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v-neck and some Coal Style, and so	me with Conais.
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#### WESTFORD

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Osgood recently observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. With Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Day they enjoyed an ar ranged for dinner party in Lowell.

Their many friends wish them many happy returns of the day.

On Friday of this week Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, of Chelmsford, observed their silver wedding anniver sary, Mrs. Wilson was formerly Miss Edith Fletcher, of Westford.

On Saturday, December 20, Pine Ridge station will be closed to the public. There will be no freight received or shipped from the station However, any passengers who wish to go from this station may do so and purchase their tickets on the train. Mr. and Mrs. Pyne, who have lived at the station for twenty-eight years, are to continue living there, and the station will be open and warm for the convenience of any passengers. In their long term of service Mr. and Mrs. Pyne have certainly rendered a faithful and obliging service to the

We are told that the Isaac Minot farm at Minot's corner has been sold to a Boston woolen merchant and large plans are under way for its development. Extensive rebuilding and new cement building and the keeping eight o'clock. of a large herd of sheep; also, a regof a large nerd of sheep, also, a re-istered Ayrshire herd of cows are re-ported as planned for. An attempt is also being made to have the town water supply and the electric light-ing extended to the corner. Manuel Avilla has been occupying and carry-ing on this place for a number of

Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence are occupying Mrs. Gertrude C. Skid-more's pleasant cottage for the win-

The selectmen have appointed the following committee to act in con-junction with them in carrying out the yote of the town for a welcome home for the veterans of the world war: Herbert E. Fletcher, Herbert V. Hildreth, Mrs. Herbert V. Hildreth, Alfred W. Hartford, Mrs. Alfred W. Hartford, C. Wright, Elbert H. Hartford, Frank C. Wright, Elbert H. Flagg, Capt. C. W. Robinson, Wesley O. Hawkes, P. Henry Harrington, Albert R. Wall, Mrs. Hammett D. Wright, John Edwards, Thomas Costello, Mrs. Annie Precious and Burton Griffin. The amount voted for the celebration is \$1500.

Mrs. L. W. Wheeler is spending the week with relatives in Newport, R. I. Schools closed this week Friday for one week, December 19 to December 29, taking in the Christmas holiday.

### Interesting Meeting.

We omitted to note last week the good delegation from Westford who were in attendance at the first annual get-together meeting of leaders and members of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Economics Bureau of Agriculture and Economics held in Ford hall, Boston, the fifth of the month. There were at least twenty-two from Westford present to enjoy the good speaking, music and dinner. It was a disappointment not to hear Gov. Coolidge as scheduled on the program, as the state house is so near Ford hall, but the governor was represented by Lieut.-Gov. Channing Cox, who spoke ably. Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield, president of the season. Massachusetts Agricultural college, gave a splendid address and the day was full with reports of workers, conferences, etc. Those present from Westford were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Westford were H, and all H. Flagg, Webster Flagg and Miss Ruth Flagg, Oscar R, Spalding, Arthur H, Walker, Leon F, Hildreth, Mr, and Mrs. L, W, Wheeler, Miss Alice Williams, Mrs. H, M, Bartlett, Rev. Williams, M, Rev. Williams, liam A. Anderson, William H. Pol-lock, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Nesmith, A. J. Blaisdell, Mr. and Mrs. Almon Vose. Otis Day, M.ss May Day and F. A. Hans-

### Annual Meeting,

The annual meeting of the Ladies The annual meeting of the Ladies, Aid of the Congregational church which was held at the home of Mrs. Gumb, Boston road, last week Thursday, descrives more than the brief report in last week's issue. There were twenty-two ladies present and one child. There was a bountiff so all the constructions which was served. dinner at noon which was served of

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A sincere lette of thanks was read from Mrs. W. H. Poliock for flowers received while in the hospital. Flowers for Christmas and a miniature Christmas tree with greetings, letters and cards were planned for a sick member at holiday time.

The nominating committee, consisting of Mrs. Roudenbush, Mrs. Syther. 41-51 Payne St. Near Gas Works land and Mrs. Gumb, were ready with land and Mrs. Gumb, were ready with their report as follows: Mrs. Perley E. Wright, pres.; Mrs. H. M. Bartlett, v. p.; Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, sec.; Mrs. George F. White, treas: Miss. Mary Green, chairman, Miss. Winifred Green, Mrs. A. W. Hartford, directresses; chairmen for monthly supports. pers, January, men's supper. Mrs. Meyers: February, Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland: March, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler: April, Mrs. Gumb; May. Mrs. Bridgeford; June, Mrs. McMasters; September, Miss Atwood and ex-ecutive committee; November, Mrs. Hartford and Mrs. Watson. This re-

port was accepted and not one de-

clined to serve as requested, and a spirit of unanimity and co-operation characterized the day. All expressed appreciation to Mrs. Gumb for her pleasant hospitality. The January meeting was announced to take place The January with Mrs. Walker

Reception.

A delightful social gathering was iven last week Friday afternoon by Mrs. Julian A Cameron at her home to introduce her son's bride, Mrs Alexander A. Cameron, to the Westford friends. After the guests had all arrived and been pleasantly presented tables were ready for whist, both auction bridge and plain whist, which were much enjoyed. The fortunate prize winners were wis. H. E. Fletchor Miss Rudly F Fletcher Mrs Alice M. Wells, Miss Mabel Drew, Mrs. L H. Buckshorn and Mrs. Alexander

At the close of the game delicious refreshments were served in the din-ing-room. The pourers were Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth and Mrs. William R. Taylor. Assisting in entertaining and despensing hospitality were Miss Elinor Cameron, Mrs. Kate Kebler and Mrs. Gretchen Kebler Sargent. Also present to bid gracious welcome to all was Mrs. John William Abbot. Out of town guests present were Mrs. Henry H. Braley and Mrs. Hugh F. Leith, of Concord, and Mrs. Donald M. Cameron, of Lowell.

#### Christmas Observances,

Sunday will be observed as Christmas Sunday at the churches. At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. O. L. Brownsey will preach a special Christmas sermon, "The advent of the gospel." There will be special music by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Charles D. Colburn, with Miss Elinor Colburn at the organ. The men singers of the congregation will assist in the singing. At the evening service particu-larly planned for the Christmastide the subject will be "The new world Christmas," with special music.

On next week Wednesday, Christmas eve, there will be a supper, tree and entertainment for the children of the Sunday school. This is planned to commence at five o'clock and end in time to enjoy the pictures at the church, commencing at

We note the death on Sunday at her home in North Billerica of Miss Harriet B. Rogers at the age of 85 years, 8 months, 2 days.

Miss Rogers was at one time a teacher in Westford academy, teach-ing therein from 1855 to 1858, and Westford friends have kept in touch with her through the years since. She was a woman of scholarly attainments and exceptional ability. We questioned following from Hodgeman's of Westford, published in 1883. In speaking of teachers of the academy

Mr. Hodgeman says at that time: "The achievements of Miss Harriet B. Rogers, a native of Billerica, born April 12, 1834, entitle her to notice in these sketches. She was regarded while in the academy as a teacher of remarkable energy, tact and ability; and she has since won a far wider and well merited reputation. She has been from its organization in 1867, the accomplished, enthusiastic and successful principal of the Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes at Northampton. She was the first in this coun try to introduce a system of teaching the use and employment of spoker language or reading from the lips in stead of the sign language. This system, as now developed, is regarded with much favor. In furtherance of her work Miss Rogers a few year since visited similar schools in Europe, and is steadily employed in her peculiar field of philanthropic en-

#### deavor.' Forge Village.

season. Mrs. Thomas Monohan is quite ill. Frank Collins of Southbridge was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins.

Miles Collins.

The Christmas tree celebration for the Sunday school of St. Andrew's mission took place on Wednesday night. It was a very enjoyable occasion even though the teachers were obliged to arrange it earlier than usual. The Mandolin club from Groton School added to the pleasure of the evening by playing several selections. Carols were sung by the children, after which Santa Claus arrived and distributed presents to all members of the Sunday school.

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

CHARLES A. NORMAND. 5t15

Ayer, Mass., December 9, 1919.

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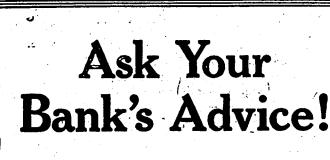
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#### PEPPERELL

News Items

Thomas F. Graham returned last week from St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, where he has been under treatment for rheumatic trouble Plans may be made for a trip south as soon as he is more fully recovered.

Miss Ruth Morgan, who returned York soon after the Thanks giving holidays, is again in town, and may decide to take a case about new year, having now the title registered

Fred J. Errington, who is improved by his treatment at the Nashua hos-Mai, is expected home this week, berecovered from the effects of his severe cold.

Mrs, Sumner Shattuck was a Boston shopper on Monday, heeding the admonition to do Christmas shopping

work of the Construction Company, bringing the line the Dunstable electric line into town, is progressing well, the work of digging being nearly completed before the cold wave the first of this week, having been brought to a point near the junction of the Nissitissitt and Nashua rivers. The linemen are to begin their work at

Reports from the local hunters are a deer, shot by Edward Hayes, South road, and another sighted by him near the Willows. Also, a fox was shot the past week, near the Goodnough place by Frank Bennett.

J. A. Frossard returned last week from a business trip to Philadelphia, connected with installing some of his calendar cleaners in the paper mills Supt. Hyer of the Construction com-

pany installing the electric plant for the Nashua River Paper Company is pushing the operations forward as fast as possible while the mild weather lasts, having now a force of over a

was responsible for the fine condition of the school; also, that the town need of the school; also, that the town need have no worry about obtaining certification privileges while Mr. Whitmarsh was principal. In inspecting high schools throughout the state he had found it generally to be true that conditions were much poorer for the past two years, due to the shortage leachers and to the fact that many of the teachers obtainable were below the standard.

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Pepperell's quota in the Red Cross seal is nine cents, or seals, for every man, woman and child for the entire population of 2800. If carried out this

Mr. and Mrs. John Pierce attended the fittleth wedding anniversary of his brother, Isaac Pierce, and wife, in Nashua, N. H., Monday. Mrs. M. C. Lane, a niece, with her husband and little daughter Charlotte, were also

Mrs. George T. Keyes, who has been occupying the apartment on Commonwealth avenue with her son and daughter, which the family have taken for the winter, was in town over Sunday to make arrangements for closing the house on the hill for the winter. She returned to Boston on Tuesday.

Mrs. Fred S. Bangrett and daughter.

the house on the fill for the winter, as the house on the fill for the winter. Audrey are to remove to West Somery will very soon for the winter, as the two sons, Lloyd and Verner, are to be two sons, Lloyd and Verner, and the Lloyd and Verner, are to be the third the church was doing nothing. The two sons, Lloyd and Lloyd and Lloyd and Lloyd the Verner, and Lloyd and Lloyd the Verner, and Lloyd the Lloyd the Verner, and Lloyd the Verner, and Lloyd the Verner, and Lloyd the Verner, and Lloyd the Lloyd the Verner, and Lloyd the Lloyd t

ives there.

Mrs. E. J. Davis has her daughter, Mrs. Cora Tilton, and granddaughter, Mildred, with her for a two-weeks' visit, coming from Concord, N. H. Mrs. Leon Richardson attended the meeting of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Economics held in Boston on December 5.

The Misses Dennen and Butler, stu-dents at the Framingham Normal school, are expected here at their re-spective homes on Saturday for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. W. W. Lunt has been having a ouch of her old enemy, asthma, which estricted her to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tiernan have gone to housekeeping in Fitchburg, where he is at work in a machine for a trip to New York city.

Red Cross Christmas seals are being sold by the pupils of the public schools.

All store-keepers have them and they are on sale at each postoffice for convenience. Canvassers have also been appointed for all localities of the town. appointed for all localities of the town Increase Teachers' Salaries.

Church Notes.

There will be special Christmas services at the Methodist church on Sunday morning and evening. At 10.45 the pastor will preach on the theme "The shepherd's sign." There will also be a special program of music at the morning service consisting of an organ voluntary by Miss Dunton: processional, "Welhnacht": response. "O holy night," choir; offertory solo, "Jesus of Nazareth," Mrs. Alice Bartlett; anthem, "The king comes," choir; postlude, Miss Dunton, organist. Usual session of the Sunday school at twelve o'clock. At seven o'clock in the evening there will be a Christmas concert by members of the Sunday school

held in the parish house on Tuesday evening at 7.30, being one day earlier than usual on account of the community Christmas tree on Christmas eve.

amount a mount a mount a mount of the community church will be divided among the towns in the district pro rata.

Mrs. Charles Blood had the misfortune to fall at her home on the Hollis road, Saturday, sustaining a fractured hip and minor injuries. Her mishap is regarded as more serious as she is in her eightleth year, and has been out of health for the past year or more. Mrs. Blood has a nurse, Mrs. Batchelder, of Amherst, N. H., with her, and is reported quite comfortable.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pierce attended the fittleth wedding anniversary of brother, Isaac Pierce, and mane, a missing tree on Christmas eve.

Christmas observance at the Community church will be the annual Christmas party for the entire Sunday school, Christmas night at seven movel by distribution of gifts from the Christmas trees in the auditorium. It has Sunday Miss Geiger's class won the banner and Beth McNayr had the highest credit.

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The Pepperell Men's club met at Saunders' hall on Monday evening with a fairly large attendance. As this was the last meeting of the club at which the president. Thomas E Nasnua, N. H., Monday. Mrs. M. C.
Lane, a niece, with her husband and little daughter Charlotte, were also guests.

Town schools closed on Friday for a two-week's vacation over the holidays.

Daniel Lovejoy is badly afflicted with rheumatism this winter, confining him to his home on the Townsend Harbor road.

Mrs. C. Charlet Harbor who has been a set of resolutions of regret at the

niece, Mrs. James Robertson, as some-what improved in health. She intends able comment. remaining over the holiday with rela-tives the results.

neid in Boston on December 5.

Miss Thelma Lewis, who passed her Thanksgiving vacation with relatives in town, coming from her school in Cambridge, will join her mother at their home in Akron, Ohio, for the Christmas holidays, starting this week, in company with her friend. Miss Brown, whose home is in Duluth, Ohio. Peter J. McDonald, Nashua road, the bride as bridesmaid, and Ernest has been suffering from jaundice, and Blood was groomsman. The bride has not been able to attend to the was becomingly attired in a traveling work about his farm for several suit of navy blue velour and the

After a reception at the home of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck were

chicken-pie supper at the community church vestries, under the direction At a special meeting of the school committee held in the Main street school building, Monday evening, it was voted to increase the salaries of all teachers \$250. While this is slightly less than the salary schedule recommended by Supt. Benner, and makes no provision for a minimum salary or a definite rate of promotion, it enables the school committee to compete for the present with surrounding towns of the same size and gives the teachers a living wage. of a men's committee, more than two Sunday, aged 1 year, 2 months, pronounced a great success, socially and financially.

as possible while the mild weather lasts, having now a force of over a dozen men.

At a recent meeting of Thomas A. Parker post, G. A. R., the following officers were elected: G. G. Tarbell, commander; Henry P. Humes, senior vice commander; Rufus Merrill, junfor vice commander; Rufus Merrill, iunfor vice commander; Rufus Merrill, junfor vice commander; Rufus Merrill, junfor vice commander; Rufus Merrill, Messrs. Walker and Parker, arranged with Ira F. Harris, the genial cashier vice commander; Rufus Messrs. Walker and Parker, arranged with Ira F. Harris, the genial cashier vice committee to vite the normal school once more vice the normal school once more vice the norma places and people of that day. He followed these with many pictures of

representative to state encampment;
M. L. Boynton, alternate.

Timothy Drumm has been engaged as meat cutter at the new Pepperell market, as Mr. Miller is on the team.

Mrs. C. A. Mills and small son, George, came up from Hyde Park last Saturday to remain over the week-end at the farm where Mr. Mills is still busy. They returned from here by auto as far as Ayer, on Monday morning, Mrs. Mills perferring to make the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, owing to the rest of the trip by train, o

at the last election, was filled by the election of Joseph Mahoney. During the discussion the question of the change of date of the regular meeting of the Grange was brought up again, but no action was taken, as many of the older members, who have always attended the Grange meetings on Friday evenings since it was first started here in town, are loath to have

to secure a night freer from entertainments or other events. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday December 26, and reports of the State Grange will be given, and an entertainment by the new

it changed, even if it seemed possible

LITTLETON

iews Items. Allen Kimball is at home from Worcester academy, and the boys from the Amherst State college are expected here for the holidays.

A bright and pleasing Christmas exercise has been prepared for the morning service of the Baptist church next Sunday by the superintendent and committees of the Sunday school. bright and pleasing Christmas The minister who is to preach in he Congregational church on Sunday will represent the Pilgrim memorial

the more thoughtful won much favorable comment.

The evening closed with singing, and the serving of hot coffee, sandwiches and doughnuts by the committee on refreshments of which Lyman Robbins was the chairman.

Marriage.

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Blood, daughter Mr. and Mrs. John H. Blood, Mason street, to Roger Shattuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Shattuck, of this town, occurred on Thursday, December 11, at half past four. The cremony was performed by Rev. Edward M. Slocombe at his residence, Main street, the double ring service being used. The couple were attended by Miss Carolyn Blood, sister of the bride, as bridesmaid, and Ernest Blood was groomsman. The bride was becomingly attired in a traveling suit of navy blue velour and the bridesmaid wore a dainty blue and white silk gown.

The bride's gift to her bridesmaid was a coral brooch and the groom gave the best man a set of gold cut links.

After a reception at the home of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck were

WESTFORD

About Town.

The wood on the Graham R. Whidden lot near Westford station is being loaded onto the cars for Boston. W. S. Greenough, of Acton, has the con-There are about 600 cords forman Phillips has charge of hauling and loading.

Myrtle Eleanor, only child of Claus and Emma (Pearson) Johnson, Groton road, Whidden's corner, died last

The Sunday school of the First Parish church will give a Christmas entertainment in the vestry of the church on Wednesday afternoon, De-cember 24, at four o'clock. Besides plays and games and a frolic of a time generally, the Christmas tree will be beholden and berift of its utilities for hopeful youth. Supper for the chil-dren will be pushed to prominence at six o'clock. The afterwards for everyoody and by the gracious goodness o the Abbot Worsted Company, will be motion pictures. This will be for children and adults and others. This par of the entertainment is liable to gear up around about near somewhere to

The Nichols family, who have been living at the Read-Drew farm for the last year, have moved to North Bil lerica.

Prizes Awarded.

On Thursday evening of last week representatives of the Farm Burea met the people of the town at the town hall, this being the evening to award prizes in the canning and pig clubs—\$15 in prizes were given by Westford Grange. Miss Edna Sargent had charge of the Canning club program which opened up with a plano duet by Marion and Mildred Fletcher; plano solo, Miss Ingalls; chorus song, Canning club, after which Mrs. Frank C. Wright presented the premiums for the Canning club—Anna Shaddick 1st, Edna Sargent 2d. Mabel Woodbury 3d; Pig club, Gerold Desmond 1st, Edna Sar-gent 2d, Gordon Seavey 3d; Graniteville Canning club, Edith Ingalis 1st, Francis Olivar 2d, Cora Haynes 3d.

Of the \$15 given by the Grange \$5 was awarded the Canning club of Westford Center; \$5 to the Graniteville club, and \$5 to the Pig club. Mrs Frank C. Wright and Mrs. W. R. Tay-lor were the committee in behalf of the Grange to have charge in organiz-ing the efforts of the clubs to a work-

ing enthusiasm. Ing enthusiasm.
Following these exercises Robert P.
Trask, of the Farm Bureau, spoke on
the good of the Farm Bureau and
club work. He was followed by
Charles Tillon, who takes the place
of J. B. Abbott on the Farm Bureau,
who spoke on "Fertilizers and their soaps needed to complete it. Miss soaps needed to complete it. Miss Jessie Flynn was awarded the prize worth." He showed by figures as at offered for the best guesser on the different kinds of candies, and in the contest for "hidden kisses" Mrs. Carrie Stewart was the winner. Each contest proved amusing, particularly the latter. A social hour with light refreshments followed the program. make unworkable potash to the disadvantage of American farming. advised as the cheapest fertilizer acid phosphate from South Carolina. Miss Margaret Robinson spoke on economics." Otis Day introduced the speakers.

Graniteville.

Both masses in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning were celebrated by Rev. John Linnehan. At the first mass the members of the Holy Name society received holy communion in a body, and after the sec-ond mass a meeting of the Women's Sodality was held. The children of the Sunday school have completed their rehearsals and all is in readiness for the Christmas tree exercises that will be held in St. Catherine's church on Monday evening at seven o'clock. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs

George Gower on last Saturday. Miss Margaret Tweed, of Lowell, has been a recent guest of Miss Alice Harrington.

The mill pond is now frozen over and some excellent skating has been enjoyed here by the young people during the past few days.

A meeting of the committee to celebrate the return of the soldiers and sailors from Westford who took part sallors from Westford who took part in the late war will be held in the town hall. Westford, on Saturday evening at eight o'clock. This committee will organize and act in conjunctive will organize and act in conjunctive benefit of the benefit of tion with the members of the board of Al ARLING LAMB FORES 15c. lb.

F. of A. hold a largely attended and perfect ATOES, 5 or 10 bu, lots \$1.90 bu, interesting meeting in their rooms on PCT ATOES, 5 or 10 bu, lots

cer football same in Forge Village on MOKED SHOULDERS last Saturday, when the Abbot Worsted Company eleven won over their Skinned BACK HAMS 7 to 2. This Saturday the Abbot team PHOS AND BEEF LIVER and the Amoskeag eleven from Man-chester, N. H., meet in the deciding game for the championship of the GOOD CORNED BEEF Lawrence and District league. This game will be played at the Glen Es. GOOD ROAST BEEF

held a very pleasing program of BEST SIRLOIN STEAK Friday afternoon, preparatory to the FAT SAI/T PORK





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Saturday, December 20, 1919

#### GROTON

### News Items.

There will be a Christmas vesper service at the Unitarian church or Sunday afternoon at 4.30, with special music and carols, accompanied by violins, cornet and organ, in charge of Miss Lowe, organist; soloists, Mrs. Ames, Miss Hill, Mrs. Sabine, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Beers and Mr. Ger-rish. Mr. Ames will speak. Those having carol books are asked to bring them and join in singing. The public is cordially invited.

The current events and literature department of the Woman's club met on Wednesday of last week with Mrs. Ardelle Warren, but as only four members were present, not much was done except to discuss matters of general interest.

Miss Alice Kemp is making a good recovery from her operation.

Miss Christine B. Rockwood, of Hancock, N. H., has been visiting her

School and another truck was sent for to pull it out.

At the town meeting on last week Thursday evening it was voted to accept the legacy of the late Dr. Samuel A. Green, and a committee was cho sen to decide whether the said legacy should be turned over to the overseers of the poor or placed with a commit-tee to distribute. The other article was laid on the table.

Mrs. H. H. Richards and her sister, Miss Eleonora Coolidge, attended the second in the series of the One Huhdred club dances, given at the Copley Plaza in Boston on Tuesday evening,

Rev. Frank Aucter, from Boston, will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of he Congregational church held a The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church held a business meeting on Thursday afternoon, December 11, at the close of which the missionary meeting was held, in charge of Mrs. Aitken. Mrs. F. D. Lewis gave a report of the meeting of the Home Missionary society in Shirley which she attended entertainment and a Christmas tree recently, which was addressed by Mrs. Italie Beers was operated on Little Ella Beers was operated on Little Ella Beers was operated on Ida Vose Woodbury, of the American Missionary association. The subject of the address was "Brotherly covenant," dwelling upon the right treatment of the negro.

Marion Breckenridge is at home from Washington for her christmas vacation.

At the meeting of the Woman's club on last week Friday afternoon six new members were admitted and it was voted to have a legislative committee, which should be appointed by the president. It was voted to offer two prizes to the senior and junior classes of the high school for essays on the general subject of the Pilgrims. The first prize is to be \$10, the second prize \$5. After the business meeting Walter Powers, of Cambridge, formally of the term grant of the term o erly of this town, gave a fine talk on his experiences in the last war, dur-ing which he served in the ordnance department in France. He emphasized particularly the faithful work done by by men in various clerical and other departments away from the firwhich, though bringing glory to the men, yet required hard work and diligent service. The next meeting will be held on January 9. instead of December 26, on account of the Christmas holidays.

Saturday at the state house, Boston, much enthusiasm.

A number of speakers presented the Miss Mildred I work in a most interesting manner. A 1310, G. H. S., who is a teacher at club of girls from Wakefield gave a Nasson Institute in Springvale, Me., very entertaining demonstration of a is at home on an enforced vacation. a club meeting as it is usually con-her school having been closed on ac-ducted, introducing their club songs. count of one case of searlet fever. There was a most instructive talk by a young lady who conducts play-woods substituted for Miss Hite, who grounds. She gave a number of games which might easily be adapted Mr. Trask, county leader of the There was a most instructive talk by

At the suggestion of the state de-partment of health, Mrs. Carlton A. Shaw, president of the Woman's club-has been asked to recreate the state of the Boutwell school, Thurs-lay December 11 has been asked to represent the Massachuseits Health Education commit-tee in Groton. The object of this committee is to secure the passage through the sparrow family.

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these likes shown he the fact that in the Woman's club under the lead-this street of the fact desired to embly of Miss Vickery, has simily sense to the late we were decreased volunteered to spensor the household

"Little women," in motion pictures, the scenes taken at Concord. The first performance will be at 3.30, the second

Cedric Moison has been out of town recently, installing a bathroom in Hol-

The Middlesex Rebekah lodge held

of officer elected is as follows: Mrs. Mrs. Effic V. Harrington, v.n.g.; Mrs. Blanche M. Brown, r. sec.; Mrs. Addle M. Durant, Brown, r. sec.; Mrs. Addie M. Durant, fin. sec.; Miss Mabel Souther, trens; Gilbert A. Durant, trustee for three years; Mary E. Boynton, Lois M. Wright, Blanche M. Brown, representatives to Rebekah assembly. Mrs. Norah Folkins, Mrs. Amy Wright and Miss Lois M. Wright attended the intra three of candidates at Acome Polyck. lation of candidates at Acoma Rebek an lodge, Pepperell, on Tuesday, De cember 9.

Miss Ruth Gletison is attending trade school in Worcester and is living with her sister. Mrs. Richard Law-rence, who moved to Worcester last September.

Msr. Odber Folkins and her so: George went from Groton to attend Mr. Gleason's funeral, having been neighbors of his family when living at Pleasant wheat in Grotheir home on Pleasant street in Gro

William A. Lawrence has improved sufficiently to be able to return to his home here.

home here.

The change to much colder weather, which came the first of this week, and some other entertainments on the same evening prevented as large an audience from bring present as might otherwise have enjoyed the delightful program presented by the talented reader, Miss Katharine Ridgeway, on Tuesday evening at the second entertainment in the Blood-Bigelow lecture course. The selections read were varied in character and were finely rendered.

The alarm for fire was sounded on

The alarm for fire was sounded on Wednesday evening the cause being a bad chimney fire at the home of Ar-thur Carkin.

The public library will be closed or Christmas eve and Christmas day. A very enjoyable all-day sewing meeting was held by the Neighborhood chib at the home of Mrs. Fred G. May on Wednesday. A large amount of work was accomplished. At noon the merry company, eighteen in number, sat down to a handsome table bountifully spread with viands contributed by the members, to which ample justice was done. The next meeting will be guest night at Mrs. Harriman's on New Year's eve.

E. S. Clark post and E. S. Clark

Hancock, N. H., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Harold Sheedy, lately.

During the thaw last week a truck will hold a joint installation in Odd Fellows hall on Tuesfrom Walpole got off the side of the road into the mud near the Groton oclock. Supper will be served by the executive committee.

Last Tuesday evening the Groton School gave their employees a Christ-mas tree, and the boys of the school had theirs on Thursday.

Mrs. Keough, mother of Mrs. Abram Miller, Champney street, is seriously ill, so that it is feared there may be danger of pneumonia.

The Unitarian church will have their annual Christmas supper and entertainment for the Sunday school on Wednesday evening, December 24. The supper will be served at six o'clock, followed by the entertainment and Christmas tree.

The Congregational church will have special music for at the Sunday morning service. On Tuesday evening the Sunday school will have an entertainment and Christmas tree at cight o'clock. The entertainment will be a play entitled "Playing Santa Claus."

Little Ella Beers was operated on last week Friday by Dr. Kittredge at the Memorial hospital, Nashua, for abscesses in the head. She is getting abscesses in talong nicely.

About Town. Frank B. Patterson has sold his place on Champney street to David E. Murphy. The friends of the Pattersons regret very much their leaving town, as they have been in Groton a long time and won the respect and esteem of many of the townspeople.

esteem of many of the townspeople.

Mrs. Jane E. Clark has returned from her visit in Manchester and Concord, N. H. She has a hard cold and is quite poorly.

The last Grange meeting of the year will be held on December 23. A pleasant time is expected with an entertainment, Christmas tree and a good time generally, and it is hoped that all the members will be present.

Miss Christine Rockwood was a Miss Christine Rockwood was a visitor in town last week, coming from

her new home in Hancock, N. H. There was plenty of work for the plumbers on Thursday, as the thermometer was from \$ to 12 below zero all day.

Miss Mildred Kemp of the senior of the Christmas holidays.

Class in the high school gave a conmiss Ella F. Vickery attended a cert at the Soldiers' club in Ayer on
conference of the Farm Bureau under Tuesday evening. She was assisted the department of the junior extension by a cornetist. Miss Kemp, who has home economics club work, held last a charming voice, was received with

> Miss Mildred B. Brown, class On Thursday, December 11. Miss

On December 11 Miss Elizabeth Hill

Appointment by the state department of the household coordination, who shall been hearth as:

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on macs club in the public schools towns or the state decrees their math. The following subjects have been sug-I will be beauth of their school chil. Rested from which the members of the junior and senior classes may take their choice for the prize essay contheir choice for the prize essay contest in which the Woman's ciub offers the person of the text modifier to be presented in two theorems. December 2h, at eight o'clock A latin attendation is hoped for as the officers for the coming year are to be oldeted.

The Gratan holge, 1 (1) (1) has running of ranged for a series of motion pictures to be presented in text, hall, because to be presented in the first and game about Plymouth the fort on Burnal Hill, trading with London William Russell will appear in Call the world to nothing. There will be two performances, one at six Fuller, Miles Standish (in poem and

"All the world to nothing." There will be two performances, one at six p m, and the other at eight p m. These pictures have been selected with care, with the purpose of giving the public the opportunity to see good plays at reasonable prices. On Friday, be Louisa M. Alcott's famous story, "Little women," in motion pictures, the boys of Plymouth, William Bradford, Samuel Fulle, Miles Standish (in poem and part in poem and fact). John Alden and his Priscilla, Massasoit, the Bradford history, relations of the Pilgrims with the Indians. Pilgrims and Furitans contrasted, moral influence of Plymouth colony, early accounts of the Pilgrims, ships which followed the Mayflower to Die mouth, towns settled from Plymouth.

Plymouth and the bay colony. This contest closes on April 1, 1920. Miss Alice C. Cleary, Fitchburg Normal school '17, and G. H. S. '15, who has been teaching in Pepperell. its annual election of officers on Tues-day evening, December 16. The list feet the first of January, as she has has sent in her resignation to take ef-

accepted a position in the Everett schools with a considerable increase in salary.

Miss Cullen is finishing the physical examinations of the high school scholars and has discovered a good many cases of enlarged tonsils, adenoids and defective eyes and teeth. that the parents will take advantage of the Christmas vacation to hese matters given attention and treatment.

Miss Kilbourn, and her cooking classes made 800° delicious cornballs wrapped in paraffin paper for the Ghristmas trees at the Boutwell and Tarbell schools.

#### Congregational Notes.

. By a unanimous vote of the Congregational Sunday school it was decided that Tuesday, December 23, was to be the date for the annual Christmas tree of the school. The member the Sunday school, their parents and friends are all invited to be present.. A real fine program is assured as Miss Susan P. Hill will have charge of the program. The Sunday school soon be as large as any school in the county.

Advance notice is given of the rally service the first Sunday of January. A Rally day social sometime during that week. The Rally day committee has Miss Alice Hallway as the leader.

Real live programs every Sunday. Best singing in this town or in any other town. Men and women's class-es now starting. Come to church and stay to Sunday school. You will enjoy the service. If you come once you will be sure to come every Sunday,

#### Interesting Meeting.

Under the auspices of the Farmers and Mechanics' club the public had the privilege of listening to Albert R. Jenks last Saturday evening when he talked upon the fruit-growing possibilities of this town. He commended the McIntosh Reds especially to the apple men of this part of the country. Mr. Jenks obligingly cut his talk in two to make way for Mr. Story's lecture on dairying. Both gave helpful suggestions on their different

topics.

The audience also were well entertained by the pictures with which Mr. Jenks' talk later in the evening was illustrated, and were instructive as well as to the remedies for the various obstacles which beset the fruitgrower. The motion pictures exhibit ed several different breeds of poultry when feeding, on the range and being made ready for the market. The handsome \$1000 rooster and a fine flock of Pekin ducks were perhaps as attractive as any of the poultry pic-tured. Later were views of berrypickers and workmen engaged in dif-ferent employments, closing with scenes at the Panama Exposition of 1915, which included the reviewing of several companies of militia and the raising of the flag of Massachusetts.

Death.

The acquaintances and friends of Walter F. Gleason of Framingham, formerly of Groton, were saddened by the news of his sudden death on Thursday December 11, after a sickness of five hours, the cause of his death being heart disease. The funeral services were held at his late home in Framingham on Monday, December 15, at two, p. m., when a large number of his friends and acquaintances were present, bearing testimony to the esteem in which he was held among them. The services were conducted by the Baptist minister. There were many flowers sent, some from every department of the plant where he was employed, as well as from the firm which employed him. The building was closed while the funeral procession passed the place where he had so lately been at work.

While in Groton Mr. Gleason was employed at the Boynton bakery. He left a widow and several children, His eldest son Chester was unable to be at home for the funeral service, as he is still in the service and will not be mustered out till December 27.

West Groton. The acquaintances and friends of Walter F. Gleason of Framingham,

### West Groton.

The engagement of Mabel Frances Downs is announced to Peter Christopher Lydon. A reception was held at her home, 281 Highland avenue, Somerville, from eight to ten o'clock Pure Silk Hosiery, double heel on the evening of December 19.

The Ladies' Aid sale and supper at The Ladies' Aid sale and supper at Squannacook hall on Thursday afternoon and evening of last week was very well attended and a financial success. The rummage table in charge of Mrs. A. W. Lamb and Mrs. William Ganley was a drawing card. Those having charge of the other tables were quite successful in disposing of their quite successful in disposing of their wares, but the rummage table was surrounded. Over sixty dollars were taken at that table. Such a variety of merchandise is rarely seen except in large department stores. The supper in charge of Mrs. C. E. Bixby was very good indeed. The tables were decorated with Christmas greens and red berries. One hundred and thirty dollars were added to the treasure, from were added to the treasury from his Christmas sale.

Mrs. William Ganley and daughter Ella spent last Saturday in Boston Mrs. Phineas Parker was called to Providence last week as her daughter. Mrs. Caldwell, had given birth to a Mrs. Parker is caring for mother

son. Mrs. Farker is caring for mother and child.

Mrs. F. E. Harrington and Mrs. Warren Preble of Ayer were in town on Thursday calling upon friends and attending the Christmas sale.

Last week Mrs. Malvina Lane was il and confined to her bed. She is now, however, very much better and thie to be about.

Miss Hazel Ballou of Shirley was the guest of Miss Ruth Mellish on Thursday evening of last week. Friends were invited for whist, after which music was enjoyed. Mrs. Mellish served dainty refreshments.

Miss Freda Humiston left on Tues-by to visit her friend, Dorothy Englin, n East Jaffrey, N. H.

Earl Dodge of Leominster visited held its parents, Mr. and Mrs. George the nis parents, Mr. Dodge on Sunday. odge on Sunday.

Miss Olive Tarbell spent Tuesday in former

Edmund Blood passed away Tues-

Edmund Blood passed away Tuesday morning. His funeral was on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. William Ganley officiated.

Arthur W. Lamb has accepted a position with the Warren Manufacturing Company of New Jersey and will take up his new duties on January 1. The above company own and operate four paper mills along the Delaware river, near Easton, Pa., and Mr. Lamb's new field offers exceptionally cood opportunities. Mrs. Lamb and children will remain in West Groton for the present. or the present. We wish to call attention once soda.

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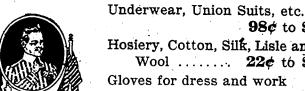
Georgette Crepe Waists...... \$6.50 and \$7.98 Pussy Willow Silk Waists..... \$6.75 to \$8.75 Christmas Booklets and Postcards

Christmas Seals and Tags Christmas Ribbons and Crepe Paper Christmas Bells and Festoons

Cretonne Sewing Stands...... \$1.39 Cretonne Boudoir Slippers, pink, blue, Lavender

Boudoir Caps, new patterns...... 59¢ to \$2.00 Silk Camisoles, entire new line.... \$1.69 to \$2.50 Ladies' Sweaters Children's Sweaters

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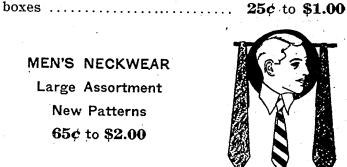
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n solos, etc. On Saturday, 25, the scouts are to meet n, cooking their own food a bonfire. There will be All boys and girls who are sh to be will be at the that time. During the of wish to be will be at the that that time. During the she scout meetings are to be env Saturday at two p. m. in Once a week at Squanna-soll and once a month at home it members. Sergt. Evans, diril master of the New York and will drill the scouts at

will drill the scouts at these inectings. Mrs Privis, who is boarding at the town fo to, will be ninety-eight years lay after Christmas. She was Groton December 26, 1821. She is a wonderfully well preserved woman, both mentally and physically, and takes care of her own from. She is a relative of the late Dr. S. A. Green.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

You can clean the white iron bec quickly with a mixture of vinegar and soda. Use one cup of the former and

We wish to call attention once soda. Use one cup of the former and more to the community Christmas tree and entertainment which will be held in Squannacook hall on Christmas, eve. A large attendance is destred. A rehearsal will be held on: Tuesday afternoon of next week. All children who have parts in the carols and recttations are requested to be present at two o'clock sharp.

The boy and girls scouts are to help. The boy and girls' scouts are to help, entertain at the community Christmass ree at Squannacook hall, Christmass ree, with a drill, recitations, however, is still well above the acre-ARD PILLMAN, Ayer, Mass.

age of ten years ago. This acreage does not include sorghum or other seeded cane, but does include all varieties grown by planting stalks or joints. Matches are turned out in huge

nantities by machinery. The machines now in use cut up great planks of wood into match splinters at light-ning speed. The ends of the splints are then passed through a paraffin bath and receive their heads. Formerly one of the big imports of Brazil was rice. She now exports five

times as much rice as she ever im ported. The Chinese first introduced rice culture into Hawaii and are still the chief rice growers of the island.

New Advertisements FIREPLACES A SPECIALTY in Ayer and surrounding towns. Have a fire-place put in your old chimney not used for other purposes. H. W. WINSLOW Mason Contractor, Ayer. Tel. 52-3

WANTED,-Young Men, 18 to 2; years of are; steady work. ROBT MURPHY'S SONS CO., Knife Works Ayer, Mass.

LOST-In Ayer railroad station Wednesday evening, brown cardboard box containing Velvet Evening Dress. Finder please telephone Groton 154 and receive reward.

HORSE FOR SALE—Six years old, or trade for heavier horse; no trick in stable or out; fearless of electrics or autos; bargain. L. B. TUTTLE, East Main St., Ayer, Mass. 3t16\*

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### NOTICE

The Appropriation Committee for the town of Groton will meet in the lower Town Hall, December 29, Janua Nuts, Oranges, Malaga Grapes, Sweet ary 5 and 15, 1920, at eight o'clock, Potatoes, Christmas Candy, Cranber-P. M.

2t15 Appropriation Committee. GEORGE H. B. TURNER, Publisher The daily labors of the Bee, Awake my soul to industry: Who can observe the careful Ant, And not provide for future want?"

Saturday, December 20, 1919

News Items.

At the meeting of Joseph Connors post, A. L., Tuesday evening, the fol-lowing officers were elected for the ensuing year: Dr. B. H. Hopkins, com., M. S. Donahue, vice com.; J. H. Hooley, adjt.; C. L. Campbell, finance of.: G. M. Barrows, his.: Waldo Wins chap.; T. H. Clark, sgt.-at-arms J. H. Hooley, war risk of.; G. T. Burns, employment officer; M. S. Donahue, delegate to state conven

Miss Barbara Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Sullivan, West Main street, celebrated her third birthday on Thursday, December 11, by a party to her little friends. Among those present were Bernica Gravel, Ursula Donahue, Paul Ryan, Regis Ryan, Tina McInerney, Merriam Mc-Inerney, Junior Hayden and Grace

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held next Monday evening; work—Entered Aprentice and Fellow Craft degrees. Another special will be held Friday evening, December 26; work—Master Mason degree, worked by the Anchor club of the Boston and Maine railroad. A lunch will be served at this meeting

A special convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held next Tuesday evening; work—Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees.

E. O. Proctor has purchased the moving picture business which has been conducted by George S. Poulius for the past nine years in Page's hall. moving picture business which has been conducted by George S. Poulius for the past nine years in Page's hall. Mr. Proctor has not yet made definite plans as to whether he will conduct this business in addition to the Strand for the plans as to whether he will conduct the plans as to whether he will conduct the process of the process o

r not.
Twenty-four members of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., attended the working of the second degree at Shawmut lodge in Boston, last week Friday

Ayer Grange will hold an oper

Howard Preble, from Ohio, is at home for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Frank Moriarty, who moved to Connecticut several years ago, has been visiting friends and relatives

Vesta Rebekah lodge elected the following officers on last Wednesday evening: Mrs. Mary L. Brooks, n. g.; Mrs. Gertrude Millson, v. g.; Miss Helen F. Kelleran, sec.; Mrs. Ella F. Hovey, treas.; Mrs. Blanch Waterman, trustee 3 years. Installation will be held on January 7, with a supper in charge of Harry Howe.

The G. A. R. will install its officers on the afternoon of January 8. The W. R. C. and S. of V. will hold a joint installation in the evening of the same Further details will be an nounced later.

Miss Florence Blondin, of Lowell, employed at the shop of Fairchild

Miss Louise Arlin, of West Town-send has been visiting friends here. Charles Keith, of Boston, gave an interesting address before the Woman's club in Hardy's hall on Wednes-day afternoon upon "The boy problem our men of tomorrow; what makes the boy a problem." Mr. Keith spoke from a practical standpoint, having had ten-years' experiences with boys. He was well received. Community singing was in charge of Mrs. L. H Graydon. The regular meeting of the executive board will be held on Friday evening. December 26, at the

of the week on a Christmas shopping tour. After being away all day, missing connections on the cars once or twice and other hard luck generally George returned at night with a few postal cards

Ernest W. Herrick, of Fitchburg, arrested recently and charged with the larceny of an interstate shipment of 70,000 cigarettes, valued at \$700, in Ayer, where he was employed by the Boston and Maine railroad, waived examination when his case came be-fore Commissioner Hayes, Monday, and was held under \$500 for the federal grand jury. He was released on his personal recognizance,

Henry S. Wood has moved from the Wood tenement on Fourth street to

Miss Abbie C. Johnson of Lunenburg spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Mary B. Johnson: Rex M. Boutwell has entered the of the Samson Cordage Works

in Shirley, Miss Bertha Farnsworth of Frank

lin, N. H., is visiting her brother, Earl Farnsworth,

of Mrs. Milan P. Cole last Tuesday. The Mohawk Camp Fire Girls have chosen the following officers for the ensuing year: Betty Cleary, pres.; Dorothy Jubb, vice pres.; Frances

Page, treas.; Helen Whitney, sec. The following real estate transfers in this vicinity were recorded last week: Ayer—William U. Sherwin to A. G. Bulkeley. Groton—Andrew J. Kelly to J. H. Broughton: A. H. Thompson to J. T. Shepley; trs. of Groton School to A. H. Monroe. Pepperella. Bridget Enhance to A. perell— Bridget Fahey et al. to A. Krasnecki, Shirley—Theophile Lam-bert to F. Gendron, Townsend—Hat-C. Emery et al. to W. W. Greeley Westford Joseph Belland to Georgie Belland, land near Bridge street: Olive H. Loveless et al. to James P Sullivan et al., land on Tadmuck road. Lunenburg-William H. Hildreth to Edward Whittaker, land on Chestnut street: James A. Litchfield et al. to Edward Whittaker, land on Chestnut

Henry Frazier, who told the police that he had been working as a pump-ing engineer at Camp Devens, facea charge of assault with intent to kill. as the result of a shooting scrape in the west end of Boston last Friday. Frazier, who had not been living with his wife for some time, is said to have gone to her on Friday and demanded that she see a lawyer and get a sep-aration. Upon her refusal to do so aration. Upon her refusal to do so, a quarrel resulted, and Frazier shot his wife through the lung. Rufus Oxley, superintendent of the house where Mrs. Frazier lived, attempted

to interfere and another shot struck im in the left side. Both-Oxley and Mrs. Frazier were taken to the Hay-market Square Relief hospital, where the former was placed on the danger list after undergoing an operation.

Frazier was taken to the city prison to await arraignment on the charge may be changed to a charge of first or second degree murder, as Oxley died from his wound Tuesday after-

Miss L. Etta Green expects to leave about December 27 for Deland, Fla. where she will spend the winter. Miss Green will take with her several ladies from Boston to make up an orer and which will play at a Deland hotel this winter.

hotel this winter.

At the meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., Wednesday evening, officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Mrs. Mae Fillebrown, matron; Timothy Cleary, patron; Mrs. Viola Cole, associate matron; Mrs. Annie Fillebrown, sec.: Mrs. Eileen G. Sawyer, treas.; Mrs. Grace Rymes, conductress; Mrs. Edna Zoller, asso. con.; Elisha D. Stone, trustee 3 years. Arrangements for installation, which will take place at the next meeting, are in the hands of the first three elected.

Mrs. Nina Phillips Smith, of Nashua

Mes. Nina Phillips Smith, of Nashua, formerly of this town, visited relatives in town this week.

Mrs. H. E. Sanderson returned on Tuesday from a visit with her sister, Mrs. H. D. Carter, of Springfield. Miss Margaret E. Hume returned home on Monday from a visit with friends in Boston.

Masters Graham and Howard G. Gathercole, who are attending the Beacon Street school in Boston, came Wednesday to spend their Christmas yacation with their father, F. H. Gathercole

Frank Harlow returned home on Tuesday after spending a month in Buffalo with his brother, Fred Har-

forty bank treasurers were present. The hosts were the treasurers of the four insurance banks under whom the other banks act as agents

The local fire department was called out Tuesday afternoon to assist Harvard at a fire at the Harvard town farm. The fire started around a chim-Ayer. Grange will hold an open meeting in Hardy's hall on Christmas eve. A Christmas tree with gifts for all will be the main feature. Each member is requested to bring a gift not exceeding ten cents in cost. A box limch will be enjoyed.

The fire started around a chim-rey and worked its way between the floorings and partitions, causing a damage to the house to the extent of about \$500. The rough condition of about \$500. The rough condition of weather, did not make the trip to Harvard particularly pleasant for the limit of the limit local department.

Harry M. Howe paid an official visit to Harvard lodge, I. O. O. F., Monday evening, as district deputy grand master, accompanied by Edward C. Page, D. H. Young and others as members of his suite. George L. Dollof, grand master, of Somerville, was also present at the meeting. at the meeting.

Manager John J. Barry of the New England Telephone exchange at Lynn has developed and improved the tele-phone booth in a way that will over-come the difficulty of stifling hot at-mosphere in the summer. The new

At the meeting of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., Tuesday evening, the third degree was worked on several candidates. There was also a visitation by George L. Dollof, of Somerville, grand master. His suite included the following: Waldo S. Ford, Somerville, grand marshal; Arthur F. Douglas, Chelsea, grand guard.; Fred A. Swett, Somerville, grand herald. The district deputy grand master for this district. George F. Buxton, of Shirley, was also present. There were addresses by the grand officers, District Deputy Buxton, George F. Buxton, of Shiriey, was and present. There were addresses by the grand officers, District Deputy Buxton, Herbert E. Phinney and Rev. John R. Chaffee, and a program of chorus singing. Following the meeting a buffet lunch was served consisting of welsh rarebit, sandwiches, coffee, fruit and cigars. Lucius C. Fairchild then entertained with a half-hour's program ertained with a half-hour's program of readings and impersonations.

James T. Rider, ir., officiating.

The following is the program at Y. M. C. A. hut: Friday, 7.30, current events; movies, Saturday, 7.30, movies; current events. Sunday, 2.30, proles; current events. Sunday, 2.30, pro-ram for men: special Christmas music; address by A. V. Dimock. Mon-day, 7.30, comedy; current events; movies. Tuesday, 7.00, vaudeville; current events; movies. Wednesday, 7.30, comedy; current events; movies. Thursday, 7.00, Christmas night pro-gram; reader; Bay State Male quar-tet of Boston; movies. Friday, 3.45, moving picture program for the chil-dren of the schools in place of Thurs-day afternoon. day afternoon.

day afternoon.

The Charles H. Kennison shop, 4
East Main street, which was purchased some time ago by J. H. Sargent, will be opened on Monday, December 22, or light machine work, of all kinds of tools and general re-

Fred L. Watts, chief engineer at the cold storage plant, Camp Devens, left Tuesday for a two weeks' vacation at his home in Providence, R. I.

Soldiers' Club.

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An interesting part of the Christmas celebration in Ayer will be the presentation of a Christmas masque by the Junior Girls' Learne and special music at the Soldiers' club. West street, on Christmas eve, December 24, at 8.15, runder the auspices of War Camp Community Service. This masque was written by Miss Constance D'Arcy Mackaye, who is at the head of the pagent work of the country and who spent the summer at Shirley Cemter. The masque will be preceded by a short concert by an orchestra beginning at 7.45 o'clock. The Junior Girls Learne is a club of the younger girls of the town, which came out of the recent pageont. The hour is selected so that those who have Christmas exercises in the churches may have them

so that those who have Christmas exercises in the churches may have them earlier in the evening and come for a community celebration to the Soldiers club. It is expected that the girls will sing carols about the town and at the base hospital after the masque. No admission will be charged and a cordial invitation is extended to everyhody in town and camp.

A Christmas dinner will be served at the cafeteria.

the cafeteria.

Plans for Welcome Home.

Plans are under way for the wel-come home day for the service men of this towh, which is to be held on New Year's day. The committee have not completed all of the details as yet, but a general program has been decided

the day will start with a public reception in the town hall from two until four o'clock. The local service men, who number about 185, will be presented at this time with service record books similar to those which were giv

ted.

At five o'clock a turkey supper will be served to the men at the Soldiers' club on West street, but the details of this supper have not yet been settled. In the evening there will be a social dance in the town half and Broderick's orchestra of Lowell has been secured for the occasion.

for the occasion.

The committee who were appointed The committee who were appointed some time ago to have charge of the welcome home day are John D. Carney, chalrman; George L. Wilson, secretary, Douglas e Smith, George H. Brown, H. J. Webn, T. F. Mullin, Joseph M. Markham, Michael J. Griffin, Mrs. John B. Carney, Mrs. Theodore W. Barry, Mrs. Waldo W. Sprague, Mrs. Charles Scruton, Mrs. J. J. Barry.

An Unusual Case,

A practical illustration of the fact that we are governed by two sets of laws, one made by the state legislature and the other by the United States congress, and that these laws sometimes conflict, was given in the district court last Saturday when Judge Atwood dismissed the com-plaints made by Robert L. Dyson, of Worcester, agent for the Massachu setts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, against J. E. Mahoney, station agent of the Boston and Maine railroad, on the ground that he had no jurisdiction to find the defendant guilty or not guilty.

The case had been continued from

the preceding Saturday to give the court an opportunity to examine the law and briefs submitted by John M. Maloney, for the society, and William A. Cole, of the railroad law depart ment for the defendant. The cour said that the evidence showed clearly that the cattle had not been properly cared for while in transit from Hard wick, Vt., and before unloading, but that the shipment was interstate commerce and regulated by a United States statute which superseded all state statutes relating to the treatment of cattle while in transit.

mount right of congress to regulate interstate commerce, but contended that the state statute did not conflict with or infringe upon that right beinterstate commerce but was merely a regulation under the police powers of the state which the state legislature

was authorized to make. The complainant submitted two precedents sustaining his contention, one of which, a decision of the su-preme court of Texas, was almost ex-actly like the case on trial. Judge Atwood said he could not follow these matter had convinced him that the state courts had no jurisdiction in cases like the one on trial.

The society has now taken up the matter with District Attorney Tufts for the purpose of getting a ruling from the superior or supreme courts.

District Court.

. The continued case of Robert L. Dyson, inspector for the S. P. C. A., against John E. Mahoney, the local come the difficulty of stifling hot atmosphere in the summer. The new booth only reaches to the hips, but can be closed so as to be as secret as the ordinary booth, while it still has the advantage of a free circulation of air from below. The new booth takes up very little room and is sanitary, clean and comfortable at all times. Mr. Barry was from 1910 to 1912 manager at the Ayer exchange and will be remembered by many.

At the meeting of Robert Burns is station agent, was dismissed on Saturday morning, as the local court had no jurisdiction of the matter, it being a Federal, question. This case had to do with a shipment of cattle to Andrew Haskell of Harvard, which were not fed and cared for according to the statute while detained in the local yards. The cattle were finally accepted by Mr. Haskell, after an adjustment had been made with the station agent, was dismissed on Saturustment had been made with

a chance to remedy the situation.

Proctor's Strand,

This Saturday the Strand has another treat for you in George Walsh in "The winning stroke," This, the first great 'varsity photoplay ever filmed, centers round one of the world's greatest college events, viz: the Fox cameraman at the last race which was witnessed by about 100,000 which was witnessed by about 100,000 persons. A great college play by a great college athlete. Similar to "Brown of Harvard." This picture shows the greatest boat race ever screened. Don't miss seeing George Walsh. Typical college pranks make some of the laughs of the picture. Sunday—Sussue Havakawa in "The temday—Sussue Hayakawa in "The tem-ple of dusk." Being 10% of proceeds of "Blue Bonnet

Proctor's Strand, Ayer, Mass.
Dear Friend—I beg to acknowledge receipt for yours of recent date enclosing your contribution for our Christmas baskets to the poor, and to convey to you coning your contribution for our Chris mas baskets to the poor, and to covey to you our sincere and deep as preciation of your thoughtful and vaued assistance. Thanking you for you assistance and wishing you the sesson's greetings. I beg to remain,

Gratefully yours,

Adam Clifford, Colonel.

At the Federated church next Sunday at 10.45 Christmas sermon by the pastor. The boys' choir will sing. At twelve, Sunday school; men's class, George L. Osgood, teacher; woman's class. At seven, Christmas concert by the Sunday school. The young ladies' choir will sing. Tuesday, 7.30, midweek service; subject, "Christmas." Wednesday, 6.45, n. m., the Sunday choir will sing. Tuesday, 7.20, mid-week service; subject, "Christmas." Wednesday, 6.45 p. m., the Sunday school Christmas tree in the vestry. Offering for Armenic. Last Sunday night Rev, Arthur V. Dimock preach-2d a very inspiring sermon and C. W. Stetson played on the goblets. The Ladies' Benevolent society held a bus-iness meeting Tuesday. Last Sunday afternoon the annual every member canyass occurred. At five a supper anvass occurred. as served the capyassers upon their cturn for reporting the visitations of

the homes.

Unitarian church—Sunday services:
10 t5, regular offices and sermon,
Misec; response, "O little town of
Bethlehem," Minetti; offertory solo,
"O night divine," Jordan, Mrs. Sarkent, Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister; subject, "The
Christmes mysteries," Church school
at tweive, At 7.00, carols, evening
prayer and sermon, Music; carols,
"It came upon the midnight clear,"
"O little town of Bethlehem," "The
first Nowell," "Silent night," "Adeste
Fideles" (sung in Latin), Mrs. Sarkent; response, "O boly night," Adam,
Mrs. Beckford; offertory duet, "Christmas," Shelley, Mrs. Beckford and Mrs.
Sarkent, Preacher, Rev. Fr. Paramanda; subject, "The Christ child."

As usual on the Sunday before
Christmas a special evening service
with carol singing and special music
will be held. Mrs. William S. Beckford and Mrs. Walter C. Sargent will
be the soloists, Father Paramanda,
the distinguished Vedantist monk will
be the preacher. Fer Paramanda's be the soloists. Father Paramanda, the distinguished Vedantist monk will the distinguished Vedantist monk will be the preacher. Fr. Paramanda's coming will be keenly anticipated as many church people of Ayer were present last winter at a service in the church which he made memorable by

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Monroe Salisbury in "Sundown Trail" Two-reel Comedy. Pictorial Life

Evenings-6.15 and 8.15 Matinees-2.15

Next Sunday at St. Andrew's church there will be Holy Communion at 8.30 a. m. and morning prayer and sermon at 10.45 a. m. On the morning of Christmas day there will be a service and address at ten a. m. The annual Christmas tree for the children of the Sunday school will be held in the vicarage on Monday evening, December 22, at 7.30. Parents of the children and others interested are invited to and others interested are invited to

At the Baptist church preaching a At the Baptist church preaching at 10.45 a, m. by pastor. Sunday school at twelve m. Evening service, preaching by Rev. A. V. Dimock. Special music by quartet and Mr. Stetson with his goblets. All welcome.

Colville Indian Reservation

December 9, 1919. So far as this part of the world is concerned winter seems about the first of December we have experienced a continuous spell of frigid weather, the mercery dropping to weather, the mercery dropping to zero or lower each morning, ten below being the lowest. Fortunately there is abundance of pine and tamarack timber nearby which retails at eight dollars a cord when cut to the length of sixteen inches.

Life of course in a village forty miles distant from any town is not very strenuous. We have a movie on Saturdays only. The pool room seems to be the social clearing house for the male portion of the community of Mr. Starkey went to Lowell the first the week on a Christmas shopping the week of the week which Indians seem to be in a majorure is evidenced by the fact that the guarantors had but seventy-five cents each to pay to make good the financial deficit. This is attributed to the fact that the numerous government em-ployees at the agency to whom the community looks naturally for support of intellectual and spiritual bet-terment, were the chief patrons.

is not very active. We have one little chapel under the control of the Methodists, but since September it has been without a paster. A Sunday school of an average attendance of less than thirty gathers weekly. The Methodist conference failed to make an appointment for Nespelem this year and it must share the meagre ministrations of the circuit rider whose field is the whole reservation The Roman Catholics have a large edifice and a resident priest. Most of the Indians, among whom they have worked for two generations, being af-

fillated with them, The school situation here is rather The covernment maintain an Indian school in town, where th lower grades are taught, promotion the public school. The modern sub-stantial Emblings of the government are in norked contrast with the los schoolhouse and box house in which

the public's hool is held.

As most of the Indians have land illotted them by the government, looks at first glance as if the Redma was the favored class even though h may still be under the protecting win of "Uncle Sam." As soon as he re ceives his patent for his land he has all the rights and privileges of white mar. As I understand it the question of competence to manage one's own affairs is a matter for the agent to decide. Imbecility of min-and incapacity for business in the agent's judgment may keep the pater from the Indian during his entire lie D. H. Felch Nespelem. Wash., Dec. 9, 1919.

LITTLETON

News Items. There will be a dance in the town hall Christmas night, given under the auspices of the Back-log club. Colonian singing orchestra will furnis

Christmas entertainments and treewith gifts for pupils and teacher-formed an important feature in the Friday programs of the public schools Operatives of the webbing factors and their friends enjoyed one of their frequent social times in the town hal last week Friday evening. Readings

the music.

and musical selections were given, and and musical selections were given, and a good address by Mr. Brigham, the New York representative, constituted an attractive number in the program. President Humphries called for remarks, to which there was ready and able response by several persons. Coffee, sandwiches and doughnuts were served and several engaged in a soserved and several engaged in a social dance. Repairs on the town hall are now n progress.

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Edwards is reported sick with bronchial pneumonia.

The weather predictions for the week proved true and on Thursday morning the cold weather reached the limit of zero temperature for the week, reports varying in different parts of the town, 9 below to 24 below zero

Rev. Mr. Cushman, formerly of Medfield, who preached so acceptably a few weeks ago, will again occupy the Unitarian pulpit on Sunday.

Unitarian pulpit on Sunday.

A deserted Ford car was discovered Tuesday on the hill near New Estate crossing. Lights, top and a few other parts were smashed, bearing evidence of a collision. A few autoists stopped and some person or persons carried away tools and other parts of the equipment. The number plates had been removed and the number on the engine had been filed off. A neighbor, fearing that the tires might be removed, telephoned Chief Beatty of Ayer, who said that he would take charge of the car. It is believed to have been a stolen machine.

Clarence Carter has the sympathy

Clarence Carter has the sympathy of his friends in the loss of his wife, Mrs. Josie Carter, whose death came suddenly last Thursday, following the birth of a little daughter on the Sunday previous. The funeral was held the less of the week and interment the last of the week and interment was made in Leominster. During her During her was made in Leominster. During her comparatively brief residence in town Mrs. Carter had endeared herself to her many friends who deeply lament her untimely death. She was a member of the Grange and had entered into church and social life as much as her health would permit.

terment, were the chief patrons.

The religious life of the community so far as Protestantism is concerned is not very active. We have one little

Grange.

The Grange had the annual Christmas entertainment Wednesday evening which was well attended and much enjoyed. A tree of generous dimension was well laden with gifts for all, and the funny members of the committee did not forget to include some jokes. This was in charge of the three Graces. Splendid and very interesting reports of the State Grange meetings were given by Mrs. J. B. Blodget, the lecturer-elect, and Mrs. Albert Sheld, delegate. The governor's address was faithfully reviewed and much was told of all kinds of community service, methods of encouraging billion in farmling, the educational field their worth was told of all kinds of committing the left of the control of the Reston.

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he National Grange meeting will in Reston. If in Reston is Hill's resignation from the true commutates was aunounced occumulated was aunounced of from the Grange and the aunity. Several notes of thorks is not members with expressions preciation for flowers received read.

cread.

Charles A. Kimball Mrs. Stephens and Miss Harrier to up possibitions on the death of Jossie Carter. A committee was not look over the regalia and onish any part needed, Mrs. Shedd Hall and Mrs. C. A. Kimball og selected.

freshments consisting of corn cakes and candy were served and dancing completed the en oment of the evening. the installation of officers will take the first Wednesday in January

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RAISINS, fancy seeded, per package
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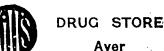
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#### Center.

The Congregational pulpit was occupied last Sunday morning and even-ing by Rev. Mr. Lowe, pastor of the Congregational church in Hudson, At the morning service Mr. Lowe gave a history of Congregationalism and also spoke in the interest of the Pilgrim memorial fund. At the union evening service his talk on "Y" work overseas during the late war was replete with interesting and impressive incidents. During the evening sacred euphonium selections were rendered by T. E. Flarity with organ accom-

animent by Albert G. Seaver. The following class, Mr. and Mrs Velson Birch, Mr. and Mrs. E. Austir Mrs. Stephen Keefe and Master Care Swinnington, joined the Grange at 1. last regular meeting. The next meet ing December 22 a Grange Christonia Odd Fellows' hall in charge of sire.

Emma Spencer. Mrs. Abbie A. Barber has closfarm home on Townsend hill as a will spend the winter with Mr. tool Mrs. N. Howard Pease in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Angle H. Lang has returned rom visiting Mrs. R. O. Reed in Amesbury.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hildreth have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin, is sick-and Mrs. James Woolley in East Bos- with the measles.

Dr. Ethel Rockwood, of Worcester. spent the week-end at the home of her father, W. F. Rockwood.

The burial of Otto Makila, aged 1 wear 10 months, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Makila, of South row, who died from pneumonia following measles, took place Monday morning at ten o'clock in the Hillside cemetery with committal services at the grave in charge of Rev. A. L. Struthers, pas-

The net proceeds of the fair and entertainment recently given by the L. B. S. and Dorcas class of the Methodist church was \$100. odist church was \$100.

The sum of \$215 was cleared at the recent band concert held in Memorial hall. This amount is to be divided equally among the Townsend mem-

About fifteen members of the North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., with a class of candidates, went to Pepperell last week Thursday evening, where joint second degree work was done by the Pennerell lodge on candidates from the lodges of Pepperell and Townsend. This week Wednesday the North Star lodge worked the third degree on the

Elwin O. Swicker, formerly of this town, has entered the employ of the B. & A. D. Fessenden Company as general utility man in the heading room of the company's mill. He will his home with his aunt, Mrs. James Misner.

The results of the every-member canvass of the Congregational church and congregation was very successful, pledges being increased \$200 over the amount subscribed last year, and the outlook is very promising for the coming year.

The local Red Cross call for clothing and bedding in good condition is to be used to help our town needy and such articles donated may be left with Mrs. Flora I. Atwood.

Up to Wednesday only \$39 of the town's quota of \$167 had been raised by the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals, and \$27 of the above was collected by the energetic little worker, Miss Florence Higgins. The number of seals one can use is not so much to be considered as how many pennies one can give to help tuberculosis relief work. Nine cents is the indlvidual quota for Townsend. The seals may still be secured of the Red Cross chairman, Mrs. R. G. Fessenden,

While Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fagan while Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fagan and the carriage was struck by an auto truck which was operated at an excessive rate of speed. Mrs. Fagan was thrown out, and also Charles Wilson, who was riding in the back of the carriage. The buggy was badly smashed and Mrs. Fagan shaken up. shaken up cated in Groton.

The net proceeds of the Congrega-tional L. B. S. fair, supper and en-tertainment amount to about \$115. A minstrel show composed of men, with quartet singing and a farce, is to be held New Year's evening in Memorial hall. Dancing will follow the entertainment. The proceeds is for the benefit of the Townsend post, A. L.

The Center Birthday club are to be entertained at the home of Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, Greenville, Tuesday, January 20, instead of January 6, as scheduled. A Puritan dinner will be Welf.

A. L. Struthers,

Christmas will be observed at the seventeen-days' vacation with her Methodist church with a concert Sunmether, Mrs. Ione Giffen, day evening, given by the children of the Sunday school. On Christmas evena lunch is to be served the children at six o'clock, followed by Christmas et disserved the children at six o'clock, followed by Christmas et disserved the children at six o'clock, followed by Christmas et disserved the children at six o'clock, followed by Christmas et al.

A. Wilder.

The members of the Country club were entertained Wednesday at the home of Mrs. George Brackett, when a Christmas feast was served by the hostess at noon and during the afternoon Christmas songs were sung with Mrs. Greenleaf presiding at the piano: readings, "Christmas time in the trenthes," and vocal duets, by Mrs.

Lina Hayward and Mrs. Greenleaf.

thirteen wars of age and the youngest clude Christmas carols by the children and Miss Vera Bradford will read one of Myra Kelly's east side Christmas solve and the assistance of the State Board of Charities will be solicited.

Ruth Whitaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Whitaker, observed the tenth anniversary of her birth on the tenth anniversary of her birth on the trenthes," and vocal duets, by Mrs.

Lina Hayward and Mrs. Greenleaf.

The grade schools closed this week then taken by Mr. Whitaker in his car Bradford, who is to be married on Friday for a two-weeks Christmas vators: the high school for one week. home about 10.30. Ruth was the re- Miss Margaret Longley has given

The Community Civics of the Anson of the Anson of the School of the Community Civics of the Community

The Community Civics class of the high school gave a lively debate at the wednesday norning session on the simply question Resolved, "That wonsen should vote on equal terms with new"—Lois Wilder and George Tiddiaffirmative: Muriel Gilman and Chester Wright, negative. The judges charles O'Brien, Ralph Wilson and Ernest Barnes, voted unanimously in favor of the affirmative. Ernest Barnes, voted us favor of the affirmative.

The Girls' Glee club held a Christ-mas party, on Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Dorothy Bliss. A delightful evening was spent in playing games and receiving joke presents her from a prettily decorated Christmas tree, H. C. Knight acting the role of Santa Claus. Refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bachelder and Mr. Knight were honor guests.

Edward E. Seaver, of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver, Thursday.

Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence, who is

employed at the home of Mrs. Abbie Bruce, of the Center, is at her home here, caring for her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Welch, who is recovering from a severe attack of measles.

Mrs. Alexander Reed is visiting her daughter in Somerville for the present and Mrs. Mary Heath had charge of the reading-room Saturday as her substitute.

Mrs. Breed, of Victory, Vt., has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway.

Ashbel Streeter has been on the sick list for a few days the past week at his boarding place at Mrs. Mary Robbins'. The Homer Christmas tree for the school children will be held in the reading-room on Wednesday afternoon, December 24, from one to three

The Baptist Sunday school will hold Christmas concert at the Baptist church on Sunday evening at six.
o'clock and the annual Christmas tree
will be held as usual at the vestry on Christmas night.

the latest victims of the measles, and Agnes Coffey, who was taken ill with them last week, is improving. The meeting of the Birthday club of

the Center, which was to be held with Mrs. Mervin Hodgman at her home in Greenville, the first Tuesday in Janu-ary, has been postponed to January 20. Mrs. Whitney, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Boutelle, Bayberry hill. has returned to Dor-chester for the present.

Mrs. C. T. McDormond, who was called to Boston by the illness of her daughter, has returned to her home on the Fitchburg road. Frank Adams and friend, of Bos-

ton, spent the week-end at his sum-mer home on Bayberry hill. SHIRLEY

News Items.

John A. Westover and son Leonard, of North Troy, Vt., is visiting his son Harold at the home of Joseph Peneseau, Fredonia street. Mr. Westover also has a son Walter, and a brother, Frank Westover, of this town.

Asa Shepard and James Chesbrough started to work last Monday for the American Steel Works in Worcester. Fredonian lodge of Odd Fellows worked the third degree on five canlidates at its regular meeting last Thursday evening.

The Baptist church was crowded to the doors last Sunday evening by an appreciative audience to hear Elwin W. Bradley give his splendid lecture on "Things a girl ought to know." Mr. Bradley has given his lectures free. front This hymn has recently been front. This hymn has recently been Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolff (née Bar-nard), Harvard road, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a

At the meeting of the board of selectmen on last week Friday evening interval was enjoyed enabling friends

the selectmen upon that date and sooner if possible. Bills presented after that date will not be paid until Bills presented the 1920 accounts are opened in Jan-

Born on Sunday, December 14, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolfe at the home of Mrs. Wolfe's

scheduled. A Puritan dinner will be welfe at the home of Mrs. Wolfe's served at noon in charge of the host-esses, Mrs. Hodgman, Mrs. Mary Sherwin and Mrs. Irving K. Marshall. The afternoon program is in charge of Mrs.

A. L. Struthers. Miss Winnifred Giffen, a student at Northfield seminary, is spending a seventeen-days' vacation with her

a lunch is to be served the children at late of lower care and success of the served the children at late of lower care and the control of the success of th

with anecdotes of forefathers' day. Special music by the choir, and public is invited to be present.

Moses Hunt went to the Massachu-setts General hospital, Boston, Wed-nesday morning, to be operated upon for affection of the throat. This makes Mr. Hunt's third operation.

The Sunday school of the Congregational church will observe Christmas with appropriate exercises and Christmas trees in the vestry on next Wednesday evening. Parents and friends

The Weeks family have taken up their residence in Brookline for the winter.

Shirley Post, A. L.

Shirley Post, A. L.
Shirley post, A. L., held its weekly meeting on Monday evening in the municipal building and the following officers were elected for 1920: Harry O. Bangs, com.; Russell Jones, vice com., Walter E. Wheeler, adjt.; Dr. John W. Desmond, finance of.; Horace Del Gross, sergt., at arms; Edward Lilly, chap.; Leonard Hooper, his.; John Logue, in. of.; Thomas Burrill, Jr., employment of.; Arthur C. Annis, Mr. Blenkhorn, A. Desmond, Alexander Glonet, S. Wells, ex. com. Arthur C. Annis and Harry Q. Bangs were elected delegates to attend the Middlesex\_county committee meeting held

elected delegates to attend the Middle-sex county committee meeting held in Cambridge on Thursday.

The post voted to send a protest against the promotion of Generals Dickman, Kernan and Harbourd over General Clarence E. Edwards to Sena-tors Lodge and Walsh and Congress-man John J. Rogers. Music for the dance this week will be by Leo Han-non's lazz orchestra of Fitchburg. non's jazz orchestra of Fitchburg.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., will hold their regular meeting on the last Tuesday evening of the month instead of the fourth Tuesday as customary. This will be a Christmas and New Year meeting combined with appropriate exercises and exchange of gitts. Mrs. C. H. Tewksbury will be the hostess for this meeting. nostess for this meeting

One of the ancient ruins of Shirley vill soon cease to attract the attentio of tourists. Carpenters are at work re

pairing the pent, school building, Mas A. M. Holden attended the hristmas night.

Miss A. M. Holden attended the Edward Elliott is reported as one of meeting of the Fitchburg Alliance on Tuesday.

Alliance Meeting.

The Alliance meeting held on last week Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. Lyman Snow was quite a ocial event, being well attended, both by Alliance members and friends in vited to hear the paper by Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatley of Boston on the sub ject of "Julia Ward Howe, woman and poet." Mrs. Georgia H. Farnsworth presided and opened the meeting with the usual exercises. The sum of \$15 was voted to the Shirley Hospital board for Clinton hospital and an equal amount to the Alliance Relief and the public are hereby notified that fund for local work. Several letters the taxes thereon severally assessed thanking the Alliance for remem- for the years hereinafter specified, acbrances sent at Thanksgiving time

were read. In speaking of Julia Ward Howe Mrs. Beatley said that while paying paid, and that the smallest undivided full tribute to the worth of other great part of said land sufficient to satisfy women of this country, among whom she mentioned Mary Livermore, Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, Mary Lyon, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Francis E. Ward Howe entitled to be called America's greatest woman. The motto that she adopted early in life was to that she adopted early in life was day, the 10th day of January, 1920, "Learn, teach, serve, enjoy." A letter at two o'clock P. M., for the payment rom Gen. Pershing to Dr. Abraham of said taxes with interest, costs and Rihbany of the Church of the Disciples, Boston, her home church, spoke in high praise of the effect of her front, This hymn has recently been translated into several new languages. Though more widely known by this smashed and Mrs. Fagan snaken up. Constables Harry Felch and Henry Harry Felch and Harry Harry Harry Felch and Harry Harry Felch and Harry Harry Felch and Harry Harry Harry Felch and Harry H had collected for her paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Altmiller, of Townsend hill, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter. Wednesday afternoon, December 27.

At the meeting of the board of selectmen on last week Friday evening interval was enjoyed enabling friends an inholder's license was granted to both old and new to greet Mrs. Beat-H. H. H. Chapman, who is managing the lay. Among those present was Mrs. The town books will close after the meeting of the board of selectmen on Friday. December 26. All bills against the town should be in the board of t

Mrs. Ruth Clark and baby returned home to Springfield on Wednesday af-ter spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Waterman and family at the North have moved into the house of the late Edward R. Thompson, and the Reep house for the Thompson Latily.

the Thompson M2-Shily.

Mrs. Bessie Buxton and Horace C.

Harris attended the funeral of Mrs.

Mary Thompson in Lunenburg on Sunday. Mrs. Thompson was a member of Shirley Grange and formerly lived on Flat hill, where the Rolfe family now lives Miss Vera Bradford of Everett spent

Miss Margaret Longley has given up her position in Boston and returned home last Saturday for good.

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The Center primary and grammar
schools were closed on Wednesday on
account of an epidemic of measles at
the North, which had greatly reduced
the attendance. The schools will
reprobably reopen on Monday, December 29, after the Christmas vacation.
Membors of a number of the families
at the North are now suffering from
the measles among them being the the measles, among them being the families of Ira Rines, Wesley stock, Roy O. Hatch, Fred Carson and

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C. B. WILLARD, Cashier. Townsend, Mass., Dec. 8, 1919. 4t15

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be previously discharged. Lot No. 1. Assessed to Mrs. Isabelle uated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend, bounded westerly by the location of the Greenville Branch of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company; northerly by land of Joseph F Thompson and by land of Rusk and McDonald; easterly by land of A. J. Morse and land of U.S. Adams, and southerly by land of U. S. Adams, containing 41% acres with the buildings thereon.

Tax for year 1918 \$18.04 Lot No. 2. Assessed to Mrs. Isabelle K. Rusk, described as follows: Situated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend on the westerly side of the location of said Railroad, opposite the above described lot, bounded westerly by the road leading from West Townsend to Mason; southerly by land of U. S. Adams and land of the Town of Townsend; easterly by said location, and northerly by land of Alexander Reed, containing 57

Tax for year 1918

Lot No. 3. Assessed to Mrs. Isacelle K. Rusk, described as follows: Situated in the westerly part of said Townsend on the southerly side of Main Street, bounded northerly by said Main Street; westerly by land of Alexander Reed; southerly by land of Alexander Reed; southerly by land of Wil-ander Reed; easterly by land of William M. Lawrence and by land of Mrs. Martha Adams; including buildings

thereon, containing 1 acre. Tax for year 1918 \$56.16

Lot No. 4. Assessed to Duncan Rusk and A. McDonald described as follows Situated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend, adjoining lot No. 1. assessed to Isabelle K. Rusk, and bounded on other sides by lands of unknown owners, and being known as the Lewis & Chamberlain lot, con taining 114 acres.

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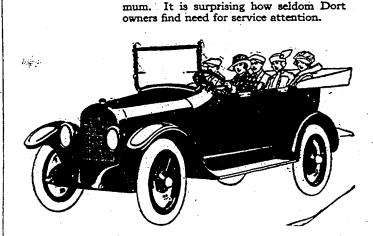
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Lot No. 1. Assessed to Clarence J. Lafountain, described as follows: Sit-uated in the southeasterly part of said Townsend, on the road leading from Townsend Harbor to Shirley, bounded westerly by land of Frank E. Conant, southerly by land of Laura W. Smith, easterly by land of said Smith, and northerly by land of Edward P. Brown, containing 60 acres of land with the buildings thereon.

Tax of year 1918 remaining unpald

\$11.56

Tax for year 1919 25,20 Lot No. 2. Assessed to James C. Leeman, Jr., described as follows: Situated in the northeasterly part of said Townsend, on Ball road leading from Warner road to North End road, bounded on the north by land of Willard F. Hale, on the east by land of Edgar E. Campbell, on the south by said Warner road, and on the west by land of The B. & A. D. Fessenden Company, containing 62 acres of land with the buildings thereon

Tax for year 1918 remaining unpaid, Lot No. 3. Assessed to Leeman & Leeman, described as follows: Sit-uated in the northeasterly part of said

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Leave North Chelmsford once an hour from 6.15 A. M. to 10.15 P. M. Sundays the same except the first car

in the morning. Ayer 10.15 P. M.

Last car from Ayer to North Chelmsford 9.00 P. M.

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Schools closed Friday for a two-

schools closed raday for a two-weeks' recess, opening again on Jan-uary 5. Miss Inez Ayer goes to her-home in Union, Me., Miss Elizabeth Urquhart to Walpole, Miss Stone to her home and Miss Helen Rowe with her parents in Bolton.

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The children of the grammar school building gave a Christmas entertainment on Friday afternoon in the town hall. The teachers worked hard with the children to make this a success, and they may well be proud of the result. The entertainment consisted of songs by the chorus of children and recitations. Two short plays were also given which were very much enjoyed, scenes from Bird's, "Christmas carols," with the distribution of gifts from the Christmas trees concluding the afternoon. Parents and friends were guests of the school.

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were guests of the school.

F. O. Ryan, superintendent of streets, was called last week to repair the unfinished section of road in Still River. Several autos have been stuck there. Although out of Mr. Ryan's jurisdiction he very willingly answered the call of the selectmen to do what he could to make the road possible.

The Odd Fellows received an of

The Odd Fellows received an official visitation from the grand master and suite of the Grand lodge at their regular meeting on Monday eve-ning. There was a good number out and a pleasant evening was passed. Supper was served in the banquet hall.

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A very pretty birthday party was given on Thursday, December 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. MacLennan. The party was a double event celebrating the fifth birthday anniversary of Mistress Rose MacLennan and the first of her brother, Master Alexander MacLennan. Two cakes bearing the requisite number of candles decorated the table. Streamers of colored ribbons were draped above the table. Bon-bon favors were given each guest. Those present were Rose MacLennan, Alexander MacLennan, Edward Ryan, Eleanor Ryan, George Wright, Paul Kinsman, Beulah Gravelin, Kenneth Lamphere and Margaret Lamphere.

Miss Edna Flanders was a guest over last week-end with Miss Annie

Master Andrew Haskell is to spend the Christmas holidays with Miss Mary Nowell and Miss Jane Beard in Cambridge.

F. O. Ryan, with his grandson, Hubert Ryan, started Friday for a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ithel O. Ryan in Farmington, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Bigelow, of Hudson, spent the week-end and Sunday in town. Mrs. J. E. Arnold, of Groton, Conn., s spending the holidays with her par-ents in town.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Fairbanks quiet-ly celebrated the sixteenth anniver-sary of their marriage on Monday at

B. A. King, of West Acton, is wiring the parsonage of the Congregational society for electricity, and also the residence of Andrew Haskell.

Bromfield school closed this week for two weeks. Miss Sears spends her holidays at her home in Providence, R. T., and Miss Thompson visits with her parents in Methuen.

At an open meeting of the Woman's club on Monday evening John F. Moors of Moors & Cabot, brokers, Boston, gave an able and enlighteningly talk on the Mexican situation His lecture was much enjoyed by those present. The next meeting, the annual guest night of the club, will be held on January 7.

Little Rock, Ark., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Hamlen's father, Dr.

places in the different rooms. Miss Warren wore pale pink satin and car-Warren wore pale pink satin and carried pink roses and orchids. Mrs. Warren was in light sand colored brocade, trimmed with dark fur and carried violets and gardenias. The tea table, lighted with candles, was older members of the church, and on the carried with candles, was older members of the church, and on the carried with candles. surrounded by a group of debutantes December 23 the children will give a and other friends of Miss Warren, who assisted in pouring. Miss WarThe Loyal Workers met with Mrs. who assisted in pouring. Miss War-ren, who was educated in England and Emma Dunbar on Wednesday aftering in February for Europe, where she will work with the Devastated France committee.

Next Saturday at the motion picture show Tom Moore in "Just for tonight" will be the feature picture. Tom Moore plays the nobleman with rare skill and gives a fine portral of Lord picture is by Charles A. Logue. Tom Moore is one of the greatest screen artists. Don't miss this picture.

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include matters of vital interest to all farmers were discussed and the announcement that this body would hold its annual meeting in Massachusetts in 1920 was received with enthuslasm.

Following this report an entertainment was given by the new members, consisting of piano solos by Miss Celena Crags: humorous reading, Miss Helen Rowe, and a comic skit by Frank R. Preston in costume. Box lunches were then sold at auction, and those present enjoyed a supper. Hot those present enjoyed a supper. Hot coffee was served. While the supper

those present enjoyed a supper. Hot coffee was served. While the supper committee were cleaning up, the younger set enjoyed half an hour's social dance.

A class of new members has been opened to degree work, which will take place early in 1920.

Church Notes,

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The Center churches will unite in a morning Christmas service. Sunday. Rev. H. C. Merrill will preach and Rev. A. W. Dycer will assist with the service. There will be a special musical program by a choice of eight voices with male quartet under the direction of H. A. Thayer: "Listen lordings unto mo"; Christmas carols for male quartet and chorus; "Behold I bring you good tidings," "The Christ child's cradle song," "Bethelem"; Charles N. Pollard, organist. Everyone is most cordially invited.

The Congregational Men's club will

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of Kin.
creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of EMMA H. BURGESS late of Townsend in said County,
deceased, intestate.
Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of
administration on the estate of said
deceased to T. JAMES HARVEY of
Townsend in the County of Middlesex,
without giving a surety on his bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge,
in said County of Middlesex, on the
thirty-first day of December A. D. 1919,
at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to
show cause if any you have, why the
same should not be granted.
And the petitioner is hereby directed
tongive public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week
for three successive weeks, in the
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Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,

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enjoy the evening.

The Unitarian Sunday school will hold their Christmas celebration on Tucsday evening, December 23, in the town hall at seven o'clock. A tree with good things and an evening of song and recitations will conclude the program.

ed it to be a tooth lying in a horizontal position, lightly attached to the faw in front, and looking much like faw in front, and looking much like eye tooth. The dentist who extracted it said that in all his experience he had had but three cases like it.

program.

In order that mothers and fathers of young children may attend the union Christmas services at the Unitarian church on Sunday, there will be maintained at the Congregational vestry during service time a kindergarten, in charge of several mothers. All children are welcome and further particulars may be obtained from Mrs. Royal, telephone 56.

#### BROOKLINE, N. H.

Mr. Jensen and family that have been living on the Bohanon place at South Brookline have recently moved to Pepperell.

Miss Marion Stiles from Nashua has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Josie Stiles.

Mrs. George W. Bridges has closed her home and gone to Danielson, Ct., to visit her brother, Dr. F. T. Todd, for a few weeks. Mrs. George Shattuck is enjoying a visit from her brother George, whose home is in York, Me.

Mrs. Emma Dunbar has returned from her visit to Laconia, where she has been attending the State Grange. While there she was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. James Seaver, formerly of this town.

Mrs. Belle Fessenden held a card party at her home in South Brookline on Friday evening, December 12. Four tables of 500 were played. A very delicious lunch was served during the evening by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Blanche Morse.

Mr. and Mrs. John Farnsworth, Mrs. Annie Gilson, Mrs. Minnie Maxwell, Miss Helen Rockwood, Miss Frances Farnsworth, Matthew Burke, Forace Hall, James Gilson, Wilfred Bouchard and several others attended the dance at Oak hill on last week Friday

Mrs. Louise Parkey and Mrs. Walter Fessenden spent Wednesday and Thursday in Boston, attending "The hoodlum," by Mary Pickford, Wednesday afternoon, and the D. of V. on Wednesday evening, of which both Mrs. Parkey and Mrs. Fessenden are

Miss Hazel Goss has gone to visit friends in New Haven, Conn.

All schools closed this week Friday for a two-weeks' vacation. There were exercises and Christmas trees at the different schools. Miss Dodge will spend the vacation at her home in West Groton, and Miss Parsons at her home in Gloucester, Mass.

There will be a Christmas concert at the Congregational church on Sun-day morning at the usual time.

Mrs. Stephen Barnaby entertained the South Brookline Social club at her home on Thursday afternoon, Decem-ber 11. The usual good time and tempting lunch was enjoyed by all. The engine, derrick and other ma-chinery for operating the Burnham ledge, North Brookline, now owned by Mr. Richards, of Quincy, has ar-

Three stone cars got off the track at the icehouse last week and it was some time before they could be got back.

those present. The next meeting, the annual guest night of the club, will be held on January 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hamlen are coming from their present home in Little Rock, Ark., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Hamlen's father, Dr. assistant steward, Mrs. Ella Rockwood, and was as follows: Opening sons. days with Mrs. Hamlen's father, Dr. Paul Thorndike, and her sister, Miss Anna Thorndike.

Quantities of beautiful flowers were sent to Miss Marjorle Warren on the occasion of her formal introduction at a reception and tea given by her mother, Mrs. Fiske Warren on Tuesday afternoon of last week in their home on Mt. Vernon place, Boston. They were massed near the debutante, on the mantels and in other available places in the different rooms. Miss close of the meeting a social time was careful for the meeting a social time was close of the meeting a social time was close of the meeting a social time was careful for the control of the meeting a social time was careful for the control of the meeting a social time was careful for the control of the con

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### HOLLIS, N. H.

At the first monthly meeting of the executive committee of the Hillsborough County Farm Bureau, in Milford last Saturday, the names of Har-old C. Hardy and Mrs. Elsie Y. Hayden were among the local directors gregational church lately, preached appointed by the president, Samuel A. Lovejoy, of Milford, and approved by He was entertained by the Misses the committee.

The two young boys who went through town last week Wednesday and stole a ride from Hollis to Nash-ua, proved to be the runaway twins of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Parker, of Somerville, Mass., thirteen years old, who were picked up by the chief of police in Nashua and their father, who was notified, came after them. They called at a house in Hollis and asked for a drink. Upon being questioned they from all over the state in this show, said they were from Massachusetts Besides these four first places a secand were walking to their aunt's in ond prize and a third prize were also Lebanon. They ran away because they did not want to study at home, but needless to say were very glad to

wiser boys. Mrs. T. A. Greenleaf returned last week Wednesday from Lexington and Malden, where she visited her sister and other friends, goirg down the Saturday before with Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, who went on to Bos-

ton for the day. Mrs. Laura Clarke came home from Nottingham last Saturday, her school having closed. She will not go back

Miss Minnie Colburn goes to New York this week to spend the winter with her sister, Miss Bertha Colburn. Mr. and Mrs. William Canavan closed their house this week and have gone to their home in Malden. They will go to their daughter's, Mrs. Hos-

As the regular meeting of the Woman's club would come the day before Christmas, it has been put over, one week and will meet at the ladies' parlor on December 31.

Miss Agnes Tenney returned from a wo-weeks' visit in Arlington last week

Miss Mildred Rogers and niece, Ann Wetherbee, were Boston visitors last

William E. Lund has been restricted to his home with a boil on his neck, and Luke has been assisting W. W. Worcester in the store.

Beginning at Mrs. Elizabeth Russell's house and ending with that of Miss Addie M. Eastman, there are fifteen closed and empty houses on that

Schools in town closed this week for two-weeks' vacation.

daughter Marion went to Watertown, Mass, Wednesday, where Mr. Messer has procured work for the winter. They will be with Mrs. Messer's father. Charles Pollock. George Messer will spend the winter with a son in Cam-

spend the winter with a son in Cambridge.

The last regular meeting of the Grange for 1919 was held Tuesday night. The business meeting was followed by singing by a quartet of girls, readings by Rev. R. M. French, Mr. Erskin, Messrs, Gilhooley and Farquar and Mrs. Elizabeth Colburn. The master, Nelson Parkhurst, gave a fine report of the State Grange meeting at Laconia. There was a beautiful Christmas tree with gifts for all. Mr. Erskin acted as Santa and Harry Verder as his assistant. It is needless to add that they were, as one member said "right on the job." There were 64 present and 20 gifts that were left over were sent to those who are in the habit of attending. A lunch of cake, doughnuts, coffee and apples was served in charge of Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Greenleaf and Mrs. Verder.

There will be a Christmas concert to tifke the place of the suns morning.

There will be a Christmas concer to take the place of the usual morning service Sunday.

The basketball score last week was 54 to 15 in favor of Hollis Independants. This week the Hollis A. A. play Nashua Y. M. C. A.

Next Wednesday evening there will be the usual Christmas tree and en-tertainment at the town hall. An event looked forward to by all the children in town. Andrew Spaulding has been restricted to his bed since last week Wednesday, but is reported as comfortable now.

Wedding Anniversary.

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Reports from the golden wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac S. Plerce of Nashua show it was a most enjoyable affair. In the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Plerce, who wore her mother's wedding gown 91 years old, was their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Wilbert E. Pierce of Stockton, Cal. and Mr. Pierce's brother, John W. Pierce, and wife, of Pepperell. There were a large number of guests. Among them the John G. Foster post, G. A. R., and the W. R. C. There were gifts of gold pieces and flowers from them and many others. Mr. Pierce and Lucy Blood were married in Hollis December 15, 1869, by Rey. Mr. Perry, their pastor of the Hollis Congregational church. Mr. Pierce belonged in Pepperell and was one of four brothers church. Mr. Pierce belonged in Peppereil and was one of four brothers who were in the civil war, serving in Co. D, 53d Massachusetts. He is an active member of the G. A. R. in Nashua and Aurora ledge, I, O. O. F., of Hollis, Twenty-four years ago they moved to Nashua and have lived there ever since. They have two children. Mrs. John H. Dunlop of Richmond Hill, Can., and Wilbert E. Pierce of Stockton, Cal, who was unable to come east for the celebration. east for the celebration.

### LITTLETON

News Items. All contributors to the Littleton column will confer a favor by forwarding items as early in the week as possible, since the holiday, Decembe 25, shortens the time for office world

your communications by Wednesday All the Littleton schools closed yesterday for a vacation of two weeks. We hear on good authority that Principal Harris will join the bene-

dicts before his return from Christmas and New Year's vacation. Miss Marion Drew, of Bates college, came home last week for medi-

cal attention, having had a series of carbuncles. from Bates this week, and Hazel Mur-

lege at the same time. Miss Laurice Flagg returns from her teaching this week, and Mr. and Jerome Burtt and baby, from New York, will arrive days at E. A. Flagg's for the vaca-

Rev. Benjamin D. Scott, who has so ably supplied the pulpit at the Con-Sanderson. This week he and Mrs Scott left for their new home in Lincoln. Nebraska, where he has accepted the chair of philosophy in a theo-

logical institution. Perhaps it would be interesting t know that it is hard to beat Littleton apples, for at the Massachusetts Agricultural college fruit show held this week two Littleton boys won four blue ribbons. There were apples entered There were nine plates ex-

six plates won prizes. The Weman's Alliance will hold a social evening in the Unitarian vestry December 27, for young students returning from highe ndents returning from higher al, institutions, and their All the people who have been or expect to be interested in edication, and all interested from cordially invited to be add help make this a pleasant existent. Let no one feel ex-

J. H. Whitcomb, who has had pne monia, has very much improved. mona, has very much improved.

The C E meeting next Sunday evining will be held at seven o'clock instead of haif past six, the usual how and will be the only service held with Eaphist church that evening. It will be a Christmas meeting and the topic will be "The Christmas messaciated the Christmas missacrad. and the Christmas spirit." All a

Fourteen men from the Congress Fourteen men from the Congressional society went out last Sunday afternoon on the annual every-member canvass for pledges for pasters salary, church expenses and benevolences for the coming year. They returned to the church in the evening when a liberal appetizing lunch was served by the ladies, and reports from the solicitors were announced. The sums pledged totaled about \$1330, amount considerably larger than that amount considerably larger than that of last year, and some members of the parish were not reached because of muddy traveling. About \$190 of the above sum was pledged for missispect and obtain prices.

with affection all, and Santa Claus to he must have an X-ray to determine tive musical program, including soles, the evening merry. Everyjust what the growth was. This showone by present and help the children
ed it to be a tooth lying in a horizonthe swenting. duets, selections by the orchestra, and an anthem by the young people's chorus, for which much preparation has been made. Everybody is wel-come.

The usual large sale of Christmas Red Cross seals is reported.

Resigns as Superintendent.

Frank H. Hill, superintendent of schools, has presented his resignation in Littleton, Westford, Acton and successor can be elected, having been unanimously elected superintendent of Marblehead schools on the first ballot cast by the school board of that city Mr. Hill was one of several candi-dates. His predecessor has accepted a similar position in Amesbury,

The united school boards of this district offered Mr. Hill a very flattering advance in salary with encouraging assurances. While he appreciates all that has been done by way of inducement to retain him in his present bo sition Mr. Hill is attracted largely the comparatively small radius within which the schools of his new field of labor are located. We believe that his term of service here covers a period of good, faithful, constructive work along the most approved modern methods. It is with the deepes regrets that Littleton learns of Supt Hill's resignation, and the removal from town of Mr. and Mrs. Hill and their family. During their residence in Littleton they have entered into local interests, affiliated themselves with leading organizations, and rendered a most able and willing service to the community.

### LUNENBURG

News Items. At the Methodist church last Sunday afternoon at 1.30 Rev. A. L. Howe, of afternoon at 1.30 Rev. A. L. Howe, of Fitchburg, gave the very interesting story of "The other wise man," by Henry Van Dyke, illustrated by stereopticon pictures, and Miss Entwigth, of Fitchburg, sang two numbers. A gospel team from Fitchburg is expected Sunday, and the Sunday school will give Christmas exercises.

will give Christmas exercises.

The "harvest home" social and donation party, planned by the sewing circle of the Congregational church, and held at the parsonage on Friday evening of last week, proved a most successful affair. It was entirely without formalities and was very much enjoyed by the large number present, who filled the house. The people brought with them gifts, "not of frank incense and myrrh," but of food, fruit, exectables, jellies, etc., for the pastor and his family, which will help them out in "the high cost of living." Sandwiches and hot coffee in abundance were served by the laddes of the circle. Mr. and Mrs. Outland most delightfully entertained with songs and duets, with Mrs. Outland at the piano.

While a party of Boy Scouts were

While a party of Boy Scouts were skating on Marshall's pond last week Friday noon, one of their number got into the ditch, and of course was pretty wet and cold. But his comrades knew just what to do in such an emergency and they quickly pulled him out and started on double-quick time for his home on the state road. about a mile away. On arriving the where he could have a change clothing and a warm fire the young-ster was so well warmed up that he felt no bad effects from his unexpected bath in the icy water. Tally one for The Hattie D. Stone tent, D. of V

entertained nine guests at supper last Saturday evening after which the fol-lowing officers were elected: Nellie M. Jewett, pres.; Mrs. Arthur W. Ad-M. Jewett, pres.; Mrs. Arthur W. Adams, Mrs. William H. Hildreth vice pres.; Mrs. J. Philip Gilchrest, chap.; Mrs. Carl E. Brown, treas.; Mrs. Flora Farnsworth, pat. inst.; Mrs. C. C. Lane Mrs. Annie Gilchrest, Miss Ruth Gilchrest, Miss Rut chrest, council. It was voted to invite Mrs. Grace M. P. Brock, of Leominster to install the officers-elect. The wite Mrs. Grace M. P. Brock, of Leominster to install the officers-elect. The next meeting will be held on Monday evening. December 29. After this month, beginning with the new year, meetings will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

The Methodist Sunday school sent three sugar barrels filled with vege-tables and \$2 in cash to the Little Wanderers' home last week. On account of the bad weather and raveling the every-member canvass of

the Congregational church was post-poned from Sunday. December 14, to Sunday. December 21. New Advertisements NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of SARAH F. GIL-SON late of Groton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

HERBERT B. PRIEST, Executor LOST BOOK — In accordance with Chapter 550, Section 40 of the Acts of 1908 and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 6989 here lost and application has been note for the issuance of a duplicate look.

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Saturday, December 20, 1919

#### PEPPERELL

Mrs. Albert Chandler of Histon otored here with her daughter or londay and remained over Tuesday. guest of her friend, Mr-Parker, attending the meeting of the Woman's club on Tuesday after

home party over the Christmas sea-

Canvassers for the Red Cross seals have the time extended until Christ-mus day and will give renewed energy to the work in connection with other Christmas activities

Mrs. Charles Smith and daughter Mirlam, from Newbury, have been the guests of Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. D. W. Hazen, the past week. Mrs. Smith was the invited guest of Mrs. Linville Shattuck at the Woman's club on Tuesday,

Mrs E. B. Heald is expected hom the last of the week from Melroso where she has been making an ex

The body of Mrs. Nathaniel Gilson was brought here by auto hearse on Sunday from Newtonville, where her death occurred on Friday of last week. Mrs. Gilson has resided near Boston for many years, but will be recalled by some of the older inhabitants as a resident here many years ago, the family living on the Col. Jones place on Heald street, now the Bancroft place. Heald street, now the Bancroft place. L. A. Johnson was in Boston on Thursday on business, and for a short visit with his daughter, Mrs. Frank Kaulbeck.

Mrs. Loran Sanford returned Wed-esday to Beyerly after a few days assed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

A party of Odd Fellows of Beacon lodge went to Townsend on Wednesday evening, filling two autos to witness the working of the third degree on a class of candidates in the union degree work of the three lodges. Last week Thursday evening a party of Odd Fellows from the Groton lodge came here for the union meeting and for the second degree.

Mrs. Jessie Parker, who has been well represented. detained here from her intended start for her old home in Maine, is now thinking of leaving next week to spend

The death of Miss Harriett Spon oc-The death of Miss Harriett Spon octured Wednesday morning at the home of her father, Herbert Spon, Mill street, for whom she had been housekeeper for some time past. Although she had been in poor health for a few months her death was very sudden at the last. The remains were taken to their old home in Central New York, Friday morning, for the services and burial. The deceased was about forty years of age. Mr. Spon is known as night watchman at the mill gates.

The intense cold of Wednesday eye-

The intense cold of Wednesday eve-The intense cold of Wednesday evening had its effect upon the attendance at the dance of the Frank Westpost, A. L. Although it was a pleasant little party, guests being present from Ayer and from Milford, N. H., many of the young people of the town were conspicuous by their absence. The decorations of evergreen and crene naper roses were still in place and admired, and all enloyed the fine and admired, and all enjoyed the fine music rendered by Miner & Doyle's orchestra, of Lowell. The senior hop under the auspices

of the high school senior class is to be held on Friday evening. December 26, in Prescott hall. Sheridan's orchestra of Maynard are to furnish music. The various committees are working diligently on the many plans for the success of the dance.

Miss Icela Warner, from Townsond

Miss Josie Warner, from Townsend, is stopping with Mrs. Charles S. Park-er for a while. Miss Warner was a former resident here on the South

Lloyd Bancroft was in town over unday and motored back to Boston n Monday, accompanied by Miss tuth Morgan, who has been a guest f Mrs. Bancroft, and who expected to visit for a short time with friends in Dorchester.

E. S. Cleveland has recovered from his injuries when he was thrown from a team in Railroad square some weeks ago. He has entered the employ of the Nashua River Paper Company, commencing his new duties on Mon day.

Thermometers were the lowest of

i'the season on Tuesday morning, ranging from zero to ten degrees above, according to locality.

Other Pepperell matter on page

### Golden Wedding.

The following account of the celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Pierce, at their home in Nashua. N. H., will be of interest, as Mr. Pierce was a native of Pepperell and a member of the control of the celebration of the cele or one of the old-time families o

was observed by Mr. and Mrs. W. Pierce, 121 Walnut street. During the afternoon and

I Perry For the past twenty-cours they have resided in Nash-dicte Mr. Pierce was for a long

Son

Both have open active in Grand
Artic circles. Mr. Pierce is a memher of Aurora jodge, I. O. O. F., of
Hollis, and Mrs. Pierce is a member of
the Olive Branch Rebekah lodge of
Nashua. Both are members of the Nashua. Both are members of the Grange, and of the First Congrega-

Grange, and of the First Congregational church.

They have one son, Wilbert E Plerce, of Stockton, Cal., and one daughter, Mrs. John D. Dunlop, of Richmond Hill, Canada. Neither were able to be present, but the son's wife there will be an entertainment at

able to be present, but the son's wife was present and assisted in receiving.

Mrs. Pierce was dressed in the wedding gown of her mother, ninety-one years old, but not much out of style. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers, the gifts of friends, and the couple also received many gifts of gold-and cut glass. Prominent amone these was a sum of money to Mrs. these was a sum of money to Mrs. Plerce from the members of the Rellef Corps, presented by Mrs. F. H. Hoyt, and Mr. Plerce was presented with a solid gold stickpin by Capt. James A. Cobb in behalf of the John Rester post

Light refreshments were served the ruests. A pleasing feature of the festival was the reading of an original permeter by Major David E. Proctor, orders. They are of several varieties hues.

of Wilton, N. H., a life-long friend of evergreen combined with bitter-of Mr. Pierce's.

An alarm for fire was given from box 26 at East Village at an early hour on Thursday morning for a blaze in the barn of Dr. F. A. Davis, Hollis In attempting to thaw out, a street. In attempting to thaw out, a frozen pipe some part of the wood work caught and smouldered some time before being discovered by the smoke issuing from the rear of the building. A five extinguisher and liberal use of a rab of water just drawn for the stock in the barn, put the firemen could respond. With the intense (cold, of the morning, thermometers) men could respond. With the intense cold of the morning, thermometers being at zero and ten and fifteen debeing at zero and ten and fifteen de-krees below, it was lucky that no more damage happened. The horse and cow were not removed from the stable by Dr. Davis nor his auto from the ad-joining garage. The damage is slight, although a hole was made in the roof, fore for safety's sake than for any need, being cut through and not burn-ed.

Teachers' Salaries,

As the school committee have voted As the school committee have voted to increase the salaries of all teachers, and the following table will show the salaries which were being paid that the part of this week, to epen their usual house, "Pinehurst," for their usual salaries which will be paid after Jantham and the salaries which will be paid after Jantham and the salaries which will be paid after Jantham and the salaries which will be paid after Jantham and the salaries which will be paid after Jantham and the salaries which will be paid after Jantham and the salaries which will be paid after Jantham and the salaries which will be paid after Jantham and the salaries which will be paid after Jantham and the salaries which will be paid after Jantham and the salaries which were not the salaries of all teachers and the salaries of all teachers are salaries of all teachers and the salaries which were being paid that the salaries which were being paid the salaries which were salaries which were salaries and the salaries which were salaries which were salaries and the salaries which were being paid that the salaries which were being paid the salaries which were salaries which were salaries and the salaries which were salaries and the salaries which were salaries and the salaries which were salaries which were salaries and the salaries and the salaries which were salaries and the salaries and the salaries and the salaries which were salaries and the salaries which were salaries and the salaries which were s

Position	June'19	Sept. 19	Jan.'20
High school-			
Principal	\$1450	\$1700	\$1950
Sub-master	1000	1000	1250
Teacher	800	. 850	1100
Teacher	650	800	1050
Teacher	650	800	1050
Main street s	chool—		
Principal	\$575	\$850	\$1100
Grade 8	550	750	1000
Grade 6	550	750	1000
Grades 4-5	550	700	950
Grades 2:3	550	750	1000
Grade 1	550	750	1000
Assistant			850
Groton street	school-		
Principal	\$625	\$850	\$1100
Grades 5-6	550	650	*****
Grades 3-4	7550	750	1000
Grades 1-2	550	700	950
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*Position n	ow vacan	t	

#### BOXBOROUGH

News Items

James Murchie and family have moved to Harvard, Mr. Murchie having sold his farm to Harry Clark, of Maynard.

Mrs. Harry Fitzgerald is slowly recovering from her recent illness, and is now able to be about the house for a few hours each day.

Robert Cunningham, of Medford, spent the week-end with his parents. Mrs. Charles Sherry and three children returned Thursday from a visit of a month with relatives in Brookline, Me.

The subscription dance given by the Girls' club last Saturday evening was very successful, about thirty-fife couples being present. In spite of the bad condition of the roads many were present from the surrounding towns. Littleton, Harvard and Acton, being

Prescott Burroughs has been appointed Grange deputy for the year 1920. His new duties, added to his 1920. His new duties, added to his work as master of the Boxborough Grange and master of the Pomona Grange, will keep him quite busy.

Miss Catherine Sherry has been ap-ointed census enumerator in this pointed She received her appointment on Wednesday and will begin work on

Albion Morse, Ralph Smith, Roy Cobleigh and Frank Cobleigh motored to North Easton over the week-end. Schools closed Friday for the Christmas vacation of two weeks. Santa Claus made his trial trip Thursday night, and Friday morning found, a beautiful tree in each room decked with gifts and good things. Friday afternoon the pupils entertained their parents and friends with appropriate

Miss Fay, of the Middlesex Agricul-Miss Fay, of the Middlesex Agricultural Bureau, was in town on Friday, organizing the Home Economics club for 1920. Ten members attended the first meeting and the following officers were elected: Mildred Wetherbee, pres.; Dorothy Richardson, v. p.; Malcolm Steele, sec.

At the meeting of the Grange on last week Friday evening five members were initiated—Mrs. Eva Richardson, Rev. Charles Burrows, Perry Burns and News Items. George Burnier.

The Red Cross meeting of December 16 was postponed to Tuesday, December 23. The auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Chauncey Robbins at 2.30. At that time the election of officers for the year 1920 will take

The Boys' club held its second meeting last Saturday night and further steps were taken toward organization. A nomination committee was appointed and they will make their report at the next meeting this Saturday evening. It is planned now to have the ing. It is planned now to have the election on December 29.

All are cordially invited to attend the services at the church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. There will be special music by the choir and the pastor will preach a Christmas ser-

canvass made on Sunday afternoon, December 7, were very gratifying, Last Sunday Rev. Charles Burrows announced the results as follows: District No. 1 \$129, district 2 \$302, district 3 \$175, district 4 \$155; other contributions \$22, missions \$30. The committee feel grateful for the generous response made by everyone.

### TOWNSEND

Tuesday afternoon Sachem Villa was the scene of a very pleasant club | Hunter gave a paper on "The old mas The As You Like It was meeting. express their felicitations. Members It was noted by Mrs. Charles Noves. of the John G. Foster post, G. A. H., and the Woman's Relief Corps called in a body and gnests were present two o'clock in the afternoon, instead from Milford and Hollis, N. H., and of from two to five o'clock as at present. It was voted to meet during the win-Perperell

Mr and Mrs Perce were married the enteriainment to be held in the in Holls, of which from Mrs Pierce that the enteriainment to be held in the in Holls, of which from Mrs Pierce that constrainment to be held in the in Holls, of which from Mrs Pierce that constrainment to be held in the in Holls, of which from Mrs Pierce that constrainment was becurrer for the David Perry. For the past twenty. meeting and interesting stories were told. Music was furnished by Mrs. da, where Mr Pierce was for a long told. Masic was furnished by Mrs. time employed by L. P. Duncklee & Noyes, Mrs. Commit and Miss Burdett. Mrs. Noves read in her usual enter taining way. Mrs. Frank P. Baker was a guest. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday. December 30, at the home of Mrs. Galen Proctor from Cunimings, lecturer

eight o'clock in the Harbor church under the direction of the As You Like It club. The proceeds is to be used for the Harbor school. The program includes a playlet by the club, Christ-mas carols by the school children, music and readings. The program

Miss Alice LaFountain, a pupil of he seventh grade in the school at this village, was the winner of the second prize in the bird scraphook ontest.

sweet berries, bayberry, wintergreen, juniper and other sweet and colorful woods' products. They are wel worth seeing.

#### **HARVARD**

News Items.

On Saturday, December 13, Miss Mildred Cobb celebrated her ninth birthday. Her cousins, Vivian Knight Priscilla Cushing and Henry Stanley Cushing jr., motored from Boston in charge of Mrs. James Humphry and Mrs. Ruth Humphry Knight and in the afternoon Jane and Billy Herman and Vincent Place joined the young people for games and an afternoon of sided at the plano and at four o'clock the children marched in to supper The birthday cake with its lighted candles occupied the center of the table and the decorations were of pink and white. There were caps and favors, and ice cream and the goodles that children crave, and at the last a Jack Horner pie, containing a sur-prise gift for each one. At six o'clock the guests said good-bye to their hap-

The library will close next week Thursday at five p. m:

Our local fire department was called out last Tuesday afternoon for a fire at the town farm. They in turn asked help from Ayer. Their combined effort got the fire under control although it was a close call for house. The damage was about \$1500 and is covered by insurance. James L. Whitney has charge of the repairs which will be made at once. A de-fective chimney was the cause. Edgar Cobb is on the sick list and under the care of a physician.

. Prof. and Mrs. Earle Turner are home for the Christmas vacation. Mr. Turner is teaching in the University of New Brunswick at Fredrickton,

Our school committee have under dvisement the raising of the salaries of our teachers at the grammar school. This is a matter which all towns are taking up and it would seem advisable for Harvard to retain a good teaching force since the raise is bound to come. Mr. Benner closes his services here December 31 to accept a much more pleasing situation financially. A Mr. Bacon, formerly super-intendent of schools at Hollis, N. H., was in town this week as a possible

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hamlin (Martha Thorndike) announces the birth of a son at Boston last week Monday The Girls' Canning club had on sale last week a quantity of canned products at the store of Barnard, Sumner & Co., at Worcester.

Miss Mary Waters is home caring for her mother, Mrs. Waters, who is quite ill.

Still River.

There will be a Christmas concert in the Baptist church Sunday evening at seven o'clock. in the vestry, to which everyone is in-

Thursday morning was the coldest of the season, the mercury going down to 12 below zero. Water has been found at Thomas

Dalby's after drilling 207 feet, and Mr. Chapman has taken his drilling machine away. Several from here attended the lec

ture on the Mexican situation in the town hall, Harvard, Monday evening, by Mr. Moors, of the firm of Moors & Cabot, Boston, under the auspices of the Woman's club, which was highly appreciated and very instructive. Chester Willard has so far recovered from his sickness as to be out doing light work again.

### SHIRLEY

The Universalist Ladies' Aid society held a successful food sale at the store of H. O. Peasley last week Friday afternoon and a goodly sum realized thereby.

meeting of Fredonian lodge I. O. O. F., on Thursday evening the third degree was worked on five candidates. Election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: A. A. Adams, noble grand; John E. Adams, vice grand; George Balch, sec.; Geo F. Buxton, treas.; Harry H. Lynch trustee for three years. of the lodge will be held next week on account of the holiday.

James L. Holland, Morton E. Lawrence, Frank Hotchkiss and Arthur G. Dunn attended the working of the second degree at Shawmut lodge in

### Altrurian Club Meeting

The regular meeting of the Altrur an club was held in the Municipal building on Thursday afternoon, Miss the president, presiding. ing to the extreme cold only a small number were present. One new member, Mrs. Wells, of the State Industrial school, was admitted by unani-mous vote. Ten dollars was voted to the Clinton hospital association. The program following was in charge of the art committee and Miss Annie ters," which was extremely interesting and it is to be regretted that so few were able to hear this very fine paper, to ably written.

Raphael's picture was shown, a short history of his life and work given and something descriptive of St. Cecelia, with the picture followed, then the Madonna of the chair, with an interesting story of the same, also the Sistine Madonna, which was the last picture painted wholly by Raphall the world, then the Transfiguration, called the "Jewel of Rome.

After Raphael came Guido Rene with a splendid picture of his "Auroa." and description of this painting. The last was Leonardo de Vinci with picture of the Last Supper. Each picture shown was minutely described by Miss Hunter, as regarding detail, coloring, etc.

Mrs. Lindenberg then followed with a fifteen minutes' talk on "Thrift," which the General Federation of Women's clubs is bringing to every

The next meeting in two weeks, Janwill be held in the Municipal building. The green and yellow tints so fre-

quently to be found in caterpillars are derived from their food and passed through the blood of the spinners. By impregnating leaves with artificial colors the experimenters caused some Miss Emelie Lawrence has made species of caterpillars to produce silk one bedutiful wreaths for special of bright orange-yellow and fine rose

### War Savings Stamps on Sale Again Next Year

### Popularity of These Government Securities Prompts Treasury Department to Continue Sales Indefinitely

Because of the popularity of away part of their earnings to be pre Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings arise. Certificates, the government has decided to continue selling these securities indefinitely. Plans securities indefinitely. for the promotion of the National Thrift Campaign next year

have already been formulated. In making permanent the sale of these government securities, officials they are desirous of establishing as a habit, the practice of saving so prevalent among the American people during the war.

Nearly one and one-half billion dollars' worth of these government se-curities have been sold in the past twenty-one months,

Reports received by Mrs. C. R. Burlingame, statistical director of the savings division, First Federal Reserve District, show that for the current of Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps year up to October 1 the people of New England have saved alone in Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates the amount of \$6,924,458.02. During this time millions of dollars have flowed paign is meeting with much success. into the savings banks throughout The treasury department believes that New England as a result of the present Thrift campaign now being conducted in New England and the rest investment of their savings that the of the country.

Field workers of the savings division, First Federal Reserve District given abroad—"The Spendthrift Na report that throughout New England, tion." people who never before had practised Thrift are now most economical in proverbial "rainy day" they have put National Thrift Campaign.

The new Treasury Savings Certiicates, whose face value is \$100 and \$1000 are daily becoming more popu lar. These securities have been is sued mainly for those people who desire to invest larger sums than the amount of a Thrift Stamp or a Wai Savings Stamp in government securities. The fact that these securities of the treasury department state that are non-taxable and pay over four per cent interest, and are protected against loss by registration makes them not only a popular investment but makes them the safest investment in the world.

The treasury department anticipa-ting that some of the rich of the country would like to invest large sums ir these securities because they are nontaxable, have made it unlawful for one person to hold more than \$1000 worth or Treasury Savings Certificates. Reports of the progress of National Thrift Campaign in New

schools of New England and the resi of the country indicate that the camby educating the children in Thrift and the advantages secured from wise future generation will redeem that unpopular name which America has been

.In commenting on the success of the National Thrift Campaign in New their expenditures. Facts show that England many of the officials highly these people are in many instances praise the postmasters, letter carthe owners of savings which run up, riers, school superintendents, school in some cases, to four figures and teachers, heads of women's clubs, la more. It is also noticeable that many bor leaders, banks and the executive of these investors are people who heads of many of New England's busimight be termed as in the working ness enterprises for their co-operaclass. Knowing the dangers of the tion in the work of carrying on the

### LITTLE TALKS ON THRIFT

By Marshall Field

If you want to succed, rave. This is true, not so much because of the value of the money which the man accumulates, but because of the infinitely greater value of the system and organization which the practice of saving introduces in his

This result of the saving habit is not generally nor properly appreciated. I consider it to be almost the greatest element in making for a young man's success.

In the first place, it creates determination. This is at the start. Then it develps steady purpose, then sustained

energy. Soon it produces alert, discriminating intelligence. Better and better returns follow up his industry ability and judgment and his capital

is now steadily increasing. Soon he is secure and that comparatively early in life; and each day widens the gulf between him and incompetence and its invaluable companion, improvidence.

This is the real foundation of the supports, it will invariably be found, rests upon a foundation of an early dollar saved.

#### SIGNS OF THE TIMES By F. M. COGLIN

Two weary hobos were traveling quietly along the broad road to "somewhere." They were silent, their minds pre-occupied with visions of food of bygone days and dainty tid-bits from the "lady's" back door -said memories passing through the devious paths of cerebral matter, slowly, to the tune of the "Dead March of Saul"

Suddenly, at the turn of the road, a huge sign loomed up along the railroad track, its glad message arousing hope and a will for "better

things" to those passing.
Our "Knights of the Poad" stopped and studied the sign with hungry

curiosity.
"Say, Wastey," said one, "what
may W. S. S. be meanin?" "Huh. Shifty." scornfully came the reply, "ain't you never had no edication? That means We Soon Stop. Shifty eyed his companion with

fil-concealed contempt for his knowl-

edge. 'Well, then, if W. S. S. stands fer that, what does them other letters, "T. S.," stand fer?"

"Can't you think with nateral intelligence, Shifty? 'T. S.' means 'T'eat Something.'"

W. S. S. and you will always eat. BUY W. S. S. There are 1,250,000 dependent Little Bo-peep went fast asleep wage earners in the United States

save during their working days. The

support of these costs \$220,000,000 a

year. Save Optimistic Thought.

Strength is desirable, yet not a mat-

wild animals are superior to us.

Powerful "Fourth Estate." The "fourth estate" is the newspaper press. It is so designated humor ously as a distinct power in the state. Formerly the phrase designated the persons constituting the lowest and

unrepresented classes of society, as

distinguished from the commons.

### SAVING OF MONEY

Dr. Andrews in speaking on the subject of wise investments says

that the people of America waste one half a billion dollars a year by loss from fraudulent investments. He brings out the fact that the money of thrifty people which is deposited in such safe investment as Thrift ment business.

### IN HIGH PLACES

By Walt Mason

I have bought a grand piano and sumptuous sedan, and a lot of other doodads, on the monthly payment plan. On each thing I paid a dollar, and I'll pay a monthly bone, till I'm laid away and sleeping underneath a sagging stone. It is true I didn't need them, and I haven't coin to burn, but I see my neighbors blowing every kopeck that they earn, and if they can have pianos and fine motors and such stuff, I will go as far as they do, though it makes the sledding tough. Every month I'll pay a dollar on the junk I do not need, till I limp around on crutches and my whiskers go to seed; and when I have crossed the river to the shining golden shore, I will still be owing money to the Jinx installment store. And I fear the recollection will destroy my peace of mind, when I have a harp before me and a pair of wings behind. But my neighbors, they keep blowing every rouble, every red, and I'd be a sort of piker if I let them get ahead; so I'm buying circus wagons, and I'm buying costly gems, and my wife is wearing sables and has diamond dia dems, and I bought the whole caboodle on the monthly plan, and I'm riding to the poorhouse in a super eight sedan.—Coypright, 1919. (By special permission to Savings Divis-MORAL:-Buy Thrift Stamps and ion, Treasury Department.)

### PATRIOTIC BO-PEEP

And dreamed of currency spending; because they could not or would not When she awoke, of Thrift Stamps she spoke, said, "To my country I'm lend-

ing."

· Whiskers Explained. The early Jews were literally long

on whiskers and made good use of ter for boasting, for in this bulls and them. The Jew's beard was a sort of standing notice to the world concerning his state of mind. If everything was propitious-wife and children well and business good-his beard was combed out and perhaps oiled. But if leath had entered his family, his beard was a mere tangled mass of hair. The condition of the whiskers also indicated the existence of other emotions.



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### NOTICE .

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SAVING OF MONEY

IS POSSIBLE

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of CLARENCE E. JACKSON late of CLIRENCE E. JACKSON late of CLARENCE E. JACKSON late of CLARENCE E. JACKSON late of CLIRENCE E. JACKSON late of LITELE JACKSON late

### REMOVAL NOTICE

ousand nine hundred and nineteen. 3t16 F. M. ESTY, Register.

ON AND AFTER DECEMBER 15 ON AND AFTER DECEMBER 15 and the public are hereby notified that my shoe repairing shop will be moved the taxes thereon severally assessed West Street, formerly occupied as a in such safe investment as Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and attend to your wants in the shoe repairing line and can give better servbasis for all expansion in governice. If you have not as yet tried my part of said land sufficient to satisfy work a trial will convince you that said taxes, with interest and all legal all my work is done in first-class shape costs and charges or the whole of said

at reasonable rates. **ERNEST WHITAKER** 



If many parents were to visit the school and see how their boys and girls have to bury their faces in McDonald; easterly by land of A. J. McDonald; easterly by land of A. J. Morse and land of U. S. Adams, and southerly by land of U. S. Adams, contains the color of the contains and southerly by land of U. S. Adams, contheir books to see, they would realize glasses would help the children's eyes and standing.

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### SALE OF REAL ESTATE



The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate, situated in the Town of Townthe Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Daniel W. Fletcher building on for the years hereinafter specified, acpart of said land sufficient to satisfy costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an un-divided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Se ectmen's Room, in Memorial Hall Building in said Townsend, on Saturday, the 10th day of January, 1920, at two o'clock P. M., for the payment of said taxes with interest, costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall

be previously discharged. Lot No. 1. Assessed to Mrs. Isabelle K. Rusk, described as follows: Sit-uated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend, bounded westerly by the location of the Greenville Branch of the Boston & Maine Railread Company; northerly by land of Joseph F. Thompson and by land of Rusk and taining 41% acres with the buildings

Tax for year 1916 Tax for year 1917 Lot No. 2. Assessed to Mrs. Isa-

thereon.

belle K. Rusk, described as follows: Situated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend on the westerly side of the location of said Railroad, opposite the above described lot, resterly by the road leading from West Townsend to Mason; southerly by land of U.S. Adams and land of the Town of Townsend; easterly by said location, and northerly by land of Alexander Reed, containing 57 acres.

Tax for year 1916 Tax for year 1917 10.50

Lot No. 3. Assessed to Mrs. Isa-elle K. Rusk, described as follows: Situated in the westerly part of said Cownsend on the southerly side of Main Street, bounded northerly by said Main Street; westerly by land of Alexander Reed; southerly by land of Alexander Reed; easterly by land of William M. Lawrence and by land of Mrs. Martha Adams; including buildings thereon, containing 1 acre. Tax for year 1916, \$48.88 Tax for year 1917 54.60

Lot No. 4. Assessed to Duncan Rusk and A. McDonald described as follows: Situated in the northwesterly part of said Townsend, adjoining lot

No. 1. assessed to Isabelle K. Rusk, and bounded on other sides by lands of unknown owners, and being known as the Lewis & Chamberlain lot, containing 41 % acres. Tax for year 1916 Tax for year 1917 10.50

c. L. Webster, Collector of Taxes for years 1916 and

1917. Townsend, Mass., Dec. 17, 1919.