

News Items.

The entertainment for the next meeting of the Woman's club, Monday, January 1, will be a club magazine, Mrs. Herbert B. Royal and Mrs. Henry H. Putnam, editors. This is to be en-tirely original, all the matter being contributed by club members, and is to be profusely illustrated with tab-leaux.

Master Raymond Sawyer, of Groton was a guest this week with his grand-mother, Mrs. Edna Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Savage, Sr., took dinner and spent Christmas day with James L. Whitney and household. Miss Alice Preston is home this week for the holidays.

The Dailey boys, from Charlestown, are visiting this week with their cousins, W. J. and the Misses Kerley.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thayer spent the Christmas dinner hour with Mrs. Thayer's father, E. T. Alling, Groton.

Harvard postoffice had the largest mail for any one day on last Monday. The morning mail brought 29 bags, the noon mail 5 bags, and the evening mail 9 bags. Mr. Hynes, the R. F. D. car-rier, had two pung sleighs loaded full for his day trip of 26.3 miles Mr. and Mrs. George Cobh enter-tained on Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys.

to Boston on Thursday to hear, Billy Sunday—Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse, W. E. Haskell, Eleanor Haskell, Miss Florence Dadmun, Miss Moffat, Ethelyn Russell, Madeline Russell, Rogers Morse, Ruth Willard, Mrs. Mabel Sprague and Mr. Buse. Last Sunday, towards the evening, a party of girls went to the houses of the shut-ins and sang Christmas carols.

In the methodist vestry, Tuesday afternoon the Woman's Misionary society will meet with Mrs. W. P. Taylor when the study of the "King's highway" will be con-tinued. Miss Emilie Lawrence will also continue her report of recent missionary convention.

On last week Friday night the high wind blew down one of the large ash trees in front of the parsonage. For-tunately it blew across the street rath-er than onto the house. The teleer than onto the house. The tele-phone and electric light wires on the on-one and electric light wires on the opposite of the street were torn from their fastenings, but were not broken, so no serious trouble was caused. Tree Warden Maynard and men from Harvard were early on the ground and had the street cleared in good season in the marning

n the morning Miss Ruth Willard chaperoned

party of young people on a sleigh ride to Ayer and return on last week Thursday evening. Miss Vera Willard spent Wednes-

day evening with her friend, Miss Pauline Bodman, of Clinton. though much regretted by the club the traveling makes it impossible for but

Mrs. Mary C. Park is spending this week at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Adriance, in Mr. and Mrs. Billy Buckley spent "hristmas in Winthrop, The last meeting of the Monday Whist club was at Sachem Villa, Mrs. Noyces hostess, Mrs. Josselyn was the winner of the first prize, and Mrs. Harvey second. A social hour and lunch ended the pleasant afternoon. Winchester Center Mrs. Ruth Clark, of Springfield, in

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The As You Like It club will no meet through the winter months. Al

pending a few days this week with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves. Miss Edna Holden; of Lancaster, and Arthur R. Holden, of West Groton, spent Christmas with their parents. markably low prices. We cannot replace them

The Girls' Sewing Guild held a very

Ralph N. Graves, who is attending

oston, has taken a position with the

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Allen Bacon, Jr., is a guest this week with Stanley Turner. Mr. Bacon is from Albany, N. Y.

Ruth Stanwood Patch, daughter of A. Warren Patch, who formerly resid-ed in this town, and for many years a successful commission merchant in Malden, was united in marriage on Tuesday evening to Dr. E. W. Barron, superintendent of the Boston Chil-dren's Dispensary. Rev. R. E. Sykes, pastor of the First Universalist church, officiated. Mrs. Barron is a graduate of the Malden high school and Rud-cliffe college '09, and is a member of the Monday club of Malden and Bos-ton. Dr. Barron graduated from Tufts in 1900 and Harvard medical school in Ruth Stanwood Patch, daughter of 1900 and Harvard medical school in

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The Christmas tree and exercises at the vestry Saturday evening went line-ly. Miss Edna Flanders assisted by Eleanor Haskell and Vera. Willard made the arrangements. The smaller children of the primary department did good work in exemplying the story of the three bears and then the little of the three bears and then the little ones gathered around Mrs. Haynes and she told them how they came to trim the Christmas trees with sliver and gold tinsels, etc. Santa was un-able to be present so his mother (Mrs. Fannie Haskell) came in his stead and with her aids distributed presents to all and the smaller ones pulled bags of candy from two large pud-dings.

The annual Christimas' concert was held on last Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. "The first Christmas," a con-cert program sent out by the Baptist cert program sent out by the Baptist Home Missionary society, was used. There was singing, "Watchman tell us of the night," "Good christian men rejoice"; recitation, Luther Willard; reading, Bernice Walker; singing, "There dwelt in old Judea"; recita-lions, Rachel Haskell and Rowland Willard; singing quartit recitations tions, Rachel Haskell and Rowland Willard; singing, quartet; recitations, Hope Willard, Evelina and Winona Mitchell; reading, Vera Willard; song, "The first Nowell"; recitation, Luth-er Willard, Alvin and Allen Walker; reading, Mr. Bateman; song, "The shepherd song"; remarks by the pas-tor, Rev. L. H. Morse; song, "Ring out ye bells." eading, Mr. Bateman; song, "The hepherd song"; remarks by the pas-or, Rev. L. H. Morse; song, "Ring ut ye bells." A party of twelve went from here

Little' Rowland Willard slipped and fell on the ice near his home on Fittle Rowland whilard shipped and fell on the ice near his home on Wednesday forenoon, striking his bead in such a way as to cut a large gash on his forehead. Three stitches had to be taken to properly close the

wound.

The Ladies' Mission circle met with Mrs. Dadmun again this week to read from the book, "Lady of Chinese courtyard, and they find it so interesting that they plan to meet ofter to finish it.

Levi Howard has been ill this week but is reported as improving. John Smith, who has worked for

Mr. Viles for over two years, conclud-ed his duties there on Monday and left for parts unknown.

Mrs. Lottie Dadmun is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Abbie Dadmun.

Christmas Gatherings.

Christmas saw some family parties, among them Mrs. Joyce entertained her children, Misses Agnes and Nel-lie Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney

lie Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, all of Boston; Miss Nellie Neyland and her niece, Catherine Brosnehan, of Bellows Falls, Vt., were with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neyland; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Haskell and daughter Eleanor dined with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, in Clin-ton; Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, in Clin-ton; Mr. and Mrs. Arna W. Robin-son entertained their son Hubert and wife, of Fitchburg: Miss Marion Higgs

son entertained their son Hubert and wife, of Fitchburg; Miss Marion Higgs of Boston was with her parents, Mr, and Mrs. Thomas Higgs; Mrs. Carrie Nourse dined with Mrs. Abbie Dad-num; Mr. and Mrs. Haynes took din-

nun; Mr. and Mrs. Haynes took din-ner with her father in Shirley; Mrs. Anna Vaughn, of Melrose, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. McBride; Rogers Morse, with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse, for the holi-days from their studies at Bates col-lege; Misses Grace and Edith Farns-worth, of Malden and Springfield, are at their home here for the holidays; also, Warren K. Harrod and Kenneth Russell, of Worcester, and Miss Ethelyn Russell, of Vermont; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Holland spent the day in Jamaica Plain, they expecting to attend the wedding of his sister, but she was ill with typhold fever, and thus the coremony was postponed; F.

SHIRLEY

News Items About, thirty-five juniors went to the own hall in Shirley Center on Thurs-lay evening and the entire party en-oyed themselves immensely. Games, lancing and music, with the serving of refreshments, were the features of entertainment. The entire party re-port a fine time. Mrs. Charles Steb-bins, Mrs. Fred Brown and Mrs. Facette chaperoned the party.

Mrs. Ann Lawrence, about seventy-five years of age, was severely burned

traveling makes it impossible for out a few to attend. However, each one will be gathering little gems for the reopening in the spring. The last meeting was with Mrs. Smith. Al-though but a few were present a merry Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden Mrs. Henry Chisholm, who has been staying at the home of Mrs. Cyn-hia Lynch on Center road, was called

teresting subject.

to Boston last week by the death and funeral of her husband, who has been ill in a hospital for some time. time was enjoyed; subject, "Our best

and worst Christmas." Lester Spear, of Reading, spent the noliday at Westview.

The Girls' Sewing Guild held a very pleasant and well attended whist party at the home of Mrs. H. F. Grout on Wednesday evening. Howard M. Longley made the highest score, and Mirs Helen Bradford was the second. Ice cream and cookies were served. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gray visited relatives in Worcester on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Porter and lit-the daughter, of Fitchburg, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Doran on Monday. Howard Doran, who went to Seattle, Wash. a year ago this fall, sent Christmas greetings to many of his eastern friends and neighbors. Rev. Grover Harrison of Groton School will conduct the service at Frinity chapel on Sunday afternoon at 3.5. Sunday school immediately afer the service

Mrs. Frank Jones, of Natick, with her son and daughter, is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Adney Gray. Miss Myrtle Gray, of Brockton, and Harold Gray, of New Haven, were home for the holidays. Associated Press in Boston

The pleasure of the holidays was

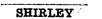
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Mrs. Lizzle Baldwin, Miss Blanch Baldwin and Carl Liddell spent Christ-mas with Leslie Baldwin and his family in Worcester.

Mrs. Lorenzo' Doran and daughter liss Ruth, handsomely entertained th Whist club at its last meeting. The highest scores were made by Mrs. C. Smith 37, and Major Jones 41.

Mrs. Bailey and daughter, Miss Sibyl, of East Boston, were Christmas guests of relatives in this village. . The George Fessenden estate has been sold to a young man of Lowell. Mr. Fessenden and his family will move to West Groton.



the Tax Commissioners Department at expert on the New Massachusetts In come Tax, who will explain the law at the Town Hall, Thursday Evening January 4, at Eight o'clock.

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Calendar Week

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WESTFORD

Center.

The engagement is announced of Miss Evelyn Hamlin and Ernest Reed of Providence, R. I.

Miss Pauline Dole was a Christmas guest at Mrs. Alma M. Richardson's.

guest at Mrs. Alma M. Richardson's. Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Watson and Mrs. Edmund Day entertained a pleasant group of kinspeople numbering twelve for the holiday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Coburn and daughter Clarissa, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Co-burn, all of Groton, and Mr. and Mrs. George T. Day, of Westford. Mrs. Albart Streater of Cambridge

Mrs. Albert Streeter, of Cambridge, has been a recent visitor with her daughter, Mrs. J. Henry Colburn.

William A. Robinson, who recently bought the W. J. Merritt place, has moved his goods from Newtonville this week and is now living with his mother in his new home. Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Perley E. Wright and son Harold, and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Shupe spent Christmas day with an-Mrs. Joseph W. Blodgett, on Mile-stone hill road, had a large gathering and large in-gathering of turkey on other sister, Mrs. F. J. Anderson, In West Somerville. Christmas

The Old Oaken Bucket farm folks were Christmas tree treated and table treated with the F. A. Snows, West Chelmsford, a mile east of Westford Mr. and Mrs. Wesley O. Hawkes, of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley O. Hawkes, of Graniteville, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hawkes, Wesley Hawkes, Jr., and Miss Dora Hawkes, of Melrose, were Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hartford, enjoying a family dinner party and Christmas tree. town line. A general hurrah prevailed at the Banister home farm on Christmas day

The first meeting of the new year or the Tadmuck club will take place

for the Tadmuck club will take place on Tuesday afternoon at Library hall, and will be in charge of the literature and library extension committee. Mrs. William C. Roudenbush, chairman. There will be current events by Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher; Mrs. Louis H. Buckshorn will give a book review, "The Channings." a beautiful old Eng-lish story by Mrs. Henry Wood, and last, but by no means least, Mrs. Fred L. Roberts, of Lowell, will be the solo-ist of the afternoon. for ist of the afternoon.

A Christmas dinner party of four-een were entertained on the holiday by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Greig, followed by a Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. H, V. Hildreth went Mr. and Mrs. H, V. Hidrein went to visit the Malden relatives Christ-mas day. Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth entertained the latter's par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, of Brockton, over the holiday.

West Cheimstord Grange exempli-fied the Christmas spirit with a com-munity Christmas tree on the lawn of Historic hall. Every child was remem-bered, and David Olsson remembered to be Santa Claus. The tree was light-The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright was the scene of a pleasant reunion for Christmas. Their children, grandchildren and Mrs. Wright's brother, Bert Decatur, from Springfield, were their visitors, which made up a group of sixteen.

On last Saturday evening at the On last Saturday evening at the Congregational church a Christmas gathering for the children was held. There was a supper, games and speak-ing, followed by a tree with distribu-tion of gifts. At the Sunday morning service there was special music and sermon. The choir of fifteen voices, under the leadership of Mrs. Charles H. Wright, with Miss Hazel B. Hart-ford, organist, gave a splendid musi-cal service. Mrs. Charles D. Colburn and Miss Lillian Sutherland sustained the isolo part of the program. Rev. the solo part of the program. Rev. Howard A. Lincoln preached an able sermon on "The message of Christ-mas." At the evening service Mr. Lin-coln gave a reading of the Christmas legend of "The other wise man," by

bert Carr had charge. The pastor preached Sunday morning on the subuals who are friendly to this new movement to get together by central-ized instruction and demonstration. "How Christmas got started," and ject, "How Christmas got started, and in the evening on "The wofid's com-mand." Two new members were add-ed to the Junior league at the after-noon meeting, and it was announced that next Sunday completes the attend-ance contests. Clarence Dane very At the Unitarian church last Sat-urday afternoon the Sunday school children had a delightful uplift of their own aspirations, aided by a little adult supervision, such as Miss May ance contests. Clarence Dane very ably presented the subject, "The first Christmas circle and ours," at the 5.30 meeting. Arrangements are being made for a watch-night service on funder to uncheap will be served adult supervision, soch as ands also Balch in the role of an original Christ-mas story. The children rendered songs, recitations, etc., and enfoyed various games. The impersonation of Santa Claus was cleverly and enter-tainingly done by Harold Hildreth. Sunday. Luncheon will be served. At the last meeting of the Grange, fter the business meeting, there was Forge Village. reneral regret that the expected ad-

general regret that the expected ad-dress on game laws could not be on the lecturer's program. This disap-pointment was in part offset by a so-cial time. The next meeting will be held on next week Thursday evening, when the annual installation of officers will take place. State Master Chap-man, assisted by Mrs. Barrow, of Lit-tleton, will be the installing officers. The next meeting of Middlesex North Pomona Grange will be held at Odd Fellows', hall, Bridge street, Lowell, Friday, January 5. The morn-ing session, at 10.45, will transact the closing of the year business, and then switch to the transaction of listening

switch to the transaction of listening to interesting beauty spots in the United States, as seen by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haynes, of Tewksbury in a re-cent tour. Next will be Charles A. Wright, of Billerica, as delegate of the Pomona to the State Grange. The afternoon will open with an open meeting to witness the opening of the annual installation of officers. Others noticed in town for the non-days were Joseph Thompson of New Jersey, B. Reed of Worcester, Albert Collins of Salem, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones of Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blodgett, Mr. and Mrs. All milk-raising farmers and all

All milk-raising farmers and all who think they would be money happy in raising milk, are invited to a meet-ing to promote raising milk and hap-piness, and who live in Middlesex county, will gather at the Board of John Burnett of Clinton, all at the Burnetthome. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daley and daughter journey to the family home at Leominster. Trade rooms, Central street, Lowell, this Saturday morning of the Skating season has opened here and merry parties can be seen every day wending their way to the lake. Later the hockey players will be seen and this Saturday morning at ten o'clock An address "Milk production will be given by H. W. Tinkham, of Rhodo

some very good games are expected to take place. Master George Goucher is suffering with pneumonia.

[•] Miss Margaret O'Hara, R. N., of Concord, N. H., was a recent visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. Dare.

LITTLETON News Items.

Amherst is to be congratulated on his perseverance in smiting the earth for water. Those who now have reservoir water in the Stony Brook valley and Amos Polley, S. L. Taylor, F. W. T

ister.
Brookside mill bt geared up with Christmas spirit last Saturday morning with Christmas tree. Among the spe-cialties was a \$5 gold piece to Jean St. Onge, foreman of the spooling-noom; a brass smoking set to Harry Abrahamson, foreman of the spining-room, and a fountain pen to Percy

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stephens spent the Christmas season very pleas-antly with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Plummer, and family, in Marblehead. Whiteoak, foreman of the drawing-

Miss Evelyn Hamlin, of Cranston, R. I., was the mid-week guest of her uncle, A. T. Kimball, of Russell street.

to be Santa Claus. The tree was light-ed with green and white electric lights. A pleasing entertainment was enjoyed. Mrs. Oscar Naylor, of Detroit, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Naylor in West Chelmsford. Blodgett Breen the West

Blodgett Bros., the live farmers of ed from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blodgnow pleasantly located in St.

Blodgett Bros. the live larmers of ed from Mr. and Mrs. In the up-to-date type, living on Mile-stone hill, picked ripe tomatoes on Christmas from last fall's vines. To offset this forwardness, there are two folks in the Stony Brook valley who have not finished haying. The Back-Log dance night was the occasion o Leonard Roberts, of Northfield, was The Back-Log dance Christmas

bus festival of Christmas observed in St. Cather-

The glorious festival of Christmas The glorious festival of Christmas socially, a diverse was detained by a contract of the social society of the society of the social s

A citizens' caucus will be held Fri-

lay evening, January 5, at 7.30 in th

Mr, and Mrs. Carl Austin Dodge and children of Gloucester City. N. J., were at D. G. Houghton's over Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Houghton entertained

their children and grandchildren of

Dr. Grace P. Conant of Decatur, Ill

spending the holiday season with home people

Mr and Mrs. E. A. Cox went to

Barre and visited their son Warre and family over Christmas.

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'hristmas day.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS. grew, With chums and playmates not a few; From youth to manhood, then for the To fight life's battles day by day. One chose for a home the town of his The others in distant cities to gain their worth, Fach tolling on, year after year, For home and loved ones, to them so dear.

From childhood to youth these brothers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1916

Time has left its mark on these broth-ers three

But still they are happy as happy can For around their own tireside are their Joys and pleasures. Knowing well that each have their own great treasures.

O'er yonder hilltop is the setting sun. And life's short journey seems but just begun: But when the last call from the master

shall co May each respond, "Thy will be done."

Church Notes, The Sunday morning service at the Orthodox Congregational church was most satisfactory. It was a very fitting and happy introduction to the Christ-mas season. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gardand happy introduction to the Christ-mas season. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gard-ner, assisted by Mrs. C. K. Houghton, J. W. Dodds and Mrs. L. A. Hager, are entitled to much credit for the excep-tionally fine musical program which held so prominent a place in the serv-ice, and for which the worshippers were most thankful were most thankful.

In the evening the pastor told an nteresting original Christmas story. interesting original Christmas story, beautifully illustrated by colored

The Christmas tree and entertainment held in the church vestry on Saturday afternoon were also very successful and thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. C. A. Kimball had charge of the Mrs. C. A. Kimball had charge of the program and was very fortunate in securing as soloist for the afternoon Miss Florence Hunt, one of our very pleasing singers and promising music students. Mrs. J. H. Kimball accom-panied her as planist. The program also included recitations, Milton Rug-gles. Clifford Hunt; duet, Josephine Ruggles and Sally Kimball; recitations, Catherine Pickard, Josephine Rug-gles: song. "Santa Claus," group of children; recitation, Richard Kimball; violin solo, Charlotte Pickard, accom-panied by Carolyn Conant; recitations.

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carleton Hunt, Richard Dodds; song, "Silent night," group of girls; recita-tion, Laura Oddy, Santa Claus, im-personated by the Sunday school su-perintendent, made the usual happy hit with the children.

On Sunday evening the subject of the meeting will be "American ideals and the European crisis." in charge of A. F. Conant.

The missionary barrel has room fo The missionary barren has room for several more garments and pairs of shoes. Please favor Miss Thacher with prompt contributions, so that the bar-rel can be packed and sent to those in need of the contents. The call is urgent.

The annual business meetings and parish dinner will be held in the Con parish dinner will be held in the Con-gregational vestry on Saturday, Jan-uary 6. Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Plagg, Mr. and Mrs. Er-nest Robinson, Mrs. Elmer Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Canney, Mr. and Mrs. Afbert Conant, Mrs. Parkin-son Oddy, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Rob-fnson, Miss Elizabeth Houghton.

The Intermediate C. E. will meet of Sunday afternoon at 3.30. There will be a business meeting of the Philathea class on Sunday

tween the morning service and the Sunday prompt. school hour. Please be The committee that arranged topics

for the Sunday evening meetings this fall was chosen to continue in office and select topics for winter and spring meetings.

The United Workers will meet next Mednesday atternoon, when Miss Marion W. Flagg will take charge of the program. Subject, "Redeeming, the southwest." Hostess, Miss M. H. Kimball.

The annual parish supper of the First Congregational society. Unitari-an, will be held in the vestry on Mon-day evening. The supper will be serv-ed at 6.30, to be followed by the an-nual business meeting, the reports, election of officers and the transaction of necessary business. A full attend-ance of the members of the parish is desired.

desired

NEW YEAR'S EVE CAKE OLD TIME CALLING. The overcoat of our 1850 dandy was So excellent is the German New Year's cake that it cannot be used for a charm, like the New Year's eve cake of Ireland, for this was thrown against the wall and was broken into pieces. The first fragment to touch the ground was eagerly sought, for he who ate it was sure of a year's happiness. There was much pleasure in the baking of the cake. It was placed on a gridiron before the open fire, and incantations were sung to secure the success of the charm. In many countries the baking and eating of New Year's cake have been attended by quaint customs and

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NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the First National Bank of Ayer, will be held at the Banking Rooms, in Aver, Mass., on Monday, January 8, 1917, at one o'clock P. M., for the purpose of acting upon the ollowing business:

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

CHARLES A. NORMAND, Cashier.

Ayer, Mass., December 8, 1916.

of several fashions, like our own day. The box coat was affected by horsemen and sporting characters-the long tailed short waisted surtout by the more fashionable. In the midst of the excitement at-

tending Kossuth's visit to America the soft felt hat worn by him was affected by a few even with the feather, but it never attained the dignity of a fashion. The wide flowing cloaks, called the

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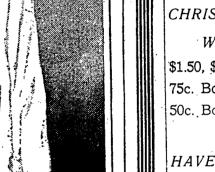
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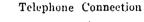
Talma, were also worn.

for his day's work. The dress of the ladies was as rich



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I want to do what's right. So this New Year I'll try my best,

As all good men have tried,

And mind the voice inside!

To listen hard with all my might

-Little Folks.

Forge Village, the usual family observed in this village, the usual family gather-ings taking place in several homes. Christmas carols being sung at the midnight hour. Miss May Cherry and Mr, and Mrs. Hargraves spent the holiday at Mrs. Lowther's. Mr. and Mrs. N. Weaver had their usual gath-ering of children at their home. Mrs. William Ward entertained the William Leaby family of Aver, also Mr. and

William Ward entertained the William Leahy family of Ayer, also Mr. and Mrs. Doyle of Lawrence. Mrs. Frank A. Rose with her children, Misses Lil-lian, Mayone, Carmel and Ellsworth of Belmont were as usual with Mrs. Eliz-abeth Splain, who also entertained Mrs. Joseph Antaya and daughter Madeline of Leominster and Dr. Mansfield of Arlington. Mrs. Daniel Hanley had as usual a family gathering at her iome. Mrs. Augustine Carkin has recovered from her recent sickness. Others noticed in town for the holi-

Henry Van Dyke. The annual appraisal at the town farm, followed by a dinner to the saturday. The Edward M. Abbot hose com-pany give their ninth annual concert and ball on Friday evening, January 5, at the town hall. The concert will be from eight to nine o'clock, and dancing will be enjoyed from nine to of the best in the state. Henry Van Dyke. The annual appraisal at the town farm, followed by a dinner to the saturday. The Edward M. Abbot hose com-pany give their ninth annual concert and ball on Friday evening, January the arrangement at the high mass be-ponter the direction of Miss Mary F. Hanley, rendered appropri-ate musical programs at both masses. The church has an excellent the arrangement at the suburban the arrangement at the suburban the from eight to nine o'clock, and dancing will be enjoyed from nine to of the hest in the state. The holiday seeson was super the direction of Miss the arrangement at the suburban the form eight to nine o'clock, and dancing will be enjoyed from nine to of the hest in the state. The holiday seeson was super the form eight to nine of the super the direction of the regular the holiday seeson was super the direction of the regular the holiday seeson was super the direction of the super the direction of the regular the arrangement at the super the direction of the super the direction of the regular the arrangement at the super the direction of the form eight to nine of the the direction of the super the direction of the form eight to nine of the the direction of the directi

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The holiday season was passed very pleasantly by the village people. A daughter was born on Christmas Christmas trees were in many of the homes and it is doubtful who enjoyed of Roslindale. of the best in the state, and which has been so much appreciated in the past at these occasions, will furnish past at th the music. them the most, the children or the old-

Homer M. Seavy is confined to his home and under the doctor's care with the grippe. Postmaster J. Herbert Fletcher is also sick and under the er people. Excellent weather prevail-ed on Christmas day. Skating on the mill pond and fine sleighing over the country roads were some of the diverdoctor's care with the same trouble. sions that helped to round out a happy Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hawkes, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Hawkes and family, of Melrose, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hartford in Westford.

The Harry B. Prescott household re convalescent from a siege with hard colds.

Death.

The many friends of John P. Wright extend their sympathy to him in his recent bereavement. The Christmastide was suddened for him day season with his brother, T. A Riney, in Camden, N. J in his recent bereavement. The Christmatide was shadlened for him by the sudden death of his brother. Fred Atwell Wright, of Washington on Saturday, December 2.1, after an III-ness of two days. Death was the re-sult of apoplexy. He was born in Lowell on February 22, 1862, and re-ceived his earlier education in the hers college. The deceased had been the high school and later from Am-herst college. The deceased had been employed by the government for the sector of these years had been in the sector of these years had been in the union with his brother, Wilter G. Wright, and sis bis brother, Walter G. Wright, and

union with his brother and family, and also his brother, Walter G. Wright, and family, of Cheimsford. He is survived by his wife and these two brothers. Harwood L. Wright, of this village, was his cousin, as was also Henry M. Wright, of Westford and Quincy. The funeral was held on Tuesday from the Taibot Memorial chapel at the Lowell cemetery, Rev. A. R. Hus-sey, of the First Unitarian church, be-ing the officiating clergyman. The hearers were John P. Wright of West-

ing the officiating clergyman. The bearers were John P .Wright of Westbearers were John P. Wright of West-ford, Walter G. Wright of Chelmsford, brothers of the deceased, Harwood L. Wright and Henry M. Wright of Quincy, his coueins, and Samuel T. Wright of Chelmsford, and Percy B.

Wright of Chelmsford, and Percy B. Willis, New York nephews. About Town. The committee to select a list of directors for the new Farm Bureau organization meet this week Saturday afternoon at one o'clock in the town hall, Concord. They would be glad to receive suggestions or meet individ-

North Charles Sand

Company presented the employes each with five dollars Christmas. Richard Conant of Passaic, N. J. was at home over Christmas. C. B. Needham, formerly of Wal-

Edward Riney is spending the holi-

H., is spending the Christmas vacation at his home. J. Omer LeDuc, a school teacher in North Truro, is spending the holiday season at his home.

tree was the center of attraction.

Os The members of Cameron circle, C. The members of Cameron circle, C. F. of A., held a well attended meeting in their rooms on Tuesday evening. During the session the following of-fleers were elected: Mrs. Elizabeth Harrington, c. c.; Mrs. Alma Benson, s. c.; Miss Rachel Wall, rec. sec.; Miss Martha Doucette, r. g.; Miss Laura McCarthy, I. g.; Mrs. Annie Sanberg, o. g.; Miss Descheneau, i. g.; Mrs. Isa-belle York, lat trustee; Miss Marion Lord, past chief companion. car Needham of Lexington, the only

Three brothers of no great renown, Just boys born in this good old town, Of humble parents, but good and true, Who tolled for a living, as you have to do. Lord, past chief companion. On last Saturday night the Methodist church held its Christmas entertainment and Santa distributed the gifts

morning Rev. O. J. Fairfield will take as the subject for his sermon at the closing service of the year. "The soul's destiny shown in man's capacity for endless growth."

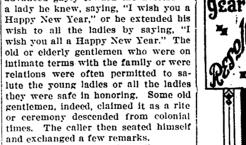
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C. B. Needham, formerly of Wal-tham, who has recently returned to his home town and bought the old Deacon Brown farm in the south part of the town, had a house warming on Decem-ber 24 in the form of a Christmas par-the three three the form of a Christmas par-ber 24 in the form of a Christmas par-

AYER, MASS. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons inter-exted in the estate of ROSETTA. BLODGETT late of Townsend in said County, deceased, intestate. Whereas a petition has been presynt-ed to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to GEORGE W. BLODGETT of Townsend in the County of Middle-sex, without giving a surety on his bond. You are hereby clied to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of January A. D. 1917, at nine oclock in the foreonon, to show cause if any you have, why the same And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by pub-lishing this cliation 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, this six-teenth day of Dacember in the year one thousen and nine hundred and sixteen. 3tie F. M. ESTY, Register. Atta the print cliation one in the year one thousen and nine hundred and sixteen. 3tie F. M. ESTY, Register.

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Ir. a few moments the caller arose and said he must go. He was then asked to take some refreshment, which he generally did, more or less according to the circumstances of his being more or less devoted to the table, his intimacy with the family or the number of tables at which he had already partaken. Relatives and intimate friends having seen the table spread and knowing the strength of it in certain delicacies they might be fond of made vigorous assaults on it, which



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What Will (+ the New Year Bring? mance. Many a troth has been hastily plighted as a result of a seemingly bration-the normal, healthy, Lappy. save and delightful observances of the going of the old and coming of the new twelve month always started off with an informal

THAT this shall be a better year Than any passed away I dare not at its open door To wish or hope or pray.

Not that the years already gone Were wearisome and lone, That so with hope too long deferred My heart has timid grown.

Nay, rather that they all have been So sweet to me and good That if for better I should ask Twould seem ingratitude.

And so with things far off and strange I do not care to cops, But look in Memory's face and learn What largess I may hope.

Another year of setting suns. Of stars by night revealed, Of springing grass, of tender buds By winter's snow concealed.

Another year of summer's glow Of autumn's gold and brown, Of waiting fields and ruddy fruits The branches weighing down.

Another year of happy work, Which better is than play; Of simple cares and love that grows More sweet from day to day

Another year of baby mirth And childhood's blessed ways; Of thinker's thought, and prophet's droam.

And poet's tender lays.

Another year at beauty's feast, At every moment spread; Of silent hours when grow distinct. The voices of the dead

Another year to follow hard Where better souls have trod. Another year of life's delight, Another year of God.

-John White Chadwick.

Now.

Only a night from old to new; Only a sleep from night to morn. The new is but the old come true; Each sunrise sees a new year born. —Helen Hunt Jackson.

New Year's Day In News Items. Grandfather's Time

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social gathering on New Year's

People divided

themselves into

groups of friends.

One year they

would all go to

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the next year to

to gather about

9 o'clock. There

pipes, told stories.

The Guests Gather

Songs.

Providence.

services were

held in the

churches, and

every one went.

It was a short service-a hymn,

a prayer, a ten

minute talk on

making the most of the new year

-and then the

After that came

the round of New

Year calls. Peo-

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on horseback, in

their carriages.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chatles Clark, of Bridgeport, Conn., spent the holidays at their home in town. Mr. Clark will return to his work in Bridgeport, but Mrs. Clark will remain at her home in our grandfather's time-and before him for a score of generaown,

Doris has been spending this week's school vacation at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French, in Fitchburg. tions-New Year's day was celebrated in a most delightful manner. It was really a field day for ro-

Walter Desmond, of Boston, spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Desmond, at the Shirformal New Year's call, many a man and maid have seen each other for the ley Inn. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Farnsworth, of Ayer, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Authier at the Brook-side. Mrs. Farnsworth is a sister of first time on this day. The old fashioned New Year's cele-

Mrs. Authler. Dolly Knowles has been spending this week's school vacation at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Er-nest W. Walker, North Leominster. The community Christmas tree on last Sunday evening was a big suc-cess. The tree was crected in the handstand in Depot square and was illuminated by colored electric lights, surmounted by an electric star. The rathering around the tree included the residents of the town, regardless of creed or class. The singing of Christmas carols, accompanied by in-strumental music, was especially fine and the assistance given by the boys from the State Industrial school, who played an important part in the ex-The community Christmas tree on

from the State Industrial school, who played an important part in the ex-ercises of the evening was worthy of special mention. The committee in charge of the celebration is to be con-gratulated on the success of the even-ing. The houses nearby illuminated for the occasion were the Shirley Inn. John M. Stevenson, Mrs. Louise But-lay Edwin H. Connet, Lerminah Has Jeremial

Been Hastily Plighted. r. Edwin H. Conant, 'Neil and Charles R. Miner. was nothing formal about these par-Mrs. Ernest Hersom and daughter diss Florence Hersom, of Fitchburg ties. They were there for a good old fashioned social time. The women vere nome Clark. entertained Christmas at the of Mr. and Mrs. George H. B chatted together of home and bables.

The girls chatfered together of beaux. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brown nd family of Lancaster road enjoyed 'hristmas at the home of their daugh-er, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Lancey, of and balls, and the men sat over mugs of toddy and, comfortable with their

Just before midnight the harpsichord Sorth Leominster. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall had as guests Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dean of Charlestown. was moved into the center of the room. The guests gath-

ered about and sang songs. Hymns, ballads

and old folk Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy spent Christmas holidays with Mr. McCoy's brother at Manchester, N. H. were enjoyed. Then when midnight came the host, unless a clergy.

McCoy's brother at Manchester, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. John T. Smith spent Phristmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith of Dorchester. Miss Bertha Weeks of Boston is at the home of her father. Fred D. Weeks, for a few days before leaving for Deland, Fla., where she will as-sist at a hotel. man was present, repeated a short prayer, giv, ing thanks for

the past year and asking Providence to shower blessings upon them all during coming twelvemonth "In accordance with thy divine will." Another song

another drink in er, and they dispersed. And when they awakened on the following morning their heads were clear and their hearts glad, for they had greeted the New Year and they had given thanks at the midnight hour to The celebration had then only begun.

pupils, was the attractive feature. The following program was given: "Shine on. Bethlehem star," school; "Christ-mas bells," Ruth Lynch song, "There's a song in the air," school; recitations, "Grandma's mistake," Doris Knowles; "Three kings of Cologne," Kathleen Miner; song, "While shepherds watch-ed their flocks," school; recitation, "Jes' 'fore Christmas," Richard Lilly; "Sing me to sleep," Hazel, Ruth and Edythe Auclair; "The Crachits' Christ-mas dinner," Louis Cutler; song, "O, little town of Bethlehem," school. Miss Helene Desmond, who is at the As early as 9 o'clock in the morning Miss Helene Desmond, who is at the King's County hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., training to be a nurse, spent the holidays at her home in town.

Miss Agnes Lynch, of Lawrence uni-versity, Canton, N. Y., is spending the Christmas holiday vacation at her ome here.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1916

SHIRLEY

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch en-tertained on Christmas day Master Vernon Russell of Newton, Misses Stella Balch and Marcia Amsden of Leominster, Eddle Young of West-minster, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Wheeler and family of Shirley. Miss Mary Gleason, school teacher in Brookfield, is spending the school vacation at her home here. Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman

entertained over Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. Noffsinger and niece: also, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grenfell of Dorchester, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Lenox of Windsor, Conn.

Mrs. J. Albert Dearden, with son-Albert, spent this week at the home of her parents in Clinton.

Miss Margaret Love left Tuesday for Deland, Fla., where she has accepted a position as head waitress in a large hotel, and will return to Shirley about next April.

Thomas Love, who has been in the far west, has arrived at the home of his mother, Mrs. Will, for a visit.

Miss Gladys Lillian Annis, a gradu-ate of the Fitchburg Normal school, has accepted a position as teacher of intermediate grades in Puney, Vt., and will commence the duties of her position on Monday. Miss Annis has a host of friends in town who wish her success in her new position.

success in ner new position. Edward_Lilly, of Holy (ross college, arrived last Saturday at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Lilly, and will return to college at its open-ing, January 8. Miss Sadle Harkins, school teacher in Malden, a sister of Mrs. Lilly, is also spending the school vacation at the Lilly house. vacation at the Lilly home

Miss Ruth Wheeler was the guest of her aunt and uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Wheeler, over the Christmas holidays. Miss Wheeler is with the Frances Willard Settlement in Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Eimer H. Allen spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Dana B. Somes of Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Lloyd Allen in New-tonville.

Mrs. Julia F. Kliburn entertained Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Allen, of Brook-line, Christmas day.

H. O. Peasley has had his telephone number changed. It is now 18-4. Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook spent the Christmas holidays with rel-atives in Spencer.

Miss Mabel Miner, of Keene, N. H., spent Christmas holidays at her home in town.

At the regular meeting of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge, held last week Friday evening, the following of-fleers were elected for the ensuing

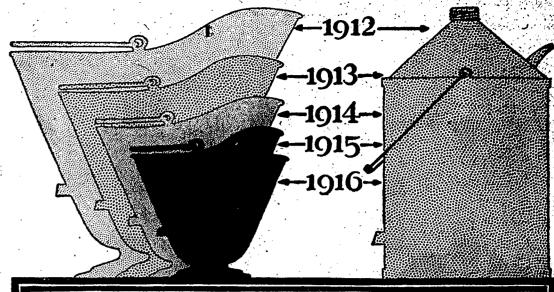
R. C. Dean of Charlestown. A daughter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hurloy Christmas eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Day, parents of Mrs. Hurley. Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy

Distributed Gold to Employees. The employees of the President Suspender Company were each given gold pieces for Christmas. The pre-sentation took place on last week Fri-day afternoon, just before the closing

Miss Bertha Weeks of Boston is at the home of her father, Fred D. Weeks, for a few days before leaving for Deland, Fla., where she will as-sist at a hotel. Charles Maylin was brought home last Saturday from the Clinton hos-pital, where he has been under treat-ment for severe injuries received while working at F. D. Weeks' mill. On Monday evening "The soul of a woman." with the famous actress. Emily Stevens, in the leading part, will be the feature picture at the famous Beatrice Fairfax series. On last week Friday the intermedi-the and grammar school. A Christmas tree, with gifts for the teachers and pupils, was the attractive feature. The following program was given: "Shine on. Bethelehem star." school: "Christ-mas bells." Huth Lynch song. "There's a wong the balls." Buth Lynch song. "There's the company, of which C. F. Edgarton is president. Christmas Thus here will also be following program was given: "Shine on. Bethelehem star." school: "Christ-mas bells." Huth Lynch song. "There's a wong it be oit," school: "Christ-mas bells." Huth Lynch song. "There's a wong it be oit," school: "Christ-mas bells." Huth Lynch song. "There's a wong it be oit," school: "Christing the the star school: "Christing the company. of which C. F. Edgarton the company. of which C. F. Edgarton the president. Christmas The bool: There's the company. of which C. F. Edgarton the company. of which C. F. Edgarton the president.

Christmas Tree Exercises

The Baptist church held its Christ-mas tree exercises last Saturday even-ing with a visit from Santa Claus and distribution of presents. The follow-ime program was rendered: Song. "Bethlehem"; scripture and prayer, pastor; greeting, Henry Dunn; "Christ-mas to all." Mabel Parmènter; "Writ-ing to Santa Claus," Arnold Hoc-quard; "Why Santa is happy." Edward Wheeler; exercise, "What are we doing at Christmas-tide?" Bertha Peneseau, Annie Parmenter, Olive Evans, Mabel and Stella Parmenter; song, children; recitation, "Advice." Mabel Peneseau; a story, "Austin Dunn; "Grandma's mistletoe." Margery Wheeler; recita-tione, Margert and Agnes Parmenter; "Christmas," Olive Evans; Mabel Pen-eseau; "The marriage of Stanta Claus," Annie Parmenter; "In Santa Claus," Annie Parmenter; "In Santa Claus," The Baptist church held its Christ



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Raymond Bradford of Watertown spent the holiday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford. Miss Marion L. Holden of Temple-

on is spending her Christmas vaca-tion from her duties as school teach-er at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Derby of North Leominster spent Christmas at the nome of Mr. and Mrs. George Holden. Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Adams of Boston spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams of Clark road.

A crowd of the young people of the Center made the rounds of the Center Sunday evening and sang Christmas carols at the various homes.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snow entertainuests over number o

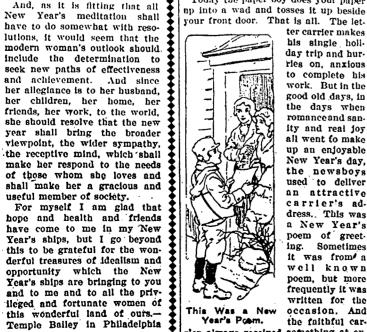
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*********************** The Woman's New Year

THE recent years have brought to women a sane knowledge of health conditions and of pure food requirements. They have brought the great prize of an awakened feminine conscience and a sense of responsibillty which has resulted in better school conditions and in mothers' clubs and societies which have to do with the welfare of the young.



Press.

_____ Herald. Rev. Douglas H. Corley will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10.45; subject, "Recall of the past."

Stanley F. White, of Newark, N. J., pent the Christmas holidays at his ome'in town. Mr. White is now a home' in town. Mr. White is now a chemist for the Swiss Colours Co., at vewwark.

Mrs. C. R. White will hold her danc-Mrs. C. R. White will hold her dance-ing class session in Odd Fellows' hall this week Saturday afternoon at one o'clock. All pupils are requested to take an effort to be present.

W. A. Dadmun, with his two daugh-ters, Bessie and Helen, and his son Walter spent Christmas at the home of Every One Went to alter spent Christmas at the nome of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Dadmun, of Sudbury. ery one in town or city had called

The fire department holds its anual ball on Friday evening, January , in Odd Fellows' hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah H. O'Neil spent Christmas in Littleton with Mrs. McNiff, mother of Mrs. O'Neil.

Mrs. Mary Meserve has gone to Easthampton for a visit with her niece. Today the paper boy does your paper Mrs. Mary Meserve has gone to Easthampton for a visit with her nlece. At the regular meeting of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., held Monday even-ing, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Sylvester Ches-brough, p. m. w.; John Glimartin, m. w.; Morton E. Lawrence, fore.; Wil-liam Gilmartin, o.; Walter Knowles, rec.; John H. Will, fin.; Charles W. Wolff, treas.; John Simpson, guide; Fred Smith, i. w.; Russell Jones, o. w.; Albe A. Annis, trustee 3 yrs.; Walter Knowles, rep. to grand lodge; Sylves-ter Chesbrough, alternate. Commenc-ing in January the lodge will hold its regular meetings the first and second Fridays of each month, instead of the second and fourth Mondays. Members will please note the change. Officers will be installed on Friday evening. ter carrier makes his single holiday trip and hurries on, anxious to complete his work. But in the good old days, in the days when romanceand san ity and real joy all went to make up an enjoyable New Year's day. the newsboys vill be installed on Friday evening, used to deliver anuary 9, at eight o'clock. Miss Mabel Hazen, of Boston, spen an attractive hristmas at her home in town. carrier's ad dress. This was

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Walker, of Leominster, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French, of Fitchburg, with daugh-ter Ruth, spent Christmas day at the nome of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles. a New Year's poem of greeting. Sometimes it was from a

Mr. and Mrs. Fremont Keyes and little daughter Gertrude spent Christ-mas with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harris, parents of Mrs. Keyes. well known poem, but more frequently it was written for the

Miss Blanche Wells, of New York ity, spent this last week at her home n town. Miss Wells has given up her occasion. And the faithful carosition in the New York public li rier always received something at ev-

y, having accepted a position in public library in Attleboro, and enter upon her new duties on who. ery house along his route. - Boston Monday.

sixteen being present for Christman dinner. and." Bertha Peneseau; song, Henry Christmas with his mother, Steele Mackaye, on Parker road.

Parmenter; enter Santa Claus and

was given:

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Bessle Collyer.

with Miss Edith Longley.

Center.

At the next meeting of Shirley The Universalist church held Christmas tree exercises last Saturday even-ing in the church vestry at seven o'clock. A bountifully laden tree and ing in the church vestry at seven o'clock. A bountifully laden tree and a visit from Santa Clause, with distri-bution of gifts, were the special fea-tures. A pleasing program of enter-tainment, which consisted of recita-tions and songs by the children of the

At the next meeting of Shirley Grange, which occurs on Tuesday eve-ning, January 2, the installation of officers for 1917 will take place. The supper is in the charge of Mrs. Geo. Holden, f.ester Holden, George Hewes and Dean Hewes. At this meeting the programs for 1917, which have been prepared by the lecturer, Thos. H. Evans, will be distributed. William Freeman at Woodsville leaves soon for Gloucester where he has a position carpentering. Sunday school, was given under the

Sunday school, was given under the direction of Misses Marion and Hazel Ballou and Miss Peabody. The com-mittee for Christmas tree arrange-ment consisted of Mrs. L. R. Binney, Mrs. Laura Ballou and Mrs. John H.

Everett Buxton of Worcester spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Buxton, at Woodsville.

Miss Christine G. Longley arrived home last week from Halifax for a two weeks' vacation with her mother. Mrs. M. W. Longley. She was accom-panied by Miss Evelyn Snow, who is Christmas tree exercises were held at the Congregational church last Sat-urday evening with a visit from Santa Claus and the distribution of gifts to those present. The following pleasing spending the vacation with her par ents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snow.

program was ziven: Piano solo, Gladys Phelps; remarks, Supt. Joseph McC'leilan and Rev. Douglas H. Cor-ley; recitation, Doris Knowles; doll drill, Celia Hodgman, Ruth Hooper, Dolly Knowles, Kathleen Miner, Doris Knowles, Ruth Nelson, Hazel Dins-more, Myrtle and Alice Cole, Blanche Barnard; recitation, Ernest Cole; taper drill, Gladys Annis, Grace Tewksbury, Buth Knowles, Sarah Stevenson, Cora Piano Edward Farnsworth of Ayer is working in town and is living in his cottage on Great road at the North, which has been empty for some time. The annual Christmas tree for the Sunday school of Trinity chapel, which was held at the chapel last week, proved quite successful. A short program was given by the chil-dren consisting of recitations by Violet Manktelow, Olive Evans, Edna Buxton and Marion Richardson and songs by Marguerite and Jeanne Gretto, Edna Buxton and Edna Akers. Rev. Grov-er Harrison gave a short talk to the children and then introduced "Pro-fessor Weird", of Groton School, who entertained the children with sleight-of-hand and magic tricks. At the close of the entertainment Santa Claus appeared and distributed candy and presents to the children. A social The annual Christmas tree for the Ruth Knowles, Sarah Stevenson, Cor James, Gladys Phelps; reading, Mr. Mrs. Hattie P. Holden and Robert H. J. Holden spent the week-end and holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hattie P. Holden and Rober

Harrie P. Barnard at the Village. Miss Mildred Evans of Bolton is spending her Christmas vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ida Evans. presents to the children. presents to the children. A social hour followed and ice cream and cake Miss Helen Bradford is enjoying were served. ten days' vacation from her studies at Fitchburg Business college.

Mrs. E. J. Stevens spent Christmas in Boston, visiting relatives, returning home on Tuesday night.

Robert H. J. Holden of Harvard Law School is spending a ten days' vacation with his mother. Mrs. Hattle P. Holden, on Horsepond road. CONSTIPATION CAUSES BAD SKIN CONSTIPATION CAUSES BAD SRIN A duil and pimply skin is due to a siuggish bowel movement. Correct this condition and clear your complexion with Dr. King's New Life Pills. This mild laxative taken at bedtime will as-sure you a full, free, non-griping move-ment in the morning. Drive out the duil, listicss feeling resulting from over-loaded intestines and sluggish liver. Get a bottle today. At all Druggists, 25c. The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will hold its regular meeting on Saturday afternoon, December 30, Capt. William Blair at Woodsville, who has been confined to his home for several weeks with a broken rib is reported to be gaining slowly.

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Saturday, December 30, 1916.

GROTON

News Items

Clifton Souther, second son of Alber Evening Traveler of December 27: "Steve" Sabine, farmer of Ayer and Groton, came to Boston this week to do a little Christmas shopping and see the high buildings. Supposedly there are trees in plenty in Groton and Clifton Souther, second son of Albert Souther, of Leominster, and grandson of Warner Souther, of this town, has been appointed teacher of manual training of the class of boys meeting Fridays in term time at the Chaplin schoolhouse. Mr. Souther is a student at the Fitchburg Normal and com-menced work in school here on Fri-day, December 15, succeeding Mr. Mc-Andrews, who had resigned to accept a better position. Mr. Souther's father. Ayer, but perchance Steve has grown wealthy on his apple crop and a triffe blase about wielding an axe. Any-way, when a city friend, meeting him, on Washington street said, "Whither away, Steve?" he replied: "Down the street here, to buy a Christinas tree." better position. Mr. Souther's father, Albert Souther, a former Groton boy, J. B. Raddin, like many others, is is now superintendent of a paper mill in Leominster.

suffering from a bad cold, compelling him to forego some of the Christmas Mrs. Elizabeth L. Weber, wife of Darwin Weber, died at her home on Elm street, Sunday afternoon, Decemestivities,

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Dodge en-certained her parents, from Pepperell, on Christmas day. Prescott Palmer, of Hollis street, entertained his brother and son from Lawrence over the Christmus holi-

Darwin Weber, died at her home on Elm street, Sunday atternoon, Decem-ber 24, after a duration of a year or more of incurable illness. She was born in Templeton and was 63 years, 5 months and 2 days old. Funeral serv-ices were held at her late home on Tuesday morning, Rev. B. E. Tucker officiating. The interment was in Templeton on the same day. She is survived by her husband, who is an invalid, and by two daughters, Mrs. Beal, of Plainfield, and Miss Marion Weber, of this town, upon whom the greater care of her sick mother has been sustained during the long ill-ness. Much sympathy has been ex-prossed by the neighbors and others for the famfly. Previous to their coming to Groton the family lived in Ayer, near the Groton boundary line, methers they were burged out some davs The regular church social of the Unitarian church will be held on next week Thursday evening in Odd Fel-lows' hall. Supper at 6.30, in charge of Mrs. F. F. Woods; entertainment at eight o'clock, in charge of Mrs Charles B. Ames.

Arrangements are being made to at Arrangements are being made to at-tend the Billy Sunday services at the tabernacle in Boston on Thursday, January 4. The party will go on the noon train and will have the privilege of attending both afternoon and eve-Aver, near the Groton boundary line, where they were burned out some ning-services, returning on the late evening train. Arrangements will be years ago

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Lewis and children, Harry Hill of Fitchburg, and Miss Nellic F. Hill of Boston, joined the others of the family at the Christmade for transportation from Ayer to Groton. As it was impossible to se-cure sixty-seven, arrangements could not be made for a special car. as home gathering at Mrs. C.' H. Hill's.

It is requested that all having the It is requested that all having the leafiets of musical numbers sung at the community Christmas tree exer-cises last Saturday will kindly leave them at Shattuck's store, where they will be collected for future use. midnight.

Miss Marguerite Leonard, having only one week's vacation from school duties at Chicopee, did not come home, but accepted an invitation to visit friends in Roseville, N. J.

Miss Edna Leonard visited her sister, Miss Marguerite, teacher in Chic-opee, last week, and this week Friday went to visit Miss Snow, a friend, in Framingham.

The new officers-elect of Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., are Charles J. Wright, n. g.; Herbert W. Taylor, v. g.; F. Winthrop Chase, rec. sec.; Jere-miah F. Harrington, fin. sec.; Arthur A. Wood, treas.; Gilbert A. Durant, truttee 2 woors trustee, 3 years.

At the Baptist church Sunday morn-ing the subject of the sermon will be "One touch more." Sunday school at twelve. Evening praise service at sev-en o'clock: subject. "The travelers' sanctuary." Wednesday evening, at 7.30, regular prayer meeting of the church. Arustee, 3 years. The officers-elect of Middlesex Re-bekah lodge for 1917 are Mrs. Hugah A. Whitehill, n. g.: Miss Mildred' B. Brown. v. g.: Miss Edna Leonard. rcc. wec.; Miss Elizabeth Gibson. sec.; Mrs. Mary D. Boynton, treas.; James. B. Harrington, trustee. 3 years: Mrs. Mary D. Boynton, Mrs. Blanche Brown, Miss Lois Wright, delegates to Rebekah assembly. Rebekah assembly.

Mrs. Janet P. Wood is the installing of the W. R. C. officers on January 16.

Woodbury K. Howe, Daniel Needham, Arthur H. Mason, Harry L. Bruce were among those home for Christmas, not mentioned last week.

Miss Helen Gay was away from ome for the Christmas season, spending it largely with her sister, Mrs. John W. Simmons, and family in Brockton.

The third serial in the Luther Blood free lecture course was given by the Royal male quartet of Boston on last week Thursday evening. It was a su-perior musical event, a fine treat, perior musical event, a fine treat, greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

Egbert Eaton, of Hollis street, re-turned home over a week ago from the Groton hospital and is making a good recovery from an operation for a bad case of hernia.

The school committee have decided to have hot cocoa served at the noon hour to pupils of the Boutwell school. The charge will be the same as last

"Lewis M. Knapp has a four-weeks" vacation from his school duties brattor in Boston common, 200 years teaching in Canada. The following is taken from "The Whirling Hub" column of the Boston Evening Traveler of December 27: "Steve" Sabine, farmer of Ayer and Groton, came to Boston this week to do a little Christmas shopping and see the high buildings. Supposedly be the last. be the last.

Christmas Gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lawrence. of Hollis street, and their happy fam-ily of little children welcomed and entertained in fine fashion a large entertained in fine fashion a large family gathering on Christmas day. The dinner was a feast of good things with plenty of turkey and fixings, and everything else to make up an appe-tizing Christmas spread. Then the big tree with its load of presents for the little folks made indeed a "merry Christmas" for them. The following are the names and address of the rela-tives, who gathered at this family re-union last Monday: Mr. and Mrs. Horbert Stearns, Misses Mildred, Ruth and Jennie Stearns, and Master Her-

West Groton.

and Jennie Stearns, and Master Her bert Stearns, Jr.; all of Townsend Mrs. Clarence Sherrin, of Fitchburg Mrs. Clarence Sherrin, of Fitchburg; Miss Hazel Marshall, of Needham; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Louipold, of Greenfield; George Sherrin, of Bos-ton; Mr. and Mrs, Erving Marshall, Master Leon Marshall and Misses Wil-

mer and Myrtle Marshall, all of Townsend, and Mrs. Mary J. Sherrin, of Townsond All the members of the family cir-cle were represented with the excep-tion of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Bliss, of Needham, who were hindered by Illness from joining the others in this

merry Christmas party. Clipping,

The following was taken from the Boston Sunday Herald of December

A new year's concert and dance will be given by the Groton Cornet band in the town hall on Monday evening. Concert from 8 to 9.30; dancing until The festivities of the week opened with the small dance at the Somerset, Boston, for Miss Margery Peabody, the debutante daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Endlott Peabody of Groton. Mrs. Peabody wore layender satin with pointed drappies of white lace. The New England Telephone and

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company has this week completed the installation of a thirty-pair lead cable between Farmers' row and the West Groton depot. This will afford much better service for sub-scribers in West Groton, and as it is placed on the town electric light poles the appearance of the road will be greatly improved. The poles of the telephone company are being removed as rapidly as possible. For some time past the facilities of the company on the West Groton road have been crowded, and because of the proximity of the lighting current the lines have been nolsy. With the equipment which has been placed, subscribers may obtain any class of service and transmission will be perfectly clear. At the Baptist church Sunday morna necklace and collar of pearls and a diamond brooch. Miss Margarel Peabody was in white tulle over white satin with a folded girdle of silver

tissue.' The three older sisters, Miss Helen Miss Rose and Miss Elizabeth Pea nas cheer of their people.

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epartment at Nichols & Frost's

The Misses Ruth, Helen and Frieda

Miss Rose and Miss Elizabeth Pea-body were an attractive group in their dancing frocks of tulle and satin. Miss Helen wore white tulle over shell pink satin with pink rokes and sliver embroidery on the bodice; Miss Rose was in pale blue tulle over blue satin with a girdle of blue satin rib-bon fastened with sliver roses and Miss Elizabeth with tulle over cloth of sliver. Others there were Mrs. Har-court Amory, who wore black velvet and jet with diamond ornaments; Mrs. Malcolm E. Peabody (Mary Park-

The next meeting of the Scouts will be held on Saturday, evening, January 6. There will be a review of first-class first aid; also, a review of. "What to do when lost," and how to use the

court Amory, who wore black velvet and jet with diamond ornaments; Mrs. Malcolm E. Peabody (Mary Park-man); blue tulle and jet; her mother, Mrs. Henry Parkman was in lavender brocade with silver embroidery. Mrs. Henry S. Hunnewell wore black satin brocaded in silver; Mrs. Charles P. Greenough, 2d, deep blue flounced tulle over blue satin, the bodice em-broidered with blue crystals; Mrs. Phil-ip L. Saltonstall and Mrs. Endicott Saltonstall both wore black velvet. Mrs. William C. Endlcott, Jr., was in blue velvet and silver lace; Mrs. Richard D. Fay, mauve taffeta and silver lace; Mrs. J. Randolph #ool-idge, Jr., black velvet and her daugh-ter-in-law, Mrs. J. Randolph Cool-idge, 3d, wore blue flounced tulle over black silk; Mrs. Richard Lawrence, white lace and white satin; Mrs. Wil-liam B. Rogers, black tulle and jet; Mrs. Henry St. John Smith, white satin with silver lace; Mrs. Coretan-ture Hutchins, gray satin embroidered in gold. The regular Christmas concert and tree were held on last Saturday evening at the Baptist church with a good

in gold. Also, Miss Olive Lowell, who wore

ing at the Baptist church with a good attendance. Ice cream and cake were served, after which the following pro-gram was well rendered: Opening chorus. "When Christmas comes again." young people: recitations. Mahel-Jacomb, Helen Cook, Walter Jacomb, Thelma McGregor, Burton Bosquet, Elmer Sawyer, Edith Mc-Gregor, Harold Parkhurst, Ruth Pat-terson; concerted recitations, "Help-ing Santa Claus." Frank and Clifford Bosquet, George and Raymond Balley: cerise tulle over white silk; Miss Em-ma Mandell, lavender silk and silver lace; Miss Harriet Amory, blue satin faced with pale pink; Miss Fath Stanwood, white embroidered in crysing Santa Claus," Frank and Clifford Bosquet, George and Raymond Bailey: Archibald, Thelma and Edith Me-Gregor: duet, "Christmas brings a happy time," Cora Simm and Enima Gale: solo, Dorothy Stevens: songs, "Helping each other," Girls' club; Misses Edith, Constance, Mabel, Wal-ter, Robert and Edward Jacomb; "Six tals; Miss Constance Morss, cerise chiffon combined with blue chiffon childen combined with blue chilfor, and houquet of valley illies; Miss Dor-othy Lindsey, green and silver bro-cade; Miss Lucy Burgess, cerise satin and tulle; Miss Elizabeth Whiting, blue flounced taffeta silk, each flounce odged with former in the sate flounce

and pink chiffon

Groton Military Training School.

this part of the inspector each acceleration or two of each. The men came through this part of the inspection very creditably. This was the first occasion at which all the men were armed with resulting rides.

with great interest and perfect atten-tion and enjoyed the address from start to finish. Capt. Chase's graphic, conversational style of delivery and his thorough familiarity with his sub-ject, went well with the matter of his ralk which me more and appendence from Arthur Goodearl was home from lark college for the holiday season. Mrs. Ada Durkee is in Littleton assisting in caring for George Durkee who is very ill.

Ject, went well with the matter of his talk, which was meat and sense from beginning to end. His suggestions and illustrations under the head of "Leadership" were of great practical value, not only from a military stand-point, but in any other activity in which leadership is of importance. Ho was enthusistically received and his address was heartily apphuded. At the conclusion of his talk, after a few remarks from Capt. Powers. Philip Cunningham went to Maine for a short business trip, but the un-expected death of his brother-in-law has prolonged his visit there.

has prolonged his visit there. The largest Christmas gathering in town was at C. T. Wetherboe's, where all bis children and grandchildren made a family party of about twenty-five. Another family reunion was at Mr. Livermore's. Miss Cora Hartwell. Miss Nellie Fitch and Linus Hartwell were at Albert Hartwell'e. Mr. and Mrs. Salmon, 2d. came from Somer-ville on Saturday' to spend the holiday. wit: their son. Miss Susie Littlefield. Mrs. Dennison and Waldo Littlefield were at ittlefield farm. Italph Smith. Albion Mo.we and Wilbur Steele were home from Whitinsville. Miss Meg Gilpin-Brown of New York was at Joseph Poland's. Owing to the stormy weather there few remarks from Capt. Powers, he company went through the usual setting up exercises. Beginning with the next drill, the first platoon will drill in Groton and the second platoon in West Groton. Among the Christmas guests not

Owing to the stormy weather there

was not a quorum present at the Grange meeting so no business could be transacted. The next meeting wil be January 12 when Mrs. S. Mabel Thompson of Hopkinton assisted by Mrs. Maria Gilmore of Westboro will install the officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heyward pent Christmas at her former home spent Chris in Woburn.

West Groton. Among the Christmas guests not previously mentioned are Donald Bix-by with W. Y. Bixby; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuttle, of Groton, with E. K. Harrington; Winthrop Lamb with A. W. Lamb; Martin O'Mealey, of Lynn, Michael O'Mealey and family of Leom-inster and Mr. and Mrs.- Patrick Healey of Walpole, with Mrs. O'Mealey; the Misses Lizzie and Esther Jarvis, of Attleboro, with Andrew Jar-vir; Miss Grace Bixby with G. H. Bix-by; Webster Harrington, of Ayer, with F. E. Harrington; Ralph Kilbourn of Plattsburgh, N. Y., and Ellery Kil-bourn of Plymouth, N. H., with H. Spaulding; Mrs. Daniel Sherwin enter-tained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bywater, her sister, Miss Nellie By-water, and a brother, Wallace Bywa-ter, all of Groton, on Christmas day, twelve sitting down to the family din-ner; Master Frederic Sherwin and his brother James are spending the Christ-mas holidays at the home of their grandfather Sherwin in Groton; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas entertained as holiday guests his mother, Mrs. A. A. Thomas, of Medford; also. Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Couphin, of Groton. Their little daughter Ruth, who is at present with her grandfather, was at home for Christmas. Church Note?. Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister. Subject, "Life and time." Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock. The pastor will space on the toxic." will speak on the topic, "A backward look,"

The Christmas tree celebration and exercises were held last Sunday eve-ning, under the auspices of our Sun-day school at the vestry of the church. Mrs. G. W. Burroughs, the superin-tendent of the Sunday school, had charge of the program. Over eighty-five people were present and enjoyed very much the recitations and sing-ing rendered by the school children, after which an old and anxiously ex-pected Santa Claus rushed in through a window and gave out many and heautiful presents. Ice cream and cake were served to all. The Christmas tree celebration and er grandfather, was at home for

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Barteaux, su-

air, and ars, H. P. Barteaux, su-perintendent and matron at the town farm, in behalf of the people in their charge, wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Ladies' Aid society and to all others who con-tributed to the happiness and Christ-was chose of their nexula

A community singing held last Sun-As community singing held last San-day night at West Acton Baptist church, under the direction of Mrs. Weeks, was enjoyed by several mem-bers of our church who were there in tesponse to the invitation for a union service. Mrs. F. W. Dodge, Miss Maria Steele and C. E. Wood sang with the choir. Bay, Wischigan smolered Marion and Clifford Barteaux spent he first week of their vacation with heir sister, Mrs. Fred Beauleau, of Rutland, who returned with them for few days' visit with her parents. Miss Ethel Bliss has returned from the choir. Rev. Missirian rendered the scripture reading. Fitchburg, where she was employed luring the Christmas rush in the book

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Humiston spent Christmas night at the News Items.

home of their grandmother, Mrs. Martha Tarbell. James Smith, who has been chosed

Martha Tarbell. Martha Tarbell. The Christmas entertainment at the hall on last Saturday evening was very entertaining, a large number of children taking part in the exercises. Mrs. C. E. Bixby, by request, repeated two numbers of the L. A. S. program of the previous week, "Little Miss Muf-fet's Christmas party" and "Sunbon-nets." Recitations and songs follow-ed each other in quick succession in charge of Miss Sylvia Lawrence, Mrs. L. G. Strand, Jr., and Miss Dorothy Thompson. A feature of the enter-tainment causing pleasure and surprise was a Christmas solo by little Miss Kelloge, a grammar school pupil and recent comer in town, the flute-like quality of her voice being most unus-ual in one so young. John Robinson, by the railway employes' brotherhood to represent their interests at the na-tional capital, the next four years, will leave for Washington, D. C., the mid-dle of next week. He will remain in Washington only while congress is a conclusion and will be blir being and in session and will do all in his powe in session and will do all in his power to bring about a reconciliation be-tween railroad corporations and em-ployes. He is expected among other things to use his influence in the in-troduction of a bill before congress that shall meet the demands of the employes and the approval of the corporations relating to hours, etc. During his absence from town James Rivets will take his place as section master.

quality of her voice being most unus-ual in one so young. John Robinson, masquerading as Santa Claus brought shouts of glee from the children as he emptied his pack of toys and denuded the well-filled tree of its Christmas fruit. The pleasure of the many lit-be regulation must be a characteristic Misses Ella and Elizabeth Peabody returned last week from East Hiram, Me., where they spent several weeks with relatives.

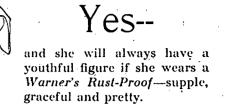
Mr. Shedd of Bellows Falls spent 'hristmas with the L. A. Hagers. le people was in itself a pleasure t Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce of Townsend Center and Mr. and Mrs. Sears of Rockport are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Pingry. Mrs. A. H. Thompson is entertaining this week the Misses Consuella and Sylvia Sedley of Dorchester.

Our college friends who have been Willard Perrin has not been in his n town for the holiday vacation re-urn the middle of next week to clasusual health this week, but is felling more comfortable since a visit from his physician on Tuesday. ic halls.

Miss Beatrice Woodbury, who has On Wednesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Webber and Miss Evelyn Fernald attended the funeral in Na-tick of Mrs. Webber's brother, Anthony Fernald, who died in San Francisco on December 10 been spending the last ten days with her home people, returns Monday to her studies in Worcester Normal

Miss Gladys Kimball of Gardner was at home two days this week. December 10. Mrs. Anthony Fernald and her little son accompanied the

Miss Katherine Kimball is visiting



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1916

The school committee have decided to have hot cocon served at the noon hour to pupils of the Boutwell school. The charge will be the same as last year, one cent a cup. The public library will be closed on new year's day. Mrs. F. F. Waters held an informal "at home" on Wednesday afternoon, inviting a number of her lady friends and younger ladies, friends of her for Christmas week. Miss Waters re-for Christmas week. Miss Waters re-turns on Monday to her duties in Miss Norris' school at Cynwyd, a suburb of Philadelphia. for Christmas week. Miss Waters re-turns on Monday to her duties in Miss Norris' school at Cynwyd, a suburb of Philadelphia.

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W. H. Fernald, with his two daughters, Miss Evelyn Fernald and Mrs.
George S. Webber, accompanied by came earlier or later than the mornher husband, attended the committal ing's mail of Monday. service at the interment of their re-Leslie Blood assisted G. Fay Samp-son of the American Express team in the rush of the Christmas goods. cently deceased son and brother. An-thony H: Fernald, in Natick, on Wed-nesday. Mrs. Anthony Fernald, with their little son, came on with the remains from California.

There will be a conference and buf-fet lunch for the benefit of the music department of the Federated clubs at the Art club, Clarendon street, Bos-Miss Irene Tyrrell, teacher of his-tory and algebra in the junior high school, Springfield, came home for the Art cho, Charendon street, Bos-ton, on Saturday afternoon, January 6, at 12.30 o'clock. Luncheon will be followed by a discussion and sugges-tions by the committees of the clubs. All members of the Groton Woman's school, Springileid, came home for her Christmas vacation, leaving town Wednesday to spend a few remaining days of it with her sister in Hartford. Conn. It is interesting to note that Miss Tyrrell's pupils remembered her club planning to attend this interesting and important conference please with a five-dollar-gold piece wrapped communicate with Mis. C. B. Ames by in a one-dollar bill. January 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Coughlin spent Christmas with their daughter. Mrs. Frank Thomas, and family, in West P. Fitch, returned home this week Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Coughlin spent

Frank Thomas, and Jamily, in WestP. Fitch, returned home this weekmand of the lieutenants. In the ab-
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There was another good time at the old Chicopee schoolhouse on Wed-nesday evening. A Christmas and

new year's party, with thirty-three to choose in describing the communi-neighbors attending. They had recita- ty Christmas tree. We might say a neighbors attending. They had recita-tions, games, Victrola music and re-freshments—a fine time. Everybody was glad to see Miss Hazel Gibson there, an esteemed young lady, a teacher at Chicopee school for two or three years, home for Christmas from Phillipston, Me.

Phillipston, Me. The astonishing large Christmas mail on Monday morning is quite the town talk. The express team, that brought the sacks up to the office from the station had it seleigh filled high, and was as big a load as they could comfortably carry.

could comfortably carry. There was a very good attendance at the Grango on Tuesday evening. The program consisted of a plano solo by Lewis M.: Knapp; poem, Mrs. El-len A. Barrows; solo, Miss Mildred Kemp; farce, "Borrowing trouble." Refreshments of coffce, sandwiches and cake were served. The next meeting will be on January 9, for in-stallation of officers. Open meeting at Grange hall, Champney street. Miss Loig Wright reports an excep-

Miss Lois Wright reports an exceptionally fine patronage during the Christmas week at the Currier lunch.

Mrs. Needham entertained a house ill of company over Christmas.

ody of the deceased to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Roy spent Christ-mas day with Mr. and Mrs. E. K. farrington.

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tulle: Miss Anna Agassiz, lavender tulle: Miss Anna Agassiz, lavender tulle over lavender satin: Miss Sylvia Peabody, white tulle over cloth of sil-ver: Miss Edith Foster, crimson chif-fon and tulle: Miss Gertrude Hunne-bell blue breache setie set blue seti Miss Evadne Harrington who visited n Boston last week is now with rela-

Mrs. Sleeper is spending the winter with her son, Charels Sleeper, of Atwell, blue brocade satin and blue chif-fon; Mrs. Francis Gray, orchid pink satin; Mrs. John S. Parker, pink satin leboro.

The various telephone lines in the dilage have been largely out of com-nission during the past month, but tre once more approaching their normal condition.

Mrs. Rebecca Webber of Ayer has isited at the home of her son, G. S. Webber, this week.

The annual roll call supper of the church will be held at the hal

The Leroy Jewetts are busy prepar-ng to go South very soon. It is specied that he will build on land ourchased in Florida a few years ago. C. U. church will be neld at the name on Wednesday evening in charge of a committee of the L. A. society. The business meeting for annual reports and election of officers will follow at the church. Edwin Esten of Springfield came some for Christmas.

Groton Military Training School. Captain Porter B. Chase. First Corps Cadets, N. G. M., inspected the Provisional Company on Wednesday evening and gave an address on "Team work, subordination, discipline and leadership." There was a good attendance, about fifty officers and men being present; there were also twenty-five or thirty spectators. The inspection began with the core-mony of forming company line, the men marching up from the lower town hall by platoons, ander comtown hall by platoons, ander com-mand of the lieutenants. In the al-

Eugene Esten met with an accident while playing hockey. His face was badly cut and scratched and he nar-towly escaped injury to his eye. The Ladies' Aid society will hold it annual business meeting with Mrs. Edward Hallett on Thursday after-

Miss Ruth Mellish has spent the ho Mrs. Charles A. Hartwell, not Kim-ball, was one of the patronesses at idays with relatives in Cambridge. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mellish and Miss Anthe children's reception and ball last geline Farnsworth also spent (hrist-mas in Cambridge and while there at-tended a silver wedding. week

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BOXBOROUGH

The next meeting of the Woman's Alliance will be held in the yestry Friday afternoon, January 5, when Mrs. W. I. Nichols of Cambridge will

Mrs. W. I. Ni address the address the society. Miss Hazel Bradlee is to be the musician of the afternoon.

tree on Saturday evening brought to-gether a happy group of children and their friends, filling the vestry. The theme of the sermon next Sunday morning will be "What shall we carry over the line?" A new year's meeting will be held in the evening at seven o'clock, subject. "I commented here Herman Libby of Millis and sister, Miss Alice Libby, of Winthrop, were at home through the holiday season. Miss Vera Libby has resigned from

her position as teacher in Plymouth and has accepted a more desirable place on the teaching staff at Arling-ton in the seventh grade.

A. Heywood Knowlton has been en-tertaining his Dartmouth room-mate this week.

from the past." New Advertisements.

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December 28, January 11 and 18

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igners. The public is invited to attend these. neetings and discuss the appropriations, to the end that your Committee may have all available information. FRANK LAWRENCE BLOOD, M. JOSEPH CLEARY, HARRY P. TAINTER,

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Saturday, December 30, 1916.

AYER

News Items.

There will be a meeting of the ex-ecutive board of the Woman's club at the home of the president, Mrs. Dickerman, on Friday evening, Decembe 29. at 7.30.

The annual party of the Sewing School will be held in the upper town hall on Saturday afternoon, Decem-ber 30, at 2.30. The parents and friends are invited to be present.

Lyman K. Clark acted as toastmas ter at the annual reunion and banquet of the Alumni association of Proctor academy held at the Parker House, Boston, on last week Friday evening.

entertainer, Miss Elizabeth Sturde-vant, of Boston. "God's half acre," a five-part fea-ture, with Mabel Taliaferro, the gifted and charming little stage star in the leading part, is the attraction for this Saturday evening at the motion pic-ture show. This romantic drama is of unusual novely and appeal in which the noted actress is seen in one of her best efforts. This play will be follow-ed by two reels in the famous Beatrice Fairfax series—a complete story. The rhows on Christmas afternoon and evening were considered to be one of the best ever produced here and held the close attention of the audi-ences at both shows. On next Wed-nesday evening the feature will be "The brand of cowardice," a romantic story of the Mexican border, in five thrilling qcts, presenting the gifted Idonel Barrymore and Grace Valen-tine. The play is a wonderful pro-duction of supreme interest. This will be followed by a two-reel episode of "The Shielding Shadow," the famous serial, which is drawing to a close. The regular meetings of George S. Boutwell W B C, have bose drawing to ac The Peace and Unity club will hold its fifty-fourth emancipation concert and ball on Monday evening in the town hall. The program of the evenand ball on atomatic town hall. The program of the even-ing will begin with introductory reing will begin with introductory re-marks by the president of the club, Josoph J. Munoe, of Leominster. The concert program will follow. The speaker of the evening will be Jo-sephus Thomas, of Ayer. Bonnette and Donahue's orchestra, of Leomin-ster, will furnish music. A supper will be served in the lower hall. This an-nual event is looked forward to by the colored people as one of the greatest of the year, and members of the race come from many points to take part in the emancipation celebration. The regular meetings of George S. Boutwell W. R. C: have been changed from afternoon to evening. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday eve-ning. January 2, at 7 30

in the emancipation celebration. The officers of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., Capt. George V. Bar-rett camp. S. of V., and W. R. C. will be jointly installed in G. A. R. hall on Thursday evening, January 4. Sup-per will be served as usual previous to the installation exercises in the Or-the dox vestry at six o'clock. The business meeting of the post will be Thursday afternoon, January 4. at 2.30 o'clock. The three organizations will be installed in the order given. the ceremonies beginning at 7.30. All associate members of the G. A. R. are expected to supper and installation. A cordial invitation is also extended to the pastors of Ayer and their wives to supper and installation. to supper and installation.

Beginning with the new year George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., will meet in the afternoon instead of in the evening as has been the custom for many years. The W. R. C., who have since its organization held its meetings in the afternoon, will, beginning with the first meeting in January, have its meetings in the evening. first meeting in Janua meetings in the evening.

A chimney fire in the Woods house Fourth street was the cause of the on Fourth street was the cause of the fire department being called out last Saturday morning. The alarm was given from box 17 at the corner of feast Main and Pine streets shortly af-ter five o'clock. When the fire fight-ers arrived after their mile run, slide and two-steps on the slippery ice they, found that Alfred Yates had put out the fire with an extinguisher. There was no damage. was no damage

Vesta Rebekah lodge elected these offleers at the last meeting: Mrs. Mary E. Young, n. g.; Mrs. Blanche Water-man, v. g.; Mrs. Afle S. Washburn, sec.; Mrs. Ella F. Hovey, treas.; Miss Helen F. Kelleran, trustee 3 yrs.; Mrs. Nora T. Folkins, Mrs. Juliette L. Kid-der Fregenetium, the table to be the second der, representatives to Rebekah as sembly

A sleigh tipped over on its side Sun-A sleigh tipped over on its side sun-day night near the West Main street over-head bridge, throwing out the two strange occupants and breaking a shaft. The horse became frightened after the sleigh capsized and dragged it quite a distance before the animal It quite a distance before the animal could be stopped. An examination of the outlit, strange to say, showed no damage but the broken shaft, and the occupants escaped injury. The acci-dent happened when the sleigh run-ners caught in the electric car tracks.

These officers of the L. A., A. O. H., were elected at the last meeting: Miss Mary McCarthy, pres.; Miss Mary Skerritt, v. p.; Miss Susie F. Neylan, r. s.; Miss Harriett Cullian, f. s.; Mrs, Kate C. Carrigan, treas.; Miss Mary Carrigan, m. a.; Mrs, Mary Mullin, sent,

Mrs. Mary Anderson, a former resi-dent of Ayer, died in St. John's hospi-tal, Lowell, Thursday, 'December 21, aged thirty-four years. The cause of death was ulcers of the stomach, for which she had been under treatment for ten days. She leaves her husband and four children, Catherine, Robert, John and Loretta Anderson; a broth-er, John A. McDonald, of Ayer, and three sisters, Mrs. L. E. Canning of Cleveland, Ohio, and Miss Loretta Me-Denald, of Tolded, Ohio, former rest Toledo, Ohio, former resi-Domald of

Dead Woman Identified.

The woman who died on the expres The woman who died on the express train between Boston and Ayer last week Friday, an account of which was given in this paper last week, was identified as Mrs. Harriett S. Walker of Boston. The remains were taken to Leominster, where funeral services and interment took place on Tuesday fternoor

There was a large and happy fam-ily gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Yates Christmas. A boun-tiful dinner with all the fixings was served to those present and a Christ-mas tree, heavily laden, was a pleas-ant feature of the occasion, with a visit from Santa Claus to please the children. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Craig, Mrs. Yates' parents; Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Wa-terman and son Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Crawford and daughter Edessa, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Yates, daughter Evelyn and son Alfred, Mr. and Mrs. George Crawford and Mrs. Yates' brother, Lewis E. Craig and son, LeWis E. Craig, Jr., who has just returned from duty on the Mexicon very been connected in various capa-cities with the Y. W. C. A., and for the past ten years had been generally known as the religious instructor. Beand had also served in the capacities of evangelistic superintendent and cor-Yates' boother, Lewis E. (raig and son, Lewis E. (raig, Jr., who has just returned 'from duty on the Mexican border. The memories of the delight-ful gathering will linger long with those who were present responding secretary for both the Rhode Island and Massachuretts

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ning, January 2, at 7.30. Miss Madeline Carlson will enter St. Elizabeth hospital, Brighton, on Jan-uary 2 to prepare to be a nurse, the course extending over three years. Frank Coté has 'returned' from the Groton hospital, where he recently un-derwent an operation for appendicitis. Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas spint Christmas in Cambridge with their daughter, Mrs. L. H. Merchant. rigan

ices. Music for installation and en-tertainment furnished by the Harvard male quartet of Boston. Reader and entertainer, Miss Elizabeth Sturde-

vant. of Boston.

daughter, Mrs. L. H. Merchant. At about half-past ten Monday morning a large automobile stopped at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Benja-min Taft and from it were unloaded a number of people laden with bun-dles and all the good things which people have at Christmas time. On calling the roll there was found to be present—Mr. and Mrs. Elbert H. Flagg, Mr. and Mrs. Warres Flagg and son Ernest, Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. White, daughter Ruth and son Howard, and William L., Maurice, Irv-ing and Webster Flagg and the Misses

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ng and Webster Flagg and the Misse Ruth and Webster Flagg and the Misses Ruth and Dorothy Flagg, and with the heartiest of wishes made a little party of seventeen. After partaking of the usual good things with which a Christmas table is loaded, a c'hrist-mas tree was fixed up for the chil-dren and also for the grown-ups. A very pleasant afternoon was more

ps. A spent ery pleasant afternoon was ind everyone went home happy. At the Columbia hotel in Leomin

At the Columbia hotel in Leomin-ster there was a very pleasant Christ-mas family gathering held on Mon-day. The hosts were the proprietors of the Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graves, Among the guests from Ayer were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graves Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tuttle and daughter and Miss Ellen Graves, all relatives. A very elaborate dinner was served and everyone had an un-

relatives. A very elaborate dinner was served and everyone had an un-usually pleasant time. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Webb, who have been in Springfield for several days? are expected home this Saturday. Mrs. Webb's mother died there last week.

Miss Clara B. Thomas is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. L. H. Merchant, in Cambridge.

Merchant, in 'Cambridge. The annual parish meeting of the First Unitarian Parish church will be held next Wednesday evening in the Vestry, A supper free to all people of the parishewill be provided at 6.30, jointly by the Alliance and Girls' club. It 'is expected that the men will walt on the tables. Rev. Samuel Bastin Nobbs, field secretary for New Eng-land of the American Unitarian asso-ciation, will be the speaker. His sub-ject will be "The efficient church." Ils sub-jected to have a musical program

lected for the coming year: Mrs

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Mrs. Walker had for the past fifteen

those who were present. The following hostesses will enter-tain the Ayer Branch Alliance on Thursday afternoon, January 4, at She attended school in Boston and 2.30 o'clock at the Unitarian vestry: Mrs. Elson Bigelow, Miss Addie Har-low, Mrs. Albert Perkins, Mrs. S. H. Proctor. Miss Anna G. Taylor, who teaches school in Wilbraham, is spending the holidays at the home of her parents. Mr. Ad Mrs. Lyman J. Taylor. Louis O. Peiton has returned from Fitchburg, where he has been spend-ing the past month. Paul W. Carrigan, a student at Durtmouth college, is spending the Paul W. Carrigan, a student at Durtmouth college, is spending the Paul W. Carrigan, at the home of Difference the parents of the the home of Paul W. Carrigan, a student at Durtmouth college, is spending the Paul W. Carrigan, at the home of Paul W. Carrigan the home of Paul States of the service with that Paul W. Carrigan the home of Paul States of the service with that Paul W. Carrigan the home of Paul States of the States of the service with that Paul W. Carrigan the home of Paul States of the service with that Paul States of the service with

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Dartmouth college, is spending the Christmas vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Carrganization. Indistmas Services

Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., chose these officers at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening: Harry M. Howe, n. g.; John B. Washburn, v. g.; Walter C. Winslow, sec.; C. A. Fox, treas.; Elisha D. Stone, trustee 3 years Christmas Services. Christmas Sunday was observed with beautiful and impressive services at the First Unitarian Parish church.² With ideal weather there was an un-usually good attendance. The church presented a beautiful scene with its decorations of evergreen and laurel. Tall evergreen trees stood within the chancel next to the side walls.² A row²

Miss Annie Hillery returned from the Memorial hospital, Nashua, N. H., last Saturday, where she underwent an operation a short time ago. She is chancel next to the side walls.' A row of little trees were set at inter-vals along the outer chancel railing, branches filling the intervening spaces. The pulpit and lectern were decorated with trailing evergreen. Laurel wreaths adorned the piers of the main chancel arch. Trailing evergreen we laid Wallace G. Kittredge is at home for the holidays from his studies at Dart-mouth college.

Christmas tree exercises were given at the Baptist church last Saturday evening which were attended by a large gathering. J. Howard Pillman very acceptably filled the role of Santa Claus, distributing the presents from the tree. All had a splendid time. Warren L. Preble, superintendent of the Sunday school, presided. Chais, distributing the presents from minister read the offices and preached the sermon. The feature of the spectra of the sermon. The feature of the sermon. The feature of the spectra of the sermon. The service. The preached subject was "The Christmas star of based for the service was a union service with three clergymen taking part. The church was packed with a congregation of about 300, including covered in Ayer and other towns for level and Shirley Center. Levi W.

During the past year stolen property amounting to over \$5000 has been re-covered in Ayer and other towns for ley and Shirley Center. Levi Phelps, the church's oldest parishio w out of town police by Chief Beatty. The chief also made fourteen arrests during the same period for other police er, was among the attendants at the

er, was among the attendants at the vervice. The church presented a glorious scene at the evening service. Clusters of candles along the side walls dimiy lighted the body of the church. An electric light twinkled through the thick branches of each of the little trees set along the outer chancel rail-ing of the service, was lighted only by Mrs. Sarah Coolidge of Leominster has sold her house at the corner of Fletcher and Maple streets, occupied by Alfred Maynard, to J. Wesley Little. Edward L. Backus, our fish and game warden, spent ('hristmas at his home in Stockbridge.

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Just before the case was to be called in the Lowell court on Wednesday morning it was discovered that the al-leged crimes were committed outside the jurisdiction of the court in that city, and in the jurisdiction of the Ayer court. Accordingly, the prisoner was taken for trial to Ayer on Wed-nesday.

nesday. Cavalaris stated in his own defense nesday. Cavalaris stated in his own defense that he was not at the scene of the crimes on the night in question and consequently could not have commit-ted them. He claimed he went to Nashua, N. H., Tuesda, with another man and rode part way back to North Chelmsford and walked the remainder of the distance. He admitted being in Tyngsboro and Chelmsford, but said he did not reach there by riding on the car from Lowell, as testified to by the complainant. He said that he had \$22,50 in his pocket when searched at the Lowell police station, instead of twenty-four dollars, as stated by the police of Lowell. John C. Daffy, conductor on the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway, testified to seeing a man on his car. who resembled the defendant, the plaintiff being on the same car. The man wore a hat which was pulled over his eyes so that the upper part of his head could not be seen. The prisoner, at the suggestion of the

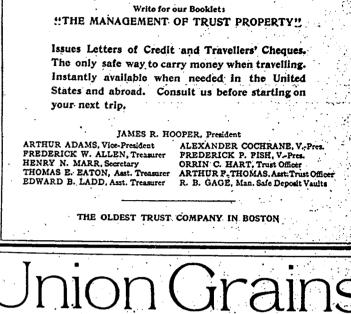
of his head could not be seen. The prisoner, at the suggestion of the court, put on his hat, and then asked the witness if he could identify him as the man on the car on Tuesday night to which a negative reply was given.

The witness said, however, that fresh footprints were discovered be-tween Forest road crossing and the end of the line at North Chelmsford, which gave rise to the belief that who-ever committed the crimes rode from where they were committed to the where they were committed to crossing, and then walked the ren erossing, and then walked the remain-der of the distance to North Chelms-ford, where the arrest occurred. Constable Gookin of North Chelms-ford told of

ford, where the arrest occurred. Constable Gookin of North Chelms-ford told of arresting the prisoner in that place. He took him to Lowell thinking the assault and robbery was committed in Chelmsford, which town comes under the jurisdiction of the police court of that city. After learn-ing his mistake he brought the man to Ayer for trial. It was learned from the constable that the prisoner is out on parole from the state prison in Charlestown, where he was serving a sentence of from four to six years for similar crimes at those he is charged with committing Tuesday night. Judgo Atwood stated at the close of the evidence that he was not en-tirely satisfied of the prisoner's guilt in the cases at bar. However, he felt it his duty to hold the man for further judical investigation. As the offenses charged are felonies and therefore be-yond final jurisdiction in this court, the court ordered the prisoner held for the January term of the superior court to be held in ('ambridge. Bail was fixed at \$1000 in default of which the prisoner was taken to the East Cambridge jail to await trial. The witnesses in the case personally recog-nized in fifty dollars each for their appearance at the higher court. appearance at the higher court.

Archie Maynard pleaded guilty, to a complaint for assault and battery on A. Paul Fillebrown and paid a fine of five dollars this week Friday morning The beginning of the trouble which led to the assault and battery was at the fire at Judge Sanderson's house on December 16. Fillebrown, who is a fireman, stated to the court that on that occasion he asked Maynard, who was standing near the front door in-side the building, to go out and that Maynard made a reply in which he told Fillebrown then, as became his rights to protect property and assist in putting out the fire, used force, said force being a glancing blow on May-nard's face.

nard's face. Nothing further happened till last Saturday night when Maynard met his recent opponent on Oak street. Fille-brown said Maynard without any talk brown said Maynard without any talk began the assault. After the trouble was over the police were notified. Maynard stated to the court in his own defense that he had stopped Fil-lebrown on last Saturday night and several times prior to using force he asked him for an apology for his ac-tion at the fire. The apology was not given and then the assault was com-mitted. He said he considered he had as much right to strike Fillebrown as the latter had to strike him. The court then imposed sentence.



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Domaid of Toledo, Ohio, former resi-dents of Ayer, and Mrs. B. Henevry of Halifax, N. S. The functal was held on last Saturday afternoon with serv-ices at St. Patrick's church in Lowell at three o'clock. The interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery in that city. lows: Ayer, 25 employees, \$964,00; Pepperell 9, employees, \$229,45; Gro-ton, 6 employees, \$145,27; Townsend, 4 employees, \$105.00. Federated church-The subject of

the service church—The subject of the service subject of the subject of the service subject of the subject of t Miss Amy E. Lougee spent Christ-mas with her grandmother, Mrs. S. N. Lougee, in Brockton, where Mrs. Lou-gee is spending the winter. o'clock. At the evening service Mr. Strong will speak on the subject of "Billy Sunday's theology." Mid-week service on Thursday evening at 7.30. The devotional text for the week will be John 4, 1-42.

Several from Ayer attended the community Christmas tree exercises held in Depot square, Shirley, on last Sunday evening.

Among those who spent Christmas Among those who spent Christmas here, in addition to those already men-tioned, were Fred Bafrows from Wes-leyan college, Middletown, Conn.; Frederick F. Foley, from Newport, R. L; Thomas F. Walsh, from Lancaster; Harry Sullivan, from Harpswell, Va.

be John 4, 1-42. The meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon, January 3, in Hardy's hall, is to be open to the public and is in charge of the Civies comulitee, Mrs. Carrie B, Bigelow, chairman. The speaker will be Mrs. Charles A. Briggs of Norwood, a mem-ber of the Civies department of the State Federation. It is hoped that a good number will be present. At the meeting of Ida McKinker We have been requested to ask the people to remember the birds at this time by providing them with food during this severe weather and particduring this severe weather and partic-ularly before another fall of snow comes. Our feathered friends, partic-ularly quail and pheasants, who are known as "ground feeders," find it hard to get food when snow covers the ground. Food that has already been At the meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., held on Wednesday evening, the following officers were given since the snow come will be covered by the time the next snowstorm arrives and leave them without noth-ing to eat unless food is given. Scraps of bread, meat or other foods will provide for the birds' needs. Food for this purpose may be procured of the state fish and game commission free

The sacred choral cantata, "The The sacred choral cantata, The hope of the world," will be repeated at the morning service at the First Unitarian Parish church on Sunday, January 7, when Mrs. Beckford and Mirs Clark, of the quartet, will have returned from away.

The pastor will preach in the Bap-The pastor will preach in the Bap-tist church on Sunday morning at 10.45 on "Epenezer." Sunday school at tweive. Praise meeting at soven in the evening by the young people's chorus and congregation, with solos, ducts, quartets, etc. Subject of ser-mon, "The last day." B. Y. P. U. on Tuesday evening at 7.30. Weekly preven meeting on Thursday evening improvement in her condition.

duets, quartets, etc. Subject of ser-mon, "The last day." B. Y. P. U. on Tuesday evening at 7.30. Weekly prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30. A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening at 6.30 o'clock, Warren L. Preble will install the of-ficers, assisted by Ira G. Dwinell, The installation will be public to the ladies, each member having the privilege of modified a year in Berlin under Ludwig Bussler: taught music at Smith col-lege 1859-95 and has been professor. At the time of inviting two guests. Turkey supper

action include in the baryote hall at poser and professor. At the time of poser and professor. At the time of will be served in the baryote hall at prof. Gow's birth, his father, the Rev. seven o'clock. An entertainment will take place after the installation serv- tist minister here.

cvening, January 9. Christmas tree exercises were held in St. Andrew's church Wednesday evening which attracted a large audi-ten." was sung antiphonally by the ence which was well pleased. There was no regular program. John Eagan of Hudson, a well Lev.

John Eagan of Hudson, a well known former resident of Ayer, died in the former town this week Friday lery. The sacred chural cantata, "The in the former town this week Friday morning. He was a civil war veteran. The Christmas tree and party for the children of the Unitarian church school was held last week Friday eve-ning. Supper was served and the little people had a royal ground the ablest musical achievement of local musi-

ittle people had a royal good time.

Berkley T. Larrabee has been unable to attend to his duties for a few days on account of an attack of la grippe. Christmas tree exercises were held Christmas tree exercises were held in the Congregational church last week Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock with Rev. J. S. Strong as Santa Claus. There was no regular program. Supper was served at 5.30. On Sunday evening at 6.30 there was a program consisting of singing and speaking by the children of the Sunday school. There was also an exercise by the camp-fire girls.

David H. Young and Augustus Lave-

y have ended their duties as jurors in the superior court.

clected for the coming year: Mrs. Al-ma L. Brown, worthy matron; John Traquair, worthy patron; Mrs. Eva W. Harlow, associate matron; Mrs. Annie E. Fillebrown, sec.; Mrs. Eileen G. Sawyer, treas; Miss Lucy B. Wyman, conductress; Mrs. Mary E. Fillebrown, associate conductress; Elisha D. Stone, trustee, 3 years. These officers with those appointed will be installed at the annual meeting held January 24. Our new holiday. New Year's duy James J. O'Brien, past commander of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., has accepted an appointment as aide-de-camp on the staff of the national ommander of that organization. This

commander of that organization. This areat honor is all the more appreciated by Mr. O'Brien as it came to him from national headquarters of the G. A. R. without any effort being made on his part to secure it. The national com-mander took occasion in the official the benediction. Our new holiday, New Year's day, next Monday, will be observed gen-erally by the stores in town closing. District Court. circular containing the appointment to compliment Mr. O'Brien for his in-terest in the organization and for his efforts in its behalf. The public schools will reopen next Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Lucy Rhoades, mother of Mrs. J. M. Lynds, of Pleasant street, who has been quite sick and is under the care of a trained nurse, remains about the same with perhaps a slight The musical people of the town will be particularly interested in the fact that Ayer was the birthplace of

Sunday service—Regular offices, lit-any and sermon at 10.45. Music: Prelude, "Voluntary in B flat," Ley-bach: "Seven-fold amen," Stainer; "Festival Venite in G," Solly; "Te deum," Stanford; offertory solo, Mrs, Ruby Felch Smith; postlude, "Reces-sional march," Schultz. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "The new year." Church school at tweive.

profit.

A social afternoon of the Ayer Branch Alliance was held at the home of Mrs. George H. B. Turner on Thursday

Thursday. The warrant has been posted an-nouncing the annual parish meeting to be held on Wednesday evening. Jan-uary 3. in the vestry. A supper is to be provided to the parish jointly by the Alliance and Girls' club. It is expect-ed to have a speaker of note from away and a program of entertainment. On Sunday the preacher will point out what the new year's ideals are both for the individual member and for the church. The genuineness of a religion is attested in the individual by characinusical achievement of local musi-cians in any church service ever held in the town. The rendition of Rubin-stein's "Fragment" from the "Fourth piano trio," as an interlude, by the organist and Walter S. Lougee, 'cellist, was particularly artistic. The whole for all the musical program was a triumph for all the musical program was a triumph for all the musicians, but particularly for Mr Shattuck, the brilliant young organist, who planned and directed it. The choir sang as an offertory num-ber the lovely old English carol, "The first Novell", bulk with the content

first Nowell." Following the offertory first Nowell." Following the offertory Rev. J. W. Thomas read the lesson. The hymn before the sermon was Phillips Brooks. "O little town of Bethlehem." Rev. J. Selden Strong was the preacher. His sermon, on the sub-ject, "The message of Christmustide." in its grace of the web was strictly in is attested in the individual by er, and in the church by the quality of its public service.

Christian Science Society of Ayer.

Christian Science Society of Ayer. Service is held every Sunday morn-ing in G. A. R. hall at 10.30. The subject for Sunday, December 31, is "Christian Science." There will be a meeting on Wednesday evening, Jan-uary 3, instead of on this week. Wed-nesday as announced last week, where testimonies of Christian Science heal-ings will be the first Wednesday even-ings of each month at 7.30. All are cordially invited. Ject. "The message of Christmustide," in its grace of thought was strictly in keeping with the high order of the rest of the service. After the final hymn, "Today be joy in every heart," the minister dismissed the people with

Kostas Cavalaris, of Lowell, was ar-Prices Reduced-Why Not Here?

Kostas Cavalaris, or Loweil, was ar-raigned Thursday morning on a com-plaint for assault and robbery in Gran-lieville on Tuesday night. The vic-tim of the alleged crimes and the complainant in the cases is Karl Can-

compliment Mr. O'Brien for his in-terest in the organization and for his efforts in its behalf. Beginning next Wednesday there will be a matinee every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon at the motion pic-ture show in Page hall. On Wednes-days the shows start at 3.35; on Satur-days at three. This is done in order that the school children any witness these high-class photoplays at half price who cannot go in the evening The prices at the matinees will be five cents for the school children and twenty cents. Liceory C. Smith, principal of the Lincoln grammar school in Nutley, N. J., is at his home here for the Christ-mas vacation. Miss Edith Neylan, commercial teacher in the junior high school in Somerville, is spending her Christmas vacation at home.

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TOWNSEND

Center.

Dr. and Mrs. Charlton were made especially joyous at the Methodist par-sonage Christmas morning by receiv-ing a cablegram from their son. Benjanin Charlton, from the war zone, 'somewhere in France," and at the "somewhere in France, and at the Congregational parsonage Rev, and Mrs. Struthers received merry Christ-mas greetings by telegram from their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. David G. Howard, Harrisburg.

Several members of the Methodis Several members of the Alefhoust and Congregational Sunday schools sang sweet Christmas carols out-of-doors Sunday evening at the homes of the sick and the shut-ins of our village

The Grange meeting was omitted on Monday evening. The installation of officers will take place Monday even-ing, January 8. Leslie R. Smith, over-seer of the State Grange, of Hadley, will be the installing officer. A ban-quet will follow the installation. In charge of Mr, and Mrs. T. E. Flarity.

Twenty-five bags of mail were re-ceived at the Center postoflice Christ-mas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Livingston spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Ellioft, in Greenville, N. H.

Leland Woods, of Nashua, enjoyed the Christmas season with Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Woods.

Mrs. Frank A. Woods. Mrs. M. L. White, her father, J. Lawrence, and C. Mudgett, spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. A. L. Marshall in Lawrence. Marshall in Lawrence.

Marshall in Lawrence. Marshall in Lawrence. The many friends of Mrs. Erander Wright are sorry to learn that she is ill again. A trained nurse is attend-ing her. Much sympathy is also ex-pressed for the Noah Wallace house-hold on Brookline street, where all the members are ill. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haynes and Mrs. Wallace still remains very ill. Mrs. Charles Park-er, a nurse from Pepperell, and George Davis is attending them. Miss Mabel Temple is assisting with the house-work. Mr. Haynes' sons, Herman of Medford, and Rowland of New York have assisted in caring for the sick ones in the home this week. Miss Mary Alice Welch. daughter

have assisted in caring for the sick ones in the home this week. Miss Mary Alice Welch, daughter of Mrs. Mary Welch, of West Towns-end, and Robert Conley Brown, of Mt. Airy, N. C., were united in marriage Tuesday morning at ten o'clock at St. John's church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Fr. Barry, of Pep-perell. The couple were attended by Miss Katherine Brown, sister of the groom, and Louis Welch, brother of the bride. The bride wore a dark blue traveling suit and white hat, and car-ried brida! roses. The maid of honor wore a wine-colored dress, trimmed with black fur, and picture hat. Mrs. Brown is a graduate of the high school and popular as a singer in this and her home village, possessing an unusually rich and strong voice. Mr. Brown was formerly, employed at the West Towns-end quarry, and is now foreman of the granite works in Mt. Airy, N. C., where their new home will be made. ('enter friends extend best wishes for a happy and nosperous future. friends extend best wishes for a happy

friends extend best wishes for a happy and prosperous future. A very pleasant T. H. S. 1915 class party was given Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Arlene Clarke. The rooms were prettily decorated with the Christmas colors, including the lunch-cors toble with elebh of Christmas detable with cloth of Christmas de eon table with cloth of Christmas de-sign and place cards of tiny red stock-ings. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess, followed by a hunt for Christmas gifts which she had hidden about the rooms for her guests, the ladies receiving embroidered handkerand the gentlemen initial handchiefs and the generation was spent talking over past school days. Their former genial entertainer and class-mate, Almas, Russell, now of Darttormer genial entertainer and class-mate, Almas Russell, now of Dart-mouth 'college, was prevent with his ever ready witticisms. Lester Swick-er, another member of the class, is a er, another member of the class, is a student at Bates college; Ian Rusk is clerk in the Townsend National bank; Leland Woods, shipping clerk in Nash-ua, N. H.; Miss Hilda Johnson is now Mrs. Ana Notonen and lives in Fitch-burg; Miss Lillian Floyd lives at home in Townsend; Miss Alma Johnson is a student at the Fitchburg Normal school Mrs. Augustus W. Balley, of East

Mrs. Augustus W. balley, of Ease Boston, announces the engagement of her daughter. M.ss Sybil Evans Bailey, to Harry Fletcher Knight, of this Star lodge.

The ladies of the M. E. church held their annual fair and sale on Wednes-day afternoon of last week. A food sale was added, instead of the supper, The Christmas concert at the Bap-tist church last Sunday evening was one of the best given for some years, the singing by the school and by the All-Ready class and the exercises by the little ones and recitations by the older ones being all heartily appreci-ated. The room was decorated with Christmas groups by the All-Ready and, evening entertainment omitted, much to the disappointment of many. A very pleasant whist party was held at the home of Mrs. R. A. Lan-"hristmas greens by the All-Read; lass of girls. Mrs. Mary Foster accompanied he

neid at the nome of ans, it, it, it fait cey on last week Wednesday after-noon. There were six tables of pro-gressive whist. Mrs. Wilbur Bruce re-ceived first prize and Mrs. Charles Worcester consolation prize. Mrs. R. A. Lancey and Mrs. T. E. Flarity were bootsources. hostesser Among those home for the holidays were Miss Helen Whitcomb, Lester C.

were Miss Helen Whitcomb, Lester C. Swicker, Milton W. Wilder and Guy Hiltz. Wedding. 'The Coopers' union will hold their annual concert and ball on Friday

evening, January 12, evening, January 12. The community Christmas tree was held on last Saturday evening in Me-morial hall at six o'clock. The pro-gram was much shorter than usual, as the hall had to be cleared for mo-tion pictures at \$.30, and this was ac-compilished by the good work of the committee in charge. Too much credit cannot be given this committee, for no one can realize the vast amount of work there, is to be done from the start to the flish unless they have worked on this committee. There-were-printed Christmas carols passed: oùt by ushers and the entertalmment began by the singing of a Christmas carol, then prayer by Dr. Charlton; exercise, three children; a Christmas play, "Tiny Tim," children of the sev-enth grades; folk dance and song, chil-dren of the second and third grades; singing of more carols, after which Santa Claus arrived with presents for about. 400 children, which with the help of his assistants, were distributed after which Rev. A. L. Struthers gave the benediction. The community ('hristmas tree

the benediction. Fiftieth Anniversary.

Fiftieth Anniversary. North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., cele-brated its fiftieth anniversary on Tues-day evening, December 19. About 165 were present, which included mem-bers, their families, grand officers and invited guests. The occasion will long be remembered by all who were fortu-nate enough to attend, the fraternal spirit being very much in evidence. The literary program began at from Boston, Mrs. Thomas Martin from Ayer and Mrs. A. D. Winship of this village. The wedding party left on the 5.15 train for Boston, and the bride and groom took their departure by auto amid a shower of rice and confetti. After a reception held on Wednesday evening at the home of the groom's aunt in Boston, the couple leave for Mount Airy, N. C., where Mr. Browne has a position as foreman of a granite guarry. They were the recipients of spirit being very much in evidence. The literary program began at eight o'clock and consisted of several eight o'clock and consisted of several vocal solos by Miss Estella Farrar, and solos on the French horn by John Piper, and the history of North Star lodge from its institution in 1866 up to the present time by George A. Wilder, which was written in a most pleasing manner, doing away entirely with the traditional dryness of histories. Many spoke publicly as well as privately their appreciation of it and it was the sentiment of all present that the lodge would do well to have it printed. Af-iter the reading of the history (fifford L. Mahoney, grand master of the quarry. They were the recipients of many beautiful gifts in silver, cut glass, china, linen and money, and the best wishes of a host of friends follow them to their new home. Miss Welch is a native of this vil-lage, a graduate of the public schools here, and was employed for a couple of years as assistant in the postoffice. She is a talented musician, both a public singer and a planist, and has sung in Boston and vicinity and in Greenville. N. H., in all of, which places she has been very successful. ouarry. r would do well to have it printed. Af-d ter the reading of the history ('lifford s. L. Mahoney, grand master of the grand lodge, was introduced by the r noble grand of North Star lodge, y Frank A. Wood, and he made quite lengthy remarks on the good work Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were doing all over our land in ministering in a substantial way to the sick and suf-fering, working hand in hand with the church. He also expressed his great pleasure in being able to participate in the celebration of the fiftieth birth-day of North Star lodge. The history of the lodge showed a remarkable record in many ways for a country lodge, there having been two grand masters of the grand lodge of Massachusetts, Albert L. Fessenden and Sumner P. Lawrence, both mem-bers of this lodge. There are no liv-ing charter members, but several are living who joined the lodge the even-ing it was instituted, but owing to their advanced age were not able to a tend. After the remarks of the grand mas-Christmas Guests.

Wright and son Richard, from Win-throp, and Miss Lena Thompson, from Norwood, with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson: Willis Nelson and Miss Myrtle Hobart, of Waltham, with Mrs. Mary Robbins: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin, from Ayer, with Mrs. A. D. Winship; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bray-ton and son Randell and Albert Ad-ams, from Providence, R. I.; Miss Rena Clapp, of Cliftondale, with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Waite; Miss Grace Thompson of Attleboro, Mabel Thomp-son of Boston and Agnes Thompson

their advanced age were not able to attend. After the remarks of the grand mas-ter a line of march was formed and those present adjourned to the ban-quet hall where a bounteous banquet was served. Owing to the large num-ber present necessitating the setting of a second table, the after-dinner speeches were given in the main hall. There were remarks from Grand In-structor Webber, Grand Marshal Doi-loff and Past Grand Master Emerson of Milford, N. H., and many others which were enjoyed by all, after which the party broke up at a late hour, all expressing themselves as having spent an evening long to be remembered. and hoping to be able to attend the 100th birthday anniversary of North Star lodge.

Baptist Sunday school was need in the yestry on Monday evening with a good attendance. The room was trimmed with Christmas greens and a very pretty tree appropriately dressed and well filled with gifts stood in one cor-ner of the room. The following pro-ner of the room.

Mrs. Benjamin Houck is spending a ew weeks with friends in Washing The Christmas concert at the Bapm, D, Ø.

On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs George Ryan went to Greendale, where they celebrated the day with Mrs. Ryan's sister and family.

Mr. McCleery announces that on January 1 the fare from the common to station will be as usual: outside the common the fare will be twent-five cents and upwards, according to distance.

grandson, S. Leroy Shapleigh, to his home in Cambridge on Christmas day for a visit. Miss Katherine Waters is home this week for the holiday recess from her Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stickney, o Nashua, and Miss Una Walker, from Waltham, visited friends in town this week.

Some of our bachelor boys are bemoaning the missing leap year dance party that usually takes place about ce in four years.

Wedding. Miss Mary Alice Welch, daughter of Mrs. Mary Weich, of this village, and Robert C. Browne, of Mount Airy. N. C. were united in marriage Tuesday morning, December 26, at ten o'clock at the Catholic church at the Center, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Fr. Barry, of Pepperell, in the pres-ence of her family and a large number of friends and neighbors, who offered their best wishes and hearty congratu-lations to the happy couple at the re-ception following the ceremony. The wedding march and music for the re-ception was furnished by Miss Irene Maguire, and the couple were attend-ed by Miss Catherine Browne, of Bos-ton, sister of the groom, and Louis Welch, of Townsend, brother of the bride. After the reception the party returned to the home of the bride, where a wedding breakfast was serv-John Lee has sold his property of the little common to the Catholic so the atthe common to the Catholic so-ciety of the town, including the land on the Oak hill road. Mr. Lee re-served the barn, which he intends to take down and build over into a five-roam build over into a fivecom bungalow.

Webster Sawyer, of Weymouth, perft Sunday and Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunlop Smith, with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kingman, spont the holidays with their brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Whitiev.

Walter A. Dickson, of Ayer, Christmas with his parents here: Mi and Mrs. W. F. Dickson, and family Mrs. F. E. Hurtshorn and Miss Nel lie Hartshorn visited a part of this week with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. May-nard. here a wedding breakfast was serv-

The bride wore her traveling gown The bride wore her traveling gown of military blue, trimmed with fur, and a white pleture hat, and carried birthday party to her friends on last baby a bouquet of violets. The party at the breakfast consisted of Mrs. Máry Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Welch of Rochester, N. H., George Welch and little son from Gloucester, Louis Welch of Townsend, Misses Katherine and Sadle Browne and Miss Sadle Gill from Boston, Mrs. Thomas Martin trow Aver and Mrs. A. Winship of , Miss Rosamond Cleaves

The annual union Christmas tree and entertainment was held in the town hall on Tuesday evening. A large party of childreń, with their parents, were present and Santa Claus (Bert Cleaves) remembered them all. A chorus of mixed voices under the direction of H. A. Thayer made the evening pleasant with Christmas arols

The carol singers made the rounds of the common on Christmas eve-singing before the houses, the effect being very pleasant indeed.

MF, and Mrs. Gardner Hapzood spent Christmas day with their son and family. Wesley Hapgood, in Waltham.

The officers-elect of Harvard Grange The officers-elect of Harvard Grange will be installed into office on Tuesday evening, January 2, and it is expected that C. F. Watts, of Littleton, will do the work: A class for initiation in March is being formed. Lecturer Frank P. Abbott has a very attractive program out for the year 1917. Come Tuesday and get your surprise!

A union meeting of the junior mem-bers of the Bird club will be held if the town hall on Saturday afternoon January 6, at two o'clock. Jame Peters will show some of his mounter Among the Christmas, guests in town were Mr. and Mrs. George Wright and son Richard, from Winreters will snow some of his hounded bird specimens and speak on winter feeding. All those who have not pald their membership dues for 1917 are asked to bring them to this meeting. Older members are also invited to the meeting.

The pastor will have charge of the morning service at the Congregational church Sunday. The usual object ser-mon for the junior members of the mon for the junior memory of the gular congregation will precede the regular sermon. A. T. West will sing a sólo. Rev. A. T. Fuller was elected super-intendent of the Sunday school at the annual business meeting of the guurch held last week and he will begin his held last week and he will begin held last week and he will begin his work Sunday morning. A new class for young ladies has been organized and there will be a special service of song at the becoming of each session. The Y. P. S. C. E. will hold its last prayer meeting of the year Sunday evening at seven of clock, with Miss S.

A. Davis as leader. The subject will be "Lessons to learn from the past." Next week the newly organized soci-ety will take up the work under the revised constitution and with new of-

ficers. A pleasant feature of the Christmas eve in the village was the carol sing-ing by members of the Makamacheck-amuck Camp-frie, assisted by two or three of their friends. A start was made at a little before six o'clock and for about an hour the shut-ins and others about the village were visited by the girls and given the privilege of hearing the beautiful Christmas and events occur which make of hearing the beautiful initiated songs. Many homes were illuminated in honor of the occasion and frequent applause testilied to the fact that this form of Christmas celebration is very nuch appreciated. The pastor of the Unitarian church will preach a new year's sermon on Sunday morning, and in the evening, at seven o'clock, the sermon subject will be "The soul's destiny." At the next regular meeting of the Men's club a speaker will be present At the next regular meeting of the Men's club a speaker will be present from the tax commissioners' office in Hoston to explain the new income tax law. As this is a subject which in-terests all the residents of Harvard they are invited generally to attend the meeting at the town hall on Sun-day evening, January 7.



Allegory

her greeting.

woman.

Another woman!

hard, bright eyes.

will always find me."

to him, laughed

loudly and, tear-

ing a rose from

those at her

breast, tossed it

to him, as with a

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passed on. The

rose fell on the

snow powdered

walk, and when the New Year

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ed it up, lo, it was

scentless, and as

its crimson petals

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Another form

came in sight-in

the garb of a

guessed that his name was Mercy.

Very cold it grew as the New Year

turned into a mean street, so cold

that he sought refuge in the porch of

a darkened house. Yet there prevailed

such a grateful warmth that he press-

ed back to learn its cause and so

brushed against a boy-a boy with a

wan, beautiful face, tangled hair and

rapt eyes. Shabby, desolate and tired

he looked, yet the New Year was won

"Why are you here alone?" he asked.

"I am never alone." corrected the

"Not yet," begged Love, and he tried

to bar the stranger's way. But at sight

of the scythe the other bore Love's

"Mine is the best gift of all," whis

pered the newcomer as he bent over

Silently the New Year walked alone

with the night and the stars and the

scurrying snow.4 And as he hurried on

great wings drooped.

boy, and he stepped aside so that

the New Year caught the fragrance

derfully attracted to him.

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heart.

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mockingly.

smile set him dreaming of green woods

"All hull!" she cried mockingly.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, men and women!

Happy New Year, girls and boys! Let me wish you all sincerely Twelve months brimming full of

and golden sunshine, of vague, sweet ioys. May new hopes and aspirations Stir within your hearts today, Scaring last year's disappointments From your memories away.

Turn around and face the sunshine With its constant warmth and cheer.

Firm resolving you will seek it

Every day throughout the year. Clouds which darken your horizon, While you're gazing toward the light.

Are collections of thin vapor Which will soon drift out of sight

Let unselfish love for others Prompt you oft to noble deeds; Flowers blooming by the roadside Are more beautiful than weeds.

Through life's mazes we all wander, Many stumble as though blind, So a helping hand be often

Stretching forth to lift mankind.

May this Now Year be much better Than the other years you've passed; Let it be a strong foundation, Built to hold your future fast. Use enough good bricks and mortar So your edifice won't snake Should the earth begin to tremble With a war or giant quaka

Grace Sorenson in Omaha World-Herald.

•••••• hood about his tranquil face. His eyes were upon the A New Year's Day ground, and his lips moved in prayer for all mankind. So tender and pitiful Reflection was his face that even before he cried "Miserere Domine!" the New Year

LL years are not alike in A value to the race or the individual; neither are all There are black days and days. white days, weeks that are burdensome and weeks that are like a merry chime of bells, months that rumble with the thunder of defeat and months that resound



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things that were still unknown to him. Our Specialty is the Handling of the Very Best Indeed, so deeply did he dream that as he walked he collided with another Vermont Butter and Cheese

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Thompson of Attleboro, Mabel Thompson from Fitchburg, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Patch; S. Leroy Shapleigh, of Cambridge, with Mrs. Mary Poster; John Rideout of Nashua, N. H., Mrs. Moses Denault and children from Hollis, N. H., and Herbert McNayr from Nashua, N. H., with Gilbert Mc-Nayr; Mr, and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, of Webster, at their home on Stevens' hill; Mr, and Mrs. Dwinell and chil-dren, from North Easton, with Alex-ander Reed, and Miss Annie David-son, from Boston, with Mr, and Mrs. William Sheldon. Sunday School Christmas Tree. The regular Christmas tree of the Baptist Sunday school was held in the

. They were the recipients of beautiful gifts in silver, cut

The Birthday cuto will hold its John January 4, at the home of Mrs. Allce Marshall, school street. Hostesses, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Mary Sherrin, Mrs. Gertrude Hodgman, Mrs. Harriet Spaulding. West.

Spaulding. The next meeting of the Townsend Monday club will be held on Monday afternoon, January 8, with Mrs. C. F. Worcester. Arthur W. Lamb, of West Groton, will be the speaker of the af-ternoon; subject. "Paper-making." West. Henry B. Hathaway spent the week-end in Boston, where he visited his wife in the hospital at Jamalea Plain, and finds her much improved and very pleased with the many cards, gifts and remembrances received from her friends and neighbors here.

On last Sunday evening the follow-ng impressive Christmas service was held at the Congregational church: heid at the Congregational church: Organ recital, "Marche nuptiale," "Cradle song," "Chorus of angels." Albert G. Seaver, the church organist; mellophone solo. John J. Piper; an-them, "O little town of Bethlehem." choir; responsive reading; hymn; scripture; solo, "The Christ is born today," Miss Stella Farrar; prayer; choir; responsive reading, hjohn scripture; solo, "The Christ is born today," Miss Stella Farrar; prayer; response, "Holy night"; mellophone solo, Mr. Piper; reading, Mrs. Frank Warren, "Bishop Beady's Christmas experiences," touching incidents of life on the western plains.

Mrs. F. C. Parker left for Hoboken. N. J., last Saturday, to join her hus-band, who is employed by the Fessen-den Cooperage Co., for the winter Lawrence.

Saturday.

Boston announces the engagement of her duality of North Star Jodge's and the starter the speed of the starter sta

The Shaker settlement had a fire scare on Wednesday morning, when the roof timbers caught fire from an overheated chimney. Cail was sent to Ayer and Harvard, the Ayer boys ar-riving first with the Harvard chemical close second. The fire was put up with the small extinguishers and no very great damage was done, although had it not been for the quick work of the Ayer boys the loss would have

Mrs. Carrie Chase, of Groton. is stopping for the present with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook. een serious. Harvard people will be interested to hear from our venerable townsman, Alfred R. Willard, who is now in Mon-Mrs. Alexander Reed assisted at the brary in the reading-room on las the reading-room on last

Alfred R. Willard, who is now in slow treal, Canada, with his daughter, Mr and Mrs. Harry Wright. On Christ-mas day Mr. and Mrs. Wright served dinner to Willard Bagster and Fred Page, both from Harvard, now work. a few days with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Nellie Newell has returned from several weeks' work in Ashby and opened her home on Main street. ing in Montreal, as special guests of Mr. Willard. In fact, it was a real Christmas reunion of our townspeople

A family party, composed of D. C. Taylor and his daughter, Mrs. Fred Walter Davis, enjoyed their Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lewise Party and the party of the party o breds.

day evening, January 7. "The oval diamond." in five acts, featuring Harris Gordon, Robert Led-yard, Barbara Giroy and Sylva Daunt, will be the feature at the motion ple-ture show this Saturday evening; also, a farce and Our Weekly. On January a great show will be given for the a farce and Our Weekly. On January 3, a great show will be given for the benefit of the Clinton hospital.

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NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Stock olders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Bank Rooms on Monday, January 1, 1917, at ten o'clock A. M., to choose a Board of Directors for the year ensuing, and act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

4t14 C. B. WILLARD, Cashler. Townsend, Mass., Dec. 5, 1916.

and events occur which make and saw that the weeks resemble the Alletwo great wings ghenies, mountain heights gathwere furled beered together like a great comhind him, and in pany of giants whose shining helthe shadow of mets are visible though you have his wings an old traveled far away and stand on man and an old your horizon line; in still another woman crouched some day or week with its wontogether. How drous happenings rises from the tired, how poor, they looked! But plain of memory like a veritable Mont Blanc, and though sevenan expression of ty years be counted in your calineffable tenderendar you still see its summit and say, "That was the hour ness shope on their pinched when my new life began." faces as they

lay, white head against white

head, chilled New Year's Eve Among the Rayahs. breast against The Greeks who dwell in Turkish chilled breast. territory and are subjects of the sul-"I am all they tan are known as Greek Rayahs. They have," whisperfollow the Greek calendar, according ed Love as tears to which Jan. 1 comes on our Jan. 14. filled his wonder-New Year's eve is a great time for the ful eyes. "They Rayah boys. As soon as they ring the have never failbell of a house the door is thrown open ed me, and I shall stay with them un and the voice of the master is heard, til the end." saying, "Let the boys in at once! Give them money, fruit and all that they can "I am the End!" called another voice. carry of St. Basil's cake. Come on, and a grim figure mounted the steps.

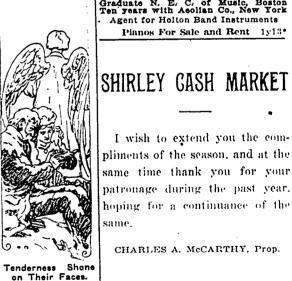
servants; fill their pockets while they give us their song! Then the poor children, delighted by the warm welcome of the host and the

profusion of dainty things given them, sing with frenzy the romantic little tale of St. Basil, patron saint of the the forlorn couple. home and of the young, and end with the calling down of numerous blessings on the generous family during the new year.-Youth's Companion.

On the First Morning. It is curious to find the Puritan

Death," he cried-"all mine! How shall Judge Sewell a bater of all holidays I choose from among you?" and set days, recording with much A shadow fell across him: there was pleasure his being awakened on New Year's morning in sober Boston in 1698 a sound as of wings beating the air, by a levet or blast of trumpets, and he

and Love, rosy, triumphant and etercelebrated Jan. 1, 1700, which he thought was the opening of a new nal, caught his hands. "Let me go with you all your days," he pleaded, "for mine is the gift which sweetens century, by writing a very poor poem and causing it to be cried or recited Charity, vanquishes Sin, glorifles Merthrough the town by the town crier. cy and fears not Death."





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the darkness faded into the cerie pallor which they would be pleased to have intending purchasers inspect and obtain prices.

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of dawn. He stretched out his arms and welcomed his first day. "Charity, Sin, Mercy, Love and



		or corporation acting in a nuccary	scribe minimum rates and not merely	are home enjoying the annual Christ-	gregational church and Sunday school	Mrs. E. F. Chan	dip
`,	\bigcirc \downarrow	capacity-receiving any mediate of	maximum rates as at present. This	mas vacation.	and was opened by singing of Christ-	Mrs. E. F. Chan	and
0	Carts	make his return under oath even	would increase their power to prevent	Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Hall have clos-	mas songs by the junior and interme- diate classes in chorus. Dorothy		•
11 · ·	Jarto	though on account of deductions he		ed their home on the Mason road for the winter months and have taken up	diate classes in chorus, Dorothy	Ladies' Hatter	
1		may have to pay no tax, and even	Justice to Public and Roads.	their residence at the Charles Russell	Proctor, Roger Bigelow and Ivan Kel-		
	Harnesses	though he has received but one dol-		house on Milford street.	ley then took part in a bible exercise,	Barry Building Main Street A	YER, MA
	110110300	lar of such income. Similarly such	Interstate Commerce Commission, in	Two of the children in Joseph Ouel-	which was followed by prayer by the	2	
	A good assortment and at all prices-	persons and organizations must make	the exercise of its powers to fix rea-	lette's family are suffering from chick-	superintendent, John H. Davidson. "Little feet be careful," was then sung	Telephone 82-3	
	A good assortment and at an prices	a return if they have received dur-	sonable rates, to so adjust these rates	en-pox.	here Edward Field and Alfred Gilchrest,		
	call and see them	ing 1916 any income from annuities	that they shall be just at once to the	Mrs. Emma Gilson, of Groton, Mass.	and the chorus given by the primary	More Dower Ha	If the (
· ·	1	or from profits from the sales of	public and to the carriers. To this end	was a holiday guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wilham Matthews.	department: Raymond McIntire, Pres-		
	CARGE REFERENCES IN THE CARGE	securities as will be explained more	the Commission, in determining rates,	Mrs. George Betterle, spent Christ-	cott Bigelow, Rachel Field, Katharine Merrill and Alice Gilchrest were		
	DON'T	fully in these articles.	should consider the necessity of main-	may at the home of her son. Percy	1"Christmas sunshine bringers"; recita-	L. Daimhanka Mar	·00
	ALSO, HORSESHOEING AND GEN-		taining efficient transportation and ex-	Betterley, in Worcester, Mass.	tion, "Kitty's Christmas," Carleton B.	Fairbanks-Mor	Se
	ERAL BLACKSMITHING	Net Not Gress	tensions of facilitles, the relation of	Mrs. Oscar Ellot spent several days	Lancey; song, primary department;		
:		As the intent of the act is to tax	expenses to rates and the rights of	last week visiting friends and relatives	"Buying Christmas presents," Emory Merrill: "A suggestion," Rachel Field:	THE CALL AND ALOOKENE FM	OINEO
. ·	TOTAL MULTITALEY	net, rather than gross, income, Sec-	shippers, stockholders and creditors of	in Fitchburg. Mrs. Mary Cox extertained her	Luong "Christmas bells." Helen Mca0.	KEROSENE AND GASOLENE EN	GINES
	FREDERICK WHITNEY	tion 3 provides for certain deduce	the roads.	daughter, Mrs. Fanny Evans, of Bos-	Alice Gilchrest, Velma Emerson, Ruth		
a '	1	tions from the gross income tax j	6. The Interstate Commerce Commis-	tor, over the week-end.	Cornwell, recitation, "The Unristmas	· I ·	· ·
	AIER, MASS.	able at the six per cent. rate. To prevent wholesale evasion of taxes,	sion should be invested with the pow-	Thomas Kilroy spent the week-end	stocking." Elizabeth Gilchrest, after which came the play, "The mouse's	📩 📩 📩 📩 📩	
		the deductions are carefully safe-	er to fix the rates for carrying mails.	have builded visiting his sister and othe	lioko" given by Mrs. Nettie Barter.		
	Union Cash Market	guarded and the taxpayer who is af-	7. The federal government should	er relatives in Cambridge and Boston.	Lulma Emerson, David Cox, Carolyn	to a second distance of the second	
,	Omon ousin market	fected by the provision should study	have exclusive power to supervise the	Frank Rollins, of Worcester, Mass., was a week-end and holiday visitor	McIntire, Roland and Forest Lancey: Arlene Emerson, Julia Stone, Helen		
	Avon Mass	the exact language of the act and if	issue of stocks and bonds by railroad	was a week-end and nonony vision at the nome of Delbert Porter.	Mead, Ruth Cornwell and Carolyn		
	Ayer, Mass.	in doubt as to its application to his	carriers engaged in interstate and for-	Mr. and Mrs. Charence Russell spent	McIntire represented "Christmas can-		A Succession
	1	in doubt as to its application to his particular case should consult the	eign commerce.	Christmas day at the home of ais	dies." "The day that Christ was born"		
		Income Tax Assessor or some Dep-	S. The law should recognize the es-	brother in Townsend.	was then sung by the junior mays and		
· ·	FORES OF LAMB 13c, 1b,	Income Tax Assessor or some Dep-	sential difference between things which	After Huzel Goss was home for the	was the closing number. Gifts from two large trees were		
.	ROAST PORK 17c. lb.	uty in his district. While it is true that anyone re-	restrain trade in the case of ordinary	week-end and holiday from her place	then distributed, after which the audi-		
2		ceiving any income of the taxable	mercantile concerns and those which	of employment in Wilton. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stickney en-	louce went below to the vestry, where	1 8	
	BEST TOP OF ROUND 28c. lb.	classes above enumerated must make	restrain trade in the case of common	Line and Mrs John Martin	each child was given a box of candy and a fine large orange, and every-	Encore tanks and a second second second	
	BEST SIRLOIN STEAK 30c. lb.	a return of such income, neverthe-	carriers. The question of competition	and daughter Esther of Peppereil, on	hody was treated with delicious cake	THE REAL PROPERTY AND A DESCRIPTION OF A	
		less, under Section 4 he is entitled	is not the only fair criterion. 9. The law should expressly provide	the boliday.	hand los orean which with the social		
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	RUMP STEAK 35c. lb.	dollars of that part of his income	for the meeting and agreement of that- fic or other officers of railroads in re-	ing her sister, Miss Nellie Lynch, of	ful Christmas (estival.		
-		derived from such sources if during	spect of rates or practices. This		WORMS MAKE CHILDREN FRETFUL		1.1
		1916 his total income from all sources	should, however, be safeguarded by	1 Mar Andrews, UL	victimof worms. Begin treatmentatonce	and the second se	
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	SALT SPARE RIBS 13c. lb.	living this exemption will affect but	od by it.	Mrs. Charles Dunbar spent last week visiting her son and daughter, Mrs.	this vitality by worms. Get means		
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PEPPERELL

News Items.

Miss Mary Pearson, from North Adams. is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boynton, Watertown, spent Sunday and Christ-mas with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dennen. On their return Miss Dorothy Dennen accompanied them for a visit.

Several members of the Community Service club, who were in town for the holidays, sang Christmas carols at homes in different parts of the town on Christmas eve. They were conveyed in two barges, being sixteen in number, and on their return mere concerdend and on their return were entertained at the home of the president of the club, Miss Anna Boynton, and refreshafter their ride by a collation of hot cocoa and cake.

Miss Gladys Williams, from Fitchburg, spent Sunday and the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Harry" Trenholm and Miss Florence Smith and friend from Fitchburg spent Christmas with Mr and Mrs. Frank Smith in town.

Harvey Tileston, who sustained an iry to his hip last September, is confined to his bed.

Mrs. John McGrath went to Spring Mrs. John McGrath went to Spring-field last Saturday to enjoy the holi-days with her son, Arthur McGrath, and family. Her niece, Miss Lena McGrath, is taking her place at the Homestead for the week.

Leslie Reed and friend, Miss Lunt. of Boston, spent Sunday and the holi-days with his mother, Mrs. M. E Reed

The Pepperell Card and Paper Com pany have announced a ten percent advance in wages, to take effect im-mediately, the extra amount being mediately, th paid monthly.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bartlett and children came from Dorchester last week to spend the boliday at the home, of Mrs. Bartlett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bemis, River street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy are still sojourning at Pinehurst, where they entertained their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Attridge, and husband on Christmas, and Miss Carrie Shattuck, who is at home from Laconia, for the holidays. Mrs. Kennedy is enjoying the fine winter weather, preferring the country to New York. Her friends in the did net form the city did not forget her, apparently as she received more than forty beau-tiful gifts at Christmas.

Carlton Bolles came from Billerica s usual over Sunday, remaining for the holiday.

Miss Elizabeth Wright, from Wav-erley, is spending her Christmas vaca-tion at the home of her parents. Roscoe Hayes, Dartmouth, is spend-ing the holidays in town. Miss Helen Hayes is also at home with a guest Mr. and Mrs. Carlysle Kelley spent Sunday and the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce; also. Mrs. George Herrig and younger daughter, the latfrom Dean academy. ter remaining a part of this week.

Mrs. John Marshall has been with Parker for the past few orge

At the Congregational church nex "The eternal goodness." Sunday at noon and Junior meeting a 3.30. At seven o'clock the subject will be "The last night in the old year."

The basket-ball game which was to have been played on Friday evening, December 22, between the Hollis and Milford teams, was called off on ac-count of the bad weather and condition of the roads. The Milford team notified Manager Wright they would be unable to come about 7.30 that evening.

Parlin, who was connected with the

iday. developed, however, seemed more like neuralgia and he is out this week Thomas Suilivan, Dartmouth, has been at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Sullivan, during the

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graham spent (hristmas with their daughter, Mrs. Thomas Byrnes, and family, at Derry, N. H., Mrs. Graham going over to as-sist on Saturday. Miss Anna Sartelle is taking a short vacation from the store of Tower & Cook to have a short rest from the extra holiday work and be with her mother, who has been made a shut-in by the severity of the weather.

by the severity of the weather. Mr. and Mrs. Elgin S. Grenache celebrated their fifth wedding unniver-sary on Christmas day by a dinner party, the guests being his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benoni Grenache, and Mrs. C. M. Church and son irving of Lynn. The host and hostess were the recipients of many fine gifts of cut glass, bric-a-brac and cards from friends out of town. of D. D. Andrews has been taking an enforced vacation this week, owing to an injury he received last week Friday by getting his finger into the buzz planer at the Nashua River Paper mill. The nail and end of one finger were

last week by her brother, Edward Shattuck, of Boston, who has just passed his eighty-fifth birthday. His daughter, Mrs. Jacobs, of Brookline, accompanied him. They are expected again the last of this week, and if possible to win the concept of Mise William Ames and wife from Haverhill were at the home of his sister, Mrs, Frank Smith, over Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis and fampossible to win the consent of Miss Shattuck she will be taken to some hospital to have the benefit of the N-rays on her injured hip. Her gen-eral health continues very good. spent Christmas at Beachmont, s. Davis and the children remained

Mrs. Mary LaPoer of the South road Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bolles made a very quiet visit of a day at the home of his mother. Mrs. F. D. Bolles, be-fore leaving for Jamaica for the win-

CIX o clock. In the absence of the owners from the room a lively blaze tesulted. A passerby notified the fam-ily and another, seing the volumes of smoke and blaze pouring through the window, pulled in a fire alarm. En-gineer Tarbell and a few helpers who tore down the drapery and used an extinguisher soon had the blaze under before

News from Mrs. James Starr at Miss Kathryne Thayer is spending her Christmas vacation at her home in town from West Brookfield. William Thayer from Rochester. N. H., and Leo Thayer from Worcester also spent the day here

the day here. Willoughby from Manchester,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1916

All were finely entertained by

Miss Annah P. Blood went to Con-

own.

he host and hostess

Clifford Shattuck, from Chelsea, pent the holiday with his parents; Ir. and Mrs. W. C. Shattuck, River treet. day from Boston.

A still alarm was sent in to head Howard Hubbard of Springfield ha quarters on Wednesday afternoon for a chimney fire in the double tenement house of Charles Jewett in the side been a guest at the Congregational parsonage this week. He has just re-turned from the Mexican border and house of Charles Jewett in the side occupied by Arthur Bartlett. The new-ly installed telephone in the residence was made good use of and the blaze was soon subdued by the ald of ex-tinguishers which arrived shortly. No on Tuesday evening he gave an inter-esting talk on the social life among our troops there at the evening service at the Congregational vestry.

Roy Fisher came from Boston, where he is connected with the work of the Massachusetts Highway Comdamage was done to the building or contents, but this is the third alarm for the week for small fires, so far. mission, on Saturday to spend Sunday and the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Spaulding. Mrs. A. A. Blood, of Gardner, who came with the other members of the came with the other members of the family for Christmas, remained in town until Wednesday with her daugh-ter, Mrs. Bartlett. Miss Gertrude Dane, a teacher in

lowell, is spending her vacation at the nome of C. F. Dane, Heald street. Mrs. Susie Dort is spending her Christmas vacation in Boston and vi-Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Farnham and family came from North Wilbraham cinity. hanny came from North whoranam last week to visit Mrs. Elthina Farn-ham, Mr. Farnham's mother, and his sister, Mrs. George Newhall, and famdster, Mrs. George ly, over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Parker enter-tained a Christmas dinner party of nineteen. Mr. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Parker, were present; Miss Rose Alden has closed her house for the winter and is staying with friends at North Chelmsford.

A movement is on foot to make up a party, probably for Wednesday or Phursday of next week, to go into Boston to hear Rev. W. A. Sunday. his sister, Mrs. W. L'Arker, were present; his sister, Mrs. M. E. Gaskill, husband and son; from Oak hill; also, another sister, Mrs. Wallace Carkin, husband and two daughtors, from Ayer; Mrs. Nutting, from Shirley, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Nutting and sons, from if those who propose to join this party will notify Rev. J. B. Lewis, as early as possible, he will secure seats at the Tabernacle for the afternoon service.

Ray Willoughby came from Hoston o spend Sunday in town as usual, go-ng to visit his brother Arthur and amily at Manchester, N. H., Christmas cord on Thursday to visit her brother, S. Thompson Blood, and family.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Weaver, from New Boston, N. H., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Deware over the Mrs. Florence Willoughby went to Smithville, N. H., for a short visit at her daughters on Tuesday. holiday. The Misses Marguerite and Miriam

Dean Peabody, instructor at Worces-ter Polytechnic Institute, spent a part of this week with Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Deware, students at Smith college and Northampton, and Robert and Carl Deware, from the St. Johnsbury acad-emy, were at home for the holiday va-cation, Lewis and his sister, Miss Anna Pea body

Miss Helen Haynes of Lebanon, N Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy enter-tained a party of young people at a whist party at Pinehurst on Wednes-H., has been the guest recently of her sister, Mrs. Waldo Spaulding. News of the promotion of Raymond lay evening in honor of the

Miss Alice Lawson went to Town-send Hill on Monday to spend part of superintendent, has recently been re-her school vacation with her aunt, Mrs. ceived by friends in town. He is now Charles Stickney. In a fine position in New York city.

Robert Wright came from Ashburn-ham to spend Sunday at his home in town, as usual, remaining over the hol-Charles Messer, Nashua road, was taken ill last week with something which was at first thought to be a recurrance of his former attack of ap-

holidays.

J. E. Andrews has been taking ar

J. A. Frossard is recovering from his hard cold, which was pronounced bronchitis by his physician on last Sat-

Mr. and Mrs. Tuthill from Provi-dence, R. I., were at the home of Mrs. R. B. Baker on Tuesday of this week. Miss Fannie Shattuck was visited ery favorable.

or a longer visit this week.

has gone to spend the winter with her daughters at Petersham. Mis. streat.

A drapery curtain, a lighted candle and a slight draft created quite an ex-citement for a short time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Attridge of Main street on Tuesday evening about cix o'clock. In the absence of the Birney, dean of the school of the school of ogy, Boston university, will be ob-speaker. Communion will be obspeaker. Communion will be served at the close of the service.

passed "hristmas day with her relacontrol with but slight damage, bef tives at Ayer.

Florida concerning what is termed as "an auto and electric car mix-up," was received by friends here recently, Mr. Starr was in the auto truck on the way to Jacksonville. He sustained broken bone in the face, beside bruised leg. He was taken to the hospital in the city, where he was considered out of danger at last re-N. H., spent a part of Sunday in town going from here to Groton to join his ports and it is probable may have been moved to Green ('ove Springs Mrs. M. E. Swasey has been ill with before this time. and bronchial trouble for a

ence, was also at home.

Amelia Supernant was in town over Pitman, in which she wonders where Santa Claus can be, then, as the lights grew dim and she sat in the firelight, Santa makes his appearance, of course At seven o'clock a large audience Christmas from Boston. It is expected that she started for Florida on Tues-

own the chimney. He entertained the children for several minutes, show a very vivid imagination and a good memory of child lore. In common, every-day life Santu is usually called Mr. Bliss, but on this occasion he per-formed the duties admirably, attend-ing to the distribution of gifts from the the university of the second second second second the transmission of second second

par. Biss, but on this occasion he per-formed the duties admirably, attend-ling to the distribution of gifts from the trees and producing general satis-faction. On Sunday morning a service full of Christimas cheer was held in the church at 10.45. A Christimas atmos-phere was given by the trimmings of evergreen about the altar and choir rail, and the Christimas spirit which seemed to pervade the place. A ser-mon of Christimas thoughts, a message do f peace, was given by the pastor. A full choir, under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Bilss, as chorister. perfected the spirit of the service. The anthem was "Arise, shine": the response, "There's a song in the alt," and the offertory a "Christimas canol," all the music being well chosen and effectively rendered. A Sunday school concert was given in the evening, commencing with a met's class: recitation, "A star for net's class: recitation, "A star for net's class: recitation, "A star for a cound her a poem or reference with Miss Mildred Lunt is enjoying a holi-day vacation from her school teaching in Harvard, at her home in town.

A Sunday school concert was given in the evening, commencing with a processional. The subject, "Star of the east," was given by Dorothy Den-neh's class; recitation, "A star for memory," Constance Parker; cradie song, primary department; recitation of verses, Mildred Howe, Richard Pike, Mary Howe, Dorothy Bennett; rechation. "A little shepherd boy," Albert Parker, Jr., and Lawrence Archambault; recitation, "Our ling," Wisner Hutchinson; "Coming of Christmas," Ruth Pitman, Clayton and Gwen Pärker, Gladys Messer, Eunice Porter; recitation, "Little Christmas tav." Gertrude Raymond's class; reci-tation, "Who is Startight." Gertrude shepherds," Edward Durant; "The song in the night," Mrs. Tower's class; seph. Leon Winch. Chorus, "Joseph." song in the night," Mrs. Tower's class: song in the night, Mrs. Tower's class; recitation, Anna Peabody's class; Songs were also rendered by the Sun-day school and choir. The articles for the "gift manger" were collected by William Hutchinson and Charlie Dennen.

day evening in honor of the young ladles, Miss Marilla Walton of Brigh-ton and Miss Violet McKenżle of Townsend, who are their guests for the holidays. Guests for the evening were the Misses Lydia Waite and Car-rie Shattuck. Mrs. F. W. Buss and Mrs. Joseph Attridge, and the gentle-men, Russell Wright, Roscoe Hayes and friend, Mr. Seward, of Dartmouth, Arthur and Lloyd Tower and Gerald Willett. Three tables were used for whist, the drst prizes being awarded Miss Walton and Mr. Seward, and the consolation prizes to Russell Wright Christmas festivities were in evilence last Saturday evening at sever clock in the Methodist vestry, the o'clock in the Methodist vestry, the children coming early to enjoy their ('hristmas tree. Much time and effort had been given by Mrs. Beers, and the program, including the little Christ-mas play, justified her work of the preceding weeks. In the play the lit-tle folks enacted the parts assigned to them in excellent fashion. The two tableaus were also very well arranged, the last one, entitled "Peace," being particularly effective. A very jolly consolation prizes to Russell Wright and Mrs, Buss. Dancing was enjoyed until midnight, when a delleious ban-quet closed the jolly occasion. particularly effective. A very jolly young Santa Claus was impersonated Miss Eva M. Bolles returned to Con-cord, N. H., Tuesday, after spending Sunday and the holiday with her par-ents on Nashua street. by Lester Hill to the pleasure of the children. The room was made bright and cheery with Christmas bells and greenery, and was well filled. Miss Viola Burnham, from Boston,

On Sunday morning the pastor's ser-mon on "The Messiah," was a Christ-mas message of peace and good will to men. The music was in keeping spent Christmas with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. William Hall, High street. Miss Ethel Hall, from Lawwith the spirit of the service and wa with the spirit of the service and was most excellently rendered under the direction of Mrs., Arthur Bartlett, chorister. Mrs. Laura Herrig Kelley, of Tufts college, was present and as-sisted in the music of the choir with

Patrick Drinane spent Christmas and the following week with his fam-ly. Cross street. He returns to his work in Potsdam, N. Y., next Monday. Mrs. John R. Shattuck returned to her home in Concord Junction on the Wednesday before Christmas, and re-ports of her health after her operation her violin, and also rendered a violi her violin, and also rendered a viol solo as offertory. The anthems, "Con and worship" and "Hark, what mee those holy voices." were rendered by full choir. Mrs. Bartlett rendered th who "Christmae Lightday" and M "Com at Memorial hospital, Nashua, are solo. "Christmas birthday." and Mrs. Elsie Copp the contralto solo, "O. Jesus, thou art standing." The audi-torium was fittingly decorated, the Miss Ada Whitney spent Christmas week with her relatives in Nashua. Miss Marion Burns, from Worcester, has been a Christmas guest at the Jesus, thou art standing. The audi-torium was fittingly decorated, the work being in charge of Mr. Beers and his Sunday school class. Masses of evergreen were used effectively about the pulpit, with scarlet poinsettas and a natural arrangement of small hem-body wholes we consider out in other home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman, Brookline A Federation service of the three churches will be held on Sunday morning, January 7, at 10.45, at the Methodist church. Rev. Lauris J. Birney, dean of the School of Theollock shrubs was carried out in othe parts of the room. Perhaps the most striking decorations were the silver stars suspended above the pulpit by in-visible cords, being most effective as seen against the green background.

Resolved: "That the president be elec-ted by popular vote." Those speaking for the affrmative were Francis Drumm and George Lefebre. On the At seven o'clock a Christmas con regative. Amos Saunders and Lambers Mr. and Mrs. George Chisholm of ert was given by the children of the Sullivan. After speeches they retired Cambridge were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hambert Oulton at Christmas. Sumvan. After speeches they retired to prepare their rebuttal. While they were out Harold Lillis read a communication regarding the recent death of a representative. Howard Shattuck moved that resolu-Sunday school, assisted by some of the choir. This was in charge of Miss Cherry and Ralph Buck, and was fine-ly carried out. There were several songs by the school, a duet by Mrs. Copp and Mr. Beers, solo by Mrs. Bart-lett, a duet by Helen Marshall and Eva Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cobb and son tions be drawn up and sent to the family of the deceased Shepardson, solo by Miss Hartwell, a duet by Helen Hartwell and Gertrude Cherry. There were also recitations by Marvin Beers, Viola Harris, Lam-bert Parker, Dorothy Soule, Althea Winship and Hazel Wilson, and an ex-crease by the using the deartment. The family of the deceased. At this point the return of the de-baters occurred and speeches of five minutes each were allowed. Voted upon by roll call the affirmative side received fourteen votes and the negaercise by the primary department. The entertainment as a whole was most pleasing and reflects credit on the committee as well as the participants.

some of the "misfits" causing much uas music. At seven o'clock a large audience

At seven o'clock a large, audience sathered in the auditorium for the Unristmas eve observances. After the congregation had sung "Little town of Bethlehem." Mr. Child spoke of the "Mysteries" and "Miracle plays" of the twelfth century. These were given in the cathedrals and churches

the graphonola. The first tableau was "The spirit of prophecy," by Katherine Hobart; chorus, "Nazareth," The sec-ond was "The appearance of the angel to Joseph." Angel, Glenys Green; Jo-seph. Leon Winch. Chorus, "Joseph, mine." The third was "Annunciation to Mary." Mary, Agnes Dansereau; Dangel Wary, Word, Chorus, "trank

mine." The third was "Annunciation to Marv." Mary, Agnes Dansereau; angel. Mary McCord. ('horus, "Angels from the realms of glory." The fourth was the "Manger scene." Mary, Agnes Dansereau; Joseph, Leon Winch, Chorus, "Holy night." The fifth was "The shepherds." Chester Shatuck, Clifford Balley, George Stong, Cheswe

"The shepherds." Chester Shattuck, (Clifford Bailey, George Stone. Chorus, "While shepherds watched their flocks." The sixth was "Adoration at the manger." Joseph, Mary, the shep-herds and the angels. Chorus, "It came upon the midnight clear."

A Christmas recitation was then sin en by Rodney Brown, and at the close Santa Claus appeared at the tree and A Christmas recitation was then givmade a short address. He said that the close made a short address. He said that the Christmas tree, Santa Claus and the gifts were very much more than fun or a good time. The story of the birth of Jesus shows us reverence and unselfishness on the part of all, and his of bases shows as reverence and inselfshees on the part of all, and his is the true spirit of Christmas. As "hristmas is the greatest festival of brietionity it, in well hristianity, it is well to associate all ts observances with the church, and

estore the spirit of reverence which is restore the spirit of reverence which is fundamental to it. The gifts were then distributed quietly and Santa Claus went on his way. As the minister was bidding farewell to Santa Claus, Mr. Wright, superintendent of the Sunday school, called upon all to sing the closing hymn.

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P. H. S. Mock Congress.

A mock congress, in which twenty-eight boys of the high school particight boys of the high school parti-cipated, was held in Prescott hall on Thursday evening of last week. Prin-cipal Whitmarsh presided and called the roll. A bill was introduced in the house of representatives by Kenneth Durant, Principal Whitmarsh called Amus Saunders to the obsire and then

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Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Reed were Christmas guests of his father and mother, the Samuel Reeds. Mrs. Roosevelt and daughter were holiday guests of the former's niece. Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant. the roll. A bill was introduced in the house of representatives by Kenneth Durant. Principal Whitmarsh called Amos Saunders to the chair and then

they were entertain. S. Flaggs ('hristmas. Ha

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gardner of Jamaica Plain enjoyed hospitality of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. had

been approached by a member to as-certain his attitude on a certain bill. As this was cause for impeachment he called for the appointing of a commit-Gardner. Alton Hunt of Lowell was a wel-ome guest in the family circle over Christmas ee on the case. A debate followed on the question

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cash and Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Russell joined Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lawrence in Christmas festivities.

The W. H: Tenney family spent the holiday season with relatives in Bos-ton and Brookline.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jacobs visited the Frank Hartwell family in Somerville Christmas.

The many friends of Mrs. Lucy A Pickard are interested to learn that she and her daughter are planning to have a home together in Ayer very soon.

The J. P. Thachers were Christmas guests of Deacon J. W. and Miss Eliz-abeth Thacher. Burton S. Flagg's children from An-dover have been visiting at C. F. Flagg's and C. K. Houghton's this week Miss Emma Byam of Boston and the Spaulding family of Lexington were holiday guests at Charles A. Hartwell's.

amusement. A program followed, with violin and piano selections by Miss Marian Burns and Miss Marian Thompson, songs and recitations by the children, a plano solo by Rachel Herrig and readings by members of the club. About Town.

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expense of this worthy charity. The Pepperell Woman's club will meet Tuesday afternoon, January 2, at Saunders' hall. The afternoon is in charge of the Civics committee. Mrs. N. M. Guiterson, chairman. The subject will be "Civics," given by Mrs. Ralph McDaniels of Cambridge, who is social welfare adviser among the girls at Filenc's store. Boston.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will meet Friday afternoon, January 5. with Mrs. S. J. Richardson and Mrs. N. M. Gutterson, High street.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kimball received on Christmas day a telegram announc-ing the engagement of Walter H. ing the engagement of Walter H. Boireau of Chicago and Miss Helen Trainer, also of Chicago.

Another engagement of interest to many Littleton friends is that of Miss Evelyn C. Hamlin of Cranston, R. I., and Westford, to Ernest Reid, princial of the Highland avenue schools of Cranston.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Robinson en-tertained during the Christmas holi-days C. Oscar Steinle and Mrs. Robin-son's sister, Elizabeth Davies. During their stay announcement was made of the engagement of Elizabeth Davies to Mr. Steinle. Mr. Steinle comes from Jersey ('ity; N. J., but travels the New England states for a large manufac-turing house in New York.

Lester Griffiths of Boston and lady friend were at William Griffiths for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Christie extended Christmas hospitality to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sweatt of Forge Village and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Lowell.

C. F. Flagg and daughter, Miss Mar-

ion W. Flagg, and the C. K. Hough-

ton family went to Andover, where they were entertained by the Burton

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Ireland of Gardner spent the holiday season with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Ireland, and his sister, Mrs. Hibbard.

weeks, who is somewhat out of health and in a nervous condition since the death of her father.

The family of A. C. Stewart have all been afflicted with the epidemic cold, the youngest child having bronchitis

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryan and fam Christmas day

Mrs. C. A. Pillsbury and son Car ere in town from Middleboro over he holiday, greeting old friends.

Among the teachers who came to pass their Christmas vacations in town were noted Miss Anna Boynton from New York, Miss Kathryn Carter from Hingham. Miss Ethel Wells from Everett, and the Misses Florence and the Misses Florence and street Jessie Flynn, from Erving and Carlisle

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cook visited their former home town, Lancaswith relatives over Christmas.

At Prescott Grange on Friday eve-ng of last week, a Christmas pronine ring of last week, a Christmas pro-gram had been arranged, but owing to the storm and bad traveling several

were unavoidably absent who have taken part. A reading was given by Mrs. Minnie Green, however. The visited here from Middletown by Mrs. Annue Green, nowever. The expected class of six was diminished by two, Mr, and Mrs. Frank Kennedy, on account of the weather. The third degree was exemplified by the ladies' degree staff, Miss Florence Kemp, master, in the usual efficient manner. and on Christmas day joined the din-ner party of her sister, Mrs. Lawrence, Other members of the family who were present were Mrs. John Marshall. Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Prescott and two bildren, and Robert Marshall, mak-In the absence of one of the members of the team, Miss Edna Kittredge, Miss Gertrude Dane acted as substitute. The fourth degree was worked by the ing eleven in all. A gay Christmas tree was prepared for the delight of the children of the families, and added considerably to the pleasure of all regular officers. At the meeting on present. January 12 the installation of the of-

facers of the Grange will occur. The installing officer will be Mrs. Amy Shattuck, assisted by Miss Florence Kemp.

Dana Merrill, from Amherst college, is spending his holiday vacation at the home of his parents on Oak hill. E. Boynton Merrill, from New York, and Jennie Merrill, from Maine, also came for Christmas day.

Mrs. F. W. Lovejoy went to New tion. His sisters, the Mis York last week to pass the holidays with her daughter, Miss Helen, and is oxtending her visit this week. are also at home from Wakefiel

A Christmas dinner party at the hor mother, Mrs. Harriet Lakin, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Shattuck and fam. ily and Mr. Ross.

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Walter Reed, who recently finished Miss Gertrude Carter came from Fertrude Carter came from his set home at present and has en-tered the Popperell Card shop on the night force. his work as engineer in Salem, is stop home of George Carter.

ing a ten-days' vacation from her studies at the School of Domestic Science, Worcester. Principal D. L. Whitmarsh passed part of the holiday vacation with his wife and child at her home for ('hrist rother in Barnstead, N. H. Miss Gertrude Raymond is visiting

relatives in Melrose Highlands stoneham art of this week. Frank T. Marston came from Bosto

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on on last Saturday for a short visit over the holiday with her mother,

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Miss H. Elizabeth Shattuck is hav-

Mrs. Lucius Wilson, who is somewha improved in health

Sunday and Christmas with his par

The Pepperell High school boys at on Saturday to spend Sunday and t holiday with his family on Oak hill. preparing to organize a basketball team, their plans being well underway.

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Miss Eleanor Geiger came from her chool duties in Somerville on last sturday to pass Christmas and the acation with her mother. Mrs A. J. Mrs. John Frazer returned home t time since from Putnam, Conn., t she spent Thanksgiving with granddaughter, Mrs. Edward hort t vhere ber grandmanning. Duffey, and family.

Marshall G. Meriam, from West-ville, Conn., spent the holiday with his father. Marshall Meriam, Townsend Mrs. F. M. McAusland, of Nashua former resident, was a visitor in town on Wednesday, passing through from Worcester, where she had been

Mrs. Charles L. Bemis was called to Warner, N. H., Monday, to attend th isiting her son warner, N. H., Monday, to attend the funeral service of a sister, Mrs. Mary Rogers, which was held on Tuesday, Mrs. Bemis was accompanied by her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bemis. Members of the choir of the Meth odist church went ont on Christmas eve together to sing Christmas carols at several of the homes of invalids and

shut-ins about town. They adopted the new method of going by auto to Francis Lawrence came from Bridge perform this old-time custom port, Conn., to enjoy the holiday with his family. Miss Alice Marshall also The Epworth league will hold a

penny social at their meeting on Fri-day evening, January 5, in the Methodist vestry.

Jerry Annis was called to Warner, S. H., on Monday by a message from drs Annis, who was called there by he serious illness of her mother last Mrs. Jennie Rogers passed awa on last Saturday of pleuro-pneumonia at the age of sixty-eight years. Serv-ices were held on Tuesday at her late home. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Idella Annis, of this town; a son, Fred Cloreton of Warners, she

News of the death, of Benjamin Thurston at his home in Windham, N. H., was lately received by friends in town. He was the brother of Fred Fred Clogston, of Warner; also, by a sister. Mrs. Charles Bemis, of this town, and two brothers, of Warner,

town. He was the brother of Free Thurston, both residing here at one time, and was connected with him in Legg's market some years ago. election at the meeting of Rebekah lodge on Tuesday g resulted in the choice of the The Acom vening resulted in the choice of the ollowing officers for the ensuing year: Walter Sullivan, from Holy Cross college. Worcester, is at his home on Nashua street for the holiday vaca-tion. His sisters, the Misses Sullivan,

to attend the Rebekah assembly in Boston in May.

The pastor's topic at the morning service at the Methodist church on Sunday will be "The practice of as-surance." At the evening service, "Seeing the invisible." At the Ep-worth league service at 6.45 the lead-

er will be Miss Hazel Soule; subject, "Beginning all over again,"

Rev. D. R. Child will preach at the Initarian church on Sunday morning on the subject. "Man's capacity for endless growth."

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Parker left town on Thursday afternoon for Boston, where they remain over night. They intend to leave for Jacksonville, Fla., need to leave for Jacksonville, Fla., Friday morning, and expect to arrive there Saturday afternoon.

O. M. Nash, lecturer-elect of Presout Grange, attended the dedication of the new Grange hall in Nashua on Thursday evening.

Christmas Observances

At the Congregational vestry on last At the Congregational vestry on last Saturday evening the observance of Christmas commenced by a jolly little affair for the children. The vestry was made beautiful by tastefully ar-ranged decorations. The stage was ranged decorations. The stage was banked with feathery hemlock, bright-

ened with pointsettas, a well-ornament-ed thristmas tree being placed at each side. Between them, at the rear of the stage, a fireplace with logs brought into relief against a red light was very effective.

effective. There were laurel wreaths at the windows, and the pillars were twined with ropes of green, the whole reflecting much credit on the young committee, the Misses Dorothy Den-nen and Flora Boynton, assisted by Earl Nutting, who received many com-pilment or the success both pliments on their success, both in dec-

primeris on their success, both in dec-orating and in all the arrangements of the evening. The children began to sather about five o'clock, about sixty of the primary and younger scholars, and were taken in charge by the com-mittee on games, the Misses Doris Du-

rant and Gertrude Raymond. At six 'clock supper was served to the chil-dren and fifteen or twenty adults who gathered with them. The supper com-mittee were the Misses Adele Boynton, Verthere David and the supper com-Mrs. Susie W. Dort, n. g.; Mrs. Louise Lunt, v. n. g.; Miss Lydia Waite, rec. sec.; Miss Anna Sartelle, fin. sec.; Mrs. Nellie Gutterson, treas.; Mrs. Emily Harriman, trustee 3 years. The past noble grands were elected as delegates

tive side tweive. Bill was not car-lied as a two-thirds vote was required. A reception was given the teachers, of the high school at the close of the entertainment. Music was furnished by the high school orchestra during the evening and for the dancing which At the Oak Hill hall there was a followed until twelve o'clock

athering of the children of the Sun-day school and many adults on last Saturday evening to commemorate ('hristmas. The subject of the even-ing's program was "Christmas cheer," and these words appeared in large gill Christmas Fire Fire was discovered early Monday norning in the house owned by Omar Conshance on Province street. The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Prince, who moved there from Nashua not long since. It is stated they were absent from home at the time and the and these words appeared in large gilt letters above the stage, which was banked and decorated with evergreen. The hall was further decorated by fes-toons of red and green paper, and Christmas bells. There were many fine recitations by the little ones, as well as readings and several selections by the chorus cheft. Miss Katherine fire had gained considerable headwa when discovered by a neighbor. It seemed to originate in the kitchen, al-though the exact cause is not yet known. An attempt was made to ring in the fire alarm, but the whistle fail-ed to work. The whistle at the Nash-ue Dirac Dependent of the second second by the chorus choir. Miss Katherine Blood was pianist for the entertain-ment. A solo was rendered by Anita Marston, and a due; by Maud and Edith Stewart. The Christmas tree, which was prettily decorated and well loden with gifty, was realled ac fin laden with gifts, was robbed of its fruit by George H. Stewart in his role as Santa Claus, with the help of as-sistants. At the close of the evening as Santa Claus, with the hear systems. At the close of the evening hot coffee, cake and sandwiches were

ed to work. The whistle at the Nash-ua River Paper mills was resorted to, but all this caused a delay, as the mill was not running, and the whistle when it sounded was so faint that many who heard it thought it an out-of-town alarm. Many of the firemen did not hear it at all, and the few who re-sponded, with some volunteers, suc-ceeded in putting out the flames only when the ell had been badly damaged. The front rooms were damaged more by water and shoke, as well as the At St. Joseph's church the celebra tion of Christmas commenced on Sun day morning by high mass at 5.30, by the pastor, Rev. William J. Barry. A large chorus choir led by Miss Anna by water and smoke, as well as the household goods. It is stated that the owner of the house, who had been working in Westford, had allowed the insurance to run out but a short time Thayer, organist, rendered the "Mass of the angels." At 8.30 children's mass occurred, "Adestes fideles" being ago.

rendered as sold and chorus. The usual service was held at 7.30 in the evening. The edifice was finely dec-orated with evergreen wreaths and Social Club Party.

The Christmas party of the East Village Social club, held on Wednes-day at the home of Mrs. John Martin, festoons of trailing evergreen and laurel, with an abundance of flowers and bout the altar.

was a great success. Despite the rain and consequent icy walking twenty at-tended, including as guests, Mrs. George Herrig and Rachel, from Som-erville; Mrs. George Pierce, Miss Mari-on Burns, from Worcester, and Miss Marian Thompson. A bountiful din-ner was enjoyed at noon, and beside each Dieto Frage conundeum which The Unitarian church was beauti-fully decorated for Christmas Sunday with wreaths and laurel roping. A fine, symmetrical spruce tree stood at

the left of the platform. At the morning service the pastor. c. mittee were the Misses Adele Boynton, Kathleen Rouse and Margaret Boynton, ton. The entertainment commenced at Beven o'clock with a violin solo by n Howard Shattuck, with piano accom-panist. Earle Nutting; piano solos, g Doris Durant and Clayton Parker; vo-cal duet, Edward Durant and Rufus Palmer; recitation, Wisner Hutchin-eson; exercise, "Christmas sowing," with songs by Marforie Maxwell, Eliza-beth Stewart and Ellen Parker. The t, entertainment concluded with little t, t, entertainment concluded w leach plate was a conundrum which gave the guests an after-dinner prob-lem to answer. As it was the tenth birthday of Miss Rachel Herrig, a fine birthday cake was prepared by Mrs. Harmon and presented the young lady

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Priest Chicago were holiday guests at F. B. Priest's

A daughter was born Tuesday, December 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Morton Alward

Stedman Stewart broke his collarone while engaged in playing bockey at Christmas time

William Ireland has been sick with consilitis the past week

Mr. and Mrs. Ames of Melrose were holiday guests of their son, J. W. Ames, and family.

George Newcombe and family went o Fitchburg, their former home city, or the holiday season.

William Burnham is working at the ransfer station of the electric road in ver.

Hon. Charles A. Kimball will return to the senate next Wednesday.

New Advertisements.

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perell. DAVID SAPERSTAN. 4115 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the cs-tate of GLADYS .IRENE LEAHY of Shirley in said County, minor. Whereas, ARTHUR J. WILKINS the guardian of said ward, has presented his first account as guardian upon the cs-tate of said ward. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the second day of February A. D. 1917, at nine clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

in the foreboli, to show cause, it any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And said guardian is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy there-of to all persons interested in the es-tate 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 be-fore said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this four-teenth day of Docember in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. our L and si 3t17 ixteen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

