of Mr. a Mrs. D. W. Fletcher, is at home for time from his duties as a traveli salesman.

Christmas tree exercises were hin the first four grades of the pubsichools this week Friday afternoon

schools this week Friday afternoon.

John H. Turner, the editor of this paper, quietly observed his eightleth birthday anniversary at his home on Prospect street Wednesday. Neighbors and friends came to offer congratulations and good wishes. A number of presents were received. Mr. Turner came to this place then called South Groton in 1866, having lived in Groton Center for five years previous Groton Center for five years previous to that time. Mark Moore, a former resident of

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Salesroom—Park Street Ayer, Mass.

Obey The Law!

The new law becomes effective January 1st, 1916, for regulating the use of headlights on motor vehicles by eliminating the glare of same.

I Mark Moore, a former resident of this town, died in South Framingham on Wednesday night after a long illness, aged twenty years. Death was due to pulmonary tuberculosis. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, who for years conducted the Globe hotel here. After the death of his brother a few years ago Mr. Moore moved to South Framingham with the family, where he has since made his home. The remains were brought here this week Friday morning, where a requiem high mass was said at St. Mary's church by Rev. Francis Houston. Mrs. Thomas C. Moore presided at the organ. The bearers were Frank Hooley, John McGuane, George L. Donahue, Walter Carrigan, Charles A. Lethrop and Joseph Donahue. The interment took place in St. Mary's eliminating the glare of same.

William Taylor pleaded guilty to a violation of the liquor law in the superior court in Cambridge on Monday and paid a fine of seventy-five dollars. case was heard several month igo in the district court and appealed. An article on Red Cross seals will be found on page seven.

J. J. Barry & Co., Main street, Ayer,

dealers in household furnishings, is making a discount of ten percent on all goods bought during the month of December in celebration of their first anniversary in their new store.

The following letters remained un-called for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending December 13: C. F. Clareson, Gluseppi 19i Gerolomo, Albert H. Gilbert, Joseph M. Grimes, P. M. Nilant, Sabeto Pelitto.

Poor Service Getting Worse.

A good deal of criticism is being expressed by the townspeople general expressed by the townspeople generally for the poor service given by the Ayer Electric Light Company. There have been several times within a few weeks when the lights went out, and always at times when they were most ceded, making it necessary to hun or antiquated kerosene lamps or can-les for lighting purposes. The busifor antiquated kerosene lamps or can-dles for lighting purposes. The busi-ness men in town are so incensed at the poor service that they intend to take up the matter with the authori-ties of the company to see if a change for the better cannot soon be made. They fell and all taxpayers feel that as they are paying a good price for the lights they are certainly entitled to their money's worth. With a reserve lant which the company has in Aye by the company, why it cannot be kept ready for use at short notice when the Leominster plant which furthing happens to cut off the supply of power upon which we depend for business and town purposes. Last Monday evening the lights went out, leave ing the town in darkness until early the following morning, causing much inconvenience to business men as well as those who were obliged to get home in the storm.

At the birth of a Japanese baby in wealthy circles a tree is planted that must remain untouched until the marriage of the child. When the nuptial hour arrives the tree is cut down and the wood is transformed into furniture, which is considered by the young people as the most beautiful of all the ornaments in the house.

New Advertisements FOR SALE A Colt 4½ years old, velghs 1000 pounds; and a few Cows. C. E. SCHNAID: Harvard, Mass. REGISTERED HERKSHIRE BOAR

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SUGGESTIONS FOR

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Even outside our Big Holiday Stock there is not an article or garment in the store that would not make a handsome and most acceptable Christmas Gift-exactly the Gifts that men like best.

ub,	HANDKERCHIEFS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS
he	Men's Linen Hemstitched 15¢, 25¢ and 50¢
en-	Men's Jananette Initial
felt	Men's Embroidered. Initial 10¢ and 15¢ each
wer he	Men's Linen Initial
rge	Men's Silk, Initial 25¢ and 50¢ each
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### SWEATERS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Nothing could be more acceptable for a gift than a good Sweater. We have Sweaters for every member of the family. They come in Tan, Gray, Navy and Crimson colors. Some are plain Coat stylesome have collars and pockets.

Men's Coat Sweaters, all colors	\$1.00 to \$7.00
Men's Coat Sweaters, an colors	704
Boys' Coat Sweaters, all colors	50¢ to \$4.00
Women's Coat Sweaters	\$3.00 to \$6.00
Girls' Coat Sweaters	\$1.50 to \$2.50
Children's Coat Sweaters	50¢ to \$1.50
Children's Combination Sets-four parts	\$3.50 to \$4.50

	GLOVES FOR CHRISTMAS	HFTS
Men's	Cape Gloves, unlined, for dress wear	\$1.00 to \$2.00
	Cape Gloves, lined, for dress wear	\$1,00 to \$2.50
	Mocha Gloves, fleece lined	. 50¢ and \$1.00
	Mocha Gloves, Silk or Knit lined	\$1.50 to \$2.50
	Mocha Gloves, Hare and Squirrel lines	\$3.50 to \$5.00
Men's	Mocha Gloves, Lamb's Wool lined	\$2.50 and \$3:00
Men's	Working Gloves and Mittens	25¢ and 50¢
Men's	Woolen Gloves and Mittens	25¢ and 50¢
Men's	Fur Gauntlet Driving Gloves	\$1.50 to \$5.00
Boys'	Wool Gloves and Mittens	25¢ and 50¢
Boys?	Leather Gauntlets, lined and unlined	50¢
Child	en's Woolen Gloves and Mittens	15¢ and 25¢



### MEN'S HOSIERY FOR CHRISTMAS Fine Cotton Hose in Black or Colors, four

pairs in Christmas Box ..... Tripletoe and Strong Hose, Silk Lisle, in Black or Colors, four pairs in Christmas Box ..... Everwear Hose, Guaranteed six months, six pairs in Christmas Box..... \$1.50 Silk Hose, in Black or Colors, two pairs in Christmas Box

Children's Hose, four pairs in Christmas Box

A FEW SUGGESTIONS FROM OUR

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ECKWEAR. The very newest styles and colors, very attractive patterns in Four-in-Hands	25¢	В
A beautiful Fancy Silk Four-in-Hand in a pretty Christmas box, very new	50¢	N
RM BANDS. Fancy Arm Bands, each pair in a very Handsome Christmas Boy 25c and	1 <b>50¢</b>	P

KNITTED DRESS SCARFS. In White, Black and Steel colors ...... 50¢ and \$1.00 COMBINATION SETS-In Handsome Christmas Boxes

Pair of Suspenders, a pair of Arm Bands or a pair of Garters for ...... Pair of Suspenders, a pair of Arm Bands and a pair of Garters, three articles for ..... 75¢ and \$1.00 Pair of Pure Silk Hose in fancy colors and a Pure Silk Knitted Four-in-Hand to match in color : \$1.00 Pair of Arm Bands and a pair of Garters to match

in a Christmas Box ..... Mackinaw Coats for the Boys

	FURNISHING GOODS DEPARTMENT
ć	BATH ROBES. Makes a most desirable Christmas Gift.  He will appreciate one
¢	NIGHT ROBES. For Men, are made of fine cotton
¢	For Boys, made of domet flannel
0	SUSPENDERS. A great variety of styles, each pair in a
ć	Boys Suspenders

Searf Pins, each in a handsome Christmas box. Cuff Buttons ..... 25¢ to \$1.50 Searf Pins ..... 25¢ to \$1.50 The well-known Leonard Watch for Boys, in Silver and Nickel, guaranteed for one year ...... 25¢ SMOKERS' SETS—Called Sport Set.....

Rubber Coats for the Boys and Girls

CAPS AND TOQUES	UMBRELLAS	FOR	CHR	ISTMLA	S	•
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Men's ('loth ('aps 50¢ to \$1.00	Always an acceptance
Men's Fur Caps \$2.50 to \$5.50	them for Men. Women and
Boys' Cloth Caps 25¢ and 50¢	new and beautiful designs
Boys' Toques 25¢ and 50¢	Sterling Silver Trimmed h
Misses' and Children's Toones	ter grades are Silk covere
25¢ and 50¢	Man's L'mbrellas

Scarf and Toque Sets-For Girls . . . . . . 50¢ and \$1.00 For Women ..... \$1.00 and \$1.50

e have d Children. Many is in Mission and handles. The bet-

\$1.00 to \$3.00 \$1.00 to \$4.50 Women's Umbrellas ... 50¢ and 75¢ Children's Umbrellas...

LEATHER BAGS AND SUIT CASES Suit Cases, made of Fibre Board

\$1.25 to \$3.00 Suit Cases, made of Leather

\$5.00 to \$7.00 Suit Cases, made of Japanese Matting \$1.25 to \$3.00

\$3.00 to \$8.00 Hand Bags, Leather School Lunch Boxes for Children 256

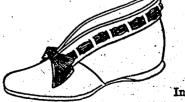
## Holiday Footwear for Every Member of the Family

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR MEN. In a great variety of styles, in Black and Tan Leathers, or in warm Felt Goods ..... 50¢ to \$1.50

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### WESTFORD

The Julian A. Camerons have cently returned from an extended trip

Mrs. George Jenkins has been a re cent guest of Mrs. Alma M. Richard-

H. Bert Walker's many friends are glad to hear that he may be able to return home the last of this week af-ter his five-weeks' stay at the Lowell General hospital.

Word has been received by the Westford friends from the Misses Atwood, spending the winter months in Florida. They went first to Jackson-ville and then to Tampa; where they are very pleasantly located.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright, Mrs. S. B. Wright and A. H. Sutherland are those reported in attendance at the annual sessions of the State Grange in Springfield during this week.

The homes of Miss Nellie Fletcher on Main street and the Misses Fian-ders on Boston road are the most recent in the village to have electric lights installed.

The first hard storm of the season came Monday night and Tuesday morning and made its usual quota of discomforts and inconvenience. The heavy rain, turning to snow, made bad work on the electric car rails and not until Road Master McDonald and his four heaves searons had been over the four-horse scraper had been over the route was any schedule time made. The telephone poles along the Stony Brook railroad was down in several Brook railroad was down in several places and the early morning train from Ayer did not get through until afternoon. The early train from Lowell went as far as Forge Village and returned at 8.40. This made the mails all late, there being no Boston mail until afternoon. After the storm had cleared the result was good sleighing and as the wet snow clung to trees. fences and buildings, and then froze, it presented some unusually beautiful winter landscapes. winter landscapes.

winter landscapes.

The town hall presents a most inviting appearance under the capable management of Mr. Pickering. He has especially been instrumental in securing some changes and improvements in the kitchen, placing metal under and at the back and side of the range. Another fine precaution against fire is a metal chute going to the cellar for paper and other rubbish. A large and more efficient sink and drainboards are to be installed.

The regular meeting of the Tadmuck club took place on Tuesday afternoon at the Unitarian church parternoon at the Sieven was the subject of the afternoon. Miss Sarah W. Loker gave a delightful half-hour with "North of Boston," a book of poems by Robert Frost, whose works have recently come into prominence.

Successful Affair.

the town hall ast week Friday aftermoon and evening, proved very much of a success, all of the tables doing a good business. The play in the evening of the farmerette, a sprightly three-act comedy, was presented by three-act comedy, was presented by the best dramatic talent of the clost the play was free from many of the artificialities of many dramas chosen for amateurs and was acted to the life by the participants. Costumes, stage, setting and acting needed to be seen to be appreciated, Those who took the parts were Miss Mabel Osborne, Miss E. Margaerite Young, Mrs. John Feeney, Jr., Mrs. Perley E. Wright, Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth; Miss Marth L. Grant and Miss Marth C. Grant and Miss Marth C.

For some alleviation of the Christ, the village streets by the choft of Stone rush at the postoffice next week. Andrew's mission, beginned 2 of 8.76 patrons are asked to mail their packages early, to address them plainly and to put the sender's name thereon. Its bound to be a hard week for the postoffice people and a little thought ful co-operation may go a long way.

Farmers' Institute.

printerest of the farmer. Increase yield per acre, rather than cultivate more acres. Find the crop and the variety of that crop adapted to your land. He told of a man who raised good crops of Irish Cobbler potatoes and a near neighbor could not get a third as many per acre. Annual change of seed he claimed showed failure of the man rather than of the plant, and gave instances where suc-cessful work is in progress on farms where no change of seed has occurred with crops mentioned for many years, even for more than a hundred years

in one instance He told of the limitless opportunity before the farmer in the many unsolved problems in crop production. The farmer must be a thinker; he must be more of a man than in former times. Mentioning the shortage of

potash he said he wouldn't care if we couldn't get potash for ten years, az then farmers would be driven back to

couldn't get potash for ten years, ze then farmers would be driven back to animal industry, the basis of farming, and a feature necessary for enduring interest in agriculture.

At noon-time a most excellent dinner was served by the ladies of the Union Congregational church. Music was furnished during the dinner and afterwards by the band of the Middlesex Training school at North Chelmsford. After dinner Miss Helea Osborne, of Lowell, entertained with readings. Howard Foster, of Tewksbury, chairman of institutes, introduced as after-dinner speakers Rev. L. H. Buckshorn, Frank Hill, superintendent of schools, S. L. Taylor and Rev. David Wallace.

The afternoon address by the speaker of the morning was "Wanted—a vision," and was a strong appeal on a high plane for an ideal in each man to fill him with a purpose in life.

About Town.

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At the last meeting of the Middlesex annual sessions of the State Grange in Springfield during this week.

Harry Ericson, who has worked for Charles H. Wright for the past two years, goes to his home for Christmas and after that does not expect to return to Westford, but goes to Amherst to take one of the winter tenweeks' courses at the agricultural college.

The homes of Miss Nellie Fletcher on Main street and the Misses Fianders on Poston road are the most rethe best acre of held corn, best half-acre of popcorn and sweet corn, best acre of grass, best acre of apple trees under five years of age, best lawn, farm and buildings. The committee chosen were Edward F. Dickinson of Billerica, Arthur W. Colburn of Dra-cut, Samuel L. Taylor of Westford.

Mrs. Martha Church Conger, of Governor, N. Y., was a recent visitor at the Old Oaken Bucket farm.

Midst the snow, the rain and the blow on Monday night the large, old-fashioned chimney at the Capt. Peletiah Fletcher house, now occupied by the C. R. P. Decatur family, started up a burning out scene scare. The Westford fire company was summoned and the Stone Break water available. westford her company was summoned and the Stony Brook water artillery. After a liberal use of antidotes and some cool head calculations with heat the mental "all out" signal was sounded. This house will soon reach two centuries and forty years as a dwelling.

give a Christmas entertainment at the church on Friday evening, December 24.

Now that the recent farmers' insti-tute has set the thought waves to flapping sail, let us see to it that they flapping sail, let us see to it that they keep up flapping and sailing right into the Agricultural Extension school that opens for brain business in its relation to farm life at the Westford town hall, January 17-21. Here is a chance to have the Massachusetts Agricultural college wheeled to your door. It will do everyone good to open the door and listen to a new voice as it points out some new phases of farming and farm life higher up than our brains ever yet roosted. Some new roosts will be to our advantage. to our advantage.

Successful Affair.

The Christmas bazaar and entertainment under the auspices of the town hall last week Friday after the town hall last week Friday after the guest of her parents in Three propagations. The companied by Mrs. Peter Martin, who tadmuck club, which took place at the town hall last week Friday after the guest of her parents in Three propagations.

A. Prescott, Mrs. Urocker, Mrs. Anthony Anderson, famory table; Mrs. C.
R. Spaldmar, Mrs. L. H. Buckshorn, children's table. To the urtiring erforts of the circles efficient president belongs much of the credit of the affair. A good's in was realized for the club treasury.

Mrs. Frost mayor powerful resume of "The priest," read in clear style by Miss Clara Snath. At the close of the program social tea was served with Mrs. A. H. Sutherland as hostess. The next meeting, I comber 28, will be in charge of the ashers.

For some alleviation of the Christmas eye, carols will be size 2 d. Some process of the village streets by the choir of States and was the postodice next week.

Will have their vacation from Droems thoughts from Droems bearing to the 27 to January 37.

Brookline, Arlington, Newton, West Acton. Hartford, Conn., Providence, R. L. and Nashua, N. H.

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Mr. and Mrs. Whiteomb have two children, Herbert, a graduate of M. I.

T. 15 and tow teaching in that institution, and Marion, a graduate from Mr. Ide seminary, later a student at Weliesley college and now pursuing striks in the famous Wheelock Kimson the strike in the famous wheelock Kimson the famous wheelock Kimson the famous wheelock Kimson the famous wheelock Kimson the famous whee

Farmers' Institute.

The first institute of the season of the Middlesca North Agricultural society was held at the town hall on Wednesday. The address of the morning by Fr. Goarge M. Twitchell, of Maine, on "Farm problems," while of a somewhat general nature, was exceedingly worth while and full of valuable suggestions for the farmer. Some of his points were as follows:

He cailed attention to the large amounts expended by New England farmers for products that might be raised here, mentioning especially horses and pork. He praised the optimism of farmers, saying he heard no complaining in spite of particularly adverse weather conditions the last two years. Chemicals alone are not sufficient for fertilizer; green manures or animal refuse to supply humus are essential. He claimed that some kind of live stock is necessary to keep up interest of the farmer. Increase yield ner acre, rather than cultivate.

The boys and girls have been skat-ing on the Blacksmith pond for the past few days, and though small in area, it suits the purpose very well.

Thomas J. Healy, of Concord, visited here with his new Ford touring car last Sunday.

Many from here attended the so-cial dance in Forge Village on last week Friday night and report a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Charlton have recently moved into their new house on River street.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Glison and family are settled in the Carmichael house on Main street. The Men's bible class of the M. E.

One of the large pipes of the West-ford Water Company burst on Broad-way recently, but Supt. Sutherland, with his men, were soon on the scene

former years there will be Christina trees in the different churches for the children, the exact date for these interesting events will be on. Thursday and Friday nights of next week.

### LITTLETON

News Items.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday mothing the pastor will preach a sermon appropriate to forefathers day and the coming holidays, "I will hear what God the Lord will speak." For the young people's meeting at 6.30 in the vestry there will be shown an excellent set of stereopticon and reflectoscope pictures of Christ in art. showing reproductions of some of the showing reproductions of some of the master paintings of the world.

The Christmas party for members and friends of the Unitarian Sunday school will be held in the vestry on Friday afternoon at two o'clock, so that all may be through and ready to the first the outsdoor. join in the exercises at the out-door community Christmas tree at the com-mon at five o'clock. Following the ex-ercises at the tree members of the school will make up parties to sing the Christmas carols at the houses of the shut-ins.

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The Unitarian Sunday school will give a lecture on religious att, taking for his subject "The Madonna and the Christ child." Thirty beautiful allows of Christman senterial ment at the lecture. the lecture.

### Silver Wedding Reception.

An event of wide-spread interest was the silver wedding reception held by Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Douglas Whitcomb in their fine ancestral resist dence on Whitcomb avenue Friday evening, December 10. Guests were welcomed by the son. Herbert Whitcomb, and ushered by Montgomery Lovejoy, Harvey Wellman and Karlton K. Priest. Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb stood within a bower of evergreen and poinsettia blossoms, a similar decoration forming a graceful border on the walls, and red berries with trailing evergreen were used for was the silver wedding reception held with trailing evergreen were used for the purpose with pleasing effect in the other rooms.

Throughout the earlier part of the

evening a stringed orchestra dis-coursed brilliant music and later the ladies' quartet of Littleton and Mrs. Benjamin Derby of Concord gave de-lightful vocal selections, Mrs. Houghlightful vocal selections, Mrs. Houghton playing the piano accompaniments for the former and Mrs. Derby furnishing those for her solos. A poemithat touched a sympathetic chord in host, hostess, and the two hundred guests present was the original production of Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield, paster of the Unitarian church and printed below.

Delicious refreshments were served by Hudson caterers, Misses Whitcomo, Proctor and Woodburys assisting in

Young People's Social clab will hold their regular meeting. Mrs. Surgis. Of Groton, will have charge.

Cameron school closed on Friday for the annual Christmas vacation, and will reopen on January 2.

The students of Westford academy will have their vacation from December 27 to January 2.

Six inches of snow fell as a result. Six inches of snow fell as a result.

The silver bells are channed.
The house is all agrow.
And warmth and welcome ev.
Attest the joy we know.

The friends have come with greeting l evervone we have e

For we have come to celebrate The silver wedding day. This household of the Whiteombs is the oldest one around. s the oldest one around, or eleven generations has occupied this ground.

It has greeted births and weddings As from size to son it passed. And it tenderly has cherished old folks waiting at the last You'd hardly know the old place For "Doug" is up to date, And the farm is scientific From the back lot to the gate. The house and barn are lighted With electric "Mazda" sheen: The engine in the dairy Is run by gasolene.

They have siles, they have autos. They have dynames and things. A telephone for gossip And a phonograph that sings. The Holstein-Friesian cattle Wear blue ribbons in their hair, And e'en the pigeons, as they for Turn somersaults in air.

The little window where the sun

Came peeping in at morn, Now brightens up a bathroom That cost a carn of corn. The son has won a place in "Tech," The daughter's on her way To teach the young ideas To make progress through their play.

An older generation, tender, To bless the way with counsel Sweet as sunshine after rain. So we come to bear our greeting, And every heart is gay As we bring our sajutations ' On this silver wedding day. So let us sing; Long live the King! The Whitcombs—long live they! And we be here to celebrate Their golden wedding day! CHRISTMAS PACKAGES OF

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AYER, MASS.

# Christmas Greetings

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### SHIRLEY

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Mrs. Joseph Provost, who is at the liot hospital in Boston, recovering om an operation, is improving

Mrs. Martha A. Holden seems to be gradually improving, gaining a little each day.

The public schools of the town closed on Friday of this week for Christmas holidays, and will reopen on Mon-day, January 3. All the churches of the town will

All the churches of the town with hold Christmas exercises in their re-spective churches on Christmas eve at about seven o'clock, the programs consisting of singing and recitations by the children, well laden Christmas trees with a visit from Santa Claus.

The community Christmas tree observance will take place on Christmas eve at 6.30 o'clock in Depot square. The exercises will consist chiefly of the singing of carols. Rehearsals have been in progress and good singing is anticipated.

The board of selectmen will meet on Monday afternoon, December 27. As this month ends the town's fiscal year all those having bills against the town are requested to hand same to select-men on or before that date.

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Paul J. Barnaby, a reader and entertainer of national reputation, and known from Maine to California, will appear at Odd Fellows' hall on next Tuesday evening and will render a number of miscellaneous readings, monologues, etc., under the direction of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R. Mr. Barnaby has delighted thousands throughout the country and his impersonations and portrayal of life and characteristics of individuals are certainly the last word in one-man entainly the last word in one-man en-tertainment. This is the second entertainment in the series and will be star one from start to finish.

The high and grammar schools held The high and grammar schools held Christmas exercises in the high school room on Friday. Christmas tree and gifts, with the usual Christmas cheer, held sway. The following program was given: Song, "O come all ye faithful," school; "A Christmas story," Mildred Hart; song, "Christmas hells," grammar school; reading, "Tiny Tim." Edna Holden; piano solo, Kathleen Miner; reading, "One holy night," Priscilla Woodman; song, high school; Christmas selection, Charles Gordon; song, "Holy night," school.

Mrs. C. R. White will hold a chil-

Francis McCaffrey of Leominster and Miss Ogil Penderseau of Shirley were married at St. Anthony's church were married at St. Anthony's church parsonage last Sunday evening at sev-en o'clock. Thomas, McCaffrey of Leominster, brother of the bridegroom was best man, and the bride was at-tended by her aunt. Mrs. Mary Gor-don, of Shirley. After January 1 the newly-weds will take up their resi-dence in Leominster, where the bride-groom is employed in a comb shop.

The Brotherhood of the Congrega-tional church held its regular meet-ing last Tuesday evening in the church vestry. Supper was served at 6.30 un-der the direction of Francis E. Park, der the direction of Francis E. Park, Albert J. Dearden, Herman Marshall, Murray Marshall and Lester James. The ladies who assisted were Mrs. F. E. Park, Mrs. H. M. Janes and the Misses Annie and Martha Hunter. At the close of the supper a brief business session was held, the president, F. H. Fowler, presiding. The secretary, G. Stanley Wells, being absent, Joseph H. McClellan served in that office. At eight o'clock the meeting was opened to the public when the president introduced the well-known humorist, S. Thompson Blood, of Concord, who entertained all present with impersonations and sketches which impersonations and sketches which

to finish. Mr. Blood is no stranger in Shirley, but his sketches were all new and up-to-date, and he proved to be one of the finest entertainers Shirley has been privileged to witness for some time.

Center.

The Girls' Sewing Gulld held in

The Girls' Sewing Gulld held its regular meeting on last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. F. Grout. The meeting was to have been held with the Misses Bradford, but on account of Mr. Bradford's accident this was not possible. As the next regular date of meeting falls on Christmas day the next meeting will not be held until January 8, and will be at the home of Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

Misses Fiste and Beatrice Pers. of REAL ESTATE

Brookline, and three friends, are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford. The third in the series of dances for the benefit of the Grange was held in the town hall last week Friday even-ing. The attendance was not as large as at the two preceding parties.

music was furnished by Perry's or-chestra, of Ayer.

Philip E. Wood, who is well-known in Shirley, has a part in the play "Secret Service," in which William Gillette is starring at the Hollis theatre in Boston. The play opened this week and continues for two weeks.

Misses Elsie and Beatrice Pray, of

News has been received of the illness of Mrs. M. M. Mackaye, who is at present in Washington, D. C.

John W. Farrar, of Hazen road, expects to start in the meat business this week and his place as clerk in H. O. Peasley's store at the village has been taken by William Tracy.

Mr and Mrs I Edward Adams of Boston, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ad-ams and Mr. and Mrs. David Marsh. A. W. Woods, at Woodsville, cut his hand badly last Saturday while butch-ering hogs at the home of George Farnsworth. The services of a physi-cian was ngcesary to dress the wound. It is reported that Rev. H. A Bridgman was injured in a street ca in Boston recently, but no particulars

At the meeting of the Grange las week two of the newly-elected officer-for the coming year declined to serve. They were Miss Marguerite Sargent as Ceres, and Lester G. Holden as bec-turer. N. R. Graves also resigned his office as chairman of the executive Mildred Hart; song, "Christmas bells," grammar school; reading, "Tiny Tim." Edna Holden; plano solo, Kathleen Miner; reading, "One holy night," Priscilla Woodman; song, high school; Christmas selection, Charles Gordon; song, "Holy night," school.

Mrs. C. R. White will hold a children's reception and ball for dancing classes on Friday evening, January 21, in Odd Fellows hall.

While driving to the village Wednesday morning August Buckheim had his sleigh overturned, throwing him and his daughter Rosa out into the snowdrifts. The sleigh was bally damaged and the whiffletree and harness broken. After some difficulty they extricated themselves, returned to their home and postponed their trip.

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A goodly number steended the funeral of Jesse Sargeff Monday. Servelees were at the Congregational church Monday at 1.30 p. m., the pastor, Rev. G. Edwin Woodman officiting. Burial was in the village cemetery. Mr. Sargent died suddenly of heart disease last week Friday at Keene, N. H., where he was employed as janitor of a large building, passing away at his post of duty. Mr. Sargent was sixty-live years of age and was a former well-known resident of Surley, living in the house now occupied by the MacElroy family.

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ley, living in the house alow occupied by the MacElroy family.

Ezekiel J. Wilson spent a few days the first of the week in Albany, N. Y. on business.

Edward Lilly, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lilly, who is now a senior at the Fitchburg High school, has been selected as one of the cast in Shakespeare's play, "As you like it," to be staged in May at the Bijou theatry. Fitchburg, by the seniors.

A nine lb. son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Boucher, Monday.

Arthur N. Hersom has left for Newmarket, N. H., where he has secured a position as superintendent of a cotton mill.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge

along the ground for some distance. One of his ears was badly injured and one leg was strained, together with general bruises and shaking up, but no bones were broken. Mr. Bradford be also lost a considerable amount of money from his pockets during the fall, part of which was later recovered.

The automobile which struck Mr. Bradford was occupied by one other beside Mr. Smith. The other machine did not stop. Mr. Smith carried Mr. Bradford home in the automobile and his friend drove the team mobile and his friend drove the team to the bed for several days.

This is the second accident of this

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will hold their usual meeting Friday evening, December 24, at 8.30 o'clock. A good attendance is requested as election of officers will take place.

This is the several days.

This is the several decident of this sort which has happened within a short time in Shirley, the other occurring when N. R. Graves' team was struck two weeks ago, when Linton B. Ward will leave for Or-one, Me., next Monday to attend class directions tried to pass.

Linton B. Ward will leave for Croon, Mc., next Monday to attend class reunion '14. Mr. Ward will spend the Christmas holidays at Turner, Mc., and before returning home will leave ture at Turner and Toosham Granges. At the former grange he will speak in the afternoon and the latter in the evening.

Rev. G. Edwin Woodman's stereogytion lecture last Sunday evening on "Mexico" at the Congregational church was decidedly interestine and worthy of mention. The views were good and Mr. Woodman's description of them were instructive as well as contertaining.

A goodly number attended the entertainment at St. Anthony's church last Sunday evening, given by the children of the parochial school for the benefit of the church. The various parts were well sustained.

Asa Shephard, who resides with his auni, Mrs. Greenleaf, of Harvard road, is very sick with indigestion.

Francis McCaffrey of Leominster and Mills Okth Roaders and Shirley. Barnard, where he obtained water for his machine, and then started out to complete the journey to Boston. The machine ran but a few feet, however, and stopped on the Center common, from which place it refused to move. After fruitless attempts to start the After fruitless attempts to start the machine the doctor's friend started out to find lodging for the night. He called at several houses about the Center and woke up the inmates to apply for shelter, but his attempts were fruitless, everyone suspecting they were burglars or being unable to take them in. Finally he returned to the machine in despair and woke up the doctor, who had fallen asleep, and told him it was useless. The doctor then tried his luck and finally came to the home of C. E. Bradford, where after explanation he and his friend were taken in and given shelter for the night.

In the morning the machine was repaired and as the medical meeting had occurred the night before, they started back to Vermont, very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Bradford, but, it may be imagined, with a rather poor opinion of Shirley hospitality in general machine the doctor's friend started

opinion of Shirley hospitality in gen-

If an airship, with a constant speed of fifty miles an hour, started from the earth on a jurney to the sun on January 1, 1916, it would be nearry

LOST BOOK—In accordance with Chapter 599, Section 49 of the Acts of 1998 Massachusetts Legislature and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 7579 has been lost and payment on the same stopped. NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK

Sarah T. Tuten, Treas. Ayer, Mass., Dec. 8, 1915. 3t14 MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF

By virtue of a power of sale cor ained in a certain mortgage deed given by Ray L. Meader to the Fitchburg Co-operative Bank, dated July 1914 recorded with Middleger 143, and for breach of the condition therein contained will be sold at public auction on the premises herein after described on

Monday, January 3rd, A. D. 1916 at two o'clock in the afternoon all and singular the premises convey

ed by said mortgage deed, viz: A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Mill Village so called, in Ashby, Mass., bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning on the road leading from said Mill Village to Ashby Center at the southwesterly corner of land late of George M. Worcester; thence N. 80° 30° E. by said Worcester land and land of A. C. Richardson two hundred and thirteen (213) feet to a corner of a wall; thence S. 7° W. one hundred and twenty-six (126) feet to by said Richardson land to a corner in the wall; thence S. 67° 30' W. seventy-one (71) feet by said Richard son land to an angle in the wall; thence S. 73°. W. one hundred seven (197) feet by said Richardson land o the road aforesaid; thence by said road N. 12° W. one hundred fffty-five (155) feet to the place of beginning. Also another tract of land with all buildings thereon, situated in said Ashby on the westerly side of the road leading from said Ashby to Ash-

burnham and bounded as follows, viz corner thereof on said road at an thence by said Robinson land N. 58 W. two hundred sixty-eight and 4/10 pipe set in the ground; thence by said Robinson land S. 31°. W. ninety-four and 5 10 (94.5) feet, more or less to an old road; thence Northwesterly by said road two hundred eighty-three (283) feet, more or less, to a stake at land formerly of one Towne by the wall two hundred eighty-five (285) feet, more or less, to a stake or the shore of Stanley Mill Pond; thence S. 61° 5' E. one hundred and twenty seven (127) feet, more or less, to stake at the shore of said Pond; thence by the shore of said pond outheasterly one hundred and thirtyseven (137) feet, more or less, to stake in the ground at the end of the dam: thence N. 44° 34′ E. thirty-seven and 7,10 (37.7) feet to a stake ham; thence S. 19° 20' E. by said road one hundred seventy-two and 8 10 (172.8) feet to a stake at an angle in said road; thence S. 11° 43 E. by said road two hundred and nine and 8-10 (209.8) feet to the place of beginning. Containing two and 8/10

Terms: dace of sale and the balance on de-ivery of the deed within ten days from sale at the Banking Rooms o said Bank, 298 Main Street, Fitchburg, Mass. The premises will be

SITCHBURG CO-OPERATIVE BANK

By WARNER M. ALLEN, Fitchburg, December 6, 1915.

Bailey & Bailey

PETITION of the New England Tele phone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for Pole and Wire Locations.

To the Board of Selectinen of the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts.

Respectfully represents The New may appear and will be heard; that Erigiand Telephone and Telegraph the petitioners give notice of the time impany of Massachusetts that it dedres to construct a line of poles, wires nd fixtures, including the necessary distaining and protecting fixtures along and across the public way or

ways hereinafter named. Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by aw, it may be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain oles and wires, together with such ustaining or protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked 7-3, dated 12-4-15, proposed pole locations of the N. E. T. & T. Co. of Mass

Your petitioner agrees to reserv pace for one cross-arm at a suitable point on said poles for the telephone fire and police signal wires owned by the town, and used for municipal pur

The following are the streets and lighways above referred to: Willow Road from State Road to

the residence of Burton H. Allen, five The New England Telephone and Tele graph Company of Massachusetts

By GEO. H. DRESSER, General Manager. M. S. B. Dated this fourth day of December

PETITION of the New England Tele-phone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for Pole and Wire Re-Locations.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town, of Ayer, Massachusetts. Respectfully represents The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts that it deersonations and sketches which 210 years on the journey, as it would sires to re-locate a line of poles, wires the audience laughing from start not arrive until November 23, 2125.

sustaining and protecting fixures, along and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore it prays that it may be sion to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining or protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked 7 4, dated 12-6-15, proposed re-locations of the N. E. T. & T. Co.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on said poles for the telephone fire and police signal wires owned by the town and used for municipal pur

The following are the streets and highways above referred to: West Main Street, westerly from the B. & M. R. R. crossing, two re-loca

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts. By GEO. H. DRESSER. General Manager.

Dated this sixth day of December

PETITION of the New England Tele-phone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the Ayer Ele tric Light Company for Joint or Identical Locations for Poles the Board of Selectmen of th

Town of Ayer, Massachusetts, Respectfully represents the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the Ayer Electric Light Company, that they desire to construct a line of poles and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the public way or ways hereinafter named, and to be owned and used in common by your petitioners.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that after due notice and hearing a provided by law, they may be granted joint or identical location for and per nission to erect and maintain pole and wires, together with such sustaining or protecting fixtures as the busi ness of each of your petitioners may require, said poles to be erected sub-stantially in accordance with the plan (268.4) feet, more or less, to an iron filed herewith marked 2 1, dated 19 pipe set in the ground; thence by said 1-15, proposed joint pole line bet Aver El. Lt. Co. and N. E. T. & T. Co.

Your petitioners agree to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point upon each of said poles for the telephone, fire and police signal wires wned by the town and used for muni cipal purposes.

The following are the streets and nighways abové referred to: West Main Street from the Boston & Maine R. R. southwesterly, fou

West Main Street from the Boston & Maine R. R. northeasterly, four

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts By GEO. H. DRESSER.

M. S. B. Aver Electric Light Company, By L. WHITCOMB.

Dated this first day of October

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Ordered, that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petitions or Wednesday, the 22d day of December 1915, at 7,30 o'clock P. M., at the Selectmen's Room in Town Hall in said Ayer at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that and place of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petitions and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News, newspapers published in said Aver at least seven days prior thereto and that the clerk of the board mai written notice of the time and place of said hearing at least seven day prior thereto to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way, upon, along, across or under which the line is to be constructed as such ownership is determined b the last preceding assessment for taxation.

JOHN D. CARNEY, THOMAS F. MULLIN, DOUGLAS C. SMITH, Selectmen of Ayer.

A copy of petition and order there on. Attest

DOUGLAS C. SMITH, Clerk. Selectmen of Ayer.

2114 Selectmen of Ayer.

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 RANDALL M. ERVING late of Groton 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 LIZZIE O. ERVING of Groton 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 twenty-second day of December. A. D. 1915, 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 Groton Landmark. a newspaper published in said Courty, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

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W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of SARAH B. GUSTIN, late of Nashua, in the State of New Hampshire, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond as the law directs.

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

BYRON F. GUSTIN, Executor Amberst, Mass., Nov. 30, 1915, 3113

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that NOTICE, IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of WILLIAM H. MANS-FIELD late of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required. All persons naving demands upon the state of said deceased are required o exhibit the same, and all persons included to said estate are called upon the make payment to FRANCIS G. HAYES, Adm.

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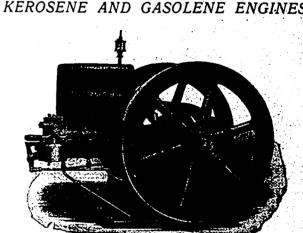
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### GROTON

News Items.

Last Sunday afternoon little Martha, the youngest of Frank H. Palmer's children, was taken suddenly ill— thrown into a stupor and becoming rigid. The family were much frightened and a hurry call was telephoned
to their doctor, who responded
promptly. He gave an emetic and
results showed that the child had
chewed and swallowed pieces of the
colored picture section of the Sunday
paper, which had poisoned her. She
recovered very soon. The incident is
a lesson to mothers. We read of so
many little children who are fatally
poisoned from eating pills, matches
and other things which they always
seem so inclined to put into their The family were much frightso inclined to put into their

The Groton School and Lawrence academy close for the holiday vacation next week Tuesday.

"Word has been received in town that Dr. Steere, of Providence, R. I., has been very sick with pluro-pneumonia. The crisis was passed last week Wednesday, when if nothing new sets in the recovery was assured. The next church social and supper at the Congregational church will be that of the Christmas night festival.

J. H. Robbins, in response to a telegram, arrived from California Monday and will remain for the present. The telegram was sent at the time his sister, Mrs. Bigelow, was so critically ill, when he started for Groton immediately, not receiving the second telegram saying his sister was more comfortable. fortable.

fortable.

The first real snowstorm of the season on Monday, differnoon and night brought out sleighs on Tuesday. The weight of the damp snow lodged on the trees broke off many of the branches and sonie trees, doing considerable damage to telephone lines. Tuesday the snow began to drift, making travel bad over the roads.

The high school has a new piano. The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange will meet with Groton Grange on Thursday, January 20, when the recently elected officers will be installed by Charles M. Garfield, of Westfield, high priest of demeter of the Matients Grange. field, high priest National Grange.

"How the prophecy of the angels Christmas song may come true" is the topic for the C. E. meeting on Sunday evening. Leader, Miss Hazel Gibson. Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Jewett left town last week with their household goods, going to a new home in Taunton.

going to a new home in Taunton.

The C. E. society was led by Mrs.
G. W. Shattuck last Sunday evening.
It was a good meeting and well attended. John Robinson, George Lee
Bixby and John Hough were over
from the West Groton C. E. society
and took part. Other members present from West Groton were the Misses
Watch Wright and Hagel Rates

Charles Bartz is wiring Arthur C. Tuttle's buildings for electric lights. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle went to their winter home in San Mateo, Fla., about six eeks ago, but their son Clarence and

The next talk before the Educational section of the Woman's club to which all interested in schools and education A. Burton in the high school Tuesday, January 18, at four o'clock. Mrs Torrey of Brockton left for home just Friday, after a visit of sev-

at Mrs. F. F. Waters next Monday afternoon, December 20.

at 3.30 o'clock. Rev. L. W. Richardson is to move with his family from Braintree to Gro-ton and will occupy the F. M. Bout-well house on Hollis street, which he Rev. Mr. Richardson has a son attending Lawrence academy.

Mrs. Emeline Smith, who has lived ne time on Hollis street, is at keeping a boarding house in

The Camp-fire Girls have a meeting next Tuesday afternoon to decide when their ceremonial meeting will be. They have received their rings of the

F. F. Woods, who has been suffer from sciatica and kept in the house for the past five weeks, two of which were spent in bed, is able now to get

out occasionally. Cedric Moison began work Thursday noon in the Boston postoffice to assist during the holidays. This is year he has worked there

during the rush of the heavy holiday Frank A. Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Woods, will arrive home from Amherst Agricultural college this week Friday and will attend the high school dance in the evening. He will bring with him one of his college

Unitarian church at the morning service Sunday, December 26.

The next meeting of Groton Grange will be observed as children's night—a Christmas festival. Date, Tuesday, December 28.

David Wyman Gibson, senior at Dartmouth, comes home this week on Friday for the holidays.

Mrs. Edwin, C. Leonard, accom-panied by her sister, Mrs. Durant, vis-ited last week Friday her daughter, Miss Marguerite Leonard, who is teaching in Chicopee.

Miss Edna Leonard, who is a teacher at Forestdale, near Buzzard's bay, comes home this week Friday for the holiday vacation.

There will be no meetings of the soldiers' relief work at Mrs. Shaw's for the next two weeks, but on Monday afternoon, January 3, the work will be resumed. It is hoped that a large number will make special effort to at-tend. Mrs. Sturgis of Groton School will be present and read letters from the soldlers at the front.

The Red House school will close for the holidays next Wednesday. Harry Shaw left on this week Friday to visit his grandmother in Maine.

A recent marriage that has been kept a secret by the contracting parties has just leaked out. Miss Helen Belle Moore, daughter of Mrs. Minnie E. Moore, was united in marriage to Harold Hamlett Woods, son of the late William A. Woods, in Portsmouth, N. H., October 2.

Charles I. Cragin, a wealthy retired manufacturer, died at his apartments at the St. James hotel. Philadelphia, Wednesday. Mr. Cragin was born in Boston and attended Lawrence academy. He went to Philadelphia fifty-two years ago as the local representative of Jordan, Marsh & Company of Boston, and after a year and a half founded the Dobbins Soap Manufacturing Company of which he was president for years, but retired from business twenty years ago. He served during the Civil war in a Massachusetts Boston and attended Lawrence acad regiment.

G. W. C.

The Woman's club held an open The Woman's club held an open meeting in the town hall last week Friday evening. There were present a considerable number besides the members of the club. Miss Boutwell presided and gave some notices pertaining to club work; announced that the serving of hot soup at the lunch hour of children at Boutwell school would begin with the reopening of the school year in January; solicitations will be made. She then introduced Prof. Selskar M. Gunn, director of the hygiene division in the state health hygiene division in the state health

hygiene division in the state health department, Boston.

Prof. Gunn held the close attention of his audience in an interesting and instructive talk on "Child welfare." He commenced first in speaking of summer complaints so fatal in many instances to infants. Here in Groton, with the good air and with mothers, understanding the necessary care and best food for children, the mortality among them is comparatively small. from the West Groton C. E. society and took part. Other members present from West Groton were the Misses Edith Wright and Hazel Bates.

Albert P. Warren is going to attend the ten weeks' winter course at Amberst Agricultural college.

All the public schools close this week Friday for the Christmas vacation, to reopen on Monday, January 3.

The Odd Fellows' Hall association concert given in the town hall last week Thursday evening was a very fine one. The artists were the Jordan family of Burlington, Vt., Miss Briggs of Ithode Island and Miss Burbank of Portland, Me.

William Gay, who has held a positive of the design of the design of the worst, might thus be arrested age! gured in an in-

man's club of which Mrs. Julia Ward hall team, at which the entire school. Shaw is chairman, held their neeting the local trustees and alumni residing the high school building on Tuesday ing in Groton, are invited. at four p. m. The weather was rough and the traveling poor, so that many who had planned to attend were kept away. C. S. Lyman, school superintendent was introduced by Mrs. Shaw Baptist Church. Mr. Lyman was thoroughly interesting.

The subject of the Sunday morning in his talk, because thoroughly interested himself in educational work. He ory." The subject of the evening servery." ested himself in educational work. He made many suggestions with ideas, which if carried our must be of lasting benefit. He began his talk by telling of his love for the work and how from It woods and family.

There will be a special meeting of the Village Improvement section of views of each, although he thought

ard of the brightest or most scholarly ard of the brightest or most scholarly in the school, whereas he should be judged from his own standpoint. There were some who preferred to work with their hands and they should be regarded not as dull and stupid, although not keen as students. They might lead just as useful and successful lives and were as necessary to good citizenship as the others. Another point, how very helpful a word of praise and encouragement is to those who may not be quick and brilliant and such need this help. A few words of praise sometimes go a long way to-

wards helping a boy or girl. There were many other excellent hints and thoughts in his talk which gradually led up to a leading sug-gestion. The people of Groton had an excellent chance to establish a manual training and cooking school with comparatively small expense. The old and discarded Chaplin schoolhouse is admirably adapted to this work. The lower room for the boys work. much of the necessary arrangements and equipment could be done by the boys themselves. And the upper room with the securing of a cook stove and numerous necessary implements would furnish the best of places for a cook-There will be special music at the ing school. How helpful the boys and











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Swiss Embroidered and Lace Edge Handkerchiefs. Prices range from ...... 5¢ to \$1.98 Box and Folder Handkerchiefs.... 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00 Men's Gift Handkerchiefs, Hemstitched, all Linen, embroidered initials ...... 15¢ and 25¢ Silk Embroidered, initial ...... 50¢ Children's Gift Handkerchiefs, Pen and Ink Etched Corners, Colored Embroidered Corners Box of three 15¢ and 25¢

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CHRISTMAS SEALS, TAGS AND NARROW CHRISTMAS RIB-BONS FOR PACKAGES

# B. Turner & ton, for the past three years, returned to his work Sunday afternoon after a two-weeks' visit at the parental home. Mr. and Mrs. Bliner Sawyer and Mrs. Mary Messenger and daughter, Miss Hattie, and Mrs. Wallace Brown, left on Monday by auto to attend the three days State Grange meeting in Spring-lield. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. How are the constrained of the constrain

The "L" by a vote of the advisory board was awarded to twelve men. They will be given sweaters.

"Psalmistry, a message from the hands."

A very interesting and helpful letter was read on last Sanday morning at the Sunday school from a former pas-Vermont. The Boy's Bible class has nineteen

Groton had nothing to complain of compared with many other towns as members enrolled. An effort is being made to secure twenty-five members.

A striking point of his was that he thought teachers often made a misheld on Friday evening, December 24. A striking point of his was that he The Sunday school festival will be thought teachers often made a miss held on Friday evening, December 24, take in judging a pupil by the stand- in the vestry of the church. All are cordially invited.

A social for the young people

held at the parsonage on Tuesday evening. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all who were present. The Girls' club held a sale in the lower town hall on Thursday after-noon. The boys' class sold ice cream.

No new cases of scarlet fever have been reported this week. Philip Lamb was last week's victim and his illness

is very slight. The bricklayers are again at work at the leatherboard mill and the work progressing toward completion at no distant date.

Several improvements will add to the attractiveness of the house recent ly purchased by Lawrence Strand, Jr fire-place makes a cosey corner in the living-room, hardwood floors have been laid in several rooms and a bath provement plan.

The West Groton library is receiving numerous gifts in books and money. A little later it will be possible to given list of books newly pur-

Interesting Address.

The Educational section of the Worman's club of which Mrs. Julia Ward Shaw is chairman, held their meeting in the high school building on Tesday at four p. m. The weather was rough and the traveling poor, so that many who had planned to attend were kept who had planned to attend were kept. ing an unusually large percentage o pupils enrolled.

The regular contributor to this column is not responsible for misstate mem- last week under the heading serv- "West Groton News."

### TOWNSEND

The many friends of E. Alonzo Blood were sorry to learn that he had suffered a shock on Thursday afterto his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Blood Osgood Oakland, Cal.

Vernal Barber celebrated his seven ty-fifth berinday in a quiet way at his home, ill-asant View farm, Townsend hill. Mr. Barber has been in poor health for some time, but was able to receive and enjoy callers who came to extend best wishes. He also received congratulatory letters and postcards which added brightness to the day especially did he enjoy and appreciat the beautiful bouquets of roses and pinks sent to him by parcel post. Mr. Barber's many friends wish him added days of cheer in his declining years. Little Maxine Temple celebrated her birthday by entertaining a party of her soung friends. A birthday cake and nursery games were enjoyed by

the lattle folks Plans for the community Christmas tre are progressing successfully. The public are manifesting a marked interest, the liberal contributions having already amounted to \$150. At a meeting of the committee the first of the wtok at William Russell's a purchas-ing committee was chosen, two from each church, Mrs. Walter Farrar, T. T. Goodwin, T. J. McGuire, Mrs. James Farrar, Mrs. Noah Wallace and Eving school. How helpful the boys and chased and received.

girls could be after this training in the L. A. support held on Friday the gifts as purchased by the commitate are held each week on Wednesday their homes. Many mothers have not evening of last week was patronized, tee from the funds contributed be evening at the Old Homestead. Con-

were present partook of a bountiful and delicious supper fully the equal of any in the past. The tables were very attractive in their Christmas decorations of red and green. The supper and sale netted a little more than \$65. The postponed entertainment is to be given later.

The Gan club held their regular meeting on Friday evening of this work of the supper suppe

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Wyeth and coungest daughter, Gladys, left Tues-lay morning for Bradentown, Fla. All schools in town, with the excep-

afternoon for the Christmas vacation 23 All schools will reopen January Mrs. Anna W. Crabtree, aged seven ty-three years, passed away on Tues

of pneumonia at the home of her son Levi Stevens, on the Turnpike road. Funeral services and interment was in Manchester, N. H., her late home. Miss Isabelle Hayward, of Bayberr hill, a high school student, wil with Mrs. Clarence Meade during the

winter months Harbor.

For the first time for several years was found advisable to break out ads after the heavy snowstorm of donday night.

On Tuesday an automobile from Proctor's garage, Ayer, made its way Proctor's garage, Ayer, made its way Mrs. Reavy found her young son on Tuesday after an absence of five hours safe at the home of one of the neigh-

Gilman Conant and Clarence La-Fontaine began teaming on Thursday at the Cape from the Fessenden lot, formerly owned by Bela Warner.

R. B. Adams and Stillman Anderson R. B. Adams and String Reserved as the early part of the week. The animal was twenty feet from the ground a hollow tree.

The friends of Mrs. Noyes will be pleased to learn that she has ciently recovered to walk without One of F. E. Conant's bantams add-

ed a brood of six chicks last Tuesday to the poultry plant at Westview. Under the supervision of the Massa chusetts Agricultural college a ers correspondence course was ed at the Cape last week. Me

The present term closes next Wedrect. Mr. Farr. capt. In addition to
the rifle club there will be two elective
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The present term closes next Wedmeeting was careful was nearly recently the conthe rifle of their regular
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The Buncomian Alegal
was given ningham, who all had made good as masters and gave interesting reminis-cences. Mrs. Alice Graves gave a reading and Miss Marla Steele sang. reaging and Miss Maria Steele sang, "Oh perfect day," Master Charles Richardson and lecturer Mary Burroughs are attending the meeting of the state grange at Springfield this week.

News Items.

All the schools close this week for he holidays with the usual appropri ate exercises on Friday afternoon.

Edwin Braman has taken a position as night watchman at the Lyman school, Westboro, and Clifton Steele is working at the Industrial school in

Mr. and Mrs T A Blanchard o

Mrs. Samuel Moss spent the week

### HARVARD

News Items.

Postmaster West has received a number of illustrated booklets from Fred Savage, who is now at San Diego cal., descriptive of many phases o the western life. These have been placed in the reading room and are well worth looking over.

Monday night was conspicuous or count of its darkness, the electrilights being out of commission, owing to the severe storm. Kerley, Reed & Bryant will be ou

local grocers and general storemen after December 31, succeeding the sid and popular firm of Gale, Dickson & Co. All of the new firm are popular young men and will enjoy th will of all people in their new venture Owing to the illness of Rev. Mr Boyle there will be no catholic service

on Sunday morning. It is hoped that Mr. Boyle will be sufficiently recovered to hold the regular services on Christmas day. All of the schools closed this week or a two-weeks' recess. They will for a two-weeks' recess. reopen on January 3.

By the will of the late Enoch Perkins, whose death occurred in 1880, the First Congregational Unitarian church is to receive a bequest of \$21,000. Arthur H. Turner, et al, the trustees, have filed their account with

the probate court. The funeral services of the mother of Dr. Austin Peters of this town were observed at her home on Mt. Vernon street, Boston, last Saturday, Dr. Peters and family attended, Dr. Peters, with his sister, Mrs. l. Tucker Burr, of Boston, are the two children

who survive her. Miss Louisa Dyar is boarding for the winter with Mrs. Susan J. Savage. having closed her house for the cold

weather months

Still River. Next Sunday evening at the Baptist vestry there will be a Christmas service of story and song, entitled, "The star of glory."

Next Friday evening there will be Christmas exercises at the vestry to which everyone is cordially invited to attend. The committee in charge have not stated whether there will be a tree or not, but without fail there will be or not, but without fail there will be a jolly time for all and everyone is in-vited to bring or send presents to the vestry that afternoon for distribution that evening.

Tuesday there was a chimney fire at the house of Miss Jane M. Read, but it was extinguished without doing any damage.

Fred W. Bateman went to Concord. N. H., Thursday, to attend the funeral of a relative, Mrs. Todd.

Miss Helen E. Stone has been visit-Miss Edna Itobinson is visiting in

Mrs. Mabel Sprague spent Sunday with relatives in Salem Owing to stop on work on the new road between Still River and Harvard.

the boarders at Red Maple Inn have departed, so business is pretty quiet here just now. Miss Maud Caruth, who has been keeping house for Mr. and Mrs. Hunt-er, has left there and gone to West Upton, where she has work in a straw

shop, a position that she has had for many winters. The Birthday club met with Mrs. William B. Haskell last Friday after-

Walter Haskell has been underdo any heavy work for a while, but it is hoped that nothing serious is the best he will soon be as well as ever. Howard D. Stone has

also been a little under the weather for a few days, but nothing serious, we are happy to say. Miss Edna Flanders spent Monday and Tuesday in Worcester

New Advertisement.

BEANS FOR SALE CHEAP—A quan-BEANS FOR SALE CHEAP—A quantity of White Pea Beans (for baking, etc.) as they came from the fanning mill; about 20% more or less spotted. Price 10 cents per quart at the farm. W. P. WHARTON, Fiveoaks Farm, Groton, Mass.

### ÂYER

Mrs. Martha B. Bartlett, who was stricken quite recently with a paralytic shock, is still in a very feeble condi-tion and speechless. If she survives until February she will be ninety-one years of age.

Alice May Luddington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Luddington, of Third street, was married on Wednes-day, December 15, in Milford, to John T. Hook, of that town, at the home of his parents. They are on their way to Akron, Ohio, and expect to reach there by Sunday. Mr. Hook is employed by the Goodrich Rubber Company, of that city. Mrs. Hook has been a resident of this turn from early of the town from early of the town from early of the two from dent of this town from early childhood and was a favorite of all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

The regular meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., will be held on Wednesday evening, December 22, at 7,20 o'clock. Business—initiation,

Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., will hold their meeting on Tuesday, December 21, instead of on Friday. Election of

The boy choir of Groton School rendered a musical service last Sunday night at St. Andrew's church. day night at St. Andrew's church. There were twenty-six vested boys and incn. The processional hymn was "O come, O come Emanuel!" After the evening chants, followed an anthem, "The Lord is near." "Abide with me" was sung as a recessional. The responses of the service were beautifully given by the choir.

John Crain Kelley, of Boston, alving violin and plano lessons at the home of Miss Cote. Washington street, Saturday mornings. He may be, addressed at 87 Gardner street. Allston.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, December 20, at 7.30 o'clock, Work—Fellow Craft de-

The Christian Science society hold their meetings in Dickinson's block every Sunday morning at 10.30, Sub-ject for December 19, 'ls the universe, including man, evolved by atomic

Miss Mildred Sanders had the honor of meeting and demonstrating the work of the New England Conservawork of the New England Conservatory to the Papanese prima donna,
Tamaki Miura, who has been playing
in "Madame Butterfly" at the Boston
Opera House. The prima donna visitcd the conservatory recently to learn
something of the American method.
Miss Sanders sang parts from Mozart's
operetta, "Bastien and Bastienne." in
which she recently took the leading
part. The prima donna expressed her
tapproval by saying "Nice, nice," and
several handshakes.

Communion services will be held at
730 Sunday morning at St. Andrew's

With the sleigh to the Joseph Graves
place on the Groton road. Mr. Hosmer was unhurt and no damage was
done the outfit.

Alice Force was the winner of the
baby Ford automobile that was offermost votes in the contest which has
been under way for several weeks. Her
total vote was \$4,290. Benjamin Farrar was gives second prize, free admission to the show for thirty days.

His vote was 74,060.

A regular communication of St. Paul

Communion service will be held at 7.30 Sunday morning at St. Andrew's church; morning prayer at cleven o'clock. On Friday, December 24, the Sunday school Christmas tree festival will begin at 4.30. Holy communion will be held on Christmas day at ten in the morning.

The bill for Saturday night at the morning at St. Andrew's chool Christmas day at ten in the morning.

Total receipts	\$722.9 146.7
Balance Division	\$576.1
Unitarian church Episcopal church Baptist church Methodist church Congregational church	\$132.4 164.9 104.6 53.0 121.1
Nina B. Lovejov.	\$576.1 Treas.

John M. Maloney, associate justice of the district court, was chosen a member of the council for three years, by the Middlesex Ear association at its annual meeting held in the rooms of the county commissioners, East Cambridge, Monday.

\*\*Coursement on another page.\*

A meeting of the Ministers' Union is invited for Tuesday, December 28, in the lower town hall at 19.30 o'closed. Theme, "The war--preparedness—the three county commissioners, East Cambridge, Monday.

a former resident, was in town over the week-end.

ice, which was followed by the G. A. R. ceremony. The members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., of which the deceased was a member, attended in a body, as did the members of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V. The bearers were Edward E. Sawyer, S. Bassett Dickerman, Holden C. Harlow, Ellis B. Harlow, all members of the local camp. The interment took place in Woodlawn cemetery, where the G. A. R. committal service was performed, followed by the benediction by Mr. Strong.

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A large number of the members of A large number of the members of Vapt. George V. Barrett camp. S. of V., attended the district meeting and camp-fire of the Fitchburg camp in that city last week Friday evening. All report an excellent time. The meeting and camp-fire was in charge of George Stevens, a former resident of Ayer, who has for years held the position as district aid.

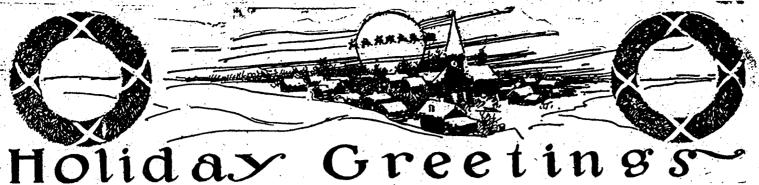
Arthur L. Tisdale, of Ayer, and Miss Lesley Wing, of Tewksbury, were mar-ried in Malden on Wednesday, Decem-ber 8, by Rev. Ransom A. Greene, Mr. Tisdale is a well-known telegraph operator. On their return from their wedding trip they will live in the Sherwin house, East Main street.

A. A. Fillobrown was reappointed district deputy grand high priest of the eleventh capitular district at the 116th convocation of the Grand Royal Arch chapter of Massachusetts which took place in Boston last week.

E. H. Rickman has moved his family from Worcester to the Woods' house on Oak street. He is a locomo-tive engineer, his run being between Deering Junction, Me., and Ayer.

Benjamin Spaulding left for Jack-sonville, Fla., last Saturday, where he intends to spend the winter.

Judge and Mrs. Warren H. Atwood left Wednesday night on their western trip, going by way of Worcester, New York city and Washington. They will Atwood's brother, John H.



With only one week's time to do the Christmas shopping our thoughts naturally turn to Christmas Gifts. What is more practical and more appreciated by the men and boys than some article of wearing apparel? Our Christmas Goods are all in, the newest styles and patterns in Men's and Boys' Clothing, Furnishings, Shoes and Slip-Come in while the variety is good and let us help you make your selections. Here are a few suggestions:

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\$10.00 to \$22.00
\$5.00 to \$8.50
\$3.50 to \$6.00
\$1.00 to \$7.00
50¢ to \$5.00
50¢ to \$2.00
\$1.25 to \$6.00
25¢ to \$1.00

Arm Bands in Christmas Boxes ..... Gloves in Christmas Boxes ..... Braces in Christmas Boxes ..... Men's Linen Handkerchiefs, with initial ... 15¢, 25¢ and 50¢ Men's Japanette Handkerchiefs, initial.... Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, with initial . . . ? Combination Necktie and Handkerchief Sets in Christmas Boxes.....

25¢ and 50¢ 75¢ and \$1.00

25¢ and 50¢

25¢ to \$3.50

25¢ and 50¢

10¢ and 15¢

All Kinds of Footwear for Every Member of the Family-Rubber Boots, Overshoes, Rubbers Etc. 100

# Opposite Depot

also visit the principal places in the west, going as far as California.

John E. Hosmer was thrown out of sleigh in front of Page block Wednesday afternoon, the horse continuing with the sleigh to the Joseph Graves place on the Groton road. Mr. Hos-mer was unburt and no damage was done the outfit.

making in all 10,000 feet of pictures Making in all 10,000 feet of platings. Next Wednesday evening Robert Edeson, the popular dramatic actor, in the thrilling play of the trackless woods. "The call of the north," in five parts; Pathé Weekly and others. "The spoilers." for Christmas afternoon and eve ning is a production of nine parts which was praised by the press as next to "The birth of a nation." See ad-vertisement on another page.

Home-made candy at Marion Farns

the week-end.

Schools closed this Friday and will repen on Tuesday, December 28. On account of several of the teachers living at a distance Tuesday was decided upon as the opening day, instead of on Morday, as it will not be convenient for them to return before that day.

The funeral of George G. Puffer took place from the house last Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. J. S. Strong, pastor of the Congregational church, performed the religious service, which was followed by the G. A. R. ceremony. The members of George

panerty Bros. on March 25. The firm was insured with the thirteen companies involved, in amounts varying from \$1000 to \$3250, the total amount of insurance in the thirteen policies being \$27,500. The claim of the plaintiffs is that the value of their property

tiffs is that the value of their property was \$40,000.

The property on which the claims for insurance is based consisted of a large number of valuable patterns and blueprints which were all practically destroyed in the big fire on the date above-mentioned, which burned the building owned and occupied by the Chandler Machine Company on Faulk-par street. ner street.

For adjudging the amount of damage to which Doherty Bros, were en-titled, they being unable to agree with the companies, it was agreed that the matter should be referred to three dismatter should be referred to three disinterested parties, to be chosen in the
usual manner. The three parties chosen were Edward M. Woodward of
Worcester, president of the Woodward
& Powell Co., for Doherty Bros.;
George B. Rogers, of Boston, a mechanical engineer, for the defendants,
and William L. Tobey of Boston, mechanical engineer, appointed by the
insurance commission.

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The sum which the referees agreed upon as the amount which the plaintiffs are entitled, the insurance companies refuse to pay, alleging that they have discovered since the referees were agreed upon that two of them were not disinterested, but were influenced by improper considerations and motives. They allege that the plaintiffs secretly and improperly presented evidence and arguments, which the defendants were given no opportunity to find that way. The train was sevfendants were given no opportunity to improperly and fraudulently expended improperly and fraudulently expended in properly and fraudulently expended which are to be sold as junk. To recharge to the damaged wires, which the communication of the sign in the gaught and into to be sold as junk. To recharge the admaged wires, which the papers a Atwood, in Kansas City, Mo., and will improperly and fraudulently expended as is the usual custom.



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annual meeting near to the the county commissioners. East Cambridge, Monday.

These officers were elected at the last meeting of George S. Boutwell W. R. C.: Mrs. Charlotte H. Knox, pres.; Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell, S. V., p.; Mrs. Los E. Porter, J. V. S.; Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, treas.; Mrs. Augusta D. Scruton, chap.; Mrs. Alice M. Crawford, con.; Mrs. Alice M. Crawford, con.; Mrs. A. M. Scruton, S. delegate to department convention, Mrs. Alma L. Brown; Mrs. Emma M. Wood, alternate.

Other Ayer rews will be found on the first page.

invited.

The next regular meeting of Geo. S. Boutwell on Tuesday, December 21, at 2.30 p. in. Support the award.

To these allegations the plaintiffs' to the corps members and their immediate families, after which will follow a social hour and a Christmas tree.

A regular convocation of Eancroft feation relating to the improper expenditure of money, relates to the pay-held Tuesday evening. December 21. Work—Mark Master degree.

Other Ayer rews will be found on the first page.

Disastrous Snowstorm

A snow and sleet storm which was by far the most disastrous ever experi-enced in this section started on Mon-day and continued all night. Nearly all means of communication were out Ayer were tied up carly in the day. Telegraph, telephone and electric light wires and poles were blown down by teen insurance companies. The cases, which are all being tried together, opened in the civil session of the superior court in Lowell on Wednesday with juries. The attorneys for the plaintiffs are John M. and Frank J. Maloney, of Aver, and Waiter L. Came and W. J. Holbrook for the defendants.

The actions grow out of the fire at the property in Ayer owned by Doherty Bros., on March 25. The firm was insured with the thirteen companies involved, in amounts varying from \$1000 to \$3250, the total amount from \$1000 to \$3250, the total amount is rect. running on the left of the Story

street, running on the left of the Stony Brook branch, were blown down for nearly a mile. At the Willows several more were blown over by the force of the gale, which reached a velocity of fifty miles an hour. These poles, carrying seventy-six wires, were blown directly across the Stony Brook track and a spur track. The sight was one never seen here before. The large number of wires were twisted and torn from the poles and lay in a tangled mass across the tracks. Henry E. Farnum, wire chief of the local telephone exchange, with several gangs of men, worked half high in the blizzard in trying to straighten out the lines of communication, and although the men worked hard the work was slow.

The estimated loss to the telephone company in Ayer alone is \$25,000, in addition to the loss from revenue which would have been received had the lines been in running order. The wires were so badly twisted that they cannot be used again for service and will have to be sold as junk. To replace the damp good wires, which are the cale which reached a velocity of

The Portland express, known as the Bar Harbor train, running daily between that city and New York, was been to blitt a few, to appreciate is given to many. She urged the club to help bay for a real work of art.

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of Lowell rendered the following proing with snowphows which kept congram: Violin and plane duet, Mr. and
Miss Morting violage and Miss Morting

intendent, with a force of men, was constantly at work in getting the serv-ice in normal condition and their efforts were rewarded early Tuesday morning when the lights were turned on. A large electric light pole near the corner of Shirley and Mechanic streets fell before the territic blasts, carrying its wires and telephone wires which it struck in its descent across

which it struck in its descent across the struct and sidewalk. The tangled wires and pole were later removed by employees of the company.

Douglas C. Smith, selectman and superintendent of streets, was out with a force of men getting the streets in passable condition. The men also assisted in digging out the tracks of the Leominster and Fitchburg road, which assistance was appreciated by the company.

Nashua to get around the wreckage.

It left here several hours late Tuesday morning.

The Leominster and Fitchburg street railway as usual felt the worst of the storm. Not a car reached here from Fitchburg from Monday night until Thursday morning. In the meantime the damp snow had packed in so hard near the rails that it was necessary to use picks and shovels between Leominster and Ayer to get a car through. One hundred men started at the Leominster and Ayer to get a car through. Thursday. The Lewell and Fitchburg street railway company, however, upheld its enviable reputation for good service and despite many serious hundicans the company weds.

ing with snowphows which kept continuously at work until the storm
ceased.

The Ayer Electric Light Company
fared badly, both in Ayer and Harvard. Wires and poles were blown
down and the service generally demoralized. Lester Whitcomb, superintended with the service generally demoralized and poles were blown
the club. A collection amounting to
six dollars was taken in response to
mrs. Fiske Warren's request for money

six dollars was taken in response to Mrs. Fiske Warren's request for money to aid the Belgian women to buy yarn for knitting.

Tea was served by Mrs. Bessie Hop-kins and Mrs. Ellian Harlow.

Public evening concert, date to be announced later, piano, organ and vio-lin music in charge of J. Vernon But-ler of Worcester.

fortieth Anniversary.

Rev. Patrick J. Sheedy is one of three priests in the arch diocese of Boston who will celebrate the fortieth anniversaries of their pastorates this week. The others are Rev. John T. Cummings of Roslindale, and Rev. M. J. Delaney of Natlek. After alluding

J. Delaney of Natick. After alluding to these pastors an article in last Sunday's Globe has this to say of Mr. Sheedy:

"Rev. Fr. Patrick Sheedy of Ayer is another of the three priest to reach his fortieth anniversary. He has been in charge of the parish at Ayer for a number of years and has accomplisher of years and has accomplisher. In charge of the parish at Ayer for a number of years and has accomplished much in the upbuilding of the parish, which when he first took charge had several missions. Many of these are now independent parishes. Like Fr. Cummins of Roslindale, Fr. Sheedy also spent much of his earlier years in different parishes of the dicese, most of the time in sections distant from this city, and throughout he

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day. There will be a quiet observance of the event because of his impaired health. Since coming to Ayer he has made many friends among all classes by all of whom he is held in the high-est esteem.

A Great Treat.

A fine venison supper was served to forty people in Hardy's hall last Saturday evening. Following the supper there was an informal social time. Victrola music being a fine feature of the there was an informal social time, the trola music being a fine feature of the evening's enjoyment. An original toast in the form of poetry was recited by R. H. Donovan. The toast was so lengthy that Mr. Donovan announced that he would finish it at the next gathering. This decision was made after he had recited half the toast, during the delivery of which he held his audience spell bound. The success of the supper is due to the efforts of Herbert L. Hardy, who first conceived the idea, and was in charge of the arrangements. The supper was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. McGovern. They received many compliments for the excellence of the spread. The deer meat, which was the main article of diet, was contributed by Patrick J. Hyde, one of our expert gunners, who shot the deer during the recent open season. All agreed that recent open season. All agreed that it was one of the most pleasant even-ings they had ever spent.

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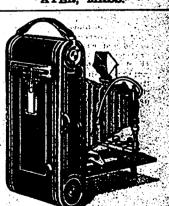
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### HARVARD

News Items.

The grammar school has received a gift of three high-class records from the school committee and superintendent. This gift is greatly appreciated by tots and teens and all join hearty vote of thanks to the

donors.

The gift committee for the union Christmas tree wish to state that all children in town up to and through the grammar school will be provided with one gift. As the object of this occasion is to afford an evening of uniform happiness to all children, parents and friends are earnestly requested not to send or bring personal.

Vacation with Mrs. George Kimball and Mrs. Fred Kimball in Newtown.

J. H. D. Whitcomb went to Vermont the popular breeds of cattle.

The Back Log whist party last week pleasant social events in the club calculation. There were ten tables and sevants in the curve of the proposal sevents in the club calculation. gifts, for when one child has an abundance and another but a scant allowance unhappiness is sure to follow, and the true Christmas spirit is low, and the true Christmas spirit is entirely lost. The Christmas enter-tainment will be at the town hall on Thursday evening, December 23, at 7.30 o'clock. Everyone is very cor-dially invited to attend this union en-

Farmers who are interested in good Farmers who are interested in good stock and the grading up of their herds should visit the stock farm of Frank A. Pollard on the Old Mill road and see what systematic breeding has to do with building up quality in their herds and incidentally putting many extra dollars into their pockets. Mr. Pollard has this week sold three new miles helfers to go to Norton new milch helfers to go to Norton for extra fancy prices. His herd of pure blood and grade Holsteins is certainly well worth looking over.

Friends of Miss Alice Chadwick, for several years a teacher here in the Bromfield school, will be pleased to Bromfield school, will be pleased to know of her marriage to George A. Hodgdon of Somerville. Miss Chac-wick was a graduate of Radcliffe '09 and taught, here at Bromfield until last June. Mr. Hodgdon is a chauf-feur. They were married at Stone-ham November 22 and have been spending their honeymoon with friends in Maine. They will reside at West Somerville.

The new house of Mrs. F. E. Hirsch at the foot of Lovers' Lane is com-pleted and will be occupied this week. It is a very attractive house with all of the modern household equipments. Some of the No. 1 fire boys respond-

Some of the No. 1 fire boys responded to a still alarm of fire at the residence of M. F. McMahon in West Bare Hill. The fire was in the chimney, but was a bad one and serious loss might have occurred if prompt action. had not been given.

Misses Edna and Lillian McMann of Ayer spent Sunday afternoon with their sister here, Mr. and Mrs. C. R.

Ivory McCleery of St. John, N. B.: is visiting for a week with his brother. Gordon McCleery, at the home of Arthur T. West. Mr. McCleery has some very interesting facts concerning the condition in the Canadian provinces brought about by the war on the con-

At the moving picture show Satur At the moving picture snow satisfact of the navy" series; "The barren gain," two reels; "The little cupid," child comedy; "Heezer liar" and "War mad," one reel, and Mr. Dadmun "Around with the camera."

The next meeting of the Grange he held on Tuesday evening next is t be held on Tuesday evening next is to be new members' night and the en-tertainment of the evening will be furnished by those added to the or-der during 1915. A very interesting program is being arranged. There are veral new names already in for a set to be initiated early in the new year and those desiring to enter this class must have their names in early

Ellen A. Barry passed away very suddenly on Monday morning. December 13. She had not been in her usual health for several weeks; pneumonta set in and heart failure was the imset in and heart failure was the immediate cause of her death. She was of a very sweet and lovable disposition, extremely fond of children and they all foved her. She was born in Westford, September 8, 1846, but had Westford, September 8, 1846, but had been nearly a lite-long resident of Harvard. She was a member of the Congregational church. She leaves one brother, James A. Barry, of Harvard, and one nephew, f. Fred Barry of Schenectady, N. Y. She will be deeply mourned in the family circle. from the home on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. H. B. Mason officiating. Burlal at the family lot at Bellevue cemetery.

church Sunday will be by a chorus choir and ladies' trio.

At the moving picture show Christ night, December 25, "Comrade mas night. December 25, "Contract John," a Gold Rooster play, in hy parts, featuring William Elliot and Ruth Roland, from the farme is tove by Samuel Merwin and Hy Kutchel Webster, will be the feature file, also "Neal of the navy" and Mr. Le main "Around with the cathern," Some thing special—1990 feet of file. five

### Congregational Notes.

The service Sanday morning will be in charge of the paster. A theme the propriete to the Christmus session will be treated in the sermon and a principal thought of the whole service will be the need of the Christ spirit in the present world crisis. Music will be given by a quartet and chorus. They will sing, "It came upon the midnight clear" and "Little town of Bethle-hem". be the need of the Christ spirit it The Bible school will meet as usu

at twelve o'clock. Those attending Mr. Mead's class for the discussion of present day problems express themselves as greatly interested. It is hoped that still larger numbers of the older peo-ple will avail themselves of this op-

The Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting a seven o'clock will take as a theme "How the prophecy of the angel's Christmas song may come true."

### LITTLETON

News Items

Mrs. Mary P. Warren, of Manches ter, speaker at the Woman's club, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles A. Kimball, last Monday and Tuesday. Charles F. Watts is spending the week-end with his daughter. Mrs. Dexter, and family in Orange.

A Heywood Knowlton, Dartmouth '17, came home Wednesday for his Christmas vacation of nearly three weeks. Olive Thacher, of Northfield seminary, arrived in town Friday for the holiday vacation which she will spend with the home people.

The snow of Monday afternoon and night brought the first real taste of winter, and with the brief rains between times produced perfect sleigh-

the Choral society concert, was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. G. W. whose musical work has been very Prouty, Monday night. We are sorry to learn that Miss Fletcher's mother, the past year; Miss Grace Marion

Miss Henrietta Pratt, of the Wal-tham high school faculty, was a re-cent guest of Miss Martha Kimball, former classmate and fellow teacher. Miss Fannie Mitchell, of Bruns-wick, Me, sister of Prof. Wilmot Mitchell, is spending her Christmas vacation with Mrs. George Kimball and Mrs. Fred Kimball in Newtown.

endar. There were ten tables and several in the party enjoyed a pure so-cial with an exchange of stories and ideas apart from the game.

Barbara Priest has been visiting her uncle, Dr. H. B. Priest, of Ayer. Members and friends of the Choral society held a meeting last evening to

discuss plans for the choral work this winter. The Lyceum meets on Tuesday eve

The Lyceum meets on Tuesday evening for what is expected to prove the richest treat of an exceptional lyceum season. Dr. Lincoln Wirt, the explorer, lecturer and author, will appear here in a new lecture, prepared after a first hand study of the battle-fields of Europe, entitled "In the wake of the war." As a lecturer Dr. Wirt comes highly recommended. Dr. Gunsaulus says his lectures "bring back the fine old days of the lecture platform." He has a fine sense of humor, a marvelous faculty for seeing through the superficial: he is a humor, a marvelous faculty for seeing through the superficial; he is a student of men as well as of nature; he radiates force and optimism; and in this lecture should prepare our minds for the coming of peace. No stereopticon; no dark halls; but upon the canvas of the mind, paintings of exquisite beauty, in pigments that do not fade."

The Philathea class met very de-lightfully with Mrs. Alvord, the teach-er, Wednesday afternoon. There were er, wednesday atternoon. There were nineteen present to listen to an exceedingly good talk on "Motherhood," by Mrs. Henry C. Rolfe, of Concord, A social formed a pleasant feature of the afternoon and refreshments were served. A large birthday cake with one candle was presented by Mrs. Gerighted

rude Houghton, chairman of the so-cial committee. A mominating com-nittee was chosen consisting of Mrs. Fred S. Kimball, chairman, Mrs. J. Alvord, Miss Fannie Sanderson and Mrs. Perley D. Smith. Mrs. Alvord returned with Mrs. Rolfe to Concord and called on relatives in that town.

Miss Margaret Conant will take the Lands Margaret Country with take the blace of Miss Miriam Country on the C. E. decorating committee for Christmas festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Chase have been exceedingly busy making Christmas vicaths and decorations. They had 500 wreaths and 1000 yards of trimning, most of which was shipped to Valtham. The rest was sold in Little-on and Forge Village. Waltham. Ralph Littlefield, chauffeur for

Thomas Moore, returned recently to his home in Nashua, N. H., where he will remain this winter, since Mr. Moore uses his cir only in the milder weather.

Raymond Brailley, who has been uite indisposed, is improving, The Grange held its annual Christmas festival Wednesday evening. The ten-cent presents created the usual amount of fun and it was very evident that everybody was happy. Christmas songs were sung by a group of girls, accompanied by Mrs. Prouty: vocal solo, Mrs. Prouty; piano selection, with encore, Mrs. John H. Kimball; vocal encore, Mrs. John H. Kimball; vocal solo, Miss Edith Fletcher; reading, Mrs. Watts. The Christmas postoffice was in charge of Ivo Russell, who im-personated Santa Claus, Corn balls, and apples constituted the refreshments. Many remained for games and ments. Many remained for games and dancing. There was one visitor present. Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Barrow and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cash have attended the State Grange meetings in Springfield this week.

week Wednesday evening, as Alton Hunt was going home from the meeting of the Rifle club he discovered a fire in Hugh McDonald's blacksmith shop. Luckily it was in the first stages and Alton, being a good sprinter lost little time in notifying Mr. McDonald,

The Christmas - bs-rvance at the Baptast church will begin with a serv-lee for the children Sanday morning with a story sermon and appropriate

All are invited to attend the fifteen All are invited to attend the fitteen or twenty-minute Christmas service on the common next Friday evening at five o'clock prompt and be prepared to sing together, from memory, if possi-ble, the four stanzas usually found in the hymn books, "O little town of Bethlehem."

The Baptist Woman's Missionary sodety met with Mrs. Hiram Sauler on Vednesday afternoon, the topic being The American Indians." Interesting sketches were read by various members, current events were discussed by Mr. Caulkins and a full and interesting program was carried out. At the close abundant and very choice refresh-ments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held with Mrs

W. H. Brown, the subject being "Japan." The Christmas tree for the Baptist Sunday school will be given in the vestry on Friday evening at seven o'clock. An interesting and amusing entertainment is in preparation by the

young people. The Choral society scored a decided success in the benefit concert given or Tuesday evening in the town hall. The artists were Miss Nina Fletcher, well-Miss Nina Fletcher, the violinist m known and always a prime favorite in

Mrs. Samuel Fletcher, continues ill at her home in Spencer.

Miss Henrietta Pratt, of the Waitam high school faculty, was a renoted accompanists. The hall was well filled with a highly appreciative audience. The proceeds will go far toward removing the indebtedness of the society and clear the way for whatever work may be attempted the present season.

The union meeting of the churches held last Sunday evening in the Unitarian church brought together a large company of townspeople. After the devotional exercises Rev. H. L.

Union Meeting.

Caulkins gave some interesting remi-niscences of his recent jury service and lessons drawn from observations at that time. The speaker, James P. Ramsay, of Lowell, the well-known probation officer of this county, and author of books relating to penal in-stitutions and courts, was somewhat detained, but fully met the expecta-tions of the audience in his splendid presentation of the subject. By comparison of present and past methods of dealing with men and boys under arrest or serving sentences he demon-strated the practice of the more humane treatment now in use which sub stitutes probation for open punish-ment, thus sparing the offender the publicity of disgrace attending former methods, and correcting offences that, in many cases are never repeated by

the same persons. the same persons.

In his experience he has handled thousands of cases, is familiar with the classes of wrong-doers, and knows the best course of treatment for each, up to date. Mr. Ramsay's address won the sympathetic attention of his highest and all wors, interested to won the sympathetic attention of mis-listeners, and all were interested to hear his words of wisdom. Mrs. Hager and Miss Bussey sang a very pleasing duet which won the hearty appreciation of the audience.

L. W. C. The Woman's club held its annual "at home" in the Unitarian vestry on Monday afternoon with Miss Gertrude F. Sanderson and Miss Martha H. Kimball as hostesses. The pretty Kimball as hostesses. The pretty auditorium received additional touches of coziness through the generous use of couch covers, sofa pillows, rugs, cut flowers, laured and hemlock decorations. There was a large attendance of the club members and a few guests were welcomed. Most of the ladies carried their fancy work and busied their fingers with dainty emberoidery or crocheting. Kimball as hostesses. The pretty broidery or crocheting: President Howard gave the meeting

President Howard gave the meeting ower to the hostesses of the aftermon, and Miss Sanderson, as chairman, pleasantly introduced the speaker. Mrs. Mary Palmer Warren, of Man-chester, N. H.

Mrs. Warren, who has travelled ex-Mrs. Warren, who has traveled ex-tensively in this country and Europe, gave very interesting glimpses of the countries, people, etc. that she saw three years ago in a trip to various places in the West Indies and South America. She exhibited numerous curios and samples of handiwork produced by the women of tropical countries visited. Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. Christic opened the program with one of their fine piano duets and gave two other selections at intervals in the afternoon. Mrs. Martha Jones als pleased the audience with vocal solos accompanied by Mrs. Christie at the

During the social hour that concluded the program Mrs. Lois Greg-ory, Miss Mary Marshall and Mrs. Elizabeth Conant and assistants serv-ed appetizing refreshments. Miss Margaret Thacher and Mrs. Dorothy Conant poured.

At the next meeting of the club Mrs. Emma K. Lemley, of Boston, will At the next meeting of the club Mrs. Emma K. Leniley, of Boston, will speak on the subject "From Indic's coral strand to the Himalaya Mountains," instead of "Japan," as incorrectly scheduled in the club calendar. The meeting will be held in the Congregational vestry on December 27, at 2.30 o'clock. The channe in place is made on account of the annual parish meeting slated for the same date in meeting slated for the same date in meeting stated in the Unitarian vestry.

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n fire in Hugh McDonald's blacksmith shop. Luckily it was in the first stages and Alton, being a good sprinter lost little time in notifying Mr. McDonald. Within a few minutes he had gained control of the sit ation and little dumage resulted.

Supt. Frack H. Hill attended the farmers' institute in Westford on Wednesday and made one of the addresses. Others in attendance from Little, ton were George H. Kimball, Miss Fannie Mitchell, E. H. Priest and H. J. Cauper.

Mrs. Joseph Crane, of Harwood avenue, is sick and in the care of her daughter. Mrs. John Dry. of Lynn.

Chicken-pox has broken out in the E. M. Ruggles family of Harward read.

Mrs. Arthur Blat, hard, of West A.—

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E. M. Ringeles family of Hervard road.

Miss Arthur Blan hard, of West Action, was the guest of her sisters the Misses Sanderson. Monday, and with thome attended the Woman's classicate of the speaker, Mrs. Worter, at Lewrence as ademy.

Cin Monday, December 29, the Old Riches will meet for election of officers, when there will be present Finches will meet for election of officers, when there will be present Finches will meet for clothon of officers, when there will be present Finches will meet for clothon of officers, when there will be present Finches will meet for clothon of officers, when there will be present Finches and Arthur H. Turner, the brushess ander said will have presented for allowance the sixteenth and final activation of the proceeds among the persons entitled to the same by the provisions of said will.

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titled to the same by the provisions of said will.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be hell at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the fourth day of January A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why said account should not be allowed and said distribution made according to said application.

plication.

And the petitioners are ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested, fourteen days at least, before said Court.

Court.
Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire.
Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day
of December in the year one thousand
nine hundred and fifteen, 3115
HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of CHARLES A. DENNEN late of Pepperell in said County, deceased.
Whereas, WILLIAM F. DENNEN the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the fourth day of January A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.
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owed. And said administrator is ordered: And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a cope thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen, days at least before said Court, or by publishing the Same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Fubblic Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Court.

Witness Charles J. McIntire. Esquire First Judge of said Court, this four-teenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, 3t15 W. E. BOCKES.

### NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Stock olders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Banking Rooms on Monday, January 3, 1916, at ten o'clock A. M., to choose a Board of Directors for the year ensuing, and et upon any other business that may legally come before, said meeting.

C. B. WILLARD, Cashier, Townsend-Mass., Dec. 6, 1915. 4114

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 GEORGE WASH-INGTON STUART late of Ayer 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 seid

whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of egid deceased to FLORA M. STUARESOF Bridgewater in the county of Plymouth or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of December A. D. 1815, at nine o'clock in the formoon, 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, and by mailing a copy of said citation decease. be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing a copy of said citation to the next of kin of said decreased, seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this second day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

3114 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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To the Board of Selectmen of Pep perell, Mass.

Respectfully represent the Shirley Electric Company that it desires to construct a line of poles, wires and fixtures, including other necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heat, and power upon, along and across the public ways known as River Street, South Street, Canal Street and Shirley Street as shown up-

on the plan herewith filed. Wherefore it prays that after due lotice and hearing as provided by law. t may be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires together with such ustaining and protecting fixtures' as said Company may find necessary, said poles to be ejected substantially n accordance with the plan herewith

Your petitioner agrees to reserve one Gain for cross arm at a sultable point on said poles for telephone, fire and police signal wires owned by the Town and used for municipal services. Your petitioner further agrees that, should occasion arise by reason of the widening of sald roads or publie ways or the moving of a building over or along said public ways it will upon written request of the Board of Selectmen, remove such poles as said Board shall designate, to such location or locations as shell be mutually lecided upon by said petitioners, and Board of Selectmen.

SHIRLEY ELECTRIC COMPANY. By Thomas E. Whitaker. Treasurer.

Shirley, Mass., Nov. 29, 1915.

### In Board of Selectmen



Pepperell, Mass., Nov. 30, 1915. On the foregoing petition it is or-lered, that a public hearing be held n the Town Hall on Monday, December 13, 1915, at 7,30 P. M., at which time and place all parties interested will be heard.

And the Clerk of Board of Selectmen is ordered to send by mail, postage prepaid, notice of said hearing to all owners of preceded owners abut-ting on said ways as extermined by the last assessment, seven days at least before the time of said hearing. Given under our hands the 30th day

f November, 1915. WALTER H. DRURY, FREDERIC H. PARKER. J. GARDINER WILLEY. Selectmen of Pepperell.

A true copy. Attest: J. GARDINER WILLEY.

# Collector's Office



East Pepperell, Mass

The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real state situated in the Town of Pepperell in the county of Middlesex and ommonwealth of Massachusetts, and he public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years heremafter specified, according to the list committed to mes collector of taxes for said Town of epperell by the assessors of taxes remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers o take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Collector's Office, 27 Aldine Block in said Town of Pepperell on Monday, December 27, 1915, at two o'clock P. M., for the payment of said taxes with interest, costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall e previously discharged:

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NOTICE.

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"To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to ransact any other business that may come before the meeting.

CHARLES AS NORMAND. 4114 Cashier.

Ayer, Mass., December 11, 1915. Ayer. Mass., December 11, 1215.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the devisees under the will and
all other persons interested in the estate of JESSIE KNIGHT late of Townsend in said County, deceased.
Whereas, BRYANT WALKER executor of the will of said deceased has
presented to said Court his petition for
license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said
petition, or upon such terms as may be
adjudged best, the real estate of said
deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be heid at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-third day of December A. D. 1915, at aims o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said pertitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Common-wealth fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one can not be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Tunner'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 thirtieth day of November in the year one thousand hime hundred and fifteen.

EUE W. E. HOUGERS, Register.

Said hine hundred and fifteen.

Sitz W. E. ROCKERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middle Sex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin
creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of SUSAN P. SHATTUCK hate of Groton in said County,
deceased, intestate.

Whereas a potition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of
administration on the estate of said
deceased to JAMES F. SHATTUCK of
Boston in the County of Suffolk and
ALBERT MILO SHATTUCK of Worcepter in the County of Worcester
without giving a surety on their bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge,
in said County of Middlesex, on the
twenty-second day of December A. D.
1915. at nine o'clock in the forenoon,
to show cause if any you have, why
the same should not be granted.

And the petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof be
publishing this citation once in each
week, for three successive weeks, in
the Groton Landmark, a newspaper
published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before
said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquite
First Judge of said Court, this first de
of December in the year one thousand
nine hundred and fifteen.

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W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesen, ss. Probate Court,
To all persons interested in the estate of Lou'ISE F. DURKEE late of
Littleton in said Country, decased,
Whereas GEORGE C. DURKEE the
admiristrator of the estate of said decessed has presented for allowance,
the first account of his administration
upon the estate of said deceased.
You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge
in said County, on the twenty-second

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-second day of Isecenber A. D. 1915, at nine welock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

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

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Center.

At the Congregational church Sun day morning. Rev. A. L. Struthers will have as his subject "God's Christmas gift." C. E. evening topic "Making Christmas come true." Leader, Mrs. Carrie Struthers.

Dr. Charlton of the M. E. church will preach Sunday morning on the subject, "Forefathers' day," and will preach at the Sunday evening Brotherhood meeting on the topic, "The crowning of the year."

One of the most succe-sful and pleasing occasions for the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge was the visispaulding Rebekah lodge wes the visi-tation on last week Friday evening of Mrs. Ivonetta White, of Winchendon, together with Mrs. Alice Rockwood, deputy president, and her marshal. Mrs. Woods, from Groton: also, the conferring of the initiatory degree on a class of eight candidates by the lo-cal degree staff. The work of the io-cal staff was spoken of in the highest terms of praise by the visiting officials. Following the initiation a banquet was ollowing the initiation a banquet was ryed the members and guests. Clinserved the members and guests. Fitchburg, Groton and Ashby lodges were represented.

Mrs. Osgood, with her two boys, who have been living on Smith street, left town Saturday to join Mr. Osgood in Greenfield, their future home.

Several of the sons of veterans went to Fitchburg on Friday evening of last week to the initiation and camp-fire of the Fitchburg camp.

or the Fitchburg camp.

For the convenience of my many Townsend friends I will be pleased to show them a fine line of watches, rings, chains, pins, etc., sterling and plated silverware, at Park Hotel. Townsend, every Tuesday P. M., until after the holidays. Frank L. Willoby, Jeweler and Optometrist. Telephone 36-22.

L. B. S. Fair.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Methodist church held their an-nual Christmas sale and entertainment at the M. E. hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening under 'favorable weather conditions—a beautiful win ter day with sparkling snow and moon-light evening: a large number in attendance and the fair a decided success. At the afternoon sale attractive booths were arranged around the hall. The candy table, near the en trance, with its decorations of the cheery poinsettia flowers, ied crepe paper festoons and evergreen, was in harge of Prss. Hattie Misner and

charge of Brss. Hattie Misner and Mrs. Esther Scales.

The apron table, in charge of Mrs. Mary Spring, had its usual successful patronage. Dainty handkerchiefs were sold at a booth prettily decorated with soid at a booth prettily decorated with chrysanthemums and laurel, in charge of Mrs. Albert Scales. The fancy table contained many fancy and useful articles which found a ready sale for the Christmas giver. This booth was in charge of Mrs. Annie Dow and Mrs. Alice Bowley. The decorations at the ride and overhead were of laticework their filled in with lawyel and willer.

ride and overhead were of laticework design filled in with laurel and yellow and white chrysanthemans.

The food table attracted many a housewife who wanted "a change from her own cooking." This table conner own cooking." This table con-tained tempting cakes, pies, doughnuts and flaky rolls, and was in charge of Mrs. Minnie Upham and Mrs. Hattle Sanders. The booth was tastily dec-orated with laurel, pink and white

orated with laurel, pink and white chrysanthemums.

Last, but not least, the ice cream table, with its appropriate centerpiece, representing sparkling snow, with vase of delicate pink and white chrysanthemums, received liberal patronage.

The vestries were filled for the eventions The vestries were filled for the evening's entertainment which consisted of a song by little Miss Bervice Woods, entitled "Plecaninny Iuliaby"; farce, "A romantic rogue," characters impersonated by Wilbur H. Scales, Frank B. Higgins, Mildred Spofford, Esther Scales and Hattie Sanders; pantomime, "Engaging a bookkeeper," characters, Wilbur H. Scales, a business man; his wife, Esther Scales, and applicants. Every character was well taken in the above farce and pantomime and was given hearty applause. mime and was given hearty applause. The musical program was equally appreciated and enjoyed, following the pantomime. A quartet, Mrs. Florence Gwinn, Miss Hattie Sanders, Mrs. Roy Cowdrey and Mrs. Walter Farrar, sang

Monday Club.

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Members and guests of the Tewnsend Monday club enjoyed a rare treat Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Fessenden when Mrs. Winnifred Flagg Symonds, soprano soloist: Harry C. Needham, basso, members of the quartet choir, and Mrs. Helen C. Taylor, organist, of the First Universalist church, Lowell, favored the company with vocal and instrumental selections especially pleasing to all music lovers. The following program was listened to by an appreciative audience:

Soprano solo, "The Christmas rese"

Knight, superintendent of schools, and Robert G. Fessenden were unable to be present. Several lady guests were present, making the number entertained about forty.

A niece, Mrs. Grace Hyde Ricker, of Berwick, Me., and her little daughter Elizabeth were honorée guests and prettily aided the hostesses in receiving. The roll call quotations on music by the club members were excellent and very appropriate.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

At a meeting of Grand Comman-dery, U. O. G. C., which was held at the home of Albert Pierce last week by the club members were excellent and very appropriate.

Preparations are under way for Christmas concert to be given by the Sunday school of the Baptist church on Sunday evening, December 26.

Miss Divoil, from Fitchburg, who has been caring for Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan, has returned, and Miss Evelyn Newton, from the Center, Charles R. Morgan, a Miss Evelyn Newton, has taken her place.

The first severe snowstorm of the season came in the form of a blizzard on Monday night, the wind being very high. Some wires became crossed at Patch's stable, nearly causing a fire, and creating quite an excitement in the neighborhood at about eleven o'clock in the evening. No school signals were sounded Tuesday morning for the first time this term.

Owing to the severe snowstorm of Monday evening the meeting of the Ladies' Study club at the readingroom was omitted

John Campbell has been on the sick ist the past week at his home, but is low much improved.

Mrs. Frank Boutelle, Mrs. C. J. Ross, Miss Emma Adams and Rev. Joseph MacKean attended the meeting of the Monday club at the home of Mr. Anne Fessenden at the Center Mon

Miss Helen Plummer, who is attending the Fitchburg Normal, is teaching in Fitchburg this week and boarding in the city.

Miss Janet Clarke, of Josselynville, has been on the sick list for a few days, suffering from a severe cold. Rev. Joseph MacKean returned from Townshend, Vt., on Friday eye-ning of last week and the regular midweek prayer service was held on that evening; instead of on Thursday eve-

Miss Agnes Thompson, who is em ployed in Fitchburg, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Charles E.

There will be no banquet of the West Townsend Brotherhood this nonth on account of the many social ffairs preceding Christmas.

Mrs. Fred G. Smith gave a children's party to the children of the neighborhood and their friends at her home last Saturday afternoon which was much enjoyed. About a dozen were present and games and refreshments were part of the afternoon'

Seaver returned last Safurday from a several-days' visit to Boston and visinity. Mrs. Alexander Reed attended at the library reading-room is a several days' visit to Boston and visinity. Mrs. Alexander Reed attended at the library reading-room is a several days' visit to Boston and visinity. Mrs. Alexander Reed attended at the receiver of Milford. it the library reading-room in the absence of Miss Seaver.

Miss Maud Hodson, from Reading, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

The Ladies' Mission circle held their egular monthly meeting with Rev. oseph MacKean at the Baptist par-onage on Wednesday afternoon, and interesting articles on the topic, "Home mission contrasts" were read by the members, closing with a brief address by the pastor. The next meet-ing will be held at the hence of Miss Alice Seaver.

Rev. Joseph MacKean will preach Sunday morning on "A man's compre-mise with a guilty conscience," and in the evening his topic will be 'The comprehensiveness of true religion." The Y. P. S. C. E. service will be con-ducted by Warren Elliett on the topic, "How the prophecy of the angels' Christmas song may come true."

The public schools closed on Friday afternoon for the Christmas vacation. Miss Blaisdell returned to her home in Maine and Miss Reid to Reading for Maine and Miss Read to reading for the holidays. The Homer Christmas for the school children will be held in the reading-room on Friday afternoon. December 24, the primary school at 1.30; the intermediate at 2.15, and the grammar school at three o'clock.

Edward Morey, of Worcester, is spending a few days with Rev. Joseph MacKean at the parsonage

William Robbins and family have moved from their tenement in Jos selvnyille to Townsend Center, where

Miss Doris Tenney is on the sick

HOLLIS, N. H.

Mrs. F. B. Quincy spent a few days last week in Worcester. The Sunday school will have a Christmas concert in the church Sunday morning.

The D. A. R. met last Saturday, Mrs. William Dear was in town and attended. Most of the members are out of town and the meetings will be held irregularly

Mrs. Babson, Miss Abbie Flagg and Mr. and Mrs. William Hardy were in town on Tuesday and attended the fu-neral of the late Samuel Worcester.

lowing program was listened to by an appreciative audience:

Soprano solo, "The Chrisimas rese" and "The rosary," Mrs. Symonds; plano selection, "A dream of love" and "Blow, blow thou winter winds" and "At nightfall." Mr. Needham, plano solo, Hungarian rhapsody No. 2, Mrs. Taylor; "Peasants' some and "A life lesson," Mrs. Symonds; bass solo, "In the deep cold sea" and "Invlotes" Mr. Needham; by request, "Little grey home in the west," Mrs. Symonds.

A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the presence and singing of Mrs. Symonds, whose early home was in town, and who always receives a welcome when she appears before a Townsend audience. Her voice had its usual extensive range, power and terment was in the South cometery.

Symonds, whose early home was in town, and who always receives a welcome, and who always receives a welcome when she appears before a Townsend audience. Her voice had its usual extensive range, power and sweetness that blended harmoniously in the rendering of her songs, Mr. Needham captivated his audience by his wonderful, deep, bass voice and clearness of tone. Their singing was delightfully supported by Helen C. Taylor, the piano accompanist, whose artistic work as an accompanist, whose artistic work as an accompanist and as a plano soloist revealed marked talent and a high degree of accomplishment. The artists furnished a splendid variety and were very courteous in responding to encores.

During the social hour dainty refreshments and ice cream were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Fessenden and Mrs. Doane, who were nicely aided in serving by Oliver Clarke, Carl Willard and Ian Rusk. Other gentlemen guests were Henry A. Hill. Rev. Joseph MacKenn, Rev. A. L. Struthers, Eugene A. Flagg, Albert G. Scaver, Walter F. Rockwood and Principal Charles Ross. It was regretted that Herman L. Knight, superintendent of schools, and Robert G. Fessenden were unable to be present. Several lady guests were beld on Tuesday afternoon. Interment was in the South centery. Last Saturday evening Miss Lotta Clark spoke to the public in the vestry upon the idea of holding a pageant Old Home day. The Woman's club and several individuals have volunteered to help. She asks for the help of every individual in town and says none are too young and none too old. Is that the place is the hero and its history the plot. She told of many incidents in other pageant, she said, is that the place is the hero and its history the plot. She told of many incidents in other pageant, she sold is that the place is the hero and its history the plot. She told of many incidents in other pageant, when collers in other pageant which cost only ten dollars and it was most beautiful and please place and wants each individual to decide which epice.

year: George Nye, n. c.; Dr. Holcombe, v. n. c.; Hattle Pierce, k. of r. and f. k. of r.; Dr. Holcombe, treas.; Mrs. Christle Holcombe, prelate; Ella Nye, herald; Albert Pierce, o. w.; An-

nie Gilson, i. w. Clarence Russell was in Merrimack the first of last week doing some su. veying.

Ella Rockwood, of South Mrs. Brookline, is on the sick list.

Edwin Taylor has been called to serve on the petit jury in Manchester. Mrs. Charles Gilson and daughter, Mrs. Victor Maxwell, were visitors in Boston last week Monday, Mrs. Alexander l'Ecuyer recently

intertained her brother-in-law, Louis Desjardines, of Fitchburg, Rev. John Lillibury has purchased place of residence from Matt Hai in North Brookline

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall, with their two daughters, spent last week Friday and Saturday visiting in Boston and Cambridge

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hammond, with their daughter Helen of Groton, were guests last week at the home of Mrs. Hammond's mother, Mrs. Edward arnsworth.

The two youngest children of Jo-seph Quilette are suffering with the whooping cough. The light snowfail of the week was disappointment to the sportsmen as the ground was not covered enough to

aid them in tracking deer, and for the last week only two were reported as captured, one by Oscar Eliot and one by George Rockwood.

Mrs. Henry Shattuck is reported as not feeling very well.

Thomas Kilroy was a visitor in Ayer last week Thursday. Mrs. Alexander l'Ecuyer and two boys, Herman and Raymond, spent last Tuesday and Wednesday visiting friends and relatives in Fitchburg.

Mrs. John Eliot, accompanied by her mother, went to Nashua last week Wednesday to see her husband, who is confined in the hospital with a broken leg. They found him slowly gaining and the doctors have decided they will not have to amoutate the limb was at first feared they would have

Miss Helen Stickney, of Hollis, was visitor in town last week Wednesday.

week the following program was givweek the following program was given:
Reading, Clara Russell; cornet
solo, Starr Barnaby: dramatic rectation by eight laddles and monologue,
Mrs. C. E. Russell. It was voted to
have a public installation of the oricers at the first meeting in January A social hour followed the close of th

### LUNENBURG

News Items.

The question of pulpit supply at the ongregational church, and the calling of Rev. James Chalmers, of Fitchburg, was recently discussed at ours, was recently discussed at a meeting and it was voted to extend the call to him. This has been done and the call accepted, and Mr. Chalmers will probably enter upon his pastoral duties here the first of January. for a diffes here the first of January. Rev. Robert A. Bryant read his resignation as paster of the church here on November 28, to take effect the last Sunday in December. He also asked as a special favor that he be allowed as a special layer that he be allowed to administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper on December 26, and that several candidates for admission to the church be received on that day instead of one week later, as is the usual custom. It was so voted and six members of the C. E. society have expressed their desire to units with the

a medley of sea sones; Miss Mildred
Spoffard sang a solo; "in autumn
time," and the quartet sang a second
selection. After the entertainment a
social hour was enjoyed.

Miss Ruth Lamonte is staying at
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Agnes Bigelow of Lowell, who has
times, and the quartet sang a second
selection. After the entertainment a
social hour was enjoyed. Agnes Bigelow, of Lowell, who has spent several years of her life in missonary work in Africa. While in town she was the guest of Mrs. Anna C. Emerson. The text hook to be used by the club is "The king's highway."

I wish to thank my friends and

A. C. Estabrook passed the eighty-seventh milestone in his journey of life quietly at his home on Massachu-quietly at ms nome on massachuts avenue on Thursday, December Mr. Estabrock enjoys fairly good

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health and lives quietly at home with his faithful wife, only a few years his junior, and his daughter, Miss Mae V. Estabrook, one of the teachers in the high school.

high school.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. J. E. Longley on Friday of last week, but owing to the severe cold and high winds only a small number of the members were able to attend. Those who were present enjoyed the meeting very much and felt that it was a profitable one. Mrs. Horace Parker conducted the evangelistic service.

The school committee have voted to make some repairs in the Center schoolhouse; also, in the West school building in the Baker district. As those repairs are not very extensive they will probably be made during the holiday vacation.

Cards are out, inviting everyone interested to meet at the town hall on Wednesday evening, December 22, for weanesday (vening, December 22, for the community Christmas tree and Christmas carols. Everyone is invited to put some present on the tree for someone-eise, so that cach may have a part in helping to make someone else happy, and extend the Christmas spirit.

A heavy snowstorm, the first real one of the season, began on Monday, continuing all night and nearly all day Tuesday, with high winds blowing the drifts, seriously interfering with travel snew about and piling it up in huge drifts, seriously interfering with huge drifts, seriously interfering with travel of every kind. But very few teams were out and the street cars, were snow-bound completely. The last one out on Monday in the early evening did not return and up to a late hour on Tuesday evening the track had not been opened. There was no session of the public schools. A few scholars gathered in the morning, but soon returned to their homes.

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four who die between the ages of 15 and 50 die from tuberculosis. But, it is preventable and conquerable. This war—man against disease—is a winning war and not a wasting warman against man. It is "The war that pays—it brings prosperity."

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The Clinton Anti-Tuberculosis asso-

Lord's supper on December 26, and that several candidates for admission to the church be received on that day instead of one week later, as is the usual custom. It was so voted and six members of the C. E. society have expressed their desire to unite with the church on that day, and have been accepted.

The Ladies' And society of the Methodist church held their regular meeting in the chapel on Wednesday afternoon, followed by a food sale, which was liberally patronized. The Thursday evening meeting was a continuation of the study of Paul, after which the Sunday school loard met and elected officers for the year.

The first regular meeting of the newly organized Mission Study club of New Advertisements.

I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kind-ness during the last illness and death of my beloved husband. MRS. SUSAN M. SWARTZ.

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tate of OREN S. BALL late of Townseend in said County, deceased.
Whereas, F. ALONZO BLOOD executor of the will of said deceased, has
presented to said Court his petition for
license to sell, at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said
petition, or upon such terms as may,
be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said
deceased for the payment of debts,
legacles and charges of administration,
and for other reasons set forth in said
petition.

legacies and charges of administration and for other reasons set forth in said petition. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-second day of December A. D. 1915, at hine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least before said Court, or by publishing cassive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, this last publication to be one day, at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquirer in Judge of Said Court, this tweethint day, of November in the years thousand nine hundred and sites.

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Saturday, December 18, 1915

### PEPPERELL

An entertainment, food sale, and general good time is to be held at Oak Hill hall by the Christmas committee on this week Saturday evening to secure funds to welcome Santa Claus

H. W. Shattuck and his son, who recently went to California, have been most generous in their postcards to friends and acquaintances, many being received showing the grand scenery of Colorado and California, and later from Mexico. They spent last Sunday with Harold Blood at Los Angeles, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Blood. They expected to start for home Tuesday, coming by way of the Southern route to New Orleans and from there will take a steamer for New York. is probable they will remain over in that city a few days and reach home about New Year's.

cently, it should be mentioned that the supper was unusually well attended; also, by invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Child, the football eleven and the three substitutes were their guests at one table. The boys showed their appreciation by three cheers for Mrs. Child at the conclusion, The hostesses at the several supper tables were Mrs. Child, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Whitmarsh, Mrs. Appleton, Mrs. Hohart, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Fros-Mrs. Whitmarsh, Mrs. Appleton, Mrs. Hobart, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Frossard and Mrs. Mault. The vestry presented a fine appearance, trimmed to represent a snow scene and hung with Christmas bells. Mr. Blake fully sustained his reputation for fine phonograph selections, his audience being very enthusiastic after an hour and

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donnelly went to Andover by auto Sunday to visit their son Eugene, who is a student

On Tuesday evening, December 21, the P. H. S. basketball team play the Lunenburg team at Prescott hall. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harris of Hamp-

stead, N. H., have been the guests of his brother, A. H. Harris, this week.

Miss Kennedy, daughter of the fore-

Normal team of basketball, the hone of the rose being broken.

At the business meeting of the Vil lage Aid society held on Saturday af-ternoon of last week it was voted to bold a Christimas dancing party at Prescott hall on Monday evening. December 27. There will be various pleasing innovations, one of these a cotillion with favors. There will be a cotillion with favors. There will be cabaret during the serving of refreshments. The music for the evening will be furnished by Thayer's orchestrathree pieces. It is expected and intended that this affair shall merit all the patronage which we have no doubt it will receive. The funds are to be applied to the work of this society, which has been so efficient in the past.

Walter Sherwood, who has been with the Cole Motor Co., Boston, has returned here to spend the winter at

Sartelle fell from a car of boards which he was measuring at the Boston and Maine station on Wednesday for Mrs. Letender. He was somewhat shaken up by the fall of several feet and was taken home by Mr. Grenache's team. He did not receive lasting injuries, however, as he insisted on walking alone when he reached his home and was able to do so

Mrs John Martin and little daughter Esther spent Saturday in Boston.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Michall Fitzerald was christened during the first week following its birth, Ed-ward Joseph. The ceremony was per-formed by Rey, T. I. Coghlan at St. Joseph's church.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dansereau spent Sunday with his daughters at Nashua, N. H.

An account of the evening's entertainment given by S. Thompson Blood.
December 7, under the auspices of
the Woman's club, was inadvertently
overlooked last week. Mr. Blood is
too well known by a Pepperell audience to need any explanation and on this occasion he demonstrated that as an impersonator he retained all the pleasing qualities which have delight ed his audiences many times in the past. His selections, humorous and spritely, were especially well chosen and called forth much appreciation from the good-sized audience at Pres-cott hall. In his song, during one election, he was accompanied by Miss

Mr. Fitzgerald is confined to his

home on Sartelle street with an at-tack of acute indigestion. Letters received from Mrs. Fred Thurston of Los Angeles, Cal., a form-er resident here, speak of her con-valescence from an illiness of last fall. which was occasioned by a spell of dizziness while bathing. She was quite seriously ill as the result of it for some time. Mrs. Fannie (Thurston) Nutting is also much improved in health, after a recent illness.

A Christmas tree with a Santa Claus and an entertainment, probably with the usual refreshments, is to be held at Oak Hill hall on Taursday evening. December 23. The date is chosen not to conflict with the churches on Christmas night. There will be selections of Christmas music and recitations and exercises by the children in charge of Miss Jessie Flynn.

The two recent deaths at the Wor cester homestead in Hollis of father and son, affected many in this town who had known them for many years In connection with the Christmas sale and supper of the L. S. C. recently, it should be mentioned that the

George Williams is working at Nashua, N. H., and his family expects to remove there as soon as arrange-ments can be made.

Cards were recently received by rel-atives in town announcing the mar-riage of Miss Margaret Rowe, who lived here for some years and had many acquaintances in town. The ceremony, uniting Miss Rowe and Leon McKinnon took place at the home of the bride's parents at Colman, P. E. I., two hundred invited guests being present. Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon will reside at Bray, P. E. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy are expected to return here to enjoy their hristmas festivities at Pinehurst, afr an absence of about two weeks in

Mrs. Hattie Craig from Leominster is the guest of her friend, Miss Rose Alden, on Shipley hill. A friend from Athol. Mrs. Bolton, was entertained there last week.

It is reported on good authority that the summer home of A. G. Conant on the South road was found on Sunday his brother, A. H. Harris, this week.

The town schools closed this Friday for the holiday vacation, reopening January 3.

Carl and Robert Deware, who came from Andover at Thanksgiving time, are still at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Deware. It is understood they will start in at a preparatory school at Newton, after the holidays.

O. M. Nash has been confined to his home for more than a week past, suffering from his old enemy, rheumatism, which in the present case seems aggravated by over-exertion.

Miss Kennedy, daughter of the fore-

received an ural conditions suit them Mrs. Annette Drew came from Alfred. Me., Wednesday, to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Bennett. The second little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett has been imed Helen Annette.

summer people, even if pleasant nat-

Lloyd Bancroft, who is agent for the Saxon Six auto, put his car to a pretty good test on Tuesday following he storm. In company with Mrs. Bancroft he drove up from Bost a on Presslay evening, making his own auto-rack from Ayer home and arriving here about midnight.

Mrs. Burton Humphrey positived to her home on Main street this week Wednesday, having been with Mrs. Frank Bennett since the last of No

An epidemic of colds and throats seem to have struck town along with the little winter we are

Miss Helen Wiley attended a meeting of libraria's in Haverhill on Monlay. Miss Barbara Bancroft supplied at the library in her absence. Miss Ruth Wilson visited her sister

Miss Merrill, in Post of last week, reurning Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shattack 1. een in Springfield this week as dele-

rates to the State Grange Miss Helen Pond has resinned her position as teacher in Harvard and will remain at home for the remain-der of the winter, as she is not in good

health. Miss Ida Shattuck is making an tended visit with her brother, E. E. Shattuck, in Concord Junction.

Business is showing an upward ten ency. The card shops are all, and sometimes nights, and the

fourth machine is to be started this week at the Nashua River paper mills. Mrs. Freeman Simmons has been confined to her home and under the care of a physician by reason of an ulcerated tooth forming an abscess on

Miss Helen M. Robbins offers a suitable reward in another column for recovery of her watch which she lost last week Thursday while on her way to Mr. Hayes' grocery store.

of last week, as everyone was busy on individual Christmas work. It was thought best to discontinue the meetings until the new year, and the next meeting will probably be held at the place on Thursday evening, Jan-

Seattle, Wash., where she will spend

S. Thompson Blood remained over a day last week, following the enter-tainment for the Woman's club, at the home of his parents. Mr. and Mrs.

Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Child and others from the Unitarian parish attended the Unitarian church rally at Nasnua, N. H., on Sunday evening last.

The three cars of Durant, Bennett and Bancroft took a large party of young folks to the dance at the Ar-mory in Fitchburg on Friday evening of last week.

The regular meeting of Acoma Re-bekah lodge was held on Tuesday eve-ning, the business session including the nomination of officers for the en-The snowfall of Monday evening

The snowfall of Monday evening, amounting to nearly a foot, being damp and heavy, caused much trouble among the wires around town. The street lights were put out of commission early in the evening and the commercial line in most parts of the town before Tuesday morning. A large limb falling across the wires on Railroad street was the cause of the first trouble and another break occurred near ble and another break occurred near Pleasant street. The Shirley Electric Company had a crew of workmen working all day Tuesday and the lights came on intermittently that evening.

John Marshall is still confined to his home on Franklin street suffering from a cough at night which prevents his lying down.

The valuable Airedale by name, "Myown," belonging to Mrs. Bessie Allen, disappeared last week from Miss Margaret Blood, who was keeping the dog in Mrs. Allen's absence at St. Louis. As the animal is known to be something of a wanderer no alarm was felt until search cluss were felwas felt until several clues were folwas felt that several cluss were fol-lowed up unavailingly. He was last seen in the locality of Keyes' hill and sernels Keyes has Airedales in his kennels it was thought the dog might be found in that place, but he seems be found in that place, but he seems to have slipped away again. A re-ward is offered in another column as the animal is prized very highly by Mrs. Allen, both as a companion and because of his pedigree. The dog had broken away from his collar, so is wearing none at present.

Arthur Bolles left town on Tuesday for New York. He sails from there for Jamaica this week, where he has a smillar position in a hotel there as he had in Boston, the establishment being owned by the same parties.

Mrs. Charles Stinerford, with her three children, went to Brookline on Tuesday morning for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Stratton

At the regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid society held on Wednesday afternoon of last week, the ladies were invited to the parsonage instead of meeting at their rooms. It was voted to accept the invitation of the Ladies' Social circle to meet with the two other societies on Friday afternoon at other societies on Friday afternoon at at the Unitarian vestry from three to five o'clock to discuss a Federation fair. It was also voted to hold a social on this week Friday evening at the vestry. Lunches will be served and there will be a sale of Christmastoys and fancy articles, with grabbags to amuse the juveniles. The L. A. S. meetings will be discontinued until after the holidays, the next one occurring the first Wednesday in Janoccurring the first Wednesday in Jan-

Arthur Lawson was in town for a short stay with relatives over Sunday, coming from Boston, where he had been on business during the week. He

Quick Fire.

Quick Fire.

A quick biaze which consumed the printing office of G. Harold Tower occurred on Monday at midnight. A small building had been erected by Mr. Tower near his residence in the tenement owned by Mrs. S. Richardson on High street and contained his new printing press and all other apparatus.

Mr. Tower had had a rush of orders and after delivering several to his also enjoyed.

weather of the evening.

A delegation of about sixteen from Prescott Grange attended the meeting herescut and after delivering several to his also enjoyed. patrons in town on Monday afternoon was working late on other jobs. The casolene which is used in cleaning type suddenly exploded, caused it is type suddenly explored, caused it is thought by a spark from an electric light he was turning off. Mr. Tower was badly burned about the face and neck and was only saved from worse injury by jumping through the window, thereby cutting his arm and Christmas Sale. hand.

honey in the next house up the street were also prepared to move on short notice. The printing office and presses were completely destroyed, being partially covered by insurance. Mr. Tower is too badly upset by his loss and injuries to make any plans for the

future.
Mr. Tower was insured for \$1300. \$300 on the small building and \$1000 on printing apparatus. He has also a damage of \$100 on furniture removed, which has been adjusted.

Lakin Shattuck will read the story. Mrs. Ida Kendrick recently went to the night before Christmas, there will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the vestry at 7.30.

Mrs. Walter E. Jewel' of Townsend street gave no special thought to her ninety-first birthday which occurred on December 4, but it will be remembered pleasantly by the calls, cards, boxes of confectionery and beautiful flowers from her many friends in and out of town. Mrs. Jewett continues in her usual good health, not having had a sickness for years. evening service how they were pleas-antly received and invited to come again. They made about 180 calls and secured some 160 pledges, some to be paid in pew rents, some in weekly of-ferings. A good number of new pledges were received.

At the Methodist church Christmas will be observed on Sunday morning by an appropriate sermon by the pastor on the subject. "The Magi." cial Christmas anthems and solos will be rendered by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. O. M. Nash.

In the evening at seven o'clock a Christmas concert will be rendered by the Sunday school, assisted by the choir.

There will be a short Epworth league service at six o'clock, leader, Miss Florence O'Neal; subject, "Christmas of world's peace."

On Friday evening, December 24, there will be a Christmas tree and exercises held in the vestry at 7.30 o'clock, to which everyone is most heartily invited.

Christmas observance at the Unitarian church will consist of an appropriate sermon by the pastor on Sunday modrning, the sermon topic, "Following the star." There will be special Christmas music by the large vested choir.

Christmas festivities for the Sunday school will be held at the vestry on December 24, Christmas eve, at 7.39. There will be a tree and a Santa Claus with an entertainment. A cordial in-vitation is extended to all parents and adults as well as the children connected with the school.

Funeral Services.

Relatives of the late Anna Tarbell gathered about her casket, which was banked and surrounded with lovely flowers, on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock for the last sad rites. A short, sympathetic service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Beers, who had been her clergyman during her illness. On Monday morning the remains were

clergyman during her illness. On Monday morning the remains were taken by her nearest relatives to Worcester for interment.

Miss Tarbell was born in Worcester on November 23, 1857, the daughter of Alden A. and Mary Ann (Wetherbee) Tarbell. The family resided in Worcester and Hudson until about 1880, when they returned to this place. Mr. Tarbell's native town, and have since resided in the house built by him on Main street.

on Main street.

The friends and associates of Mis-The friends and associates of Miss Tarbell during the early part of the years spent among us recall her as particularly bright and vivacious. She s widely known through her connec tion with her father's store, where she often assisted. Of late years her ill health has confined her more close-

ly at home.

She is survived by an aged father. who deeply feels his loss; by a brother Louis, who resided at home, and a brother, Henry F., cashier of the First National bank in this town.

At the regular meeting of Prescot At the regular meeting of Prescott Grange held on Priday evening, De-cember 10, a very good number were present to enjoy an amusing program arranged by George Stewart. The program included a violin solo by Miss Ruth Adams, who was accompanied by the Grange panist, Mrs. G. H. Tower: Rev. J. B. Lewis, with his radiopticon, reproduced many of the postcards of western views collected by Mrs. Lewis on her trip last sum by Mrs. Lewis on her trip last summer; humorous readings were given by Mrs. Kimball and Mrs. Amy Shattuck, and George Stewart rendered "De milk in de cocoanut" in true southern dialect and manner, and given the complete of the control of the complete of the control of the complete of the control of the co been on business during the week. He returned to Hartford, Conn., Sunday afternoon.

Thomas Dwyer has entered the employ of the Pepperell Card Company, were detained at home by the prevailing colds and the not too pleasan

The next regular meeting will be on Friday evening, December 31. Reports of the State Grange meeting in Springfield will be given by the delegates. There will also be Christmas carols and stories of the first Christ Mrs. Greene will "Christmas customs in other lands

The workroom behind him was instantly a roaring mass of flames and from the first moment the building and its contents were beyond saving. As soon as the first alarm was sounded the glare reflected in the dense atmosphere of failing snow, lit up the whole town.

The attention of the firemen was given to the ell of his home, which was blazing before their lines could be laid. They soon gained control of these flames and aided by the snow which covered all the roofs no other buildings caught fire.

The ladies of the Congregational society served an excellent oyster and baked-bean supper in the vestry on last week Thursday evening. The committee were Mrs. W. F. Dennen. Mrs. George E. Shattuck, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Thibault. The tables were very nicely decorated with pine trimming and bitter-sweet berries, the work being done in a very artistic manner by Miss Ruth Ames. There was a Christmas sale held both afternoon and evening, the table of fancy goods being in charge of Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, Mrs. George H. Shattuck and The ladies of the Congregational s which covered all the roofs no other buildings caught fire.

The goods of both Mr. Tower and Mr. Farley, who occupies the other side of the double tenement, were removed when it was thought the house must go and the family of Amos Mo. Lane and Mrs. William Jewett, Mrs. Institute of the home on Tuesday afternoon Boynton and Dorothy Dennen, had charge of the home-made candies, and Mrs. E. H. Bliss, assisted by Doris severeness of the weather many who planned to attend the funeral were Durant, presided over the mysteries, All the tables were well patronized not able to do so, and a pleasant social time took the place of any entertainment.

Federation Fair in 1916.

On Friday afternoon of last week a pleasant meeting of the three ladies' societies was held by invitation of the ladies of the First Parish at the Unitarian vestry. Notwithstanding the extremely unpleasant weather about able reward in another column for recovery of her watch which she last last week Thursday while on her way to Mr. Hayes' grocery store.

Mrs. Edward Duffey came from Putnam, Conn., last Saturday, attending the services on Sunday of her kinswoman, the late Miss Anna Tarbell.

Frank T. Marston is in Springfield this week in his office as deputy of state grange.

All are invited to remember the state grange.

Since the laddes' society of the Unitarian church had been held, the officers and members of the other churches being invited to attend from three to five o'clock, to consider a union, or Federation fair. Mrs. Addition for the entertaining society, presided. A free state grange.

All are invited to remember the discussion on the subject of a Federa-Mrs. Ellery Davis has been visiting at Manchester, N. H., the past week. On her return Wednesday, her daughter, Mrs. Tilton, and child, from Bridgewater, N. H., returned with her circle of Acoma lodge, held with Mrs. for an extended stay during the winter. John Fredericks on Thursday evening this week in his office as deputy of an office as deputy of a snow Myron, got stuck in a snow Myron and child, from In first year, was asked for and bring gifts of toys, fruit, groceries, followed. This matter, when brought about an hour's stop and with several properties. In this week in his office as deputy of a snow Myron, got stuck in a snow Myron and child, from In first year, was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was asked for and light on fair next year was

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many favorable reports from those who had attended the union fair re-cently held in Ayer, and many had changed their opinion on account of

their success.

It was finally voted to hold the fair by a nearly unanimous vote. There was some difference of opinion as to the best date, but it will probably be the best date, but it will probably be held in October of next year. An ex-ecutive committee was chosen consist-ing of Mrs. Addison Woodward and Mrs. D. R. Child for the Unitarian society. Miss Ellen Miller and Mrs. George H. Shattuck for the Congregational society, and Mrs. Jerry Annis and Mrs. W. H. Beers for the Metho-dist society. The committee will com-mence to formulate their plans soon

The discussion and spirit of the meeting was of a fine, friendly character, a truly Federated gathering. Afternoon tea was served by the society acting as hostess.

About Town. The Center Bird club of the Junior Audulion class will trim a Christmas tree for the birds on the lawn at Highledge, Miss Merrill's home. Monday afternoon. December 20, at two afternoon. December 29, at two o'clock. If the day is stormy the festivities will be postponed to Wednesday afternoon, at the same home. On Monday evening, December 27, at eight o'clock, the Village Aid society will hold a "Christmas dancing

HOLLIS, N. H.

The Hollis A. A. played the Wilton A. A. basketball team last week Wednesday evening. The Hollis team was defeated by the score of 24 to 23. It was considered a very good showing for the Hollis boys as the Wilton team is considered the fast st team in Southern Hampshire.

Southern Hampshire.

Be sure and see the basketball game this Friday evening, when you can witness two games for the price of one. The H. H. S. Girls play the Pepperell girls. The Hollis H. S. boys will play Antrim H. S. boys in Hollis town hall.

Louis Brown left town Thursday morning to join his parents in Wif-throp, Me.

The community was saddened on Saturday morning by the news of the sudden death of one of its highly re-spected citizens, Samuel A. Worcester. This death seemed to make it doubly sail for the home circle as just one week before his son, C. Fred Worces-ter's funeral was held from the same home. Samuel Worcester's health had bone. Samuel Worcester's neath had been impaired for some months past, but still he was able to be up and about and was seemingly as well as he had been until after the death of his son. The funeral was held from his late home on Tuesday afternoon and burial was in the South cemetery in the foreign let. On account of the

The schools closed this week Friday for the usual Christmas vacation of two weeks. Miss Newton and Miss Read's rooms had Christmas trees and appropriate exercises for the occasion Mr. Thistle, principal of the high school, entertained a friend from Chel sea, Mass., for several days past.

Graham Blood, who has been at Chas. E. Hardy's for the past two years, is at present boarding at Leslie B. Locke's and rooming at Wm. T. MacMaster's.

The Economic club did not meet with Mrs. Wm. J. Gates on Tuesday afternoon on account of the weather. Chas. Smith's auto truck, driven by

On account of the weather and the raveling on Tuesday afternoon the W. R. C. regular meeting was post-oned until Thursday.

Mrs. Mabel Guething was in Bostor the early part of the week. Katherine Baker has been out chool with an attack of tonsilitis.

A good many wreaths are being shipped into Boston for the holidays.

William C. Burbee who died November 30 was born in Keene, July 7, 1856, son of Chester and Juliette (Goodwin) Burbee. He was educated in the public schools of Keene and Ashburnham, Mass. He early learned the chair business and did wood carving for the backs of the chairs. He was foreman of I. C. Platt's chair shop for a number of years, after which he for a number of years, after which he took up the work of an engineer and was employed at the electric light station in Gardner till he came to Hollis in 1528 to make his home at the Noah Hardy farm, where he resided till he moved to Nashua nearly five years ago. During his stay in Hollis he was interested in all town affairs and served as selectman of the town three years. He was a member of the Hollis Congregational church, a member of the choir and took an active gram was presented. ber of the choir and took an active art in the social work of the church Monday evening, December 27, and local entertainments, There were the o'clock, the Village Aid solwill hold a "Christmas dancing did not sing. He was filled with a fund of whole-hearted good humor. The Pepperell Woman's club will hold their next meeting Tuesday afternoon. December 21. in charge of Conservation committee, Mrs. Morna L. Harris. Speaker, Winthrop Packard.

He was filled with a fund of whole-hearted good humor. He moved to Nashua nearly five years ago to fill the position of engineer at the Pennichuck Water Co. at the pumping station, where he remained till one year ago when failing health compelled him to went to make the pumping station. at the pumping station, where he remained till one year ago when failing health compelled him to resign. He went to the home of his father in Ashburnham, Mass, with the hope of regaining his health, but he gradually failed till the end came November 30. His illness was a long suffering disease of valvular heart trouble. He bore his great suffering with true

He bore his great suffering with true christian fortitude and longed for the sumons to release him from physical suffering. His was a disease of long suffering not being able to lie down for nearly three years and many whole nights were spent without any sleep, yet through it all he was a patient sufferer, eyer thoughful of those who cared for him.

He was of a sunny disposition and leaves the memory of a good and true man. A wife and son, Clifford Hardy Burbee, a' father and mother are left to mourn his loss. January 4, 1888, he married Lizzie Hardy, daughter of Noah and Harriet (Eaton) Hardy. He was a member of the

Hardy. He was a member of the Masons in Nashua.

Prayers were held at the home of his father in Ashburnham Thursday. December 2. Friday the funeral was held at Hollis, as it was the wish of Mr. Burbee to be carried from the old Mr. Burbee to be carried from the oid church where he had worshipped for several years. Many friends were present, coming from Claremont, Ayer and Nashua. Robert Campbell from Nashua, a friend of the deceased, sang beautifully, "Abide with me," it being requested by Mr. Burbee and "A beau-tiful land beyond." There were many beautiful floral tributes to honor the memory of the loved one gone a little while before. The bearers were George Hills, Frank Lovejoy, W. J. Gates and C. A. Colburn. Rev. Robert French officiated.

LITTLETON

News Items. The Back Log club will hold the holiday dance Christmas night, December 25, instead of the time scheduled in the club calendar.

The Congregational Sunday school will have the regular Christmas festi-val with tree and exercises in the vestry next Friday afternoon.

Glenore Shedd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Shedd, is sick with scarlet fever at her grandfather's, James E, Smith, Harwood avenue, and the house is quarantined. Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant, with her

young son, Goldsmith, Jr., has gone to St. Louis to spend the holiday season with her people at home. Clara Nixon, daughter of James Nixon, is sick with chicken-pox.

### SHIRLEY

News Items. Through an error in another column an item states that the schools will reopen on January 3. It should read that the schools will reopen on December 27.

Mrs. E. H. Allen is one of the host-esses at a Christmas celebration of the Massachusetts D. A. R. founders next Monday in Boston.

Monday in Boston.

Reno Carchia, who held up Atty. Emerson Baker, of Fitchburg, about a year agp in North Shirley, has again got into trouble. While at target practice with a rifle on Wednesday, shooting at a target hung on a shed door, a bullet went through the time door and struck his father over the eyeclose to the right temple. Chief Pratt of the Weymouth police says the shooting was accidental and that the police will not act. The father's presence in the shed was known by the boy, he claims. The Carchia family moved from North Shirley to East Weymouth a few months ago.

The primary and intermediate grades

The primary and intermediate grades of the public schools observed Christmas exercises on Friday in the primary room and a very interesting program you proceed the primary room and a very interesting program you become

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