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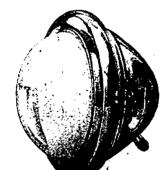
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AYER, MASS.

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

Commander. On taking up his residence in St. Cloud he had his medibership transferred to the post in that place. He was also a member for a number of years of St. Paul lodge, where he was made a Mason. He was a man of fine points, well informed and was highly respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. On April 20, 1861, the day following the attack of the rebel mob on the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment in Baltimore. Edward G. Abbott, who was afterwards elected captain, began raising a company for service in the war and succeeded in doing so on that was a succeeded in doing so on that was a succeeded in the Second Massachusetts Regiment as Company A by the colonel, George H. Gordón, William H. Sherman, then living in Lowell, enlisted in this company, which on May 11, 1861, went into camp at Brook farm, West Roxbury, the use of which was given for that purpose by Rev. James Freeman Clark, and named Camp Andrew. The regiment officers were Col. Geo. A. Gordón, who had served through the Mexican war, he having gradulated from West Point Military acadated from West P





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new exchange.

There will be a joint installation of officers of George S. Boutwell post. W. R. C. and S. of V. at G. A. R. hall on Thursday evening, January 6, at 7.30 o'clock. Supper at six o'clock in the Congregational vestry.

The W. C. T. U. have been invited to neighbor with the Westford union on Wednesday afternoon, January 5, at 2.30 o'clock. All members who can attend please go on the one "clock

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Obituary.

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The remains of William H. Sherman, who died in St. Cloud, Fla., on Tuesday, December 21, arrived here on Sunday morning. Funeral services were held at the house Monday afternoon by Rev. J. W. Thomas at two o'clock and were private. A delegation of members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., of which the deceased was a former member, attended the funeral. The bearers were the following members of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V.: Edward E. Sawyer, Ellis B. Harlow, S. Bassett Dickerman and Stephen Ryan. The body was placed in the receiving tomb at Woodlawn cemetery.

Mr. Sherman was a resident for many years of this town. He was born in Lowell on October 25, 1840, and with the exception of three years, which were spent here, then called Groton Junction; his early years were spent in that city. Mr. Sherman came here in 1866, and the next year bought the dry goods business of E. B. Jenkins, which was located where the variety store is now situated. Later, he sold the business to Charles W. Mason and moved to Taunton, where he was employed for eleven years as a dry goods salesman for the firm of N. H. Skinner & Company. Upon his return to Ayer in 1883, he purchased the dry goods business of Mrs. Abbie A. Lewis in Page block, which was located in the store where Miss M. L. Brown is now doing business.

Mr. Sherman was postmaster of Ayer from January, 1893, to June. 1897. He disposed of his dry goods business in 1900 and later worked in various place until November, 1910, when he left for St. Cloud, Fla., where he lived until his death. He was a member of the board of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor of Ayer in 1885.

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daughter, Miss Loie Sherman, of Ayer,
survive him.

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R., of Ayer, of which he was a past
commander. On taking up his residence in St. Cloud he had his memberybic transferred to the post in that

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A. Gordon, who had served through the Mexican war, he having graduated from West Point Military academy in 1846; Lieut, Col. George L. Andrews, another West Point graduate, who was engaged for three years in the construction of Fort Warren in Boston harbor, and Major Wilder.

Two flags were presented to previous the Massachuse of the

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News Items. Miss Evelyn Thomas and Miss Eleanor Rogers, of Newburyport, are guests of Miss Ruth Huntington, coming on Wednesday, and will return home on Saturday.

home on Saturday.

John H. Hooley was the host to four-teen friends at a fine turkey supper teen friends at a fine turkey supper which was served at his home on Tuesday evening. The bird which figured so prominently in the feast of the blessed sacrament, with Rev. Thomas P. McGinn as celebrant. A special sermon will be figured so prominently in the feast of the blessed sacrament, with Rev. Thomas P. McGinn as celebrant. A special sermon will be preached by Rev. Francis Houston. The next morning orders came to attend. All others are cordially intended to be present. The Holy Name to attend. All others are cordially intended to attend. All others are cordially intended to attend. All others are cordially intended to attend. The orders proventive with the company of the union regiment. The orders proventive with the company of the union regiment. The orders proventive with the company of the union regiment. The orders proventive with the company of the union regiment. The orders proventive with the company of the union regiment. The orders proventive with the company of the union regiment. The orders proventive with the company of the union regiment. The orders proventive with the company of the union regiment. The orders proventive with the company of the union regiment. The orders proventive with the company of the union regiment. The orders proventive with the company of the union regiment. The orders proventive with the company of the union regiment. The orders proventive with the company of the union regiment. The orders proventive with the company of the union regiment. The orders proventive with the company of the union with the confidence and carry the enemy's positive of the company of the union with the confidence of the province. The colo

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Saturday, January 1, 1916.

WESTFORD

The Christmas exercises for the children at the Congregational church were much enjoyed and there was a good attendance in spite of the weathgood attendance in spite of the weath-er. There were games, supper and a tree for the children and at seven o'clock Mr. Wallace gave a stereopti-con lecture on "Child life of the world," illustrated with a fine set of

The blizzard that started in last Sunday just as people were coming from church was pretty serious for a Many branches were blown from shade trees, but the telephone service was not seriously disabled and no other serious damage has been re-

Teachers spending their vacation with the home people have been Miss Ruth Tuttle, Miss Elizabeth Kittredge, Miss Jennie Ferguson and Miss May

Leon F. Hildreth goes the first of the week to Amherst college to avail himself of one of the special mid-winter courses of ten weeks.

Mrs. Burton Streeter has been a holiday visitor with her daughter, Mrs. J. Henry Colburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Perley E. Wright and little son Harold spent Christmas day with Mrs. Wright's sister, Mrs. Perry Shupe, at South Merrimack, N. H. There was a large family group present with Christmas dinner and a tree. This week Mrs. W. H. Youlden and children have been visiting at Mrs.

Good cheer and hospitality abound-Good cheer and nospitality abounded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright Christmas when a family group of eighteen were present. The guests came from Groton, Springfield, Lowell and Chelmsford.

The annual firemen's ball will take place on Thursday evening, January 13, at the town hall. The same efficient committee who made the event so successful last year are managing the ball again this year and are Robert Prescott. S. B. Watson, William E. Wright and Edward Clement. Poole's orchestra will again furnish the music.

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Christmas services at the Congregational church last Sunday were admirably carried out. Mr. Wallace gave in place of a regular Christmas sermon an original story of "Eleazer, the brigand," a vivid story of some events of the first Christmas day. There was a good musical program consisting of a quartet, Mrs. Nora Colburn, Mrs. C. H. Wright, Henry Smith and A. E. Day, and a duet by Miss Lillian Sutherland and Miss Sadie McMaster and anthem by the Miss Lillian Sutherland and Miss Sadie McMaster and anthem by the choir. The platform and pulpit were beautifully decorated with hemlocks, wreaths and poinsettas, the skillful work of Mrs. A. W. Hartford.

Miss Gertrude Hamlin has been a guest at Mrs. A. W. Hartford's this

from the hospital for ten days, is now making a good convalescence after his long, serious sickness

The mails at the postoffice over the holiday were unusually heavy and meant hustle for all concerned and much credit should be given for the efficient way the stacks of packages, letters and postcards were handled. F. C. Wright, R. F. D. carrier, reports the greatest amount of large packages taken care of on his route since.

the town one-retained town farm this Saturday.

Principal William C. Roudenbush has been entertaining a severe and unwelcome cold during vacation days.

The secular meeting of the Tad-Albert Hobson.

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unwelcome cold during vacation days. The regular meeting of the Tadmuck club took place on Tuesday afternoon at Library hall. Notwithstanding inclement weather a good representation of the membership were present to hear Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatley present the subject "our boys and girls." Mrs. Beatley who was a teacher of wide experience, and since with children of her own, gave a vital talk, practical and sensible, followed with much interest. Many took the opportunity to greet the speaker and express their appreciation at the close of the meeting. In the absence of the regular secretary, Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth acted as secretary pro of the regular secretary, are, recommended. Hildreth acted as secretary protein. The next meeting of the club is one of the principal events of the club calendar and will be "guest even-ing" at the Congregational church, and Mrs. J. Willard Fletcher will be the hostess of the evening.

About Town.

nore, of this town.

Quincy W. Day, who has been allquincy W. Day, who has been all-ing for some time, is about around, but not out around. We are glad to report that he is slowing gaining in the direction of the outside door. His friends will be glad to see him open it after his old-time strength.

In the death of Frank B. Trull, of North Tewksbury at the Lowell hospital last Sunday as the result of a surgical operation, a large community loses a large and generous citizen, and agriculture the largest market gardener in the vicinity of Lowell, and the er in the vicinity of Lowell, and the Middlesex North Agricultural society Middlesex North Agricultural society its largest contributor to its annual fair, and all this at the youthful age of fifty-five years. He leaves a wife, seven children, three brothers and three sisters. His wife was a niece of the late Dr. N. B. Edwards, of North Chelmsford, so well-known in this vicinity. Mr. Trull was a prominent member and deacon in the Baptist church in North Tewksbury.

The next meeting of Middlesex
North Pomona Grange will be held
on Friday, January 7. The forenoon
will be in the hands of the lecturer for

snowstorms. Sergming is again being thous from Christmas.

Loyal Self Help lodge, I. O. O. F.,
M. U., held their last meeting for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the week of his very possible to the lecturer for the lectur

entertainment. In the afternoon, at an open meeting, the officers-elect will be installed by George S. Ladd, of Sturbridge, past master of the State entertainment.

Here is an easy question for all to answer, so easy that there is a liabili-ty of its being forgotten: "What im-portant educational advantage is to be offered to the citizens of Westford and surrounding towns by the state at Westford town hall on January 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21?". There will be ample time to answer this question at the town hall on Monday, January 17, promptly at one o'clock. The writer of this article will be there at that time to hear everybody regite their time to hear everybody recite their answers to this question. Read the posters bearing on this question every time and everywhere you see one of these posters.

A deputy of the State Grange will install the officers of Westford Grange next Thursday evening. The execu-tive committee will furnish supper.

Herbert A. Walkden is a member of the Massachusetts Agricultural Col-lege Glee club and is touring the state. He will graduate from Amherst in

Christmas at the Unitarian church on last week Friday night was appro-priately and socially observed, and the priately and socially observed, and the Christmas tree proved to have a good year for bearing. The older members of the parish who were unable to be present were remembered at their homes with baskets of fruit. The following children, trained by Miss Mabel Drew, gave recitations: Betty Prescott, Esther Fisher, Elizabeth Carver, Elizabeth Wells, Everett Miller. A play, entitled "A Santa Claus frolic," was given by John Fletcher, Morton Seavey, Fisher Buckshorn. Gordon Seavey, Freda, Alice and Ruth Johnson, Marion and Mildred Fletcher, Edna Hamlin, William Carver, Jr. Santa Claus was impersonated in frolicsome Claus was impersonated in frollesome appropriateness by Rev. L. H. Buckshorn. The committee in charge of the event were Mrs. Buckshorn, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Hildreth, Mrs. Eben Prescott, Miss Drew.

An overhead bridge at Brookside for the electric cars, with the West-ford car running to North Chelmsford has some stockholders in talk is a chance for the town to lay out a new short road from Moors' mill to Donnelly's store on the Brookside road, crossing the Stony Brook and road, crossing the Stony Brook and the railroad and avoid the present dangerous crossing, the most dangerous in this vicinity—the only warning an electric gong, which doesn't always go gong or else it goes to the other extreme and is gong all the time. The time is coming when this grade crossing will have to obey the present law abolishing grade cross ings. The damage to the Moors mill property be more expensive at the present grade crossing than by the new route. Let it have a hearing.

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The next meeting of the W. C. T. U.
will be held at the vestry of the Congregational church next Wednesday afternoon. This will be a rally day event. The following unions have been invited guests of the Westford union: Ayer, Graniteville, Dracut, Lowell. The address of the afternoon will be given by Mrs. Ada Frisbee, state corresponding secretary; subject, "Contest work." She will attend the state corresponding secretary; subject, "Contest work." She will attend the "contest" speaking of the Graniteville union in the evening. For entertainment in the afternoon Mrs. J. W. Thomas, of Ayer, will sing, and Mr. Carr of Long Sought pond will give a stellin solo. violin solo.

During the blizzard of last Sunday the telephone wires went under ground for safety and remained there until called forth by those who knew how to call it. Trees and things gen erally were upset by the high winds Nathaniel Phillips, who has been ill with pneumonia at the home of his parents near Westford station, is much the same and more too for the

better. Rev. L. H. Buckshorn has bought the strip of land between the railroad

the greatest amount of large packs ages taken care of on his route since. The has been a carrier. Mr. Wright will have a well-earned holiday on new year's day.

The annual appraisal and dinner to the town officers takes place at the town officers takes place at the town farm this Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Hanley and fam Mr. and Mrs. John Hanley and fam-ily, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lowney and fam-ily and Mr. and Mrs. William Hanley and family, all of Marlboro, were among the home-comers at the Hanley homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett held their annual family reunion at their There was a fire in the new eight—home on Christmas. This year four story fireproof addition to the building generations were represented. Their of the Boston Athletic association in guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boston early Tuesday morning, and Longbottom and son William of Charlamong the guests who occupied rooms ton Depot, Mrs. Laura Jones and there that night was V. C. B. Wet-laughter Ethel of Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blodgett of Groton, Mr Mrs. Chester Blodgett of Groton, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jones and little son of Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett and son Leonard of this village. The pleasure of the gathering was somewhat marred owing to the illness with pneumonia of their granddaughter, Miss Mabel Wyman, of Camden, N. J.

Rev. Williston M. Ford, vicar of St. Andrew's parish, was the recipient of an automobile as a Christmas gift from Groton School.

A special carol service was held at St. Andrew's mission on Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, and in spite of he blizzard a large number attended There was special music by the children, and the story of the Christ child was read in a most pleasing manner by the wife of the vicar, Mrs. W. M. Ford.

The ice on Forge pond is now eight inches thick. The skating has been in excellent condition until the recent snowstorms. Sleighing is again being enjoyed by all lovers of the sport.

day evening. An election of officers for the year 1916 was the principal business of the evening and resulted as follows: George D. Wilson, n. g.; Joseph Burnett, v. g.; Elmer DeRohen, elec. sec.; Charles Benson, w.; William Burnett, treas.; George H. Weaver, per. sec.; William Burnett; lodge dep.; George H. Weaver delegate to district per, sec.; William Burnett; lodge dep.; George H. Weaver, delegate to district. It was voted to commence meetings at seven o'clock, beginning with January 1, instead of 7.30 o'clock, which has been the usual hour. Dr. Cyril A. Blaney, the lodge physician, gave a very interesting discourse for the good of the order.

Cameron school will reopen Monday after a two-weeks' vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Connell and two children, of Woburn, were guests of Mrs. Connell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Socha, during the holiday. Miss M. E. Plummer, who was the guest on Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. Creasey, of Salem, has returned home.

Creasey, of Salem, has returned home.

A most delightful family reunion was held on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, Pleasant street. After an afternoon of music and sociability a bountiful supper was served, at which sixteen were entertained. In the evening the party gathered at the home of Mrs. Davis' sister. Mrs. Dinah McMurray, and an evening of music was enjoyed. The orchestra was composed of the following: William Davis, violin: Gladys Baker, mandolin; Lillian Baker, plano, and John Baker, drums. The guests included Mrs. Jane Baker, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker and two children, Mr. and Mrs. William Baker and family of this village and William Davis of Amsterdam, N. Y.

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A very pleasant gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker on Christmas night. The even-ing was spent in games and music.

The services at St. Andrew's mission will be held at 4.30 Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. J. Tyler and family, of Worcester, were guests on the holiday of Mrs. Tyler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver.

John W. Catchpole, who has been uffering with an attack of the grippe s now at work again. Miss Helen Lord is still confined to

ner home by illness.

Graniteville. The children of the M. E. church Sunday school had a fine, big Christ-nas tree and an excellent program of xercises in the church on last week riday evening. The affair was large-y attended and thoroughly enjoyed by II. Joe Wall impersonated Santa laus and kept the children in good spirits at all times.

In spite of the inclement weather the members of Court Westford, M. C. O. F., held a well attended and interesting meeting in their rooms on Thursday night of last week. This be-Thursday night of last week. This being the last meeting of the year much business of importance was transacted. During the session the following officers were duly elected for the coming year: Mrs. Julia B. Wall, c. r.; Miss Fanny McCarthy, v. c. r.; Miss Agnes Charlton, treas.; Albert R. Wall, rec. sec.; Edward T. Healy, s. c.; Mrs. Lena Monahan, j. c.; Mrs. Elizabeth Healy, i. sent.; Mrs. Emma Carpentier, o. sent.; F. G. Sullivan, Henry J. Healy, William L. Wall, trustees; Edward Riney, J. A. Healy, representaward Riney, J. A. Healy, representa-tives to the grand court convention; F. G. Sullivan, Charles E. Dudevoir, alternates, All of the above-named officers will be duly installed at the first meeting in January.

The members of Cameron circle, C. F. of A., held a well attended meeting in their rooms on last Tuesday evening. Much business of a routing order was transacted and at the close of the session a social hour was en-joyed, during which refreshments were served. The members made this, their last meeting night of the year, a very enjoyable affair.

Christmas day was very fittingly ob-served in St. Catherine's church when two masses were celebrated by Rev. Henry L. Scott, who delivered eloquent sermons on "The birth of the Savior." At the high mass at 10,30 the choir, under the direction of Miss Mary F. Hanley, sung the mass of St. Cecilia, the solos being sustained by Joseph Riney, James May, James Byrnes, Arthur Charlton, Miss Rachel Wall, Mrs. Carrie Prinn Charlton, Miss Rebecca LeDuc, Mrs. Mary Gardner Charlton. The altar was beautifully decorated with red carnations and lilies, with a background of laure. two masses were celebrated by Rev lifles, with a background of laure, which added greatly to the solemnity of the service. In the evening services were also held at 7.39 and were conducted by Rev. Henry L. Scott. The Lieut, George N. Barker came home

Miss Issie A. Parker is spending a few days with friends in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Hawkes and the on Wesley, of Melrose, have been the recent visitors here.

visited here, coming from Shrewsbury.

Mrs. John V. Downing, with her

daughter Zelia, are stopping with Mr and Mrs. David Moran. F. Russell Furbush has been spen 1-

The United Workers will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Al-bina Love. Under the leadership of Mrs. Charles V. Flagg "The oppor-tunity in China" will be discussed. The next meeting of the Alliance is slated for January 7 at Mrs. W. C. Brown's, Foster street. The program consists of a book review by Mrs. A. W. Knowlton of Rev. Abraham M. Rhibany's "Far journey," and music by Miss Margaret Brown.

Mrs. Emma K. Lemley was the guest of Mrs. John A. Kimball on Monday.

the Grange will take place next week Wednesday evening. James Tuttle, of Acton, will be the installing officer. This is the last day that bills against

the town will be received before clos-ing the books for the year. The shut-ins were recipients of builds from the King's Daughters

Ralph Hill has spent the second week of his vacation with relatives in

Miss Alice Wright enjoyed the hos-itality of her sister, Miss Ella Wright, Shirley, Saturday and Sunday.

Richard Conant, of Passaic, N. J and Ralph Conant and family, of Newton, spent the Christmas season with the W. E. Conants. Miss Mil-dred Wright was also a guest at the

C. F. Flagg and daughter, Miss Marion, went to Andover to celebrate the Christmas season with the Burton . Flagg family.

L. W. Bartlett and daughter, of Greenfield, were Christmas guests of his mother, Mrs. J. A. Kimball.

In the midst of the blizzard that In the midst of the blizzard that razed Sunday afternoon the fire alarm was given and many citizens, as well as the department, responded to the call at the David Hall or Henry Taylor place in South Littleton. It proved to be a chimney fire that was easily handled with little damage to the property. This was the second time within a few months that the chimney had been on fire. On Tuesday of this week another blaze started in the same chimney and again human interference checked its progress, but in the tearing up of floors much damage was done and the house was generally upset. With these repeated warnings and narrow escapes comes a lesson that may profit the owners of houses with treacherous chimneys.

The Back Log holiday dance enaged Sunday afternoon the fire alarm

The Back Log holiday dance en-joyed much better patronage than the Thanksgiving party. Many couples were present from out of town and a good many young people were home for Christmas and glad to attend. There was the usual social time and the music was satisfactory. The treasury was increased by the sum of twenty-five dollars. The Thanksgiving receipts, over expenses, amounted to twenty-five cents. ed to twenty-five cents.

Mrs. Arthur Wright, of Allston, visited her daughter, Mrs. William Dodds, and family last week.

Mrs. Lucy A. Pickard enjoyed a visit with her son and family in Chelmsford through the Christmas season. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson on Friday, De-

Miss Gladys Kimball, nurse in Gardner hospital, came home last Satur-lay for a vacation of one week. Miss Emily Whitney daughter of

Mrs. Carrie Hussey, left town on Sun-day for Ohio, which is to be her home for the present. She will be with relatives in that state. Rev. J. C. Alvord enjoyed the hospitality of the N. B. Conants Christmas day.

Mrs. Burton S. Flagg and three daughters, of Andover, are visiting their relatives, the C. K. Houghtons and the C. F. Flaggs. Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Houghton entertained a family party at dinner.

Cora Whiteomb Davis and Mr. Speirs have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis for the afternoon of January 11, at their home on Foster street. There will be a citizens' caucus for the nomination of officers Friday eve-ning, January 7, at 7.30 o'clock.

The Davis-Speirs house on King street is framed and presents good

proportions. Mrs. Henry S. Brown and her sis-er. Miss Augusta Roberts, spent Christmas day with the Charles Gor-

dons in Newton. The evening meeting in the Unitarian church Sunday evening at 6.30 will be the fifth in the series on the will be the fifth in the series on the progress of the great war given on the first Sunday of each month. A brief review of the year's events will be given, and a set of stereopticon pictures of actual scenes in the countries at war will be shown. A c lection will be taken to defray penses. All are cordially invited. Misses Emily and Lillian Robinson

teachers, and Miss Davidson, of Stow were at E. N. Robinson's over Christ

Miss Bertha Moore is studying for a trade in Boston and boards at home. She spent Christmas with her sister and family in Worcester.

cheir had a fine program arranged for this service.

J. Omer LeDuc, principal of the school in North Truro, is spending the holidays at his home here.

Miss Issue A. Parker.

For the first Sunday of the new year at the Unitarian church the sermon by the pastor will be a review of the unusual religious experiences of the year and a forward look, followed thy the communion service, and at twelve o'clock the session of the Sunday sold have been a look to the sunday sold have been as the session of the Sunday sold have been as the session of the Sunday sold have been as the session of the Sunday sold have been as the session of the Sunday sold have been as the session of the Sunday sold have been as the session of the Sunday sold have been session of the session of the Sunday sold have been session session of the Sunday sold have been session ses Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Riney, Miss Etta day school. A business meeting of the day and Alice C. Sheehan and Miss church is called for four o'clock, and Elizabeth Devine, of Lowell, have been at 6.30 in the vestry is the young peoweek-end visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McLenna have great war.

The high school was closed Tuesday for the purpose of fumigating the rooms. School authorities and physicians are anxious that every precau-tion be taken to avoid the spread of scarlet fever.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Edward S Gardner, of Jamaica Plain, spent Christmas and the Sunday following with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardner, of King Street, George Smith has taken a position in Boston as bookkeeper with J. P. Squires in the office with his brother, Peter Smith.

W. Arthur Burrington was struck by an electric car at North Littleton crossing on Sunday afternoon, sustaining a fractured skull, which proved fatal. Shortly after the accident he was taken away for hospital treatment and expired at North Chelmsford on his way to Lowell. Mr. and Mrs. Burrington had spent the day at their camp at Knopp's pond and were waiting for their car when the accident happened. Hearing an Ayer-bound car, which he thought was returning from that town, Mr. Burrington step. ing for their car when the accident happened. Hearing an Ayer bound car, which he thought was returning from that town, Mr. Burrington stepped forward. Blinded by the snow and his steam-covered glasses he stepped too far and stood within the range of the on-coming car, which immediately struck him a fatal blow. The victim resided on Merrimack street, Lowell, and was employed as a shipper.

An Interesting Letter.

From a letter written on December 15 by George Conant, of Kentwood, La., to one of his relatives in this town, we are pleased to glean a few facts concerning business in that section that will interest many of Mr. Conant's friends in this vicinity. Business in general has improved much since the advance in the price of cotsince the advance in the price of cotton and the improvement in the lumber interests. Mr. Conant is engaged as chief engineer in the construction of railroads in the large lumber districts. The company with which he is engaged cuts from thirty to forty acres of timber every day. They who binds himself to find a husband for her. His method is extremely usually run a railroad track through every forty acres. This means about a half mile to two miles of new railroad every week, and also the pulling mature maidens.

up of the same amount of track every week, for they use over and over again the same rails and many of the ties. Thousands of acres of timber in possession of this company remain to

possession of this company remain to be cut, hauled to the mills and prepared for market. The average haul from this tract to the mills is about twenty-five miles and will require about ten miles of new main track and perhaps 200 miles of temporary track in order to get all of this timber. In the construction of the railber. In the construction of the railroads precautions have to be taken
against washouts. With an annual
rainfall of sixty inches, and a fall of
two to four inches in five hours or
less, floods and washouts are quite
common. Mr. Conant has not yet
lost a single bridge on his main lines
in these nine and a half years. The
lumber is shipped to foreign markets
and all the way from Boston to Oregon by the company for which Mr.
Conant works.
In writing of southern ways and

Conant works.

In writing of southern ways and dangers he tells of the frequent shootings and the consequent habit of going armed. This is for protection to the person who has money, liquor or a gun (as they call a revolver or pistol) on his person. He who carries none of these three is immune. While Mr Conant enjoys the south he looks Mr. Conant enjoys the south he looks forward to joining his family and his brothers and sisters in the north for the later years of his life:

A splendid audience, including members and guests, gathered at the Woman's club on Monday afternoon. The Flagg sisters, Mildred, Olive and Laurice, opened the program with a fine selection, Devorak's "Humoresque," on plano, violin and 'cello. President Howard read Van Dyke's very appropriate poem on the "Keeping of Christmas," and announced that Winthrop Packard, secretary of the Massachusetts Audubon society, would address the club in the near future, and had urged our people to feed the birds dress the club in the near future, and had urged our people to feed the birds while snow covers the ground, arguing that it would not only be an act of benevolence, but a paying investment as well. An invitation to attend Pepperell Woman's club on reciprocity day, January 4, and furnish a number in the program was read. Notices of other club meetings were given and Miss Houghton's reports of previous meetings were read and acgiven and Miss Houghton's reports of previous meetings were read and accepted. The trio played Victor Herbert's "Serenade" and the speaker of the afternoon was then introduced. Mrs. Emma K. Lemley, of Boston.

She was enthusiastically welcomed by her former townspeople and delighted them with a most entertaining and interesting account of her transfer.

lighted them with a most entertaining and interesting account of her travels with her husband, the late Dr. John Lemley, through India, one of the most unique of foreign countries.

Going from Ceylon, they landed at Tuticorin, where they entered this country of wonderful works of art, natural beauties, varied climatic conditions, marked historical development, highly cultivated lands, the origin of two great religions, and a people whose native life is very interesting as well as peculiar.

Our friends soon proceeded to Madura and were received with cor-Invitations to the wedding of Miss

There will be a citizens' caucus for the nomination of officers Friday evening. January 7, at 7,30 o'clock.

The names of Miss Hattie Shafter and Miss Maude Mitchell were omitted from the list of home-coming teachers for the holidays.

A. V. Moore and E. W. Stone have been drawn on the jury and begin their services with the new year.

The Dayis-Speirs house on King

attention attention.

They continued to Rangoon, Bahmo, and then to Mandalay, shortly afterwards taking ship and passing over the Bay of Bengal. Calcutta next claimed their interests. Here they saw thousands of people gathering at the first full moon of the year to worthing their goods. Almost every review. ship their gods. Almost every nationality was to be seen in this population of a million inhabitants. The temple of Kaligat was visited and her was observed the slaying of kids and goats for sacrifice, a daily practice. Magnificent botanical gardens formed Magnificent botanical gardens formed a pleasing contrast, and the famous banyan tree, so like a miniature grove, with its hundreds of branches dropping to earth and taking root, was a marvel to the adventurer. In this city they were excerted to the Zena-

na's quarters Not the least among the wonders hat attracted the attention of Dr. and that attracted the attention of Dr. and Mrs. Lemley were the wild animals of this section, including wolves, hyenas, jackals, and monkeys innumerable. Next to claim the interest of the toursext to claim the interest of the tour-ists was Pusa, the seat of India's large agricultural college, where her youth from near and distant parts learn sei-entific farming. The Lemleys rode to this institution in the springless and

reacherous ekka. treacherous ekka.

Sacred Benaris was an interesting stopping place. At this center of idols and sacred monkeys the natives were engaged in burning their dead, who were brought on bamboo litters and placed over the fire, from which smoke rose continually, clouding the atmosphere, and the ashes were strewn upon the neighboring Ganges river.

river.
Mr. and Mrs. Lemley journeyed then to Lucknow and Cawnpoor, the scene of the great mutiny of 1857. At Muttra they attended a wedding by urgent invitation and experienced inconveniences at the subsequent feast that furnished amusement for their host and hectoss. At Agra they beheld the furnished amusement for their host and hostess. At Agra they beheld the beautiful monument of Taj Mahal. Delhi, seat of the great temple con-taining the famous peacock throne, was next in the itinerary, and then came Bombay, a city divided between foreign and native population. Here were the "Towers of silence," where were the "Towers of silence," where vultures alighted and fed on the bod-ies of the dead. To Calcutta our friends returned and from there jour-neyed north to the wonderful Hima-laya Mountains. In graphic and piclaya Mountains. In graphic and pic-turesque language the speaker por-trayed to her audience the grandeur and magnificence of the Himalaya peaks rising even to heaven as she be-held them in the splendor of the set-

ing sun. From this compelling climax our from this compelling climax our friends passed to another country, loath to leave interesting India in spite of the hardships inconvenienced in the thousands of miles covered in their travels here. The audience listened with rapt at-

The audience listened with rapt attention as Mrs. Lemley, in delightful manner, depicted the scenes that impressed her in this country so full of interest, but not frequently visited by tourists, and at the close gave her a rising vote of thanks.

The president announced the next speaker in the club course as Mrs. L. B. Miller, of Filene's store in Boston; the subject, "Our clothes."

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AYER, MASS.

Mrs. Laura Ware, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Hattle Shearer, Leom-inster road, fell while returning to the kitchen from the barn last week Friday evening at about seven o'clock. sustaining a compound fracture of the sustaining a compound fracture of the hip. The two steps connecting the barn with the house caused the accident. Mrs. Ware has been in poor health for a long time past, which makes her condition serious. A trained nurse is in attendance. A physician set the hip and the best is hoped for.

St. John and Miss Carlson. The affair of the company for the company for the company for many years past and the ring was presented as a token of remembrance. A dainty lunch was then served by Miss for.

Miss Helen C. Chase, of Lynn, has been engaged as assistant at the high school until the return of Margreta S. Hastings, the high school princi-pal, who is confined to her home in pai, who is connect to her nome in Brookfield with sickness. Miss Hazel Ruggles, of Roxbury, who has been substituting for Miss Hastings for, some weeks past, has resigned, having secured a permanent position as as-sistant high school teacher in Tops-

At the regular meeting of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge held on last week Friday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Rena W. Elsner, n. g.; Mrs. Jennie S. Knowles, v. g.; Miss Altie F. Howe, sec.; Mrs. Frances Hersom, treas; Mrs. Ella F. Lawrence, trustee 3 yrs. Installation will take place on Friday evening, January 14. The following have been appointed a committee to prepare supper for the night of installation: Mrs. Ella F. Lawrence, chairman, Harlan B. Howe, Morton E. Lawrence, Mrs. Annie M. Brockelman, Mrs. Gertrude M. Harris, Mrs. Rachel M. Burrage. The officers Mrs. Rachel M. Burrage. The officers elected have accepted an invitation to attend installation exercises of Vesta Rebekah lodge of Ayer on January 19.

At a meeting of the Franco-American club held last week Wednesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Arthur H. Bassett, press; Ernest Michaud, v. p.; Michael Gionet, sec.; Sylvester Thomas, treas.; Frank Pelote, Chester Smith, sergt at arms.; Fred Smith, John J. Chaisson, Joseph Chaisson, auditors.

The Congregational, Universalist and The Congregational, Universalist and Baptist churches held Christmas tree exercises in their respective churches Christmas eve. Each church had Christmas trees with programs of entertainment and a visit from Santa Claus. Distribution of gifts marked the classing features. the closing features.

Arthur Desmond, of Buston, spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Desmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah H. Flynn pent Christmas at Ashburnham, the spent Christmas at A home of Mrs. Flynn.

John and Miss Alice Flynn spent Christmas with their brother, P. J. Flynn, and family at Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. James McMillan with two children. Paul and Neal, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jere-miah F. O'Neil, parents of Mrs. Mc-Millan.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch en-tertained Christmas day Miss Helen Balch of Leominster, Eddie Young of Westminster and Master Vernon Russell of Newton. Mrs. Mary Law and daughter of

Chelsea spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pene-Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Peneseau are

this week entertaining at their home the Baptist pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. George C. Gibson of Newton. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petersen en-tertained Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Westphalen of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. Norgard of Leominster.

Arthur Annis spent Christmas in Revere as the guest of Miss Dora Burnham.

Miss Connors spent Christmas at the home of her mother at Wellington, near Malden.

The two o'clock electric car out of Fitchburg was stalled for three hours in Shirley Sunday afternoon during the snow blizzard. A large elm tree about eighteen inches in diameter was about eighteen inches in diameter was blown down in front of Mr. Slocomb's residence and laid across the tracks carrying with it the trolley wire also electric and telephone wires. Road Commissioner G. M. Ballou's men assisted in removing the tree and Thos. E. Whitaker and men repaired the damage to the electric light wires and the trolley wire was placed in position again by the men in the electric car service and the services put out of commission were restored to their Everything being normal condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dyke spent Christmas with relatives in Wey-Mrs. Martha A. Holden is slowly

in running order again at five p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Davis spent the Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Davis' parents in Stockbridge.

Mrs. Ida M. Warren spent the holi-ays with her mother in Goffstown,

Miss Mary Gleason school teacher in Brookfield, spent the Christmas holidays at her home in town. Alvin Buckheim, of Concord, spent Christmas with his parents at the Holiday house.

At the regular meeting of J. C At the regular meeting of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Harry O. Bangs, p. m.; Sylvester Chesbrough, m. w.; John Gilmartin, fore; Walter Knowles, rec.; Charles W. Wolff, treas.; John H. Will, fin.; John Simpson, g.; Fred Smith, i. w.; William Gilmartin, o. w.; Joseph H. McClellan, trustee 2 yrs.; representative to grand lodge, John H. Will; alternate, Harry O. Bangs.

Dorchester spent Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman. Mrs. Grenfell is a sister of Mrs. Brockelman.

buckling room of the President Sus-pender Company, was presented with a pretty signet ring last week Friday at noon time by the girls in her de-partment. The presentation was made by Mrs. Charles Dyke. Miss Peneseau has worked for the company for

The Altrurian club will hold it regular meeting next Thursday in the club rooms and will be in charge of the education committee, consisting of Mrs. Mary C. Park and Mrs. Emma S. Horton.

Joseph Allen and N. Dana Sander son have been drawn to serve on the jury at the superior court, civil ses-sion, which convenes at Cambridge next Monday. Charles H. Miner was also drawn to serve on the grand jury Miss Madeline Logue, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Frank Lee, her cousin, of Ever-ett, has returned home.

Arthur N. Hersom, who recently accepted a responsible position with a large concern at Newmarket, N. H., spent Christmas at his home in town. Henry D. Martin, well known in this town, is general superintendent and manager of the Newmarket mills, where Mr. Hersom is working.

The Hospital board will meet in Engine hall Saturday night, January 1, at eight o'clock. All delegates are requested to be present and be ready to The annual dinner and roll call of

the Congregational church will be held in the church vestry next Wed-nesday evening. Supper served at 6.30, followed by reports and general

The annual banquet of the W. W S. club was held Tuesday evening a the Brookside when twelve members at down to a turkey supper. The evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner. Some gathered around the plano and sang and a number sat down to a game of whist while the remainder spent the time in reminiscences of bygone days. As the eventure of the state of the second of th ning's festivities came to a close a present assembled together and ils-tened to a Victrola concert given by Mrs. Fred S. Brown, who also gave each member a souvenir of the occa-sion. The following members respond-ed to roll call: Earl C. Merriman Richard F. Weeks, Harry O. Bangs Robert H. J. Holden, John K. Horton

Robert H. J. Holden, John K. Horton Louis Bradford, Walter Wheeler, Ar thur C. Annis, Chester W. Phelp Howard Emerson, Russell Jones, an Edwin R. Smith of Fitchburg. The Misses Elizabeth and Abbie MeNiff, of Littleton, were guests las Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs Jeremiah F. O'Neil.

We regret to report this week tha D. Chester Parsons has been confined to his home since Christmas with ar attack of bronchitis and grippe and attack of bronchitts and grippe and has been under the constant care of the family physician, however he has improved within the past few days and in all probability if nothing unforseen devolops will be out again in a week or so. His sickness was caused by a rundown condition, the results of over work, as Mr. Parsons' law prac-tice has got to a stage where it keeps him going almost night and day.

The churches of the town will observe Go-to-church Sunday tomorrow and it is hoped everybody will attend their respective churches and make good start for the new year.

G. Stanley Wells is in Vermont as salesman for C. A. Cross, the whole-sale grocer of Fitchburg. He returned a week ago from a month's drum-ming trip through Maine. His many friends are pleased to hear of his suc-cess, which is well deserved.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., held its annual Christmas social Tuesday evening with Mrs. Charles H. Tewks. bury, Center road. The special at traction was the pretty little Christ-mas tree attractively decorated and mas tree attractively decorated and laden with gifts, each member being the recipient of an exchange present a custom inaugurated by the chapter a few years ago. Refreshments were served, the hostess being assisted b Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook and Miss Mary A. Park. The evening was one of real pleasure.

payid C. Ryan, who is eighteen years old and who was recently released from the Shirley Industrial school, was arrested Monday on a charge of breaking and entering an apartment house in Boston.

A large number attended the com munity Christmas tree celebration a Depot square at 6.30 last week Frida evening which gave a pronounce send-off to the yuletide spirit. The effect was made brilliant by illumina effect was made brilliant by flumina-tions from nearby residences. Those in the immediate vicinity were the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah F O'Neil, the store of Conant Bros., post-office and Shirley Inn. The singing of Christmas carols by old and young were the features of the exercises.

The following is a list of the em-doyees of the President Suspender company who each received last week Friday the sum of twenty-five dollars in gold, having worked for the comin gold, having worked for the com-pany twenty-five years and over, and were presented the above sums as a Christmas gift, which has been a cus-tom of the company for some years past: Thomas J. Gately, Miss Annie Kane, Mrs. Nellie Ford, Jeremiah H. Flynn, Joseph Allen, Michael F. Shuerowe, Barney Bodah, Miss Mamie Rynn, Miss Annie Hackett, Miss Car-ric Hartwell, James H. Gately,

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The Altrurian club passed a very and MeNif. Littleton.

Christmas day at the Charles W. Marshall residence proved to be one of pleasant memories for all concerned. The home was heautifully decreated and the day was made one of pleasant memories for all concerned. The home was heautifully decreated and the day was made one of pleasant memories for all concerned. The home was heautifully decreated and the day was made one of pleasant memories for all concerned. The home was heautifully decreated the concentration of pleasant memories for all concerned. The home was heautifully decreated the concentration of pleasant memories for all concerned the concentration of pleasant memories for all concerned. The home was heautifully decreated the concentration of pleasant memories for all concerned the concentration of pleasant memories for all concentration of pleasant memories for all concentration of pleasant memories for all concentrations and pleasant memories for all concentrations and pleasant memories for all concentrations and the probability of the concentration of th

Miss Christine (i. Longley, who teaches school in Halifax, arrived home last week Wednesday for her Christmas vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. W. Longley.

Miss Marion L. Holden arrived home last week from Greenwich for a two-weeks' vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert

Miss Helen Reed, of West Acton, was a guest last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

Mrs. Lillian Leighton, of Lynn, and Miss Eleanor Kyme, of Lunenburg, have been visiting at the home of Miss Elsie Kirby. Miss Mary McPartlan went on last week Thursday to Pepperell to spend Christmas with her parents.

The last meeting of the Grange was open to Grangers' families and a good number were present. A Christmas program was given and the hall was program was given and the nair was decorated appropriately for Christmas. The entertainment consisted of the following numbers: Piano solo, Miss Vera Bradford; readings, Miss Helen Reed, of West Acton; songs, girls' chorus, Ethel and Edna Molden, Mary Grout, Mae Bradford, Eleanor Long-ley, Margaret Longley; mandolin selec-tions. Agnes Lynch, accompanied by Hazel Ballou. Each of the children present received an orange and a bag of candy. The remainder of the evening was spent in games, tucker and dancing. The literary committee met recently and the programs for 1916 are now being prepared.

Mrs. Laura Taylor and two children, Hubert and Ruth, left last week Thurs-day for New York for a two-weeks' visit.

Mr. Newhall, of Lynn, spent Sunday and Monday at the home of Miss Elsie

Boston, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams. Miss Mildred Evans, of Fitchburg Normal school, is spending a week's vacation at the home of her mother,

Mrs. J. W. Evans. Henry Ware, of Brookline, visited his summer home on Hazen road the latter part of last week.

Raymond Bradford, of Watertown, spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford. During the heavy wind on last Sunday a large walnut tree hear the Cen-ter store was blown over, and the telephone wires leading to the home of S. LeRoy Longley were brought to the ground by it.

Miss Margaret Longley, of Bryant & Stratton Business college, is spending a week's vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. W. Long-

The Center primary and grammar schools opened Monday after a Christ-mas vacation of one week.

Mrs. Sara Longley and son, S. LeRoy Longley, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Welcome Longley in

The Matrons' Aid society will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 11, at the home of Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

Mrs. Hattie P. Holden and son, Robert H. J. Holden, returned home on Monday after spending Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrie P. Barnard, at the village. The Girls' Sewing Guild will mee

on Saturday afternoon, January 8, at the home of Mrs. C. E. Bradford. C. S. Griswold, of Groton School came to take charge of the service at rinity chapel on last Sunday after-noon, but on account of the storm no service was held. On Sunday, Jan-uary 2, S. W. Sturgis, of Groton School, will be present and conduct the service. Services at 3,15.

At the next meeting of the Grange, Tuesday evening, January 4, the in-stallation of officers for 1916 will take place. At this meeting the programs for 1916 will be given out.

HARVARD

News Items. Daniel W. Sheehan, Jr., and Dennis C. Sheehan of this town have purchased of Arthur Blanchard, the farm known as the Hollis Carr place, situated on the Oak Hill road to Little-

John O'Connor for the past fifteen years a resident of this town died at the town farm on Sunday, December Mr. O'Connor came to this country about 1855 at the age of nineteer try about 18.55 at the age of nineteen years. He married for his second wife, Mrs. Margaret Sweeney, of this town, and came here to live on the farm now owned by Percy Atherton. He is survived by several children by his first wife. One of his sons took charge of the body and burial was at Marlboro in the family lot, Mr. O'Connor was about seventy-nine years old.

Miss Emily Whitney starts this week Saturday for Columbus, Ohio, where she will spend several weeks with her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wetherbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grenfell of Closed with singing, Mrs. Amy Wheeler Supper of the Orthodox church to be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman. Mrs. Grenfell is a lister of Mrs. Brockelman.

Miss Christine (i. Longley, who will consist of a three-act comedy drama, entitled "Brother Josiah." with an all star cast, some of whom last week Wednesday for her with may be their first store or present the consist of a three-act comedy drama, entitled "Brother Josiah." with an all star cast, some of whom last week Wednesday for her with may be their first store or present the consist of a three-act comedy drama, entitled "Brother Josiah." with an all star cast, some of whom last week Wednesday for her with may be their first store or present the consist of a three-act comedy drama. will make their first stage appearance in this play.

Schools will reopen on Monday for the winter term. The special music at the Unitarian church on Sunday will be given by a mixed quartet.

At the moving picture show on Sat urday night the following reels will be shown, composing in all, an interest-ing bill: "Neal of the navy," the sixth of the series, two reels: "Hazards of Holen," "Prince in disguise," and Mr. Dadmun "Around with the camera.

A Handsome Contribution,

The Club House Building Fund of the Harvard Woman's club is to re-ceive a handsome contribution as the result of the candy sale for which Miss Gertrude Farwell of this hiss Gertrude Farwell of this town has worked so untiringly and which took place at Miss Clara Endicott Sears' city home in Boston on Tues-day, December 21. As a large oak tree grows from a small acorn, so this successful candy sale grew out of a few words exchanged between Miss Sears and Miss Farwell one day in the late autumn over a box of candy which the latter had just made.

Miss Farwell is deeply interested in the idea of a future home for the Harvard Woman's club and expressed a

wish that she might add to the build-ing fund by making candy. Miss Sears, who is on the committee of the building fund, agreed to aid her to do this by having a candy sale at Christ-mas time, providing it be on a purely business basis and that the candy be wisit.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carey and daughter Grace, of Fitchburg, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Carey.

Linton B. Ward is spending a few weeks in Turner, Me.

Rev. Frank B. Crandall, who has conducted the services at the First Parish church the greater part of this year, has accepted a call to the Unitarian church in Ayer.

business basis and that the candy be made up to the standard that would meet the requirements of the friends who would be asked to buy it. Miss Farwell started in seriously and earnestly to prove her talent in this line and spared no pains to make her candy be made up to the standard that would meet the requirements of the friends who would be asked to buy it. Miss Farwell started in seriously and earnestly to prove her talent in this line and spared no pains to make her candy be made up to the standard that would meet the requirements of the friends who would be asked to buy it. Miss Farwell started in seriously and earnestly to prove her talent in this line and spared no pains to make her candy be made up to the standard that would meet the requirements of the friends who would be asked to buy it. Miss Farwell started in seriously and earnestly to prove her talent in this line and spared no pains to make her candy all that it should be in quality and form, and to fill her boxes daintily and green and violet ribbons, making them suitable for Christmas gifts.

After hard and persistent work, her

After hard and persistent work, her abors were rewarded when on Tues

The prices of the candy boxes ranged between fifteen and forty cents for half pound boxes and between for-ty and eighty cents for pound boxes, with the exception of salted almonds

with the exception of salted almonds for which she charged a dollar a pond. Three pound boxes trimmed with holly were three dollars.

This is a fine example of what energy and enthusiasm can accomplish, and if the club has many such members much fine work may be looked for in the future. for, in the future.

Congregational Notes.

The morning service on Sunday will be in charge of the pastor. The ser-mon will be followed by the commu-nion service. Music by the quartet

The Bible school meets at twelve Material for nev were distributed to all classes ast Sunday.

The Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at seven o'clock in the evening will be in charge of Miss Osee Webster. The subject will be "What is consecration?" There will be special music. At the Monday class this week the period of the "Wars of the Roses in English history" was covered by Misses Pollard, Bagster and Farwell. Jones presented current events. There will be no meeting of the class next Monday evening owing to the meeting of the Woman's club.

LITTLETON

Home talent night of the lyceum nome on Tuesday evening, bringing of a successful close the eighty-sixth consecutive season of this organization. A program of local interest has tion. A program of local interest has been arranged; exercises by members of the high school, vocal and instrumental selections by townspeople musically favored, and an old-time lyceum feature, a debate on the timely issue of preparedness: Resolved, "That the United States should adopt come; comparisons years," of presome comprehensive system of pre-paredness against invasion." Speech-es will be limited to ten minutes each es will be limited to ten minutes each following the regular debate, three minute speeches will be allowed from the floor. This meeting is also the the floor. This meeting is also the annual meeting at which reports for the year will be given and officer, elected for the coming season. Fol lowing the usual custom no admission will be charged for home talent night, even though it proves the best of the course.

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Really it is a troublesome thing to pack up one's clothes for a short visit, perhaps more troublesome than to pack them for a long trip. A year or two ago, when skirts were scant and bodices filmy, one could get a week end wardrobe into a suit case without trouble. But now, when skirts are full and collars are high, sleeves are long and the fashionable fabrics are rather clumsy, the getting of enough clother into the kind of luggage one is supposed to carry on a week end visit is something of a problem.

Week end trunks, which are large enough to hold a good many clothes and yet small enough for a porter to carry, small enough, too, to be stowed in the in an automobile, are useful for the short visit. But, lacking one of these, a big suit case and a small leather bag will do. The woman who travels with little

luggage must beware too many conenient cases. Attractive they may be but they take up room that is often needed for clothes. Tissue paper answers the purpose of protecting one's frocks and takes less room than many of the rather cumbersome cases. Take a thin negligee, a pair of the lightest sort of bedroom slippers-heel-

less cretonne or silk mules are a good choice—and lingerie that takes up little coom. Really in this way a good deal of space may be saved. It is too had. so far as the week end visitor is concerned, that petticoats have returned to style, for space must be left for a petticoat to wear with one's evening frock. However, this need not be bulky. The taffeta petticoat may be worn under the street frock or suit.

Lingerie, stockings, necessary toilet articles and nightwear need not take up much room. The only shoes need ed are a pair of evening slippers in addition to the street boots worn, unless sport shoes of some sort are needed.

It is quite possible to wear a serge frock under a big coat—a serge frock that will serve for morning and lunch eon, for walking and motoring. Or a three piece suit may take the place of the frock and coat. One's hostess can always provide an extra coat for mo-

toring, if necessary.

If carefully packed, lingerie, night things and toilet articles can all be stowed in the small bag. This leaves the suit case for shoes and frocks.

Use plenty of tissue paper in pack ing the evening frock. Stuff out the sleeves and bodice with it and place a roll of paper under the folds necessary to get the garment into the suit case And don't pack the frock down with many things on top of it, especially if it is taffeta. A satin evening frock is a far wiser choice for the week end traveler.

A sweater, blouse and sport skirt can be placed first in the suit case. with the evening frock on top. Even in these days of full skirts a frock of satin and georgette crepe can be packed in small compass. And neither the

crepe nor the satin wrinkles readily. Most week end visits are made at short distances, and if one's bags are packed at the last moment before starting forth and unpacked at the first moment after arriving at one's destination the clothes need not be long confined. They should be immediately shaken out and placed on hangers.

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Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testsment of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by MARY J. FARR who prays that letters testamentary may be lasued to her, the executrix therein named, without out giving a surety on her official bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the eleventh day of January A. D. 1916, 22 mine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public hotice thereof, by publishing this citation once in season week, for three successiva weekers for these successiva weekers. Turner's Public Spirit, a newspan published in Ayer the last publicated to give published in the said to be one day, at least, before the court, and by mailing postpict. Turner's Public Spirit, a newspan published in Ayer the last publicated in seven days at least before said Court, and by mailing postpict. The second day of December in the said seven days at least before said Court, this title seven days at least before said Court, this title second day of December in the said thousand aime, hundred and aims.

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GROTON

Cecil Kemp of North Groton has purchased a Metz car.

Among the students of Amherst college recently initiated into the Phi Beta Kappa society was Lewis M. Knapp of Groton. This is considered an honor by college men and depends upon a student's rank in scholarship. C. Z. Southard is home from New

York city, spending the holidays with his family at "Dixhouse."

The Groton Equal Suffrage club met with Miss Georgianna Boutwell on Thursday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Eversole left of Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Eversole left on Thursday night for New York city. After spending a few days there they go to Nassau, Baham Islands, thence to Havana, Cuba. Returning, they will stop in Florida and other places in the south, making in all a trip of a month's duration.

Mrs. C. Z. Southard's camp at Sandy pond is practically finished and is be-ing furnished and fitted up for future use as occasion may come up—week-end gatherings, skating parties, etc.

Mrs. Waters has her left wrist in a plastercast, the result of an accident last week when the wrist bones were cracked as she slipped down in getting out of a sleigh.

Mrs. Charles Earle, assisted by her daughter, Miss Cornelia Earle, entertained the current events section of the Woman's club on Tuesday afternoon. The program and hospitality of the hostess were both most enjoyable.

Attention is called to the meeting at Mrs. C. A. Shaw's on Monday afterat Mrs. C. A. Shaw's on Monday after-moon, January 3, when, Red Cross and-soldlers' relief work will be resumed. It is hoped that a large number will be present. Mrs. Sturgis will be there to read letters from soldlers at the

The Misses Huebner spent three days of the holiday season in Melrose and Boston. Miss Thekla Huebner played the wedding march at a double wedding in Melrose when two sisters were the brides of the occasion. Miss Huebner still continues her position at teaching, specializing in music, in Baldwinville.

Mrs. Bradford Harrington, whose ealth has not been good of late, had an III turn last Sunday, but is better

The Misses Irene and Dorothy Tyrrell are spending the holidays at their sister's home in Hartford, Conn.

The Grange meeting of Tuesday evening was observed as children's evening was observed as children's Christmas festival. There were sev-enty-five in attendance, seventeen of these being the children, which was a very good number, considering the prevalence of whooping cough and other contagious diseases and the unpleasant weather. The evening passed off pleasantly, the program being carried out as follows: Selection, orchestra; duet. Misses Knapp; recitation. Helen Cook; duet. Misses Dora Bailey and Ethel Patterson; recitation, Lillian Gillespie; song, Helen Cook; reading, Mrs. Tyrrell; trlo, Misses Patterson; duet, Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Tyrrell; selection, orchestra. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and cocoa were served. pleasant weather. The evening passed were served.

Miss Gladys Swallow has accepted a position as teacher in the commercial department of the high school in Norwalk, Conn., and leaves on Sunday to begin her work there next week. Miss Swallow has been teaching successfully in the Fitchburg Business college, and resigns to accept this bet-

Mrs. Maria C. Sawyer has been confined to her home with a severe cold. but is again able to be out. She took dinner on Christmas day with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. James Bowers. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons and son, of Lowell, spent Christmas with her sis-ter, Mrs. Lella Nutting.

The officers of Middlesex Rebekah Baptist Church Notes. lodge, I. O. O. F., will be installed at Odd Fellows' hall on next Tuesday evening by Mrs. Susie Dort and suite

Frank Stollett, of Hyde Park, was

A large force of men were out the first part of the week, busy putting in order the many telephones in different parts of the town that were out of order.

Among the freaks

Among the freaks of the gale on Sunday, which blew off a part of the tin roof on Mrs. Shattuck's house on Main street, blew down blinds and branches of trees and skurried away with parts of henhouses, was the control of the boys on Monday evening. with parts of frees and skurried away with parts of henhouses, was the com-plete blowing down of an old barn at relton Stone's. It was an old barn and not much used except for a place of storage, and it was laid flat.

Mr. Burrington, of Lowell, who was run into by an electric car near the Ridges on Sunday evening, had camped out at Knopp's pond for years and was well-known to people in that vicinity. An account of the accident and subsequent death of Mr. Burring-ton will be found in the Ayer column.

o Myron P. Swallow underwent an operation for hernia at the Groton hospital Sunday afternoon, Dr. Smith, assisted by Drs. Kilbourn and Priest, performed the operation, Mr. Swallow is making a good recovery.

The windmill at the old Boynton homestead on Pleasant street, owned by John Boynton, was blown down in the gale of Sunday, putting out of commission the telephone trunk lines down to Ayer, which was also the cause of the belated train that day.

During the gale Sunday, four tele-phone poles in Chicopee Row blew down just as some had passed by them going home from church. It was quite going nome from courch. It was quite an escape from a possible catastrophe. The poles were soon put in place again, the telephone service on these lines was not out of commission through it all.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence Davis of Hollis street received Christmas cards. also cards, calls, candy and other re-membrances on her birthday Sunday, December 26.

William 'H. Souther, Martin's pone road, has had a telephone put in his house. Call 113-11.

Joseph F. Bateman, local moth su perintendent, went last week to spend Christmas at his old home in Malden

The carol singers were out on

Christmas eve. Many houses where they stopped to sing were brightly li-luminated in responsive greeting. The the town house up and around the Unitarian church and that vicinity were conveyed by F. G. May; those taking the section from the town house up and around the Baptist church and vicinity by C. B. Shattuck; those to the West Groton section by Dr. A. G. Kilbourn. Many thanks are due, these three sentlemen for their free service, which was certainly ap-

preciated. It is hoped that by another

year a community Christmas tree will be another popular movement suc-cessfully carried out.

F. W. Mansur and J. L. Gilson finshed their services as jurymen at lowell last week Friday, having been n continuous duty since early in Oc

There will be a verner service of There will be a vesper service at the Uniterian church on January 2, at five o'clock p. m., Rev. Charles E. Peck of the First church, Boston, will be the speaker. Music by the choir, assisted by Laura Herrick Kelley of Arlington and Mrs. Sabine of Groton, The E. S. Clark post and W. R. C.

The E. S. Clark post and W. R. C. will meet at Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday afternoon, January 4, at two o'clock for a joint installation—G. G. Tarbell, of Pepperell, installing officer for the post, and Mrs. Nina Lovejoy, of Ayer, for the corps. After their exercises supper will be served. Little Woodbury Paulus, the five-

year-old son of Joseph Paulus, had his collar bone broken a few days ago. George Pierce, driver for J. E. Adims, has the whooping cough so severely that he is kept from his work.

All the public schools open on Monlay morning. At a pleasant gathering of friends and neighbors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Davis. Wednesday evening. December 29, the announce-ment was made of the engagement of

The next regular church sociable will be with the Unitarian society on Thursday evening, January 6. The supper at 6.30 will be under the supervision of Mrs. James T. Bailey; the entertainment at eight o'clock is in charge of Mrs. P. H. Cressey. The effectainment will be a story, illustrated with songs.

their daughter Ruth to John Moyle,

Miss Mary F. Torrey has been spending the Christmas days with her cousin, Mrs. Eva B. Taylor.

Married on Wednesday, December 29, Dr. Guy W. S. Jones and Miss Esther Rowell, of Fitchburg. After the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. Jones left on a short honeymoon trip, returning from which they will make their home n New Bedford, where Dr. Jones is

Realizing the fact that sound bodies make sound minds and that sound minds are essential to progress in studies, the school committee is going to serve hot drinks to the children of the Boutwell school who have to remain for the noon hour during the winter term. These drinks are to consist of hot cocoa, soup and chowder. The price of one cent a cup is to be charged, not only to help towards the expense of the enterprise, but to encurrant the children to spend the drivers. ish their bodies. It is hoped that all the children will avail themselves of this opportunity and that the experi-ment will prove worth while.

At the close of the Christmas exer-cises at the high school on Friday af-ternoon, December 17, the following garden prizes were given out: Wilgarden prizes were given out: garden prizes were given out: William Clarke, Gregory Smith, Robert Bates, Scout garden, 150 points, for working a garden each received a button; Mary Lewis, 159 points, a button and also a blue ribbon; Harry Davis, 220 points, a button and a red ribbon; Josephine O'Connell, 520 points, a button and a red ribbon; Josephine O'Connell, 520 points, a button and a red ribbon; Josephine O'Connell, 520 points, a button and a red ribbon; Josephine O'Connell, 520 points, a button and a red ribbon. a button and a blue ribbon; Ralph Forcino, 700 points, a bronze pin, a blue ribbon and a white ribbon, and \$1 from Framingham fair; William Fallon, 1390 points, silver pin, blue ribbon, white ribbon and red ribbon; Erving Kezar, 1640 points, a gold pin ind blue, white and red ribbons

About twenty friends of Mrs. Har-About twenty friends of Mrs. Har-old H. Woods gave her a miscella-neous "shower" at the home of her mother, Mrs. Minnie E. Moore, on Wednesday evening. The presents were both pretty and useful. Re-freshments were served and the occasion was one of pleasure to all concerned.

The annual business meeting and roll call of the church will be held on Wednesday, January 5. The business meeting will be held at ten in the morning; dinner at one o'clock in the afternoon, followed by the roll call.

The Girls' club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

Five Survivors.

George Harrison Johnson, who died George Harrison Johnson, who died in Pepperell on December 21, was the oldest of a family of ten children. He was born in 1843; the youngest in 1862. Two children died when young, death being caused by vaccination. William Phineas died in July, 1878, at the age of twenty-two years, a handsome young man, always with a smile for everyhody he met, and was with a smile for everyhody he met, and was a cheer-and a joy to his parents. His hobby was the dance hall, and in skating he never met his equal. It was at the partition at Island pond, July 1, 1878, while overheated from dancing, he ate ice cream that caused his death. His lest words to his loving mother was "Oh, mother, don't weep for me. I am going where there is a beautiful garden of flowers," and he passed away like the setting of the sun. His functal was largely attended by young neral was largely attended by young and loving friends. His death was such a shock to his mother she soon passed away. Stillman Everett died in September, 1968, aged forty-seven years. There are now five living. Henry A., Maitland A., Colby A., Rose M. Earnes and Lillian L. Fitzpatrick.

West Groton. Misses Elsie and Olive Tarbell of Hanover, N. H., spent Christmas at ome, the former remaining for the week-end only, while I mained until Thursday. Miss Olive re-

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley and their three children spent the Christmas week-end with relatives in Danvers. Mrs. M. J. Shepley of Waltham was week-end guest of Mrs. W. F. Lane. Mrs. Clifford Bixby and daughter Dorothy have been away this week.

Mrs. Charles Bixby spent several days this week in Wellesley. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Burgess are suf-ering from severe colds. Mr. Burgess as been attended by his physician.

Born on Sunday afternoon, Decem-er 26, a nine lb. son to Mr. and Mrs.

A. F. Cottrell. A fourth case of the prevailing epi-demic—a light form of scarlet fever— appeared this week at A. W. Lamb's, he patient being Barbara, the elder

daughter. All are doing well. Miss Slyvia, Lawrence is visiting rel-

atives in Cambridge.

ceived that Mrs. Catlin is quite ill, though, it is understood, not seriously.

The Christmas exercises held at the hall on Friday evening of last week were very enjoyable and those in charge are to be congratulated upon the fine work of the pupils. Those havthe fine work of the pupils. Those having single recitations spoke clearly and distinctly and with excellent expression, while the dialogues and exercises were given with spirit and evident enjoyment. The singing was sweet and clear, the altos doing good work. The little soloists were especially entertaining with their happy faces and sweet voices. When Santa appeared bearing a sack with toys for

On Wednesday evening of next week the annual roll-call supper of the Christian Union church will be held at the hall in charge of the L. A. socie-Later, a business meeting will be ty. Litter, a business meeting will be held in the chapel for the roll call, the reports of the various officers and the election of officers for the ensuing

Rev. J. P. Trowbridge was pleasant ly remembered by his people at Christ-mas, receiving many individual gifts, also a sum of money.

Miss Evadne Harrington is spending few days in Boston.

Schools open on Monday, January 3. The library will be open on Wednesday from 2.30 to 5.30 for the return of all books from all families not having nor having had scarlet fever. All having such books are requested to return them. No books will be distributed till further notice. tributed till further notice.

Miss Ethel Bliss has returned from Fitchburg, where she has been em-ployed during the holidays in the book epartment at Nichols & Frost. Mrs. Alice Parkhurst of Leominster came in town this week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Enoch Small.

At the Gun club shoot held Christ mas morning the first prize was won by John Moulton, second and third by John Moulton, second by Raymond and Earl Sleeper.

Kirkwood Lawrence, second son o Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence, is the latest victim of the epidemic. Ellery Kilbourn of New York spen Christmas and the day following with

his aunt. Mrs. Spaulding. Mrs. W. B. Flewelling of Clifton, N B., is vitting her daughter, Mrs. G. W

While the Christmas festivities were courage the children to spend their courage the children to spend their pennies for food which helps to nour-se throughout the village, a ster, took hold of a supposed dead note of sadness was struck by the shift opportunity and that the experiments of the children will avail themselves of this opportunity and that the experiments of the course of th lived in her little nome on Main street. Mrs. Small, who has suffered with intestinal trouble for a number of years grew suddenly worse on Monday of last week and her physician was called. The various remedies tried were of no avail and on Wednesday afternoon it was decided that surgical treatment offered the only possible chance of life. The operation performed at Groton hospital revealed an intestinal cancer, too far advanced for removal. The patient was relieved from her intense pain and fell into a stupor on Friday morning, from which

Swanlake cemetery.

Keziah D. Ryder was born in Dennis on March 15, 1845, the daughter of Ebenezer and K-ziah (Chase) Ryder. When about twenty years of age she became the wife of Enoch Small and the first years of their married life and the first years of their married life were spent in her native town. Two little ones were laid in the Dennis cemetery, Lucy, aged four and Walter, aged seven. About thirty-five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Small with their daughter Jennie, came to West Groton daugner Jennie, came to West Groton to reside and here, some years later, their youngest child, Ernest, was born. Caring but little for pleasures outside their home, the years passed quietly until occurred the tragic death of Mr.

most of the people here. A few old two, the youngest, a five months friends and neighbors, however, knew her worth and prized her friendship and will hold her in leving memory.

Out-of-town relatives who attended

the funeral were the daughter, Mrs. Edwin Brown of Leominster divin Brown of Leominster, Mrs. outton and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. tyder and son, all of Leominster. In accordance with the expressed wish of the deceased there were no flowers, except a beautiful spray of calla blies and a laurel wreath from out-of-town The remains were taken on the 12,30 train for burial in the family lot in Dennis.

HARVARD

Yours Itoms

The King's Daughters will held their next regular meeting on Tuesday January 6, at the home of Mrs. Jennie

ficers of Harvard Grange will take place at the town hall. Rev. A. H. Wheelock, the chaplain of the State Grange, will do the work. All patrons

Miss Louise Williams has purchased ew 1916 Hudson roadster, which will keep at "Westward" on Oak hill for her personal use. Alexander Williams is also negotiating for a 1916

William Henry St. John of this town and Miss Mary Rose Lemay of Fitchburg were united in marriage on Tuesday, December 28, at the church of the Immaculate Cenception at Fitch-Rev. Joseph A. Dalpe perform-he ceremony. On Wednesday ng the ceremony. On Wednesday wenty-six relatives of the bride and groom came to Harvard and celegroom came to Harvard and cele-brated with wedding festivities at the home of the groom's father, Mr. and Mrs. Fred St. John, at West Bare hill young couple will reside at Fitch

Stanley Turner is visiting with the family of A. H. Bacon at Albany, N. Y., during this week.

The Makamachamitek Camp-fire girls held a candy sale in connection with the sociable at Still River on Thursday evening.

Miss Christine Webster is entertain-ing her friend, Mr. Thomas, from Springfield at her home here for a few days this week.

Miss Elizabeth Cotter of South Boston and John McNiff of West Acton dance were united in marriage at South Bos- hall.

Joseph Catlin of Pittsfield joined his wife and son at the parsonage for the McNiff is a bleaksmith and has a shop Christmas celebration. Since their return to Pittsfield word has been re-West Acton. Miss Cotter has for several years spent her summers at Mongovin farm here in Harvard and is very popular with the townspeople.

Still River. .

The Christmas exercises in the ves The Caristmas exercises in the ves-try last week Friday evening passed off very pleasantly, many children as well as the older people being present. The exercises opened with little Rachel Haskell, singing a song Allen and Alvin Walker and Luther Willard. faces and sweet voices. When Santa appeared, bearing a sack with toys for all good girls and boys and when later the tree was denuded of its holiday fruit, the happiness of the children was complete.

On Wednesday

Among the Christmas guests we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullin noticed Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullin of Lynn, and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Kenney and two children, and Misses Agnes and Nellie Joyce of Boston with their mother, Mrs. Bridget Joyce; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Robinson of Fitchburg, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arna W. Robinson: Mrs. Hicks of Boswith Mr. and Mrs. Malcoln Campton, with Mr. and Mrs. Malcolin Campbell: Raymond and Militon Walker of Worcester, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Walker; Elisha D. Stone and daughter Esther of Ayer, with Mrs. Anna H. Flanders. Among those Mrs. Anna H. Flanders. Among those who spent the day, or part of it away, were Miss Katherine L. Lawrence with her sister, Mrs. Annie M. L. Clark, in Lancaster; Miss Alice Marshall with her brother in West Newton; Fred W. Bateman and sister Eliza with their brother, Luther H. Bateman, and fambrother, Luther H. Bateman, and fambrother H. Bateman, and fambrother, Luther H. Bateman, and fambrother H. Bateman, and famb

Rogers Morse, of Bates college, and Cenneth Russell, of the Worcester Polytechnic, are at the homes of their arents for the holiday vacation.

Warren K. Harrod has been spend ing a few days in Boston this week. Mrs. Hester Littlefield, of New York, is visiting Mrs. Sarah C. Scales.

Badly Injured.

On Tuesday forenoon, while the linemen in the employ of the electric light company were at work on the high ension wires about half a mile west of Still River station, one of the men, Irving R. Hubbard, of Leomin stupor on Friday morning, from which she did not rally, but passed quietly away on Christmas morning, aged 70 tell for several days as to how badly yrs, 9 mos, and 10 days.

Funeral services were held at her the prompt action of his brother in stupor on Friday morning, from which she did not rally, but passed quietly away on Christmas morning, aged 70 yrs. 9 mos. and 10 days.

Funeral services were held at her late home on Monday morning at ten o'clock, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge officiating. Interment was in Dennis at Swanlake cemetery.

In the cut over the eye. It was said at the time that it was impossible to tell for several days as to how badly he was burned by electricity. But for the prompt action of his brother in cutting, the wire he would doubtless been electrocuted.

BOXBOROUGH

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News Items.

The N. E. T. and T. Company is installing a cable system from the local exchange in West Acton to this town and it is hoped that it will greatly les sen the trouble with the wires service the past six months has been far from satisfactory and many of the subscribers have thought it best to have their telephones taken out un-

less some remedy was found. Born, December 16, at Clinton hospital a son. John Chandler, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Whitcomb.

At Christmas Mr. and Mrs. of children and grandchildren under the old roof tree and enjoyed a bounteous Christmas dinner. Even the son young man of twenty-two, succumbed is Sam, who was not expected, came up to pulmonary disease and the taughter having married. Mrs. Smal was the family circle complete. The oldest present was Mrs. Side her home and was little known to most of the people here. A few old two, the youngest, a five months old.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Steele went to join a family gathering at B. O. Hag-ers in Clinton. Mrs. George Keyes with her eldest son went to visit her sisters in Waterbury and Manchester, Mrs. Irving Clark went to her becale in Brookline The P. V. Nel. n family and Burroughs family went Silver Hill to spend the day with rs. Amy Nelson Lawrence, who ertertained a party of twenty-one to dinner. Arthur Nelson and family dinner. spent the week-end in Greenwood. Mr and Mrs. Earle Littlefield went West Acton to Mrs. Littlefield's p ents and at Littlefield farm Waldo l tleheld, Miss Susie Littlefield and Mrs Dennison of West Acton were entertained. Mrs. Joseph Poland had Mis The King's Daughters will held tained. Mrs. Joseph Poland had Miss heir next regular meeting on Tuesday, Alice Fairfield from Canada, also friends from New York. Linus Hartwickson.

On January 6 the installation of officers of Harvard Grange will take of Watertown and Miss Berth: by on Watertown and Miss Berting Lavermore were at the Livermore farm and Waldo Livermore, returned from his vacation.

Alfred B. York of Westerly, R. I. s a guest at Bide-a-Wee.

Arthur Goodearl of Clark college vas also at home. Mrs. Dora Adams of Portland, Me.

was a recent guest of Miss Mabel Law The schools will begin Monday, Mrs James Knight resigned her position as teacher at No. 4 and her place will be taken by Mrs. Charles Hayward, who was a successful teacher in Acton

before her marriage. Charles Libbie is still at his sister's in Boston in quite a critical condition Mrs. Libbie is at the farm. Their new house is in progress and with the many demands of the farm and worry over her husband's sickness, she has no easy task. She has the sympathy of her neighbors and hope that con-

ditions will soon change for the better The exercises at the church last Sunday were mostly by the children and appropriate to the senson Rettling home after the services in the midst of the blizzard was more or less difficult, but although our hill felt the full force of the storm no harm social hour. was done to anything or anybody

The young people ended their Christmas festivities with a little social and dance Saturday evening at Library

Clifton and Wilbur Steele were both home for the holidays, working in Whitinsville.

Grange Meeting.

The Grange held open house on Christmas eye and prepared a Christmas tree, entertainment and supper to which the whole town was invited. Many availed themselves of the opportunity to have a good time. The entertainment and tree was in charge

of Mrs. Cobleigh, Mrs. Coffey and Alvin Richardson. After the program which was mostly given by the children was ended, the distant tinkle of bells announced the approach of Santa Claus. In spite of modern achievements he was that the company of ments he was just the same old Santa in scarlet suit trimmed with white that we used to welcome. This part was very successfully taken by War-ren Hayward, who after a few antics proceeded to deal out presents to

verybody.
After this part was over Mrs. Dodge played a march and the audience marched down stairs where Arthur Brown, Ira Whitcomb, Prescott Bur-roughs, Mrs. Maria Whitcomb and Mrs. Burroughs tried to serve ice cream and cake as fast as the youngsters could dispose of it. Then followed a social dance the tones of the plane be social dance the tones of the plano be-ing drowned by the noise made by the children on their new horns, drums and various instruments forming an orchestra of unusual musical com-binations. Everybody had a good time and went home happy.

father. John Sprague, Shirley.

Mrs. Gertrude C. Whitney, proprictor of the Red Maple Inn. has given
up her lease of the building and is
having her goods stored for the winter.

baning to get another location in the Grange and one of the Camp-fire girls

She leaves a mother, three brothers and two sisters.

One sister, Mrs. Moss, of Waltham, came home to help care for her and nothing was left undone by the family nothing was left undone by the family to make her last days as pleasant as possible. Every effort was made to make her last Christmas a happy one, but she could not enjoy the presents they provided for early in the day the end seemed nigh and in the morning the great gifts of freedom from suffering and estantial programs. fering and eternal peace were hers

TOWNSEND

Harbor. Last Saturday was one of the quiet-est Christmas holidays for several years in this village. With the excep-tion of guests who were entertained at the homes of relatives or friends there was very little social activity.

The three Lenhy brothers, George, Frank and Waldo, at the Cape, spent Christmas week with their married sister, Mrs. Arthur Wilkins, in Ran-dolph.

Oliver Proctor and family spent Christmas in Ayer with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Proctor.

A most enjoyable occasion was the recent whist party held at Westview, Mrs. Frank E. Conant, hostess. Not-withstanding the unfavorable weather a gratifying number of guests were Refreshments and music followed the score, 62 points, was made by Mrs George Jones.

Miss Mary Cruikshank is spending he week-end with relatives in Med-

Stillman Anderson is spending the holidays with his family in Dor-chester.

Harry Atwood spent the week-end in Worcester with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keefe. During Christmas week Harry Knight acted as assistant mail clerk on one of the divisions of the Boston and Maine railroad.

on Christmas eve at the parish building. The committee in charge pre-

Under the direction of the Sunday

school the usual exercises were held

erved.

Center. Miss Helen Whitcomb is spending the week-end and over Sunday as a guest of Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Will-

mott of Robury Dr. and Mrs. Charlton were cheered on Christmas eve by a letter from their youngest son, who is an officer in the British army in France. It was their first word from him since he left Canada early in March.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. William Russell, superintendent of the Congregational Sunday school pri-mary department, and the teachers, Miss Arline Clarke, Miss Helen Whit-James were played and refreshment

engagement is announced of Miss Blanche Fessenden, of Brook-line, N. H., to Clarence Morse, of fownsend hill. Morton Campbell is spending th

vinter in Lowell, taking his auto with An operation was performed this upon Richard Hodson, son of

Edgar Campbell, for the remov-adenoids and tonsil. The oper-It is reported that during the reor it is reported that during the re-cent blizzard and gale that trees were uprooted and blown over on the Spaulding lot owned by B. & A. D.

ressenden Company, amounting to 5,000 feet of lumber. The electric lights on the new poles vere turned on for the first time this

Mrs. White and her father, accom panied by Mr. Mudgett, who have been spending the Christmas season in Lawrence, returned to their home here on Wednesday noon.

The Townsend Hill Improvement The Townsend Hill Improvement society held a very enjoyable meeting at the "brick college" on Townsend hill Thursday evening. Mrs. Minnie Copeland Barnaby gave an excellent paper descriptive of the island of Guam, her recent home. Other readings and musical selections were given during the evening, closing with a social hour.

Claude Hartford, who is a student Claude Hartford, who is a student in the forestry department of a college in Syracuse, N. Y., is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hartford, Townsend hill.

Drackets was the men had placed a large amount of slate, tin, etc., on the staging to work with and had oversettimated its capacity to hold up unents, Mr. and Mrs. Hartford, Townsend hill.

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pital at the school and in all proba-bility will be carried later to some nearby hospital for treatment. Miss Forestine Hinds, who is playing in an orchestra in Sanford, Me., and her sister, Miss Ethel Hinds, of Everett, are enjoying a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hinds. Wedding.

The Monday club met with Mrs. Evelyn Warren on Monday afternoon. The ladies brought their sewing and during the hour they listened to an instructive talk by Mrs. Warren on the work of the "Consumer's league." Mrs. Eunice Bruce gave an interesting reading on the same subject and a brief account of the life and work of Mrs. Lowell, the founder of the league, after which dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

SHIRLEY

day for a month's vacation with her parents in Victoriasville, Canada, Sister St. George will substitute at the church during Miss Rehaume's absence.

an lodge, I. O. O. F., held last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Alvah B. Wat ton, n. g.: Arthur G. Dunn, v. g.; George W. Balcom, sec.; George F. Buxton, treas.; J. Edwin Pomíret.

trustee 3 yrs. Dennis O'Neil is confined to his ome by illness. Mrs. Hattie Shearer was taken very sick shortly after the accident to her sister, Mrs. Ware. A trained nuise

William McGuire, of Boston, forty

is in attendance. Severely Injured.

William McGuire, of Boston, fortyeight years of age, single, is now lying
unconscious, suffering with concusslon of the brain, two ribs broken and
internal injuries, the result of a fall
from a staging that collapsed Thursday morning at nine o'clock at the
new administration building now in
process of erection at the Industrial
school. Foreman McGuire and a fellow workman, George Elliot, of Boston, twenty-seven years of age, were ton, twenty-seven years of age, were at the top of the building, engaged in slating the roof of the structure when one of the brackets used to support one of the brackets used to support the staging, gave way. Mr. McGuire was hurled through a dormer win-dow and fell inside the building, a distance of twenty-five feet. Before reaching the floor he landed on a 4x6 timber, breaking it in two. This singular coincident broke his fall and without doubt saved his life.

Elliott, the other workman, wher he realized what had happened, jump NOTICE—If you have an old Horse you wish to dispose of drop us a card and we will call and get him. BOX 43, Ayer, Mass. ed for the window sill and held or

ed for the window sill and held on until assistance reached him and luckliy a sprained wrist was the only injury he sustained.

The men with others are employed by the Warren Bros. Construction Company, of Boston, as slaters, and arrived in Shirley about a week ago to slate the roof of the new administration building at the school and were boarding at the Brookside. The cause of the giving away of the staging brackets was the men had placed a brackets was the men had placed

ted considerable local interest took place on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Harris, Maple street, when their daughter, Miss Esther Gertrude Harris, was united in marriage to Fremont Weston Keves, son of Elliot Keyes, of Auburndale. The ceremony was conformed by Rev G. E. Woodwas performed by Rev. G. E. Wood-man, pastor of the Congregational church, the double ring service being

The bridesmaid was Miss Marion Howe, of Leominster, cousin of the bride, and the groom's brother, Ralph

A pretty home wedding that attracted considerable local interest took

was gold cuff links.

The wedding was quiet and in-

formal in character, only relatives of the contracting parties being present At the close of the ceremony a reeption was held and refreshments served.
The bridal couple left on the 6.15 train for New York city, where they will spend a honeymoon of a week or so. The bride wore a travelling gown of brown chiffon broadcloth with hat of brown chillon broadcioth with nat to match of brown and old rose velvet. Upon their return they will take up their residence in Auburndale, where

they have a nice home furnished throughout. The groom is employed as a permanent man on the Auburndale fire department The wedding gifts were numerous, consisting of silver, cut glass, bricabrac, etc. Guests, all relatives, were present from New York, Auburndale,

Leominster, Waltham and Lunenburg, LITTLETON

News Item.

One of the pleasant little parties suggestive of Christmas day occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Boynton on Saturday. Among those present were both mothers of Mr. and Mrs. Boynton, Mrs. E. S. Morse and Mrs. Mary A. Boynton, both of Mariboro. William Morse, a brother of Mrs. Boynton, was also present. Last, but not least, were Mr. and Mr. Last, but not least, were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Reed, grandparents of Mr. Boynton, they making four generations present. A turkey dinner was enjoyed by all and many good wishes were extended to host and hostess with hopes of another such pleasant time next year.

FOUND-In Ayer, December 24, a Lady's Small Gold Watch, Inquire at Public Spirit Office, Ayer.

New Advertisements.

CARD OF THANKS I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those who sent flowers, fruit and letters that helped so much to bright-en my stay at Clinton Hospital; also for the many kind deeds, flowers and showers of cards that made Christmas a most joyous one for me.

MRS, JOHN R. BIGELOW. Still River, Mass., Dec. 30, 1915.

News Items.

Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., elected these officers at their last meeting: O. C. Rand, w.; C. P. Bales, v. w.; Mrs. Affle S. Washburn, sec.; Mrs. Grace M. Rymes, f. s.; Mrs. Kate C. Carrigan, treas.; Mrs. Susie R. Bales, chap.; Mrs. Margaret Rand, g.; Mrs. Christic McDohald, guard.; Charles L. Washburn, sen.; John B. Washburn, trustee 3 yrs.; Mrs. Ida L. Preble, Mrs. Kate C. Carrigan, representatives to grand lodge; Mrs. Margaret Rand, Mrs. Affle S. Washburn, alternates. Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., elected

The Congregational church elected officers at the annual meeting ast week: Dr. B. H. Hopkins, netd fast week: Dr. B. H. Hopkins, clerk; C. H. Hardy, auditor; E. B. Harlow, treas.; Augustus Lovejoy, Dr. B. H. Hopkins, Mrs. W. M. Sargent, prudential com.; Francis Lovejoy, deacon 2 yrs.; George L. Osgood, trustee parsonage fund 3 yrs.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Andrew and their daughter, Miss Ethel Andrew, spent Christmas at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur D. Stroud in Ipswich.

Oscar F. Slocomb, of Brooklyn, N. a former resident of Ayer, visited

Among the Christmas and week-end visitors in town were Fred Barrows, of Wesleyan university, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. H. Barof Wesleyan University, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. H. Barrows; Miss Ada Lawton, of West Newton, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lawton; Daniel Toohey, of Lynn, at the home-of, his mother. Mrs. Bridget Toohey; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gilmore, of Boston, and Mrs. Wesley Gilmore, of Boston, and Mrs. and Mrs. Archie Kitchener, and two daughters, Winifred and Alice, of Nashua, and Florence and Charles Weldon, of Shriley, at the home of Mrs. Margaret Weldon; Mrs. M. E. Pérham, of Chelmsford, at the home of her brother, Joseph H. Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Small, of Fitchburg, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albion Washburn, of Hopedale, and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Washburn, of Fitchburg, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Westburg. the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Washburn.

Miss Anna G. Taylor is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman J. Taylor, for two weeks from her duties as school teacher in West Gran-

A chimney fire at the home of Herbert Downing on Prospect street, with no damage, was the cause of an alarm from box 16 on Monday afternoon.

The Christmas holiday passed off in ie usual quiet manner with many exercises. The religious observances of the day were confined to St. An-drew's and St. Mary's churches. The program at St. Mary's church was unprogram at St. Mary's church was un-usually fine, with the decorations in honor of the day a pleasing feature. Masses were said at 5, 7, 9 and 10 o'clock, and at the 11 o'clock service there was special music with an augmented choir, and sermon by Rev. Thomas P. McGinp. Rev. Francis Thomas P. McGinp. Rev. Francis Houston was the celebrant of the mass. At St. Andrew's church there was a holy communion service and a

At the Christian Science service on Sunday morning at 10.30 in Dickinson's block, the subject will be "God." Next Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock, there will be a meeting of testimonies of Christian Science healing. All Incited.

The children's Christmas carol service at St. Andrew's church was held on Christmas eve at 4.30. The church was decorated with holly and ever-green and one huge piece of mistletoe; the Christmas tree stood near the .The first carol was sung by the little children of Miss Marlon Farnsworth's class, After a lesson from the bible the school sang "The first noël," Two other carols came before and after a Christmas story told by Mrs. Ford, The children then sang "There's a wonderful tree," while the church was deviced to the the sang "There's a wonderful tree," while the church was darkened and the Christmas tree suddenly lighted up, Christmas presents followed—little visitors being remembered as well as the whole Sunday school. At the close Miss Sabine's class sang "Silent night." After a final carol the children all re-ceived a stocking of Christmas candy

Miss Lottie Bowers, teacher of vioin and mandolin in Leominster, Ayer and at Cushing academy, Ashburnham, gave a musicale for her junior pupils on Thursday afternoon at her home in North Leominster. Among those from Ayer who participated were Edward Hopkins, Kimball Mar-tin and Edward Sawyer. At the close of the program refreshments were served and the children played games and enjoyed a general good time. (ackknife was awarded as a prize to Kimball Martin (ackknife)

Kimball Martin for satisfactory work. Rev. Williston M. Ford was given an utomobile by friends in Groton as a

The annual parish meeting of the Unitarian church will be held in the vestry on next Wednesday evening at 5.30 o'clock. Supper will be served at 6.30, to which everyone is invited.

6.30, to which everyone is invited.

Federated church services on Sunday will be as follows: Sunday morning service at 10.45, subject of the sermon will be "Something to do"; the sermon will be followed by the celebration of the Lord's supper; Sunday school at noon; C. E. meeting at 6.15 in the evening, and the topic will be "What is consecration?": evening he "What is consecration?"; evening service at seven, the subject of the sermon, "Jesus and the kingdom of God." Mid-week meeting on Thurs-day evening at 7.30 o'clock in the vestry. Topic, "The prayer for peace." "Jesus and the kingdom of

William H. Chisholm, of Bondville William H. Chisholm, of Bondville, Vt. a former resident and well-known in town, who has been ill of late, had his leg amputated up to his body three weeks ago in order to eradicate gangrene. He is in a hospital in a private room and a special nurse. At last reports he was very weak and is not getting along as well as it was expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. White and Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. White and children, of Fitchburg, were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. White, Christmas day. Mrs. White and son Howard remained over a few days this week before returning to their home in Fitchburg.

Miss Marion Farnsworth has guests for the week-end and Sunday Miss Miriam Russell and Gardner Rus-

sell, of Concord Junction. A Christmas concert was given by A Christmas concert was given by the Unitarian Sunday school last Sun-day afternoon at four o'clock. There was special Christmas music, includ-ing a part song, "The three wise men," by Beryl and Gladys Proctor and Irene

Mrs. Howard B. White has been spending a few days this week at the Westminster in Boston. Mr. White has been with her a part of the time. The Unitarian Girls' club will meet three hundred attended the services. with Miss Eleanor Clark on Thursday evening, January 6, at 7.30 o'clock.

The equipment and furnishings of the Good Print Press Company in Springfield were almost wholly destroyed by fire which broke out on Monday night. Damage amounting to \$2500 was caused. Henry B. Goodman is proprietor of the printing shop. He formerly worked in the Public Spirit office here. His father, Louis H. Goodman was a sundepose to H. Goodman, was a junkdealer in town, the family living on West Main

Miss Ruth Fisher, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. Fisher, of Leominster, is a guest of Miss Charlotte Sanderson, coming to attend the dancing party given to the choir girls of St. Andrew's church in Hardy's hall this week Friday evening. The hostesses will be Mrs. Austin Peters of Harvard, Mrs. W. M. Ford, Mrs. Geo. A. Sanderson, Mrs. Frank S. Bennett, A. Sanderson, Mrs. Frank S. Bennett, Mrs. Harvey Huntington and Mrs. M. L. Savage, The Unitarian Sunday school held

its annual Christmas tree last week Friday evening in the vestry of the church. Supper was served to the children at five o'clock, after which the Christmas tree claimed attention The kifts were announced by Norman Fletcher and distributed by the little messengers. Bruce Fillebrown and Barbara Fletcher. Games were played during all the spare moments.

Col. Stephen W. Nickerson, who has been a resident in town for the past three or four years, occupying the house formerly owned by Fred W. Moses on Pleasant street, and who has been an invalid for some years, was taken to the Wellesley sanatorium on Thursday. His brother and two attendants came for him in a limousine. Col. Nickerson was a former minister to China and is well-known in this country. Those who took care of him here will remain at the house through

January and take care of the property Miss Helen Knight, of Boston, is a guest of Miss Helen Savage until Sat-urday. The Knight family have a ummer home in Littleton

Miss Charlotte Sanderson and Miss Miss Charlotte Sanderson and Miss Helen Savage are to spend the week-end and Sunday as guests of Miss Helen Knight at the Buckminster in Boston and on Saturday evening they will see "Chin Chin" at the Colonial theatre.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, of South Lancaster,

Charles S. Barrett is confined to his home with a severe attack of the grippe.

"The whirlpool," in three parts is "The whiripool, in three barts is the leading feature at the moving picture show this Saturday, "Across the great divide" is another great drama; "Inspite of him and humorous cartoons on the beach" and "Ham and the experiment," a farce-comedy, compose the rest of the program. On next Wednesday evening the headlings will the experiment," a farce-comedy, compose the rest of the program. On next Wednesday evening the headliner will be "The pearl of the Antilles," in five great recels. This picture was advertised to be shown here several weeks ago, but through no fault of Manager Poulius the pictures failed to arrive. Of course there will be officers, as always and pictures and the world-famous Pathe weekly, the animated newspaper, showing the world in motion. showing the world in motion. "The spoilers," in nine reels, which was shown Christmas afternoon and evening, was as predicted, the best show ever seen on the local screen. large audience in the afternoon and the overflow crowd in the evening watched the unfolding of the great rtory with constant interest throughout its length covering a period of two

and one-half hours. street, went to the Clinton on Tuesday for an operation.

Albert Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irwin, is spending the Christ-mas vacation from the Syracuse uni-versity with his parents.

William Cornellier has moved into house on West Main street. Miss Phyllis Poor, of Malden, visit-

Howard P. Fletcher is able to be at store after his recent severe il!

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Donovan pent Christmas with relatives in royidence, R. I. The violent wind and snowstorm of

last Sunday was the worst ever known in this section during the three hours that it lasted. The wind in exposed places reached a velocity of 80 to 90

college, spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William U. Sherwin.

Frank E. Brown, a student at the University of Pennslyvania, is spend-ing the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown

Under the auspices of the North Middlesex Conference of Unitarian hurches a Unitarian preaching misan church. Merrimack street, head of John street, Lowell, at 7.30 every evening, beginning Sunday, January 2. and closing Sunday, January 10. This s a movement to quicken and nurture

Fletcher, and Elfabeth Proctor. Brief remarks were also made by the pastor, Rev. F. B. Crandall. The storm interfered with the attendance and kept some members of the school from being present.

Mrs. Howard B. White has been three days and the school from greathing a few days this week at the edy a solo. "O salutarus." Mrs. Clarker Mrs. Moore: "Ave Maria," Mrs. Mary White Mullen; "Agnes Del," choir; the enspending a few days this week at the edy a solo. "O salutarus." Mrs. Clarker Mrs. Clarker Mrs. Moore: "Ave Maria," Mrs. Mary White Mullen; "Agnes Del," choir; the enspending a few days this week at the Christmas hymn, "Adestus Fidilis," a duet, by Alfred Brunette and Mrs. Moore; "Ave Maria," Mrs. Mary White Mullen; "Agnes Del," choir; the entire choir sang the benediction, followed by a solo, "O salutarus," Mrs. Clarence Moore. Rev. Francis Houston sang the mass and benediction. About three hundred attended the services

This week Friday morning was the coldest of the season. The thermometer registered five below zero at the Main street crossing at seven o'clock. Other points report temperatures as low as twelve below.

sion for the blind, was here on Tues-day in consultation with Fred A. Smith regarding the possible purchase of the property known as the White place in Woods Village for a home for the blind. Mr. Holmes, who is blind, came here with an attendant and both went to Woods Village with Mr. Snith. The various points about the place were explained to Mr. Holmes and he left for home quite pleased with the place. The property consists of forty acres of good land, a house of twenty-seven rooms, a basket shop and a firstseven rooms, a basket snop and a first-class water privilege. The place was occupied by the late Edwin White for many years and is now owned by L. W. Phelps, of Ayer, and is now in the hands of Mr. Smith, a local real es-tate agent, for sale.

The new business firm, to be known as the Ayer Machine Company, have all preparations made to move into the Chandler Planer shop, which it is ex-pected will be in operation in the near An engineer is in charge and tuture. An engineer is in charge and steam is up ready for business. Machines have been shipped from Worcester, where the members of the new irm live, and where they have been doing business in the past. It is said that the row convert will consider the that the new company will employ from 180 to 200 men when the business is running at full capacity. Most of the men will be skilled workmen.

There will be a joint installation of the officers of Division 7. A. O. H., and the officers of Division 7, A. O. H., and Ladies' Auxiliary in A. O. H. hall on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, Daniel Riley, of Lowell, county secre-tary of the A. O. H. will install the officers of the division, and Miss Mary Notice will be given later in regards to the January meeting of the Ayer Branch Alliance.

tary of the A. O. H. will install the officers of the division, and Miss Mary Driscoll, of Holliston, county president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, will install of the Ladies' Auxiliary, will insta the officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary. While the ice cutting season is some

at the Clinton hospital on Saturday, the Company are getting or resident of Ayer, and Mrs. Walsh was a former seldent of Ayer Ice Company are getting ready for the annual harvest at Sandy poind. The ice on the pond is now according to the Company has built a new house Ice Company has built a new house charles Bartz moved on Thursday from the Butterfield house on East Main street to the Burns place on Nashua street.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Taft will make their home at the Parker house in Boston beginning this Saturday, where they will remain indefinitely.

Charles S. Barrett is confined to his

The dance at the Sandy pond schoolhouse on Tuesday evening was largely attended in spite of the severe storm. Miss Mildred Gates, of Malden, who

worth's, Washington street, phone 25. The Robbed on Train

A man giving his name as George A man giving his name as George Hamel, a resident of Lowell, reported to by tory with constant interest through an its length covering a period of two land one-half hours.

Charles W. Briggs, of Pleasant street, went to the Clinton hospital on Tuesday for an operation.

A man giving his name as George Hamel, a resident of Lowell, reported to be the Chief Beatty last week Friday evening that he had been robbed of eighty difference from Lowell at 5.55. Suspicion pointed to a strange man who had occupied the set with Hamel from Lowell to Ayer. The chief interviewed the man who answer that the set of the control of the set Stephen Slau spent Christmas in New York city with relatives. Mrs. Slau and children, who have been stopping in Lowell for several weeks, returned home on Tuesday.

The chief interviewed the man who with Hamel was bound for Worcester. The man consented to being searched but no trace of the missing roll could be found on his person. Upon being questioned further by Mr. Beatty Hamel admitted that he might have left the money at home, the fallure to find the cash on his companion strengthening that opinion. By advice of Mr. Beatty Hamel left for Lowell on the 9,05 electric car, where he was in hopes of finding his missing cash.

Chief Beatty was at the railroad station at the time the matter was called to his attention; Hamel and his companion waiting to take the train companion waiting to take the train for Worcester. The railroad station is a favorite place for pickpockets, especially when there are many people traveling, as is the rule at the holiday seasons. The many trains and electric cars furnish a good means of escape. A woman complained to Chief Beatty shortly after the above robbery was reported that the had been robe.

that it lasted. The wind in exposed places reached a velocity of 80 to 90 bed of \$1.20 and a ticket for Worces-miles an hour. The entire front of L. W. Phelps' dancing pavilion at Mitchelville was torn off by the furious gale. No other accident of any amount has been reported. Miss Pauline Sherwin, of Wellesley in the station. The station was crowded with passengers at the time of the

A Christmas concert was sixen. A Christmas concert was sixen. It is a movement to quicken and nurture the splitual life. The speakers are which have been well attended, from which have been well attended, from which a nent sum has been realized. They are planning to hold a joint in stallation with the Knights on Januard Presentation of the bible study of one class was given by its members, and a comparison of the characters of Jacob and Esau was given by Norman Fletcher. There were also recitations by Dorothy Carman, Beryl Proctor, Margerle Fletcher, Gladys Proctor, Irene McCollester, Barbara and Alfred Brunette.

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E: Fowler, mis. rec. cor.; Mary E. Howarth, mis. fin.; Evelyn. Cunning-ham, prot.; Mabel Davenport, g.; Alice

ence Moore. Rev. Francis Houston sangthermass and benediction. About three hundred attended the services.

The pastor of the Baptist church will preach a new year's sermon on Sunday morning at 10.45; subject, "New things." Sunday school at seven in the evening: subject of sermon, "The shining pathway." B. Y. P. U. meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.30.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Smith, of Dunstable, and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Wright spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Smith.

This week Friday morning was the collect of the season. The thermometer registered five below zero at the Main street crossing at seven of the Mass sometimes alleged that an award was yold because it was grossly excessive. The inswerd has sometimes alleged that an award was vold because it was grossly buliance took the remains to the underly bross against the Phoenix Insurance companies was followed with he surance companies, mentioned in our last two issues, on thirteen insurance in the wild safely cleared the car ow whether the injured man thought he had safely cleared the car ow whether the injured man though the had safely cleared the car ow whether the injured man though the had safely cleared the car ow what safely cleared the distance the car was from him is not known.

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Burington was picked up and was the two care a award was vold because it was grossly inadequate, but the companies have heretofore contended that the award was "conclusive and final upon the parties as to the amount of loss or damage" as the policy itself provides. The referees determined that Doherty Bros." loss was \$33,420, of which \$25. 000 was on patterns, drawings, etc.; \$8,120.00 on machinery, extra and spare parts, etc., and \$300.00 on office furniture.

At the hearing on August 4 before

by witnesses familiar with the facts that the property could not be replaced for less than those figures, and that it had originally cost considerable more. The insurance companies made no effort to contradict these with made no effort to contrad nesses or to show what the cost of replacement would be. They said it would not be profitable for anyone to make Chandler planers; that Doherty Bros. had purchased the patterns, drawings, etc., at the foreclosure sale of the Chandler. Planer Company's The Civic Gymnasium.

The Civic gymnasium will open for would not make Chandler plane.

Bros. had purchased the drawings, etc., at the foreclosure said of the Chandler Planer Company's plant on April 24, 1913, for \$300 and had subsequently purchased most of the machinery parts of George J. id Burns for about \$1800; and that they allowed more than they ought not be allowed more than they paid therefor. The majority of the lew referees sustained Doherty Bros. contention and made their award on the lew of the cost of replacement, less of the cost of replacement of the winter term on the

referees in a restaurant here; because he had offered them cigars to smoke during the hearing; because he had given to the referees at the request of one of them a workman's compensation policy showing that he was preparing to make planers; and because Doherty Bros, attorney called the in-surance companies "welchers" before the referees, saying that Frank S. Ben-

\$800 in premiums therefor with this knowledge of all the facts.

It appeared in evidence that Mr. Bennett was at the foreclosure sale and that a full account thereof with the names of the purchasers and the prices paid for each lot of property prices paid for each lot of property sold was published in this paper and the other local paper. The cases were on trial for seven days, beginning De-cember 15. The witnesses for Doherty Bros. were Frank S. Bennett, Harry E. Fisher, Alfred Maynard and Patrick J.
Beatty of Ayer, Daniel E. Stacy of
Haryard, Fred C. Tuttle of Groton,
William L. Tobey of Boston, Edward
M. Woodward of Worcester and William C. Doherty of Lowell, Mr. Woodward was the referee prophecial by ward was the referee nominated by Doherty Bros. and Mr. Tobey the referee appointed by the insurance commissioner of the commonwealth. The defendants' witnesses were George V. Rogers of Boston, the referee nomi-nated by them, and James T. McMur-ray and George A. Greenleaf of Plain-

field, N. J., planer experts.

The case was given to the jury on Thursday noon, December 23, after a charge by Judge Keating, which was entirely satisfactory to the plaintiffs. The rumor about the courthouse was

supplementary charge of the judge on Friday morning.
In justice to Doherty Bros. it ought to be said that no evidence was introduced which had even the slightest tendency to show that they caused the fire to be set. The verdicts were for the full amounts claimed, to wit: \$28,671,03, being the face of the policies, \$27,800,00 and interest. In answering that the award was valid, the jury showed that they did not believe the acts relied on by the defendants constituted any reason for setting it aside.

their profession. It is safe to say that an unusual musical treat is in store for the people of Ayer. The price of the thirty-five cents. Call members will be admitted by the door and payment of ten cents.

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The case promises to be a leading one in Massachusetts on the subject of awards under the standard form of insurance policy.

John M. Maloney and Frank J. Ma-

loney were attorneys for Doherty Bros., and Brown & Came, the wellknown insurance lawyers of Boston represented the insurance companies

Fatally Injured.

W. Arthur Burrington, of Lowell received fatal injuries by being struck by a Fitchburg and Lowell electric car, eastbound, at what is known as the Littleton road crossing last Sunday evening. The accident was witnessed by Mrs. Burrington, the wife of the vicinia and several other people. the victim, and several other people who were waiting to take the car The car was in charge of David H. Robbins, motorman, and Earl H. Farnsworth, conductor, running from ransworth, conductor, running from the car barn to relieve the congestion of the regular car which left the de-pot square at 6.05. Both cars were running on the same time. When the regular car reached the car barn on Central avenue the passengers stand-ing were transferred to the other in Pythian Sisters.

Harbinger Temple, Pythian Sisters, closed a very successful year Monday inght. The order has been particularly fortunate in the appointment of Minnie E. Sands, of Methuen, as district deputy grand chief. She has been very much interested in Harbinger temple and deserves great credit for her work. The temple has held several socials in conjunction with the Knights of Pythians and have also held weekly whist parties which have been well attended, from which a neat sum has been realized.

Ing were transferred to the other in waiting, which then proceeded just ahead of the regular car. On such occasions the car make what is known in railroad language as "skip" stops. That is each car makes alternate stops in order to distribute as evenly as possible the passengers who take the cars, instead of one car taking all passengers, and thereby leaving none for the other. This method has always been used and is common on all roads. Not only does this method prevent overcrowding, but it saves time, which a neat sum has been realized.

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then being in full view. The rest of the people crossed the track and they supposed that Burrington had done

dertaking rooms of George W. Healy Lowell, where the body was viewed by Joseph Meiss, of Lowell, medical examiner. The funeral services were held on Tuesday evening and the reams for interment, which occurred or Wednesday.

Burrington was a well-known rest dent of Lowell and was known among the people on the electric car line. He had a summer camp at Knopp's showed pond and was in the habit of occasionally visiting there after the reg was unusually sad, but it was one of those unfortunate occurrences which could not be avoided.

Motorman Robbins, who was run-

and men on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from seven to 9.45. It is hoped that there will be a good registration in these classes. Mr. Fletcher will have charge of the classes and will constantly be on hand from the opening to the closing of the sessions. Parents, therefore, should have no fear for the smaller boys wh have no fear for the smaller boys who wish to join the boy's class, as they will be continually under the care of Mr. Fletcher. The registration fee for the two months' term will be \$2.50 for seniors and \$1.50 for the boys. The nett, their agent here, had solicited the insurance from his clients and taken store in the first solicity of the hot and cold shower baths and of all the full equipment of the gymnoedge of all the facts.

It appeared in evidence that Mr. provided that a sufficient number are interested to join. These classes may meet Thursdays and Saturdays. The bashetball games will be confined to contests among the classes with a probability of some matches being arranged with out of town teams. Those desiring to register may do so by call-ing on William Brown.

Concert. The concert to be given by the Ayer Woman's club in the Congregational church Tuesday evening, January 4, is under the direction of J. Vernon Butler of Worcester, organist. He will be ler of Worcester, organist. He will be assisted by Miss Jane Prendiville, so-prano; Cliff Perry, baritone; Miss Anita Charron, violinist, and Mrs. J. Vernon Butler, planist. Mr. Butler is the director of the Worcester Oratorio society, which has rendered the Messigh for several years at the Christman saan for several years at the Christmas season. The Worcester Telegram gave a very flattering account of the work done by this chorus last Monday eve-hing under his leadership, when they rendered the "Messiah," assisted by an orchestra selected from the Boston Symphony orchestra

that the delay in reaching a verdict was due to the obstinacy of one juror who hung out all night and was only brought into line after hearing the supplementary charge of the judge on their profession. It is safe to say that

with the A. B. degree, took post-graduate work and received the A. M. degree in 1807. For five years he was a teacher and was next to the head of the department in the Romanice language department at the University of Pittsdepartment at the University of Pitts-burgh when he decided for the min-istry. He studied three years at Har-vard Divinity school, graduating with the S. T. B. degree last June. He served during his senior year in the seminary is assistant minister at the church in Boston. Mr. Crandall is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa socie-ty. Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta club of New York, and in Free masonry is a member of lodge, chapter, council and commandery, Knights Templar; also, a Shriner.
The following is the letter of acceptance that he read last Sunday at the morning service:

To the Unitarian Christians of Ayer:

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hear Friends—From the proper of ficial source I have an invitation to be the minister of your church and parish. It is now my privilege to present to you my answer.

In the first place, because I believe in our cause and, therefore, that Ayer meels your church; secondly, because I believe in you, the loyal and enthusiastic men and women whom I have not met, and lastly, because I believe in apostolic ideals, I joyfully accept this opportunity for service which you offer me.

In taking this action I am declining a call to an old First Parish church. It has had a distinguished history and is today in excellent condition. It has a large number of loyal members eager to be led to greater service. On the physical side it offers a permanent tenure of office and a salary greatly exceeding the most that your parish could possibly give.

I am taking a church founded in the middle of the nineteenth century and one which has been the strongest church organization in Ayer, but one which has been the strongest church organization in Ayer, but one which has been the strongest church organization in Ayer, but one which has been the strongest church organization in Ayer, but one which has been the strongest church organization in Ayer, but one which has been the strongest church organization in Ayer, but one which has been the strongest church organization in Ayer, but one which has been the strongest church organization in Ayer, but one which has been the strongest church organization with thirty-three members to an organization of hundreds of members worshipping in an edifice costing half a militon dolars and occupying once more in point

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of influence the front rank among Boston churches. I know the principles of this remarkable movement and the methods by which they were carried out. That these principles and methods are of universal application and, therefore, applicable here, is at once my practical creed and plan of action as I take up my work.

In our attitude toward our fellow christians in Ayer we must be mindfulting that brotherhood is the great objective ideal of christianity. Wherever we have christianity minus the brotheriy feeling we have the spectacle of, sectarianism in fact as well as in name, and the scandal of reciprocal excommunication. Since, then, brotherhood is the basis of all our catholic hopes; we must piedge ourselves anew to this ideal and meet, at least half way, every opportunity for co-operation.

That our appreciation and good will for our christian brethren is genuine we shall show by a distinct sign. That sign will be found in our ambition as a church. It is our ambition to be a complete church.

We have observed that the churches his bookeryed that the churches with them than with any others. We have observed that the churches with them than with any others. We have church shall combine all these strong points.

We shall try first to be true to our own traditions and preserve the splent of the succession of

years. Our ideal is nothing less thanthat our church shall combine all these
strong points.

We shall try first to be true to our
own traditions and preserve the splendid intellectual appeal which has ever
been the distinguished service of the
Unitarian churches. To the intellectual
appeal we hope to add the æsthetic appeal so nobly presented by the Roman
and High Episcopal churches. To
these appeals we hope to add the ringing moral appeal of all the evangelical
bodies, and last, but not least, we hope
to add the warmth and heartiness of
fellowship which has ever distinguished the Methodist churches of America.
While we are developing a service like
that which has won such a remarkable
response in the Second church in Boston. we shall try to lift a clear,
prophetic voice for the right and to
show forth the grace of hearty fellowship.

To realize this high ambition will

prophetic voice for the right and to show forth the grace of hearty fellowship.

To realize this high ambition will require a support both strong and persistent. I urge, then, first of all, an unswerving loyalty and confidence in our movement. In the second place, I urge patience. It will require many days of hard toil even to begin to carry our our gout plans. For the present, as our service develops, it must of course be imperfect, but later on we hope that our notes of praise to the Most High may be clear and ringing. For the present, and until our church can be fitted for the service to be, we must worship in very humble surroundings. It will strengthen our patience if we remember now our christian brethren on the missionary frontiers' worshipping even without shelter, and our brethren of the early church worshipping in underground chambers in the face of persecution, as the candles by our altars commemorate.

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TOWNSEND

Mr. and Mrs. John Piper, who are winter season in Bos at their cottage home here

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin R. Jefts are ring congratulations on the ar-of a little son into their home fonday morning. His name is Cecil Frederick.

At the Grange Monday evening, after the business meeting the members present enjoyed listening to the excellent State Grange reports given by Worthy Master Frank A. Woods and Worthy Master Frank A. Woods and Locturer-elect Miss May Parker. Dr A. J. Atwood gave in his usual pleas-ing manner a prose selection descrip-tive of the "Old man of the mountain." Two bell contests were indulged in one being a written contest the an word "Bel." The other the members tried to see how many times they could ring the New Year's bell.

'The complete play of "Quincy Adams Sawyer" in motion picture giv-en in Memorial hall Tuesday evening was well attended and thoroughly en joyed by the appreciative audience. The play was presented and talked by Theo. Holman.

The next meeting of the Birthday church vestries. Roll call quotations from Tennyson. Hostesses, Mrs. Hattie L. Spaulding, Mrs. Mary Sherrin, Mrs. Alice L. Harshall and Mrs. Gertrude Hodgman.

Community Christmas Tree.

Townsend's first community Christ-mas tree gathering was held Christmas eve in Memorial hall when about six hundred townspeople were present, many of whom were children which many or whom were children which proved to be the largest gathering ever held in the hall. For several weeks the committees in charge have been working to make this occasion happy one for the young and old.
The two trees, one on each side of the stage were beautifully decorated with festions of silver tinsel and red and green cluster electric lights illuminating the tree. Above the stage were colored electric lights arranged so as to give a pretty red ray effect over the trees. The artistic decorations upon the tree and the pretty electrical il-luminations met with the enthusias-

the approval of the public.

The electrical display was done under the supervision of C. A. Packard.

Rev. E. C. Charlton, Rev. A. L.

Struthers, Mrs. Abbie Barber, Mrs.

Thomas McGuire, Mrs. Robert Misner were the reception committee to greet onle and little tolks on their arrival at the hall

the distribution of presents there was an enjoyable entertainment Dr. Charlton of the Methodist church presiding. presiding. Christmas carols were and adults; instrumental music. Young and adults; instrumental music. Young Feople's orchestra; trombone solo. George Woods; plano solos; Miss Irene McGuire and Miss Agnes Farrar; violin solo, Miss Katherine Markham; exercise, "Message of the bells," four boys; "All kinds of Christmas," eleven boys; and girls; "Star exercise," nine girls; Finnish Christmas selection and translation in English, Miss Katherine dinner all adjourned to the outer vessaminen; recitations, William Russell, try where the Christmas exercises." Saminen; recitations, William Russell, Sadie Moulton and Electa Bolliver; capture of Santa Calus," little

elfin band of twelve children, with Miss Helen Higgins as their queen.
Santa was impersonated by genial John J. Piper, the children's friend, who extended Christmas greetings as who extended Christmas greetings as he distributed the gifts, assisted by Chairman Knight. Every one of the 350 children received a gift and box of candy. Soon the hall was filled with the merry chatter of children's voices giving expression for the gifts they had received. The occasion will remembered by all as an especially bright and joyous Christmas

eve.

Supt. Herman L. Knight, who was chairman of all committees and archairman archai Grateful recognition and rangements. Grateful recognition and thanks is given to him and to all committees who were chiefly responsible for the culmination of plans. Appreciation and thanks is extended Miss Southwick, supervisor of music in the public schools, who came from her public schools, who came from her home in Fitchburg to train the chil-dren in their musical numbers and to direct Friday evening; also, to the many others who gave freely of their time, labor and material. The comnittees in turn express appreciation of the general co-operation on the part of the citizens which insured the suc-

S. Leroy Shapleigh of Cambridge spent the holiday with his grandmoth-er, Mrs. Mary Foster, and on his re-turn she accompanied him for a brief 'Mrs. Dwinnell and little son from North Easton are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex-

Mrs. Emma J. Lees is spending

few weeks with friends in New York Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brayton and son Sandel and Albert Adams from Prov-idence, R. L. spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.

The Ladies' Study club met on Mon-The Ladies Study clair mee on Mon-day evening with fifteen present, two being guests, Miss Gladys Rawson and Miss Georgianna MacKean. A social followed the program and an ex-change of gifts by members was one of the pleasing features. The next meeting will be held in the Baptist vestry and will be an open meeting with an address by the principal of the high school, C. J. Ross on Monday evening January 10.

,The Social committee of the Broth-erhood met with the ladies on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Ely to make arrangements for the annual banquet January 12. Word has been received of the se

vere illness of Guy Stickney, a former resident, at his home in Palmer. Rev. Joseph MacKean will preach

Sunday morning on "Three ideas for the new year" and his evening topic is "The oldest question in the which is still being asked." world

Miss Alice Sanders of Malden, a former resident here, is spending the holidays, with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weston of Josselynville.

Miss Alice Wheeler of Winchendor is a suest at the Baptist parsonage. George Ellis, from Boston, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Anna

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boutwell en tertained relatives from Barre over

the holidays. Miss Myrtie Hobart, from Waltham

spent the holidays with her mother. Mrs. Mary Robbins. C. J. Ross, principal of the high school, with his wife and little daugh-ter. Josephine, have been visiting in

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sheldon and child received an orange an boamily spent the holidays with rela-

tives in Boston, returning on Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Reed, from Reading, are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed. Miss Lena Thompson, who teacher

od, has been enjoying a vaca

tion at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs. Joseph Thompson. Mrs. A. D. Winship and son Adron spent the week-end with Mrs. Win-ship's daughter, Mrs. Thomas Martin,

of Ayer.

Miss Georgiana MacKean, a teacher in Brattleboro, Vt., spent the holidays with her father, Rev. Joseph MacKean, at the Baptist parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bennett enter ained a party of friends and relatives from Worcester and vicinity at their home Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Copeland and baby from Townsend hill, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Sawtelle on Christ-Miss Helen Plummer, who has been

teaching in Fitchburg, has been spending a vacation at her home in

On last week Friday afternoon the children of the public schools were entertained at the reading-room, a tree with presents for each child having been given by C. S. Homer, of New York, and Mrs. Homer providing a treat of ice cream and cake. Each school was entertained separately, the primary department from 1.30 to 2 o'clock, intermediate from 2.15 to 2.45, and the grammar school at 3 o'clock. After the serving of ice cream and cake each child, as they passed out, were presented with their gifts and a box of candy. The affair was in charge of Miss Alice Seaver, and Misses Lena Thompson and Georgiana MacKean assisted in the serving. Nearly everychild was present and all enjoyed the afternoon to the fullest extent.

The gale of snow which came so furiously and suddenly about noon on last Sunday was so severe that imany living on the outskirts of the village were unable to get home until it was over, about four o'clock. The fury of the gale was so severe that it blew in one of the windows on the west side of the church auditorium in spite of Storm Caused Lot of Damage. chool was entertained separately, the

of the church auditorium in spite of Storm Caused Lot of Damage. of the church auditorium in spite of the fact that the blinds were closed, and fortunately the Sunday school had just closed and no damage was done that was not quickly and easily repaired. Later, one of the blinds was badly smashed and some apprehension was felt for the steeple, the force of the gale being so strong.

Storm Caused Lot of Damage.

In the early morning last Sunday the weather was very mild and spring-like, but before noon the "howling blizzard" predicted was upon us in full blizzard proved to be the worst ever. The snow came in blinding sheets, covering windows as with a thick current was readed to the carly morning last Sunday the weather was very mild and spring-like. But before noon the "howling blizzard" predicted was upon us in full cover and proved to be the worst ever. The snow came in blinding sheets, covering windows as with a thick current was very mild and spring-like.

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A Most Enjoyable Affair.

A most successful and enjoyable affair was the public dinner on Christmas day in charge of the ladies of the Baptist Benevolent society for the Sunday school and its friends in the try, where the Christmas exercises were held, and the Christmas tree was

were held, and the Christmas tree was stripped of its fruit.

The following program was presented: Selection on Victrola; prayer, pastor; song, "O little town of Bethlehem," school; readiffs, "When Jane mixes up the knicknacks' for the Christmas dinner," Mrs. Fred A. Patch; plano solo, "Star of the sea," Gertrude Hamilton; humorous selections on Victrola; song, "Long, long ago," the All-Ready class; piano solo, "Christmas bells." Miss Hamilton; song, school; remarks by the supersong. christmas bens. Miss raimiton, ong, school; remarks by the super-ntendent, Rev. Joseph MacKean; Vic-rola selection; distribution of gifts. The arrangement of the tree was in

the hands of the girls of the All the hands of the girls of the All-Ready class, Misses Nancy Richards and Ruby Elliott decorating the tree, and Misses Gertrude Hamilton, Nellie Greighton, Doris Tenney, Helen Marr, Janet Clark and Mary Lashua distributing them.

Christmas Concert.

On last Sunday morning Itev, Joseph MacKean preached an appropriate sermon for the holidays on "The world's reception of Christ," A Christmas anthem was rendered by the choir and the room was prettily decorated with wreaths and Christmas greens by the girls of the All-Ready class. In the evening the Christmas concert was held, although owing to concert was neid, attnough owing to the weather conditions, the severe storm at noon preventing any re-hearsal and the blustering wind keep-ing many at home, the program was greatly depleted, but those present did their best to fill up the vacancies in the ranks. The program opened with their best to fil up the vacancies in the ranks. The program opened with "Joy to the world," choir and con-gregation, prayer pastor; scripture reading, pastor and school, anthem, "There were shepherds," presenting a very pleasing soprano solo beautifully rendered by Mrs. Charles B. Stickney, rendered by Mrs. Charles B. Stickney, and a duet alto and soprano, by Mrs. Stickney and Mrs. I. P. Sherwin; recitations, "The Christmas song," Mary Lashua; "The heavenly child," Janet Clark; duet, "Stent night," Ruby Elliot and Gertiude Hamilton; recitation, "Bessie's dream," Nellie Crayton; anthem, "Sing all ve nations, sing oh heavens," solo work by Mrs. Harriet Stickney; class song, "Hark the herald angels sing," All-Ready class, closing remarks, pastor, followed by a hymn and dismissal. The audience was and dismissal. The audience quite large for the uncertain weather

LUNENBURG

News Items

Rev. Robert A. Bryant preached bi arewell sermon in the Congregational church last Sunday morning to a large and very attentive congregation. The Boy Scouts, with their leader, Albert lerce, were in attendance and several shut-ins were out for the first time in several weeks. At the close of the sermon five new members were re-ceived into the church, Mrs. Edith A. Harley and daughter, Miss Willa J. Harley, Misses Doris S. Nickelson and Helen G. Nelson and Earle A. Brown. Miss Marian E. Wise had been accen ted, but on account of ill health was not able to be present. Communion service was then observed, one week earlier than usual, before Mr. Bryant rent away.

The community Christmas tree in the town hall was held on December 22, and an immense audience, repre-senting every organization and nearly every family in town, filled the hall to its capacity. The large tree was placed in the center, seats were arranged around the hall and on the platform. around the hall and on the platform, with ample space between for the children singing carols as they marched around the tree, after which they returned to their seats on the platform for the distribution of the gifts. Every

There were several family reunion and Christmas parties, with Christma and Christmas parties, with Christmas parties, trees loaded with presents in many private families, among which were W. H. Burrage, T. B. Snow, George A. Paige, Mrs. George E. Jones, Mrs. C. P. Dickinson and others. At the home of Mrs. Jones fifteen nephews, nleces, grandnephews and grandnieces made up a happy family party, delighted with the fruit of the well laden Christ-mas tree, every gift being just what each one wanted and with the refresh-

afternoon Rev. and Mrs. David Wallace, Westford, with daughters, Pauline and Westford, with daugnters, Fauline and Rachel, spent Christmas day with Misses Nellie; Fannie and Dora Jones at their pleasant home on Massachu-setts avenue. They also called on some of the shut-ins in town.

followed, made up a most enjoyable

nents, games and sociability

Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell, of Gardner, (Ollie Hodgman), with their little daughter Virginia were Christmus guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Snow

John Frye will conduct an Epis service at the Methodist church on Sunday morning to take the place of the regular Sunday morning service. In the evening there will be a union meeting in the Congregational church, the first of the union meetings for the work of proving week of prayer.

Stillman Stone has sold five acres of land nearly opposite the residence of John Gould on Massachusetts avenue.

tain and rendering travel very unsafe on foot or with teams. Trees were Miss Grace Thompson, who teaches in Dover, N. H., has been enjoying a current with her mother. Mrs. Chas. Patch, and Miss Agnes Thompson, of Fitchburg, and Miss Mabel Thompson, disturbed and broken, poles blown over the control of eral buildings nearly or quite unroof-ed, telephone and electric light wires disturbed and broken, poles blown down and the whole system so de-ranged that no cars passed over the rack for three hours, and telephone track for three hours, and telephone communications with other towns interrupted for nearly the same length of time. Residents had to get out their kerosene lamps as the electric current was cut off by wires being broken near Whalom. They were repaired in time for the light to come on about seven o'clock. One of the large elm trees in front of W. H. Burrage's home was blown down, falling directly across the road, proving a directly across the road, proving erious menace to travel until it could be cut up and removed.

Celebrate Birthdays.

Joseph Augustine Peabody recently passed his eighty-ninth birthday quietly at his home in the north part of
the town. Mr. Peabody is now the
oldest man in town and has been a
very active man, until quite recently
walking to the postoffice every day for
his mail, and often carrying some of
the neighbors' in addition to his own.
Of late he feels the infirmities of added years creeping upon him and does
not take as long walks as formerly.
Although his last birthday was a very
stormy one he was remembered by passed his eighty-ninth birthday quiet stormy one he was remembered by several of his friends with friendly calls and otherwise showing he was not forgotten. Leander W. Bowles, another worthy

citizen of Lunenburg, was reminded on December 29 that he had arrived at December 29 that he had arrived at another milestone in his life journey. Although he had not had a birthday since December 29, 1914, some of his good neighbors surprised him by re-minding him that they knew he had reached the three score and ten plus five, and that it was time to stop a moment and receive congratulations, which he did, and returned thanks heartily for their kind thoughtfulness

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Whereas, WILLIAM F. DENNEN the administrator of the estate of said ceceased, 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 X. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

have, why the same should not be allowed.

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

its Remnants Are Believed to Stand Near Babylon's Ruins.

It is doubtful if there is any place in the world so rich in ancient remains as the valley of the Euphrates, in Mesopotamia. The result is that to archaeologists and scholars the place is a veritable "Tom Tiddler's ground," and new "finds" are constantly being reported.

When it is remembered that tradition places the site of the Garden of Eden here, while among its many ruins are those of ancient Babylon, the promising nature of the valley to the scientific excavator becomes apparent It is near the ruins of Babylon that we find what many scholars believe to be the remains of the tower of Babel

by the natives Birs Nimrud. Recent exhaustive examination of the strange pile and its site has revealed the fact that the tower that once stood here consisted of seven stages of brickwork on an earthen platform, each being of a different color.

-an immense cube of brickwork, called

The tower boasted of a base measurement of nearly 600 square feet and rose to an unknown height. Even today the ruins rise some 100 feet above the level of the surrounding plain. Wide World Magazine.

WHEN YOUTH DIES.

Shock of the First Realization That One is Getting Old.

The moment when one first feels acutely that he is no longer young is bound to make one pause in something akin to consternation. For vividness it is like a flash of lightning across a black sky. Life no longer is all before one: even, more dreadful thought, it may be mostly behind.

After the first keen realization there follows a bewildered state of mind due to unwillingness-yes, to an actual puzaled inability to accent the truth. With all the agony of the startled call of a child at night the heart cries out, "It

cannot be: It is not so." Youth dies hard and fights and struggles in its dying like an imprisoned bird. Others, even those near and dear are older, are even old; we can see that But how can the stubborn facts be true as to ourselves? Very gradually, little by little, fighting its way, inch by inch, the truth prevails and gnaws a the heart-though only intermittently, of course-until time numbs this emo tion as it does every other one .- Rober L. Raymond in Atlantic Monthly.

Poetry and Noses.

I have read that no poem was ever written to a nose. Can you, offhand, recall a single rapturous or even admiring description of one? I search my memory in vain, but produce instead one instance that has always interested me by neglect. You recall that little poem of Browning's, "A Face," the brief and charming description of a girl's profile against a background of gold. The "mutchless mold" of softly parted lips, the neck "three finger might surround" and the "fruit shaped perfect chin" all receive their due of praise; the nose, a seeming necessity in any profile, is not even mentioned. It may be as well; each reader supplies in the lovely face the line that suits him best. The poet may have feared that by its mere meution he would produce the effect too often given by the nose in real life-a heaviness that mars an otherwise charming face .-- Atlantic

Decomposing Water.

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Bad Memory.

Flatbush-You've got a piece of thread about your thumb. Bensonhurst-Yes, wife put it there o remind me to mail her letter. "Did you mail it?"

"Sure thing." "Why don't you remove the thread then.?

"Oh, I'm keeping that on to remind me to tell her that I forgot to put a stamp on it."-Yonkers Statesman.

A Hasty Makeup.

An actor once was cast as a brigand in "Ingomar," and the director told him to get a rug, throw it about his shoulders and sit by a camp fire. He did so, his face being toward the audi ence. In a tense situation he stood up. turned around and almost broke up the show. Worked in the rug was one word, "Welcome!"-St. Louis Post-Dis-

Guessed It.

Inspector, examining a class in grammar, wrote a sentence on the blackboard and asked if any one noticed anything peculiar in it. After a short silence a small boy ex-

claimed: "Yes, sir; the bad writing."-Exchange:

Overcoming Difficulties.

I find nothing so singular in life as this, that everything opposing appears to lose its substance the moment one actually grapples with it.-Hawthorne

None but the ill bred ridicule the pe



LITTLE HINTS FOR POULTRY

Watch Chicks Closely and Save Those Making Most Satisfactory Growth -Keep Them Busy.

(By MRS. G. W. RANDLETT, North Dakota Experiment Station.) Human sympathy to the bird's com-

ort amounts to dollars and cents. Clean the nests occasionally and put in a fresh supply of nest material. Uniform nest boxes add to the attractiveness of the house.

White diarrhea is contagious among young chicks. The purchase of a few baby chicks

from some fine pen of birds will make a splendid start if you care to start in June. If your breeding pens were proper ly bred and mated you need not be

surprised to find some of the chickens developing into finer specimens than their parents. Watch the chicks closely and mark the ones making the most satisfactory growth. Select the ones that are plump, full-breasted and in good pro-

those that grow leggy and have thin breasts. Never, under any circumstances keep more birds than you can take

portion. You will not care to keep

care of well. Green food is necessary for all ages of poultry, but doubly so for the little chicks. Water and green food are cheap and very important.

Be sure the baby chicks have plenty of exercise. Keep them busy and hungry. Keep the hopper full of dry mash all of the time. This gives the chickens an opportunity to balance the

grain rations fed Remember, full-fed chicks are pay ing chicks. It pays big dividends to hurry their growth.

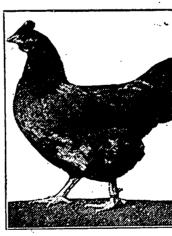
Always practice absolute cleanli ness in feeding. Cull the flock closely. Keep the best and prepare the rest for market

Enrich the garden plot with the poultry droppings. Constant thought and judgment are necessary in poultry raising.

YELLOW COLORING IN SHANKS

Has Not Yet Been Proved That I Means Hen Is Equipped to Lay More Eggs Than Others.

Many believe that a cow that has yellow skin will give richer milk than will one that has a white skin. But how about a hen with the yellow shanks of that color laying the most eggs? At the Maine station it has been found that the coloring matter which gives the yellow color to a hen's



Red Sussex Hen.

shanks is the same as that which gives the color to the yolks of the eggs, and that the shanks of a good layer will be much lighter in color at the end of her laying period than when she began.

So it looks like the coloring matter in the shanks has been used to color the volks of the eggs. It hasn't been proved yet that a lot of yellow coloring in the shanks means that the hen is equipped to lay a lot of eggs, and how about those that have white, black or blue shanks? But maybe something will be worked out from this coloring matter business that will help us to know good layers.

DIARRHEA FATAL TO CHICKS

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And said 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 all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering 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 twenty-first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU

DIARRHEA FATAL TO CHICKS

One of Most Common Causes of Mortality—Disease Can Be Prevented by Proper Feeding.

One of the most common causes of chick mortality is white diarrhea. While it has been established that this disease is usually communicated to the chick before it is hatched, it has also been established that the disease can be held in check and even prevented by groper feeding.

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One of Most Common Causes of Mortality—Middlesx, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, readitions, and all other persons interested in the castate of DAVID A. WESTON late of Popperell in said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deministration on the estate of said court giving a surety on his bonds. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court. And the petition has been presented to ministration on the estate of said court giving a surety on his bonds. You are hereby cited to appear at a probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said Courty of Middlesex, and the cestate of said court giving a surety on his bonds. You are hereby cited to appear at a probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said Courty of Middlesex, and the cestate of properel in the county of Middlesex, and the period of said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said court giving a surety on his bonds.

And the publicher is hereby directed to give published in said Courty, the last published in said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntere Esquire.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Burton Clement is at home from Middlebury college, Vermont, for the Christmas vacation. Harvey Powers is at home from

Tufts college. Miss Abbey Flagg is spending part of her vacation here.

Miss Ruth Goodwin is at home for the holidays from Salem Commercial

Mr. and Mrs. F. Leo McEnnis spent Christmas with Mrs. Forrest (Daisy Woods) West in Amherst.

Carrol Reed is at home from Maine

Robert Ladd, of Lynn, and Miss Lena Ladd, of Concord, spent Christ-mas with their parents. Miss Mildred French is at home from Wheaton college for a two-weeks' vacation.

The Y. P. S. C. E. were to have a social following the prayer meeting on Wednesday night, but on account of the storm the social was postponed until next Wednesday evening. There

was no prayer meeting. Last week Friday evening was the Last week Friday evening was the usual time for the event of the year for the children, the Christmas tree under the auspices of the Sunday school. The committee in charge were Harold E. Hardy, Mrs. Walter Flanders and Miss Hazel Marshall. The entertainment was as follows: Song, "Away in a marger," children: recitaentertainment was as follows: Song, "Away in a manger," children: recita-"Away in a manger," children: recita-tions, Judith Brown, Loren Locke, Raymond Irwin, Rhita and Thelma Locke, Donald Hardy, Marie McMas-ters and Hazel Lovejoy; song, "Merry, merry Christmas bells." After this Santa Claus gave the gifts out and the children received their candy and

Ralph Lovejoy is at home from Durham college for a short vacation. Scott Farley is at home for the

Christmas vacation. At the Grange next Tuesday evening Fred W. Dudley will install the of-ficers. The supper is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shattuck.

Miss Grace Hardy and friend, of Keene, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H.

Miss Lucinda Read spent Tuesday Arthur Wright was home over the

holiday. Harry Verder spent Wednesday in

Mrs. Flora Ord started for Florida Tuesday to spend the winter.

David Bean spent Christmas and the week-end with his son Robert at the home of Mrs. Eugene Wheeler.

The Woman's club met on Wednes day afternoon at the ladies parlor. On account of the storm there were not as many present as they hoped, but considering the weather the attendance was very good. This meeting the weather the day was open to the public and the agh school girls were particularly urged to attend. Mrs. Leonard Law-

pageant?" The first question she answered first by an Englishman's definition; secondly by Mr. Langdon's, the leader of pageants in America, who says that a pageant is a story in which the place is the hero and the history of the place the plot. Miss Clark then gave her own definition—that a pageant is a festival of the people, by the people and for the people.

She said to give a pageant was to

She said to give a pageant was to bring out the deeds and history of their forefathers so that the younger generations would appreciate their deeds and the very giving of the pageant showed the appreciation of the older people. She wants everyone to hunt up any piece of old-fashional work or furniture or anything ioned work or furniture, or anything antique to use in the pageant and she wants any ideas and all ideas from anyone and everyone. If anyone has anything to suggest please send it to Mrs. Sweetser and she will let Miss Clark know about ft.

About Town.

Miss Bernice Holmes and Graham Blood spent Christmas at Miss Holmes home in Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E, Hildreth and son Henry spent Christmas with Mrs Hildreth's parents in Francestown, Mr. Hildreth returned on Saturday, but Mrs. Hildreth and son remained for a few days longer.

Matthew Jameson, of Brookline, was n on Tuerday calling on old

Mr. and Mrs. Withington spent the in New York with

The many friends of S. M. Spalding are glad to know that he is much better and was able to walk up town the early part of the week.

William E. Lund has been suffering with boils recently. He has had up to last reports fourteen of them and has an unusually large and painful one at present on the back of his

Perley Foster, of Claremont, has been a recent visitor at Charles E. Hardy's.

Miss Louisa H. J. Hardy, of Amherst, is enjoying a two-weeks' vaca-tion with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hardy.

There was quite a large family athering at Willis C. Hardy's on

Mr. and Mrs. Austin, of Brookline

There were twenty boxes of fruit packed and sent as Christmas remem-brances to the soldiers and their wid-ows by the ladies of the W. R. C. The committee who had charge of the boxes were Mary G. MacMaster, Louise T. Locke and Kate C. Hurd.

At the last regular meeting of the W. R. C. the election of officers took place and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Bessie W. McEnnis, pres.; Angeline M. Muzzey, s. v. p.; Flora C. Hardy, J. v. p.; Clara M. Smith, treas.; Nellie L. Hardy, chap.; Kate C. Hurd, con.; Lowella Read, g. The remaining ten officers are to be appointed by the president. Delegates were chosen to attend the convention in Concord, Mary G. MacMaster, Clara M. Smith; alternates, Susie Morrill and Angeline W. R. C. the election of officers took alternates, Susic Morrill and Angeline M. Muzzey. The W. R. C. sent a sum of money to the soldiers' home in n money to the soldiers' home in ranklin for Christmas as is their sual custom. At the regular meet-ng in January the installation of of-

the holiday.

formerly of this town, now of Florida, remembered many of their friends in town at Christmas time by sending them nuts, sweet potatoes and other articles which were raised where they

get the car home without further mis
AS TO THE MAKING OF PINS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Heron and baby daughter of the Weirs spent the holiday and week-end in town visiting ling One, All Conducted by now live,

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lund, from Dungtable, were in town last Sunday and attended a family gathering which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Lund

Mrs. Harold Frost's sister. Harriet from Lowell, has been visiting

A terrific gale arose on Sunday be tween eleven and twelve o'clock and it blew and snowed at a tremendous rate for a few hours. Many people who had gone to church found it very who had gone to church found it very difficult to reach their homes in the clark's was blown down and some tin roofing at Arvilla Hardy's was blown off. No doubt other damage was done in town by the wind which had not been heard of at this writing.

Mrs. Lelia Pierce, who is spending the winter in Portland, Me., and who was very dangerously ill a few weeks ago, has improved very much and has written to some of her Hollis friends recently.

Twelve episodes have been selected for presentation at the proposed pageant at the next Old Home Week pageant at the next Old Home Week in Hollis, but so far only the merest outlines have been sketched; all the details remain to be filled in: "The Indians." "Peter Powers and the early settlers," "Drawing of the province line," "The founding of the church." "The naming of Hollis," "Hollis in the French and Indian war," "The revolutionary period," "Prosperous Hollis," "The civil war," "The founding of the high school and town hall," "The Hollis farm," processional. It is suglis farm, processional gested that certain of these episode pessed that certain of these episodes be taken in charge by various organizations and that others be planned and produced by groups of individuals who shall in turn receive the help of others in planning and carrying out the details.

The little infant son of Mr. and Mrs Emerson Pineo, who was quite ill a short time ago, is much better. He had a very bad cough, which seemed to be very much like whooping very much like

The basketball team will play their games hereafter in Tarbell's Opera House, East Pepperell. The first game was on Thursday evening.

F. Leo McEnnis is working Charles E. Hardy's. William Woodin spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles

Luther Tarbell left town on Wednesday after spending a few days at Charles E. Hardy's.

Many dozens of laurel wreaths were sent away for Christmas and different ones report having received very good prices for them this year.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Among those who came home for the holiday and week-end were May Pierce, Eldorus Fessenden, Mrs. Min-nie Holcombe, Burns Marshall and Carl Clifford. The following are home from their respective schools for vaurged to attend. Mrs. Leonard Lawrence gave a piano solo written for the
pageant in Peterborough. After this
Miss Lotta Clark spoke on pageants.
She asked these three questions:
"What is a pageant?" "Why give a
pageant?" and "How to give a Hollis
pageant?" The first question she anpageant?" The first question she andirect by on Enclishman's defiEsther and Lessie Farnsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell spent last week Thursday visiting with rela-tives and friends in Hollis. Mr. Rus-sell had a cold before going and be-came so ill on his return that the docor was called. He is much better at

Mrs. Ella Rockwood, who has been quite ill, is able to be about and out again.

Mrs. Henry Shattuck, Mrs. Arthur Goss, Mrs. Herbert Corey, Harry Corey, Mrs. Victor Maxwell and Ed-ward Pierce went to Keene last week and attended the sessions of the State Grange which were held there.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corey enter-tained Mrs. Julia Lawrence and son James, of Primus, and Mrs. Ernest Tarbell, of Peppèrell, over the holi-

Alexander l'Ecuyer entertained his brother, Albert l'Ecuyer, from Fitch-burg, last week. His little niece, Con-stance, returned with him for a few days' visit with her grandparents.

Mrs. Ralph Perkins is quite ill and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farnsworth

spent the holiday and week-end with friends and relatives in Groton and

Mrs. Clark Barnaby, Mrs. Oscar Eliot, Mrs. Harry Wilkins and Mrs. Nancy Daniels were visitors in Milford recently,

Mrs. Edward Lancey was last week called to the home of her mother, Mrs. William Koch, of Townsend, who is quite ill with pneumonia

Mrs. Fred Hall and Miss Mabel Porter were recent visitors in Nashua. The beautiful large trees that have stood in the Congregational church yard have all been cut down as the brown-tall moths had completely ruined them

Mrs. Ada Taylor has returned to her home in Fitchburg after several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Carrie Whit-comb, who has been ill. Her daughter Minnie has come to take her place, as Mrs. Whitcomb cannot as yet do her work unassisted.

Miss Edith Hughes is spending the school vacation with relatives in Worcester.

Capt. and Mrs. Andrews spent the holiday and week-end with their chil-dren in Somerville. It is the first Christmas in years that the family that the family have been able to meet together, as the professional duties of the children have prevented it in the past, and it was like a family reunion.

Arthur Green, who has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Camp-bell for years, left last week for Bos-ton, where he is to take up some busi-ness. His hosts of friends about town will miss him, and all wish him suc-

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin, with their three children, spent the holiday and week-end at the home of Mrs. Austin's mother, Mrs. Hammond, of Groton.

Mrs. George Betterly spent the holl-day and week-end at the home of her son, Percy Betterly, of Worcester. Mrs. Belle Hall and daughter Blanche were the guests of Mr. and Mrs Elmer Wallace, of Townsend,

Christmas.

if money to the soldiers' home in franklin for Christmas as is their sual custom. At the regular meeting in January the installation of officers will take place.

Mr. and Mrs. George Morrill, at lilver lake, entertained relatives for he holiday.

The and Mrs. Thomas A Greenleaf.

Christmas,

On. Saturday morning as Victor Maxwell was coming up Main street his auto skidded on the ley street just as he left the square and making a studen swerve brought up against a telephone pole, badley bending the front axle and smashing the windshield as well as one of the headlights. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Greenicaf, By cautious driving he was able

Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Heron and baby daughter of the Weirs spent the holiday and week-end in town visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. William Shattuck and daugh-

ter Thelma spent Christmas with rela tives in Hyde Park. Mrs. Patrick O'Connell and daugh-

Cambridge, Mass., for Christmas and the present week. George Standley was called to Lynn, Mass., last week on account of the sudden death of his brother, Frank

On Christmas day a party of men, composed of Freeman, Wright, Her-bert Corey, George Rockwood, Rich-ard Wright, Ralph Greeley and Harry forey went fishing through the ice at the pond and brought home one of the best catches of hereh and pickerel that the pond has ever yielded. The fifty-seven pickerel caught weighed altogether forty-eight pounds.

Fred Rockwood's poultry have made a fine showing at the different fairs at which they have been exhibited this fall, capturing most of the best prizes. They took first and second at the Pal ace show of the New York Poultry ace show of the New York Pourtry club and at present are on exhibition at the Berwick, Mc., poultry show. He has sold a number of his winners to different parties, two of which went to Sayville, Me.

A Pleasant Affair.

A Pleasant Affair.

The holiday spirit prevailed throughout the town in abundance on Christmas and everybody seemed happy. The tree at the hall was a great success. Everybody was there and there were presents for all, even old Santa himself, not being forgotten. The tree itself was a beauty reaching clear to the ceiling and with its trimmings of tinsel, vari-colored electric bulbs and tinsel, vari-colored electric bulbs and gayly covered and beribboned presents gayly covered and berlibboned presents hanging all over it, it presented a pretty sight. The opening of the program had to be delayed as the train was an hour late, but at 8.15 it commenced with an overture by the Whitcomissisters, who were followed by the children of the town with recitations, songs and piano solos. While waiting for Santa Claus to make his appearance Walter Fessenden and Frank Austin entertained with music. Pres ently the sleighells were heard and a drove old Santa with his sleigh and

Hitching the conveyance outside he quickly disappeared down the great chimney only to reappear again in the open fireplace, much to the delight of the little folks and to the hig folks too. After a little speech he commenced his distribution of the presents with the aid of several assistants After the distribution there was a so cial time and marching. The differ-ent committees worked hard for the success of the affair, and special credit is due Mabel Popple and Andrew Marshall for the artistic arrangement of the tree and stage.

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New Advertisements. GUIDE WANTED—To hear from party who can guide to good white rabbit grounds, east or south of Fitchburg. BOX 317, Wellesley Farms, 1t17

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Harvard, Mass. Sheriff's Sale

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss. December 24, 1915. Taken on Execution and will b old at public auction on Saturday, January 29, 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at my office, room No. 219 in the Hildreth Building, so called, on Merrimack Street, opposite Central Street in Lowell in said Couny, all the right, title and interest which Patrick J. Allen of Concord in said County had, not exempt by from attachment or levy on execution on the 25th day of August, 1915, at five o'clock P. M., being the time when the same was attached

described real estate to wit-A certain tract of land with th buildings thereon situated in the east erly part of the Town of Pepperell in said County, on the southerly side of Leighton Street, and bounded north erly by said Street easterly by land of John Kendall, southerly by land of Anno Blood and westerly by a privat way leading southerly from said Leighton Street. Being the premises conveyed by Eugene H Coughlin to Patrick J. Allen et al, b deed dated Sept. 22, 1910, recorded with South District Registry of Deeds or the County of Middlesex, Book 3552, Page 351,

GEORGE F. STILES. Deputy Sheriff.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an subscribers have been duly appointed administrators of the estate of SUSAN P. SHATTUCK late of Groton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intertate, and have taken upon themselves 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

JAMES F. SHATTUCK. ALBERT MILO SHATTUCK. Administrators. 1124 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. December 27, 1915. 3117

ing One, All Conducted by Machinery,

To make a pin is an intricate process, but it is all done by machinery. A spool of brass wire running on steel posts is fed into jaws which bite off the length of the pin. A small length is left to make the head, which is formed by three rapid blows of a hammer which moves forward onetwentieth of an inch at each blow. The pin then drops to an incline in which are grooves deep enough to admit the shank, but not the head. As the pin moves down its point comes in contact with a cylinder with a file-like surface, which causes the pin to turn around so that it is sharpened on all side**s**.

lt next drops into a receptable where a layer of pins is placed, and then a layer of finely ground tin until the pan is filled. Heat and a chemical solution coat the pins with tin. They are then polished in a barrel revolving rapidly. They are placed in the pa pers by a machine, which seizes the paper and crimps it into divisions as wide as the length of the pins.

The bottom of the box is made of square steel bars, which allow the shanks but not the heads of the pins to pass through. The bars are in mo tion, thus shaking down the pins until a row is formed, when they are clamped in place by the bars. A fold of paper is pushed up against them and pressed into place. This is repeated until the paper is full, when another takes its place. It all sounds intricate, but being done by machinery it is rapid and cheap, else we could not have the billions of pins that we waste.-Exchange.

WELL, NOW, WHAT IS THE USE

If You Feel That Way About Any thing, It Certainly is "No Use"-to You.

Sometimes people ask: "What's the use of dressing children so nicely?" 'What's the use of spending time on a flower garden? What's the use of poetry? Why not say it in plain Eng-We answer: What's the use of the dimple on the baby's cheek, or the sheen on the pigeon's neck, or the flash of the bluebird's wing, or the fragrance of the rose? Singularly enough, the poet is regarded by many as an unpractical and unproductive member of society-a drone in the hive of industry. Many people believe that it would be better to put clipped.' a nick and shovel into his hands and set him at some "useful task." But, happly, life is not constituted solely never picked." on the pick-and-shovel principle. The this little globe of ours is on the most garden path.-Gems.

Well Classified.

The Kansas story of how the farmers put beer kegs instead of wheels on their binders, in order to harvest in wet weather, recalls to the Lawrence Gazette the old story that was often told in the days when prohibi- man were written to about a hundred

tion was young in Kansas. There was a law that permitted the amine privately a lot of exclusive garsale of liquor for medical, mechanical ments before they were placed on and scientific purposes. A farmer sale. The day after the letters were came in one day and offered to pur mailed the women flocked into the chase a gallon of stuff from the local store, but the fire that burned in their druggist. Out came the druggist's eyes was the fire of the avenger rather book, in which all sales and the pur than of the bargain hunter. One word pose for which the liquor was to be which each woman had underlined in used must be recorded. "What are her letter explained their wrath. The you going to use it for-medical, me- garments, so the manager had meant or scientific purposes?" asked the drug clerk. "You might as of stock figure, such as they poswell put it down as mechanical." re- sessed, but the male stenographer had sponded the farmer. "I'm goin' to drawn on the ciphabet and had writhave a barn raisin'."-Kansas City Journal.

An Almanac Monopoly. The sale of almanacs was once lucrative monopoly. Queen Elizabeth granted the sole right to publish "almanacs and prognostications" to the Stationers' company, and James I extended the privilege to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, but for centuries only these three bodies were permitted to issue printed calendars. The monoply ended when the claim of the king to the privilege of grant-ing or withholding permission to issue calendars-a survival, perhaps, from days when kings asserted their right to regulate all things, including even the times and seasons-was definitely disproved and proclaimed nonexistent. Now anybody can say who's who anywhere.-London Chronicle.

Suggested a Settlement. Mr. Golden had a new office boy. A few days after his arrival some money was missed from the cash drawer.

Calling the new bay into the private office, Mr. Golden said severely: "There is ten dollars gone from my cash drawer, Albert. Now you and I are the only people who have keys to

that drawer.' "Well," replied the boy cheerfully, the little parish of Orly, just south "s'pose we each pay five dollars and say no more about it."—Settlement.

Business and Pleasure

The man who makes his business pleasure is likely to live a good deal longer and get a good deal farther than the man who makes his pleasure a business.-Chicago Record Herald.

ENTIRELY A STATE OF MIND

So Just Feel Sure You Have the Secret of Longevity and the Years Are Yours.

Centenarians all know why they have been blessed with long years. It is because they never drank, or because they did drink; because they never smoked, swore, quarreled, worried, sat up late of nights, or because they did all these things, yet counter acted the evil effects with diets of milk, mush, cornbread or an apple a day. Neighbors and relatives and doctors may wonder why the tooth of time has proved incapable. But the subjects of their wonder have never any doubts. They know exactly why they and death keep apart.

An intimate study of the character of centenarians might reveal the true formula for long life. These tenacious old folk all have one thing in common, and that is perfect confidence. They are never troubled with misgiv ings, never afflicted with self-questioning. If a person is absolutely certain that he is going to defeat time, perhaps that is as effectual as it is with the man who is absolutely certain that he is going to defeat a case of typhoid. Confidence may be a good anodyne for sleeplessness, a worthy aid to digestion, a protector against accident.

The records indicate that it does not matter so greatly that the candidate for a hundred be abstemious or moderately indulgent, careful with his food or reckless, as that he feel sure that he has the secret of longevity. So, it would seem, the first duty of aspirants is to cultivate a dogmatic set of opinions.-Toledo

TOASTS OF "FIVE CAPTAINS"

No Record of What Happened After the Last Glass Was Turned Upside Down.

Here is an interesting clipping from an American publication in 1854. It is entitled "Five Captains:" "There were five captains chanced to meet-one Russian, one Turk, one

Frenchman, one American and one Englishman. One proposed a champagne supper, each one to give a toast of his own native country or pay for the wine drunk. "The Russian: 'Here's to the stars

and bars of Russia, that were never pulled down. "The Turk: 'Here's to the moons

of Turkey, whose corners were never "The Frenchman: 'Here's to the cock of France, whose feathers were

"The American: 'Here's to the Stars earth is not flat, and the sky is not and Stripes of the United States of a metallic vault. On the other hand, America, who never failed to defeat'

"The Englishman: 'Here's to the romantic of journeys, bathing itself rampant, foaring lion of Great Britin the very elements of magic as it ain, that tore down the stars and bars flies, and surrounded by the unutter. of Russia, clipped the wings of Turable poetry of the infinite expanse key, picked the feathers of the cock every smallest grain of dust in our States of America."-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Man's Mistake. Out of loyalty to his own sex the manager of the woman's suit depart ment discharged his young woman stenographer and hired a man. The first batch of letters dictated to the old customers, whom he invited to exto say, had been designed for women

ten it "stocky." "No woman on earth would have been guilty of such a mistake,"

growled the manager. The next week the girl stenographer had her job back.-Philadelphia Ledger.

He Beat the Clock.

once conceived the beautiful says a Philadelphia schoolidea teacher, "of requiring that my pupils should write for their day exercise a brief account of a baseball game.

"One boy sat through the period seemingly wrapped in thought, while the others worked hard and turned in their narratives. After school I approached the desk of the laggard.

"'I'll give you five minutes to write that description,' I said sternly. 'If it is not done by that time I shall punish you.' "The lad promptly concentrated all his attention upon the theme. At last,

with joyful eagerness, he scratched a line on his tablet and handed it to me. It read: "'Rain-no game.'" - Philadelphia

Inquirer. Absinthe Plants Burned

As the manufacture and sale of

absinthe have been prohibited by law

of Paris, has lost its chief industry, the growing of absinthe plants for the trade. The new law allowed compensation for the crop already planted, so \$20,000 worth of plants were handed over to the excise authorities, They were weighed and burned. The same operation is performed at all places where the plant was grown.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF

REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given to The A. E. Lyon Co., of Fitchburg, County of Worcester and Common-wealth of Massachusetts, by Matti Ekola of Ashby. County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dated July 3, 1915, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 3983, page 570, for breach of a condition of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on the premises hereinafter described. Tuesday, February 1, 1916, at three o'clock in

the afternoon all and singular the real estate in said mortgage deed, namely: A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, together with water power and privileges thereto belonging, situated in the Northwesterly part of Townsend, aforesaid County, on the South side of the Turnpike road, so-called, leading from Townsend to New. Ipswich, bounded and described as fol-

ows, viz: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the premises on the southwesterly side of said road and at the corner of land late of James and Luther Adams; thence running Northwesterly by said road about forty-two (42) rods to a stone post at a corner of land late of William J. Walker; thence Southwesterly eleven and one half (11 1/2) rods by said Walker land to a pitch pine tree marked with stones about it; thence in the same direction by land late of said Walker to the middle of the brook; thence southeasterly by the middle of said brook by said Adams land to a stake and stones in the fence; thence Northeasterly land late of said James and Luther Adams about fourteen (14) rods to

the bound first mentioned. Also a certain other tract of land situated in the Northwesterly part of said Townsend on the Northeasterly side of the aforesaid road, bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning at the Southeasterly cor ner of land of the Inhabitants of Townsend; thence running North 57 degrees East by land of said Inhabitants of Townsend fifty-three (53) rods to a stake and stones; thence North about 33 degrees West by land of said Inhabitants about forty-four (44) rods to a stake and stones; thence South about 57 degrees West about fortythree and one half (43%) rods to a stake and stones by the side of the road; thence Southeasterly by said road about forty-three (43) rods to bound first mentioned; containing about Twelve acres more or less. Hereby conveying the same two tracts of land as conveyed to me by Levi E. Flint by his deed dated December 1. 1913, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, book

3845, page 316. Subject to any liens for taxes of other public assessments. 3t16 THE A. E. LYON CO., Mortgagee.

By Alfred P. Cate, Mgr. Fitchburg, Mass., Dec. 22,: 1915. P. F. Ward, Atty.

Mullin Bros Commonwealth of MassachuSETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in a certain trust estate and the distribution thereof under the provisions of the will of

of under the provisions of the will of ENOCH PERKINS late of Harvard in said County, deceased.

Whereas, FREDERICK H. STEBBINS and ARTHUR H. TURNER the trustees under said will have presented for allowance the sixteenth and final account of their trust under said will and have made application for distribution, of the proceeds among the persons entitled to the same by the provisions of said will. titled to the same by the provisions of said will.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held 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.

And the petitioners are ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in seet week for the provisions.

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 fitteen.
HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register.

NOTICE. The Annual Meeting of the Stockolders 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 Rosya of Directors for the year ensuing, and act upon any other business that may

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PEPPERELL

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mahoney and two children went to Middleboro for Thristmas. Mr. Mahoney returned on Monday, leaving his family for a long-

Ray Soule and Harold Farley, from the office of the Grafton & Knight Leather Works, Worcester, spent the holiday at their respective homes. Miss Ada Whitney went to Nashus the holiday at the home of her usin, James Hall, spending a part

Mrs. George Buck, who has been with her mother, Mrs. David Weston. for some weeks, has returned to South Brewer, Ms.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tierney and lit-tle daughter, from Fitchburg, visited friends and relatives in town Christmas day.

Leo Odette and his sister, Miss Louise, were holiday guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Odette, returning to Gardon Sunday afternoon.

Irving Church, from Lynn, was in own over Christmas and Sunday at uncle's. E. S. Grenache.

Patrick Drinan and Fred Gagnon, from Potsdam, N. Y., spent Christmas with their respective relatives in town. They returned on Wednesday to their work in a paper mill there.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Willoughby and Ralph Willoughby spent Christmas and Sunday in Manchester, N. H., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Willoughby,

Mrs. David Weston is visiting her sister in Greenfield. She went on Friday of last week, accompanied by her grandson, Ralph Buck, who returned home on Monday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Glichrist at the home of her father, Frank Hatch, Crescent street, on Sunday, December 26. Mrs. Glichrist was Miss Bessie Hatch, and with her husband and three other children, recently came east from Michigan, where they had lived, to Lynn, makng the journey by team.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Durant enter tained over the Christmas holiday Mr and Mrs. J. M. Stickney of Milford.
N. H., the parents of Mrs. Durant:
also, her brother, Ernest Stickney, and
wife and daughter. Mrs. Durant and
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tarbell made up the family party.

A Christmas dinner party at the come of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennet included her mother, Mrs. Drew, and brother, Cariton Drew, of Boston, Mr I. O. Bennett, Fred Bennett and Miss Clara Gill of Nashua, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boynton, of Watertown, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dennen, Christmas.

On the evening of December 22, Miss Marguerite Donnelly held a dancing party at the residence of her parents, the guests including many of the students who are at home for the bolldage. It was made a most do holidays. It was made a most de-lightful occasion for all who attended, the number of guests being twelve. The usual refreshments were served

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson en Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson etertained Miss Clara Kendall and Mr. Mansfield, of Nashua, N. H., over the holiday. Miss Kendall was formerly stenographer at the office of the Buffalo Shoe Co., in town, but now has a position in the probate court office in

Mrs. Ellen Nutting and daughter.
Mrs. Lilla, from Hebron, N. H., were Miss Lilla, from Hebron, A. R., M., Holiday guests at the home of Mrs. C. M. Bolles, a sister of Mrs. Nutting. Also, this week, at the home of her brother, Ellery Davis, and wife Franklin street.

At the Groton street building there was a Christmas tree in each room, and exercises by the children. The principal, Miss O'Rourke, was prewith a fine traveling bag.

Alice Lawson spent a part of her school vacation at the home of her maternal aunt, Mrs. C. A. Stickney.

Mrs. Charles Goff went to Hillsbor week to visit her sister Chadwick, during the holidays Miss Kathryn Carter, formerly a in Hingham, is spending her holiday vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Carter.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodwin was christened John Bernard at St. Joseph's week, the godmother being Mrs. Maguire, of Lowell, Mrs. Goodwin's

The lunch room which occupies th e place by the American Express improvement, being much more com-modious for the present proprietor Harry Flagg.

S. M. Nokes was cutting ice for the markets before the thaw of this week about eight inches thick. No extensive ice cutting has been commenced vet, although it will be remembered that last year at this time ice was being cut and stored in various localities from 12 to 14 inches thick, owing to the drop in temperature about t time, the thermometer recording on the morning of December

The ladies of East Village remem bered several families in that vicinity and many children at Christmas time with useful gifts and baskets of good things, as has been their custom for many years.

Norman Upson and Raymond Mur-ray, from Middleboro, spent the holi-day at their homes in town.

Nowal Thompson came from Lynn to spend the holiday with his mother. Mrs. Martha Thompson, remaining a part of this week. Mr. and Mrs. N .W. Appleton

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Appleton are entertaining their relative. Charles (Robinson, of New York. On Christmas day they joined in a family din. heer party, together with Edgar Blake. Miss Whitney and Miss Jordan, at the home of Rodman Blake. A Christmas tree was provided for his three children, in which all participated with enjoyment.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nodding and three daughters from Somerville came for the holiday, Mrs. Nodding and children remaining this week at her

Mrs. Elizabeth Deware returned las o her home at her son's, Rains Deware, after an extended visit he home of her daughter, Mrs. George Willett, in Lynn.

Frederic Wilson, who is now teaching in the high school at Torrington. Conn., is spending his holiday vacation in town at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilson, Brookline street. The younger son. Henry., also came from Dover at Christmas time, where he has been working in a greenhouse with his uncle, and will remain at home for the rest of the winter.

Mrs. Frank Ryan, who receives al-most daily bulletins from her husband, is already encouraged concern-ing his health. Mr. Ryan reached Orlando, as he anticipated on Sunday, a week ago. He writes of breathing more easily in the dry, warm air, of being much out-of-doors and sitting in his room with windows wide open. He looked up his townsman, Allan Parker, and thought him looking much better. He sent a Christmas box of oranges home to his wife and hows. Orlando, as he anticipated on Sunday oys.

Mrs. George W. Pierce went Somerville for Christmas, Mr. Pi being prevented by severe lameness which has confined him to the house.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid society, with election of officers for the year, will occur on Wednesday afternoon, January 5. The society are invited to meet at the home of Mrs. D. E. Weston on this occasion.

The decorations among the storekeepers last week as Christmas drew keepers last week as Christmas drew near were very elaborate in some windows and brilliant in all. The trade is reported as very brisk. One dealer who had been on the street many years claimed they had the largest trade on Friday before Christmas than for the eight preceding

The annual holiday party given by the members of the W. C. T. U. to the members of the W. C. T. U. to those at the almshouse is expected to be held on Tuesday. January 4, if pleasant; if stormy, on the following Thursday. Any articles which may be used as gifts or for the collation may be sent to the president of the union, Mrs. Appleton, or to Mrs. M. C. Large Cottage street. or Mrs. M. C. Lane, Cottage street, or Mrs. Mary Pond, Main street, and will be grate-fully received and used by the com-

Earl Parker, from Boston, spent Christmas and Sunday at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Fred Hartwell.

Miss Madeline Murray has been spending part of her Christmas vacation with her sister Katherine in Auburndale and in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lane spent Christmas and Sunday with his brother, Frederic Lane, and family, Fitch-burg.

Several pieces of machinery for th manufacture of gun cotton is being received by the Nashua River Paper Company, H. C. Thurston being superintendent of that part of the plant. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Drary spen Christmas and Sunday in Holden with

relatives. Miss Mildred Lewis, teacher in Mor. ristown, N. J., is spending her holi-day vacation at the home of her par-ents on High street. She arrived home last week after a few days' stay with her aunt in New York. Previous to this holiday vacation she had an en-forced vacation of six weeks, being in a hospital in New Jersey in quarantine with a mild attack of scarlet fever.

High street. His brother, Frank But-ler, the blind musician and entertain-

er, accompanied him. Miss Marie Jordan has been suffering from bruises and lameness re-sulting from a fall on the ice last week, which injured the hlp quite

seriously. Christmas exercises were held at the Christmas exercises were field at the closing of the grade schools. At the Mam street building there were Christmas carols and recitations by the children in the various rooms. sum of money was collected in the three highest grades to be sent this year to the war children in Poland.

Dr. McCarthy and daughter, of Boston, were guests at the home of Mrs Mary Pond over the holiday.

Rev. J. B. Lewis and wife, on Christ mas day, entertained his parents. Mr and Mrs. Lewis, Miss Nellie Lewis, Mr and Mrs. Frank Swett and daughter Mildred and Miss Mary Pearson, all of Reading

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woodward and daughter Hazel, of Tilton, N. H., were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Addison Woodward. Mr. Woodward was obliged to return home on Monday but his wife and daughter remained during this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nash and Mis Marjorie from Chelsea, came on Sat-urday for a short visit over Sunday with his parents at Ashmont farm.

Mrs. Joseph Lavalley, who was so terribly burned about the head and neck last week, continues to improve very slowly. ably be a matter of many weeks.

ther material was removed from the ouilding formerly the Mould Shoe ompany, last week, making nearly a

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wright and Lughters entertained a party of friends on Christmas night, enjoying a family tree and games and music at their residence on Brookline street.

Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson was called home this week by news of the serious illness from pneumonia of her sister Sadie, now Mrs. Arthur Branch, at Stratford, Conn. Mrs. Cuthbertson at Stratford, Conn. Mrs. Cuthoerson came from Hanover, N. H., Tuesday and after hasty preparations left for Stratford Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Fannie Lawrence in compan sister, Mrs. Wheeler ua, visited th H, this week, their niece at Milford, N

Election of officers took place at the meeting of Acoma Rebekah lodge or Tuesday evening, resulting as follows Ethel Kemp, n.g.: Mrs. Adda Upson v. g.: Mrs. Effle Robbins, rec. sec. Anna Sartelle, fin. sec.; Mrs. Gertrude Tarbell, treas. Delegates appointed trepresent the lodge at the annual as sembly meeting, to convene in Boston in May, were Mrs. Effic Robbins and Mrs. Gertrude Tarbell.

Mark Shattuck has come to with his aunt. Mrs. Sarah Patch, fo the winter, after nineteen years' res

Mrs. M. E. Swasey went to Wir chendon last week to spend the Christ-mas holiday with her great-grandson Robert in the home of Mr. and Mrs M. R. Gilchrist. She remained this week for a longer visit.

Miss Edith Lawrence, who has sper the summer at home, left on Wednes day to resume her position at Chicago A dinner party on Christmas day a the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rich ardson comprised Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Wright in town, their daughter Miss Elizabeth, from Waltham, and Philip Richardson, from Fitchburg.

Mrs. Julia Lawrence returned or Friday last from a case she had been nursing at Groton, and expects to remain at home for awhile. In com with her family, Christmas was with her daughter, Mrs. Corey, at Brookline, N. H.

Mrs. Susie Dort is spending part of Christmas vacation at Bath, Me.

David Tierney came from Rumford, Me., to spend the on Nashua street. holiday at his hom

Mrs. Charles S. Parker expects to leave here next Monday to visit her son, Thomas Parker, and family at Hanover, N. H. Mrs. Fred Ringdahl is entertaining

her sister, Miss Hoyt, from Framing-ham, and friend, Miss Janet Wrickett, from New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Myron Murphy and son, the Misses Fitzpatrick, and Jo-seph Drumm, all of Worcester, spent the holiday and Sunday with relatives

Miss Vida Patch has given up he work as cutter girl in the paper mill for the winter to remain at home as Mrs. Patch is not in good health. Miss Mary McPartlan from Shirley McPartlan from Boston and Lizzie

Frank Delano and daughter Elza from Townsend were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Maynard Wednesday.

There were a few who witnessed the

Miss L. C. Canfield, a former dis-trict nurse in town, visited friends-here over the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nye of Leominster with their two children spent Christmas with Mrs. Nye's mother, Mrs. Henry Letender.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Twitchell wel-comed a little son into their home on Townsend street, Thursday, December Miss Olive Lewis spent a few days this week with relatives at Reading.

Earl Nutting is spending a part of als Christmas vacation with friends at Cambridge. Cambridge.

The manager of the P. H. S. basket ball team, Miss Sartelle, announces the following schedule: January 7, Pepperell vs. Lunenburg at Lunenburg; January 14, Pepperell vs. Hollis, at Prescott hall; January 29, Pepperell vs. Milford, at Milford, N. H. The manager has also in prospect a game, early in February, with the P. H. S. second time. This fills the schedule unless some game results in a

ule unless some game results in a score necessitating a rubber. The Pennemaquan Camp-fire girls, fourteen in number, accompanied by their guardian. Mrs. Beers, assisted ne of their number Miss Ruth Wilone of their number, Miss Ruth Wil-son, to celebrate her birthday on Mon-day evening, December 27. The affair was well planned to be a surprise to the young lady and her guest, Miss Elmira Burns, who is a charter mem-Elimira Burns, who is a charter member also of the circle. Each was presented with a ceremonial cushion. The evening was one of much enjoyment, refreshments of ice cream and cake being provided by the mother of the hostess, and sandwiches and other are ticles good to eat by the assembled They all enjoyed a "straw

It is currently reported that J. F. Lavalley has sold out his fish market

home, through the kindness of

T. E. Butler came from Lynn to spend Christmas with his family on High street. His brother, Frank Butler, the blind musicion and

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Parker entertained their usual large Christmas dinner party, those present being Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. W. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Gaskill and son, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Carkin of Ayer and the Misses Curtls, Mrs. Anna Nutting and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Nutting and family. A Christmas tree was enjoyed by young and old during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Duffey of Put-nam, Conn., were in town at Mrs. John Frazer's over Christmas, Mrs. Duffey remaining until Wednesday.

William Thayer from Rochester, N. H., and Jerry Thayer and two daughters, Phyllis and Patricia, spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Thayer's, Pleas-Mrs. Amos Boulia has been enter-

taining her brother, Mr. Lacoss, and his wife, from Lebanon, N. H. The three daughters of Joseph Dau-

creau have been spending their Groton school vacation here from Nashua. | worked Albert Koch and family from Townsend spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. O'Neal, returning home Wednesday.

On Wednesday afternoon, January, a meeting of the Equal Suffrage will be held with Mrs. J. B. Lewis at three delock.

The Pennemaquan Camp-fire held a council fire meeting with their guardian, Mrs. Beers, on Tuesday everribly burned about the head and nig. There was a full attendance, the meeting being, also, in the nature of a farewell 10 Miss Elmira Burns. The greater part of the leather and the greater part of the over at Henniker for a day or two, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward.

Christmas day guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Lovejoy were Mrs. C. M. Pierce of this town, Miss Emma Spaulding and Charles Spaulding of Hollis and Miss Helen Lovejoy, who is at home from New York.

The Pepperell Card Company made a shipment of about five tons of paper to New York Wednesday night. They shut down Saturday to take account of stock and commence next week run-

ing night and day. The following telegram was receive The following telegram was received by Mrs. Dow at the Pierce homestead this Friday morning: "Died at his home at Westfield, December 30, George H Cushing." Mrs. Cushing was formerly Miss Lucy Dow and has number of relatives in town.

The January committee of the L. S. C. will hold a whist party, with refreshments, during the social hour Central hall on Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lawrence and

Mrs. Maud Lawrence and children spent Christmas in Nashua with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed, being carried over and back by George A. Shatuck by auto.

On Thursday afternoon a party of the Paugus and Pennemaquan Camp re girls and Boy Scouts, number wenty-one in all, were given the opfire girls and Boy Scouts, numbering

any individuals, although this seems miraculous considering that large limbs were falling from trees all over own. The telephone and electric light vires, also, were not as badly demor wires, also, were not as badly demor-alized as during the snow storm of the preceding week. Pedestrians going home from church had a hard battle' to reach there and those going by team report their carriages blown

dences were found in all positions but (the usual. The center of two of the stained glass windows at the Metho-dist church were blown in, just after dist church were blown in, just after the adjournment of the Sunday school, no one being injured: Also, at the Pirst National Bank, one of the wireglass windows in the rear of the build

glass windows in the rear of the building, was smashed in.

The lone pine tree on Mt. Lebanon, also succumbed to the blasts. This was reserved by the owner when the neighboring trees on the woodlot were cut last winter. Many predicted that it would not stand alone deprived of the support of the trees around it. bu all are sorry to miss the old land-mark. The tree marked the highest point in Pepperell, as it overtopped its fellows by several feet. At the time of a survey made less than twenty spent the holidays at their home in years ago by state surveyors, a square

grand old giant being laid low. Through the blurr of the blinding storm, when the wind was at its high-est, the tree was seen to waver, as though to assert itself against the blast, but finally to sink lower and lower, the roots being so wide-spread as to tear up a large area of rocks and earth.

Mrs. Betsey B. Lawrence, widow of on Friday, December 24. She died as she has chosen to live, alone. On the preceding Wednesday she was seen out about her door, apparently in her usual health, which had been failing during the past year, however. On Friday evening her relative, Miss H. L. Lawrence, went to carry her a little Christmas remembrance and found the house unfastened, but could get

no response from the occupant. Alarmed, she summoned a neighbor and entering the house with a light, discovered Mrs. Lawrence lying on the floor. Although death had unmistak-

stoor. Although death had unmistak-ably already occurred, a physician was summoned. In his opinion death was due to natural causes and had prob-ably taken place early that day. Mrs. Lawrence was born on March 17, 1842, the oldest daughter of Silas and Betsey (Wright) Page. The fam-ily then resided near or in the city of Nature N. H. Fellowing the death ashua. N. H. Following the death this first wife and also a second one r. Page moved to this town some Freda Perry; fifteers after his third marriage, living child." a lullaby so time to work in the shoe factory of [D. Brainerd Shattuck. Here she met and married George Lawrence, about fifty years ago, moving to the farm owned jointly by George and his brother, Abel Lawrence, on the Nashthe result of the control of the control of two children, one of whom, William Lawrence, survives her. He was last heard from at Santa Rosa, Fla., and letters containing the intelligence of his mother's sudden death were sent there by her nearest other relative, a halfsister, Mrs. George Jenks, of this town A simple prayer service was con-ducted by E. F. Harmon at her late home on Sunday afternoon, a few rela-

tives and friends attending. John Loring Shattuck died on Thursday, December 23, at the home of his niece, Mrs. John Sartelle, on Sartelle street. Mr. Shattuck was born in Dunstable on January 5, 1829. the son of John and Diadema (Woods the son of John and Diagema (Woods) Shattuck. His father died when he was but five years of age, and was separated from his mother and older sister and his twin brother James, and brought to live with his grandparents in the old homestead, the site of which still marked by a cellar and a few lilac bushes, just over the brook from S. M. Nokes' place. This was then a S. M. Nokes' place. This was then a part of Groton. The family later moved to the place now owned by Mr. Thoms on the East Groton road, where

trade.

He has always maintained an active interest in all matters pertaining to national events and delighted in his-school of those who took part in the exercises, did so well they should renational events and defigited in instories of town or nation. He was disappointed in his first love affair, when a young man, the wedding day having een set and all arrangements made. His fine suit of broadcloth made for

gate to assist in the nomination of Abraham Lincoln as president. Mr. Shattuck resided in Illinois for seven years, until his health gave out, and he was subject to frequent attacks of the malaria of that region. Advised by his physician to come east he re turned to Groton and lived for some years with his mother and step-father. Aaron Corey, who then lived in the small house at the junction of Elm and River streets on the Groton road. . At their death Mr. Spoton road. At their death six, Shattuck continued to make his home there alone, living there about thirty years. The last twelve winters he has spent with his niece, Mrs. Sartelle and

family About two years ago Mr. Shattuck suffered two slight shocks and on De-cember 20 he suffered a third shock, from which he never rallied. His nearest surviving relatives are his niece, Mrs. Sartelle, daughter of his twin brother. James, and a nephson of his older sister, residing in Chelmsford. Owing to the severity of the storm on Sunday this nephewand other friends were unable to attend the service which was held at his ate home at two o'clock, Rev. D. R.

Christmas Eve Celebrations,

interment was in the Sartelle los

the Paugus and Pennemaquan Campire girls and Boy Scouts, numbering twenty-one in all, were given the opportunity to witness the process of paper-making at the Nashua River paper mill and of paper-coating at the Pepperell Card & Paper Company's plant. The party were in charge of Rev. J. B. Lewis and Rev. D. R. Child, scoutmaster.

Storm Damage.

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The storm of Sunday worked considerable havoc around town, but not as much as in many other parts of the state, according to accounts. The wind increased from noon until about three o'clock, reaching a velocity, it is estimated, of from 40 to 50 miles an hour. No accidents are reported to any individuals, although this seems miraculous considering that large Santa was filling the stockings. The red light thrown on the streplace made

the scene very effective.

At the close of the entertainment At the close of the entertainment the presents from the gayly decorated tree were distributed by Santa Claus, with the aid of Mrs. Miller's Sunday school class, who had charge of the Shattuck. A most amusing burlesque trimming of the tree. The committee for the evening were Mrs. Lewis, Miss acted, being under the supervision of Russell Wright, who was ably assist-Storm partitions at several resi- Swinerton and Miss Miller.

trees was finely adorned and laden with presents, being lighted by innumerable electric lights in a most was presented, consisting of selections on the violin by Rodman Blake, accompanied by Mrs. D. L. Whitmarsh on the piano. A little play, entitled "A Christmas disappointment and a hanny adding" was guited but ability.

happy ending," was given by the children of Mrs. Woodward's and Mrs. reene's Sunday school classes dreene's Sunday school classes, about a dozen taking part. A reading was given by Katherine Hobart and a vocal duet by Mary and Doris McCord.

Santa Claus appeared in due season coming through a window, and with some assistance distributed the gifts. At the conclusion all joined in sing-

The Methodist vestry was well filled on Friday evening, December 24, for the Christmas tree and entertainment. The subject of the program was The subject of the program was "Christmas pictures" and the center, of the stage was occupied by a huge frame of green, the dark green cutains being brought to the sides. Two little pages, dressed in most claborate colonial costumes, attended the curtain during the program, first relating in yearse some of the past century. pefore and during the program, ce-

tween each scene.

The first scene was entitled "Christmas greeting," by Kenneth Davis; the second, "Christmas sheaf," by Harold Copp; song, by the Junior league; third, "Christmas green," by Ruby mas green," by Ruby "Christmas bells," by Parker; seventh, "Christmas candle," Phyllis Soule; eighth, "Christmas saint," Horace Shepardson; followed by lullaby music; ninth, "Christmas saint," Horace Shepardson, followed by lullaby music; ninth, "Christmas stocking," Mildred Robbins, Irene Stinerford and Helen Rogers; tenth. "Christmas peace." Ruth Smalley, at-"Christmas peace, Roth Smalley, attred in white as an angel; eleventh, "Christmas fare." Rosie Prescott, Aethra Winship and Madana Hodz, kins; twelfth, "Christmas tree," a song, Mary Butler; thirteenth, "Christmas tree," a Marvin Beers: fourteenth, "Christmas curiosity," of this first wife-and also a second one fourteenth, "Christmas curiosity, by Mr. Page moved to this town some years after his third marriage, living on the Nashua road. His oldest daughter, betsey, came here also after a time to work in the shoe factory of Robbins and Helen Rogers, in white him to work in the shoe factory of Robbins and Helen Rogers, in white robes kneeling the

robes, kneeling, the angel, Ruth Smalley, appearing behind them, and colored lights thrown on the scene, making it peculiarly beautiful.

All the scenes were finely arranged by the committee, of which Mrs. Making it peculiarly beautiful.

All the scenes were finely arranged by the committee, of which Mrs. Beers was chairman, and the result showed that much attention had been given every detail.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be Tuesday afternoon, January 4, at the Congregational vestry, it being Reciprocity day. Club tea given every detail.

given every detail.

Santa Claus appeared at the conclusion of the program and assisted by the pages, soon distributed the gifts from the well-laden Christmas tree.
A special feature in connection with the gifts was the announcement made by the church treasurer of a most generous Christmas gift of \$250 from William W. Dole to the church for adjusting accounts to January 1, 1916. The kindness of this unsolicited gift and the fine Christmas spirit which prevailed sent all away well pleased to have enjoyed such an evening.

Christmas exercises were held at Oak Hill hall on Thursday etvening, December 23, the hall being well filled in spite of the rainy evening. A program of recitations and exercises by the school children, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Jessie Flynn, was finely rendered. Hev. J. B. Lewis, who was present, offered prover. Several selections of music of Several selections of music of prayer. Several selections of many a Christmas character was rendered by a choir of about a dozen voices. Miss Irma Keith acting as accompandad to the control of the contr Thoms on the East Groton road, where Miss Irma Keith acting as accompanion for the choir, and Miss Jessle Flynn for the children's songs. Miss Flynn for the children's songs. Miss Flynn for the children's songs. Miss Flynn academy. He was a carpenter by academy. He was a carpenter by

ceive special mention. These wer-little Evelyn Thorne, the three Mac-ston children, Anita, Stewart and Ber-tha, Phube Blood and Roger Law rence. The appearance of Santa Clau-SMITH, Ayer, Mass. His fine suit of broadcloth made for rence. The appearance of Santa Claus the occasion has been preserved and at the conclusion of the program was handed down to his niece as a rede. He never married.

In 1855, Mr. Shattuck and his twin brother. James, joined a party going to Illinois. From this place, which is all present being remembered in the fraits. listribution and several of the chierly and shut-in ones receiving Christmas emembrances also through some

After he had attended to the packages on the tree Santa Claus discover-ed another pack for him to deliver and calling Lyman Blood to the front of the stage he presented him with a fine fur coat in behalf of his Oak Hill fur coat in behalf of his Oak in friends in and out of the society. It was given with many good wishes that its wearer would be cured of all as-thma and other ills. Mr. Blood, to whom the matter was a complete sur prise, responded heartily, thanking at or their kind thought and generosit feeling sure it ought to accom

olish his cure.

The hall was made bright and cheery by decorations of evergreen and red roping arranged by Mrs. A. C. Stewart. Just inside the door was 2. Stewart. Just inside the door was in evergreen arch with a pendant Christinas bell. The column in the center of the hall bore the motto. "Welcome," and another motto, "Mer-ry X-mas," was above the stage, also ry X-mas, was above the stage, also several scenes of Santa Claus with his reindeer, going down chimneys and distributing gifts. The committee on decorations, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Parker, and Mr. Stewart for the tree. should feel well rewarded for their should feel well rewarded for their work. The committee for the evening —Mrs. C. C. Tucker, Miss Lucy Blood and Lyman C. Blood—also deserve much credit for the success of the whole affair.

Christmas Dancing Party.

The Village Aid Christmas dancing party held in Prescott hall on Mon-day evening, December 27, was a sucess in every way and well deserved compliments for the committee of ar rangements were heard on all sides. The weather was favorable, the music by Thayer's orchestra with Miss Kath-eryn Thayer, planist, was most satisctory to dancers and listeners. Just efore intermission a Christmas tree. with cotillion favors drawn into the center of the hall and the seeking of partners and donning of the paper caps by the dancers, which followed the distribution of the tree's fruit, added greatly to the meriment of the assemblag

The Unitarian vestry contained an unusually large and enthusiastic gathering of young and old on Christmas and bore a white dove in front. The passengers were furnished with magatrees was finely adorned and laden with presents, being lighted by in rendering appropriate songs. The whole showed much inventive. The whole showed much inventiv

genius.
Miss Andrews rendered two solos Miss Andrews rendered two solos, accompanied by Mrs. Tarbell, planist, and was each time enthusiastically encored. The decorations of the hall were artistic and in keeping with the holiday season and formed a fine setting for the many pretty costumes of the dancers. The committee, of which Mrs. Parker was chairman, proved themselves both skillful in such work and untiring workers. A large comand and untiring workers. A large com-pany of the younger fownspeople showed their appreciation of the good work of the Village Ald society by appearing on the floor and the galler was well filled with interested specta

tors.
Ice cream and cake were sold dur-ing intermission and the financial returns of the evening amounted to over thirty dollars.

Airedale Found.

The incident of the lost dog, Mrs Allen's Airedale, which has caused in tains being brought to the sides. Two little pages, dressed in most claborate colonial costumes, attended the curtain during the program, first relating in verse some of the past century customs. There was soft music both gentleman by name, Clark Hamblin, Amherst street, Nashua, N. H. He stated that an Airedale came to him stated that an Airedale came to him about three weeks ago and that without the clue of a collar he had tried all means to place him. He had taken find necessary, said poles to be crecited out on the street in hopes to attract the owner and had tried the animal the plan filed herewith marked 7/5. third, "Christmas green, by Rosis Prescott, "Christmas bells," by the owner and had tried the animal with every name to be thought of, "Chimes" followed; fifth, "The yule log," by Eugene Prescott, George Hill and Marvin Beers; sixth, "Christmas song," Ruth McMurray and Mary song," Ruth McMurray and Mary Parker: seventh, "Christmas candle," plainly that it was his name beyond question and Mr. Hamblin, though sorry to lose him, immediately telephoned.

phoned.

Mr. Durant went to Nashua Wednesday morning for Miss Blood to identify the dog if necessary, but the dog's recognition of an old friend and dog's recognition of an old right ambis frantic joy, made identification unnecessary to either party, "Myown" was brought back safely, but as Miss Blood distrusts her powers of keeping him, after this incident he will finish the contract of the contract the winter with a veterinary at Lit-tleton with whom Mrs. Allen had partially arranged for the dog's care dur-ing her absence. As he will there have the company of other canine board-ers, "Myown" may be cured of his ers, "Myown" may be wandering proclivity.

About Town.

board meeting at the usual time. Prudence Wright chapter will hold their next meeting at the home of Mrs. E. L. Tarbell Thursday after-

noon, January 6. Election of delegates to the Continental Congress and payment of annual dues. Earl Nutting, Bert Sullivan and George Attridge are spending their vacation in Boston, where they in-

tend to visit the navy yard and go on the war vessels. Miss Gilhooley, captain of Fitchburg Normal Basketball team, has been helping the Pepperell team. Miss Mary McPartlan of Shirley and Miss Mary McPartian of Shirley and Miss Lizzle McPartian and her friend, Miss Margaret Smyth of West Newton, also Mr. Patrick of Groton and sever-al friends from Nashua, Claremont and Dorcester, numbering twenty, spent a very pleasant time at the Christmas tree at the home of Mr. and

Mrs. McPartlan on Mt. Lebanon street

some returning to business Sunday night and others Monday. Mrs. P. McPartlan and her Frank and his friend drove to Groton church on Christmas morning, ais-

mobile to Pepperell church. New Advertisements. FOR SALE—A nearly new High Back Spring Sleigh: Crawford Parlor Stove, used three months. Each will be sold very cheap. FRED A

GIRL WANTED-For General House work 21/2 miles from Ayer; no experi-ence needed. MRS. HAROLD T. WEBBER, Harvard, Mass.

FISHING BAIT FOR SALE-GEORGE LUDDINGTON; Third Street, Ayer. FOR SALE—One nice full-blooded Morg:n Driving Horse, 10 years old: fearless of all objects; weight 1000 lbs. F. S. PIERCE, Ayer.

BERKSHIRES FOR SALE We must sell our entire stock of Dig this winter—good bargains the result. Come early and get the pick of the herd. All Pigs from registered parents. Also, for sale, Potato Planter, Potato Dirger, Potato Hoe, 2 Chamber Sets,

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Tel 67-2 East Pepperell, Mass. Company for Pole and Wire Lo-

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts. Respectfully represents Ayer Elec ric Light Company that it desires to construct a line of poles, wires and

ixtures, including the necessary sus-

aining and protecting fixtures, upon

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 poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance

the town, and used for municipal pur-

The following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Old Groton Road, as per Sketch No. 29 Harvard Road, as per \$ poles

Sketch No. 30 13 poles 21 poles Ayer Electric Light Company.

By L. WHITCOMB, Business Manager. Dated this eighteenth day of No-

PETITION of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for Pole and Wire Locations. To the Board of Selectmen of the

ember, 1915.

Town of Ayer, Massachusetts. Respectfully represents the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts that it desires to construct a line of poles, wires and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining 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 law. it may be granted a location for and permission to crect and maintain poles the plan filed herewith marked 7/5. dated 12-21-15, proposed pole locations of the N. E. T. & T. Co. of Mass-

achusetts. 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: Snake Hill Road, from Littleton Road to the residence of H. J. Webb, thirteen poles.

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

1915.

PETITION of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the Aver Electric Light Company for Joint or Identical Locations for Poles.

Town of Ayer, Massachusetts. Respectfully represent The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, they may be granted joint or identical location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining or protecting fixtures as the business of each of your petitioners may require, said poles to be crected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked 9/2, dated 11-17-15, proposed joint poles bet. Ayer El. Lt. Co. and N. E. T. & T. Co.

space for one cross-arm at a suitable point upon each of said poles for the telephone, fire and police signal wires owned by the town and used for municipal purposes.

Washington Court between Pleasant and Washington St., one pole.

General Manager. M. S. B. Ayer Electric Light Company. By L. WHITCOMB, Supt. Dated this 17th day of November,



Aver. December 29, 1915 Ordered, that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petitions on Saturday, the 8th day of January, 1916, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., at the Selectmen's Room in Town Hall in said Ayer at which time and place PETITION of Ayer Electric Light all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that the petitioners give notice of the time 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 Ayer. at least seven days prior thereto; and that the clerk of the board mail written notice of the time and place of said hearing at least seven days 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 by the last preceding assessment for

JOHN D. CARNEY, THOMAS F. MULLIN DOUGLAS C. SMITH.

DOUGLAS C. SMITH, Clerk. 2t17 Selectmen of Ayer.

Selectmen of Ayer. A copy of petition and order thereon. Attest:

M. S. B. Dated this 21st day of December,

the Board of Selectmen of the

Ayer Electric Light Company, that they desire to construct a line of poles along and across the public way or ways hereinafter named, and to be owned and used in common by your petitioners.

Your petitioners agree to reserve

The following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Washington Street between Washington Court and Nashua St., thirteen poles. The New England Telephone and Tel-

By GEO. H. DRESSER,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN