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## LITTLETON.

### Death.

Littleton people learned with surprise and deep sorrow of George Albert Kimball's death at his home in Arlington early Monday morning. The Saturday previous he was occupied with regular duties at his office in Boston. He had planned to go on Monday to the hospital to see his brother, William L., who had been critically sick in the hospital for a few weeks. Sunday afternoon Mr. Kimball had a severe attack of acute indigestion which caused much suffering and failed to yield to medicine. His constitution and general health were greatly in his favor and the physicians believed that he would recover. But his heart was weakened by the unusual strain and death came very suddenly. It is remembered that his father passed away after a very brief illness and at about the same age, sixty-two years.

Mr. Kimball was born in Littleton May 14, 1850, and was the son of William and Mary (Lawrence) Kimball. He attended the public schools of this town, afterwards going to Appleton academy, New Ipswich, N. H., and later studying civil engineering. In 1876 he became city engineer of Somerville, where he remained for many years. This position he held for ten years and during seven years of that period he was a member of the Somerville board of health. He served also as a member of the Mystic Water Board and as a member of the Metropolitan Sewerage commission from 1896 to 1901. He was consulting and constructing engineer of the West End street railway. Later he became chief engineer of the Boston Elevated railway in charge of elevated work and subway construction, continuing his association with that corporation up to the time of his death.

In addition to the above offices he was consulting engineer for a number of cities and towns seeking his authority on questions of sewerage systems, the abolition of grade crossings and details of construction work. Mr. Kimball helped to design the East Boston tunnel, the Tremont street subway and the Washington street tunnel, the Cambridge subway and the elevated extension to Cambridge were designed and their construction was supervised by him, and were the last structures that he completed. He had made plans also for the elevated extension to Everett and Malden and for the terminal in Malden square. The layout of the street car service in Boston and suburbs served by the Boston Elevated company is largely the result of his efforts as he was connected with the West End Street Railway company before it was merged with the Boston Elevated company. He was regarded as a high authority on subway construction and elevated road building.

Mr. Kimball had traveled extensively in this country and foreign lands, studying engineering construction. He was past president of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers of London, a member of the Engineer's club of Boston, a member of the New England Street Railway club, of the Winchester Country club, of John Abbott lodge of Masons, the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of Honor, a director of the Somerville Co-operative bank, a director of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Mr. Kimball was a consistent and active member of the Congregational church, a man of high moral principles, a devoted husband and parent, and a sympathetic and ever helpful friend. He carried many and great responsibilities, yet never seemed burdened. There was always time, strength and disposition to help a relative, a friend, or any other person who needed assistance.

Prominent among his many admirable traits was his love for his native town. Frequently he came here, and always he kept in touch with its people and their activities. None of Littleton's absentees has identified himself more closely with its interests and welfare than George A. Kimball. He will be missed and mourned by a host of friends whose hearts throbb with sympathy for his bereft family. Mr. Kimball was survived by his wife, E. (Robbins) Kimball, to whom he was married in 1872; four children—Herbert L., Mrs. Josephine K. Woodbridge, Ernest R. Kimball and Elizabeth Kimball; also, several grandchildren, besides two brothers, William L. and Myron A., and a sister, Mrs. John Harlow.

Among the Littleton relatives who attended the funeral in Arlington on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel G. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. August T. Kimball, John H. Kimball, Charles A. Kimball, Martha H. Kimball, Mrs. Gardner W. Prouty, Mrs. Grace Lawrence, Waldo E. Conant and Harold W. Conant.

### Roll Call.

The annual roll call of the First Baptist church took place on Friday, November 29, beginning at seven o'clock in the evening, with the calling of the roll of members. A large percentage of the members responded either in person or by written message. Among the letters received were those of three former pastors, Rev. Wm. J. Clouffe, Librarian at the Newton Theological Institution; Rev. F. R. Enslin, of Canton, Me., and Rev. Harold B. Drew, of New Bedford.

From seven to eight o'clock Mrs. Everett Kimball and an efficient committee of ladies served a supper in the vestry. This was followed by a pleasing, though informal program, in which the spirit of cordial fellowship and good will held sway, the pastor, Rev. Herbert L. Caulkins, presiding. The special guests of the evening were the local pastors, Rev. H. L. Packard, who in genial and witty addresses, conveyed the greetings of their respective churches.

The various departments of the church work were reviewed in brief addresses as follows: The Sunday school, Dea. William H. Tenney; primary department, Mrs. Maud K. Caulkins, superintendent; Young People's society, Miss Emma Tenney, president; Juniors, Miss Mabel Parker, superintendent; Woman's Mission Circle, Mrs. Lucy J. Dodge, secretary and ex-president; Benevolent society, Mrs. Robert Henry, president.

The promising singing of young people spoke for themselves, rendering two stirring selections. Another feature was a finely rendered piano solo by Miss Emma Tenney, the church organist. Miss Cora Flagg had charge of the table service, assisted by a large corps of young ladies.

### To Present "A Little Rebel."

Now that the leading papers are reviewing the events of the civil war, the public will welcome a play of that period, and "The Little Rebel," a popular drama, has much of the atmosphere of our late war of the rebellion. Here is a delightful and serious love story running throughout the play. Much bright comedy and many strong climaxes hold the attention of the audience from the rise of the curtain to the fall of the final curtain. The Woman's club takes pleasure in announcing that a splendid cast of characters has been secured, who, under the efficient direction of Miss Alice Eudora Chapman, will give a dramatic treat. The dates of the presentation are Thursday and Saturday evenings, December 12 and 14. Parties from surrounding towns are already making arrangements to see this popular play. Attention is called to the fact that tickets will go on sale at nine o'clock on Monday morning, December 9, at Conant & Company's store, Littleton Common, and Josiah P. Thacher's store at Littleton depot. Following is the cast of characters:

Benjamin Freeman..... Charles A. Kimball  
Miss Freeman..... Florence B. Wilcox  
Susan Boyce..... Marion S. Christie  
Sarah Norton..... Florence B. Bartlett  
Laura Barnard..... Dorothy Priest  
Mrs. George Washington, colored.  
William Turner..... Annie C. Smith  
Mrs. James Hooker..... Alice E. Chapman  
Martha Mitchell..... Clifford Shedd  
Arthur Freeman..... E. Smith  
Colonel Norton..... Dr. James D. Christie  
John Norton..... J. Harold Remick  
Edmund Smith..... Harry Barker  
Sgt. Ames..... I. R. Buse  
Fred Gordon..... Kariton K. Priest  
Timothy Brown..... Wallace Robinson  
Soloist..... Ruth Prescott

The annual fair held in the Congregational vestry on Thursday afternoon was the center of much attraction and the sales were good. Booths were very nicely arranged, and the temptations to the patrons proved irresistible. Very few articles were left over and the sum netted must have been large. The entertainment in the evening was well attended, and the quartet, consisting of Messrs. Dodds and Cook, and Misses Prescott and Bartlett, did themselves. Their singing brought out loud applause and their excellent productions well deserved the public approval of a demonstrative audience. The reader, Miss Ball, a post graduate student from the school of expression, gave from the school of expression, good and beautiful selections which were very enthusiastically received. She is very talented and promises much in her chosen profession.

### News Items.

The choir of the Baptist church has prepared a Christmas cantata, entitled "The story of Bethlehem," by William R. Spence.

The following young people were recently graduated with appropriate exercises from the Junior C. E. society of the Baptist church into the senior society: Elsie Whitney, Beatrice Woodbury, Mary Kimball, Helen McCoy, Laurice Flagg, Ralph Caulkins, Marjorie Dodge, Whitney Caulkins. The work of the superintendent of this department, Miss Mabel Parkers, has been most efficient for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Barker left home on Friday for Florida, where they will spend the winter. Miss Ethel Smith, who recently went to Miami, Fla., writes that she is much pleased with her winter quarters and is greatly interested in the people whom she has met. But Littleton and the home are more precious to her by far than she had ever realized before going away.

E. H. Priest and family move into their new house in South Littleton this week if plans have been carried into execution. Frank B. Priest met representatives of the firm with which he is connected for a business conference in Hotel Touraine on Thanksgiving day.

J. H. D. Whitcomb has recently installed a bathroom and heater in his farm house at the West End. Miss Louisa Flagg, of New York, is at home for a short season and will remain until her sister, Miss Edith, comes to assist in home cares.

A lady who spent the Thanksgiving season in one of the suburban towns of Boston, was told by a railroad man this week, that the long-wished-for electric line connecting this town with Lowell and Ayer would materialize sooner than expected. It is to be called the Belmont line, and as the money is said to be subscribed for the project, it is safe to assume that by spring there will be something doing. This may or may not come true, but it makes cheerful reading all the same.

Two suits were entered on Monday by Attorney Clark A. Batchelder, of Fitchburg, counsel for Louis E. Fletcher, against the Worcester Telegram Publishing Company for \$3000. The Fitchburg Daily News for \$2000, seeking to recover for alleged libel published in newspaper articles relating to Mr. Fletcher's recent suit against Henry McGrath. Both writs are returnable in the superior court.

The Woman's club will hold its next meeting on Monday afternoon, December 9, when Mrs. Henry Alden Belcher, president of the village, and Randolph Library association, of Randolph, will address the audience, taking for her subject, "A motor trip through Holland." Mrs. Belcher is pleasantly remembered as one of the speakers before the club three years ago, and will be cordially welcomed again. She is the cousin of a Littleton club woman, through whose influence she has consented to furnish an entertainment. The music for the afternoon will consist of the club song and a vocal duet by Mrs. Cora S. Hager and Miss Florence B. Bartlett. A social tea in charge of Mrs. Alice M. Whitcomb will conclude the program.

Mrs. John Lemley returned to Boston Monday, where she will make her future home. The Harvey Brown estate in Pine-groveville was sold at public auction last Saturday to Paul L. Brown for a little under eight hundred dollars. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Hosmer last Saturday, November 30.

A son, Philip Dumaresq, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Layton on Thanksgiving day. The A. P. Gardner family, of Jamaica Plain, spent the week-end in their home at Littleton Center.

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WESTFORD.

A Biographical Sketch. The earliest records of the Fletcher family place the family in Burgundy about the twelfth century, and at the close of the fourteenth century they appeared in Yorkshire, England, where they took a prominent part in public affairs, many of their members having titles of nobility conferred upon them.

Robert Fletcher came from England in 1630 and was one of the original proprietors of the town of Concord. He took a leading part in the affairs of the town and became a man of wealth and influence. He died in Concord on April 3, 1677, at the age of eighty-five years.

Robert Fletcher, son of the first, was born in Concord, Mass., in 1677, and was one of the original proprietors of the town of Westford, where the late Melbourn Hutchins lived. Of their eight children, Joseph, their second son, married Sarah Adams, of Concord. They settled on the Decatur farm, next place to S. L. Taylor's on the Concord road to Westford Center. This farm was owned by the family for 150 years.

Of their ten children, Timothy, the third son, succeeded his father and married Bridget Richardson, of Chelmsford, and raised a family of six children. Elijah, the eldest son, became a Congregational minister, and married Rebecca Chamberlin, of Westford. Their daughter Grace became the wife of the Hon. Daniel Webster, who was prominent in both state and national public life.

Bridget, the third daughter, married Isaac Parker, who removed to Cavendish, Vt. Of their family, Betsy married Jabez Proctor, son of Leonard Proctor, who removed from Westford to Cavendish, Vt., in 1786, where the village of Proctorville is located.

Jabez and Betsy Proctor had a son Redfield, born in Cavendish, who became lieutenant-governor of Vermont from 1876 to 1878, and governor from 1878 to 1880. The Proctor family's home in Westford was in Parker Village, and is known as the Hutchins place.

Redfield Proctor married Emily Dutton, great-granddaughter of Simon Dutton, son of Joseph Dutton, whose home was the Colburn place in Westford. Salmon Dutton founded the village of Duttonville in Cavendish, Vt. Redfield and Emily Dutton Proctor had a son, Fletcher Dutton Proctor, who became governor of Vermont from 1906 to 1908, and a native of Cavendish.

Jesse Fletcher, youngest son of Timothy and Bridget, married, in 1782, Lucy Keyes, of Westford. They removed in 1783, to Ludlow, Vt. From that time until his death in 1831, he resided on the same farm in Ludlow. His house that he built in 1784, is still standing in good condition and owned by his grandsons. His family of fifteen children, the youngest, a son, Stoughton A., born in 1808, settled in Indianapolis, Indiana, and married Julia Bullard. He became a banker and a man of great wealth.

Their fourth son, Allen M., born in Indianapolis in 1853, grew up and inherited his father's business. He married Mary E. Bruce, retired from the banking business, and removed to Vermont and settled in Cavendish, fifteen years ago. He became a farmer and cultivates his grandfather's farm in Ludlow. He served two terms in the Vermont legislature as a representative of Cavendish. This year, 1912, he was the candidate of the republican party for governor of the state election. There was no election by the people, as the law of Vermont requires a majority vote on all officers, but he was chosen governor by joint ballot by the legislature, making the third governor of Vermont descending from the old Fletcher home, the Decatur place in Westford.

Robert Fletcher, of Concord, had another son Samuel, who settled in Parker Village, where his son William, and grandson William, live in Westford. The Henry A. Hildreth place, the house built by William, grandson of Samuel, 180 years ago, was burned in the summer of 1912.

Samuel, son of Robert, married Margaret Hutton, of that day. Their eldest and youngest son, William, married Mary Richardson, and lived where his father had. Of their eight children, William, the eldest son, succeeded his father and built the house burned, 180 years old. He married Elizabeth Remington, of Rowley.

Of their eleven children, Asaph, the youngest son, became a doctor, married Sally Green, of Chelsea, and lived in Westford Center, in a house removed and standing nearby. That was on the spot where the late J. Henry Read lived. A family by the name of Richardson are living there now. He was a surgeon in the revolutionary war, and removed to Cavendish, Vt., in 1786, before Vermont was admitted to the Union. He was frequently a member of the legislature and was a judge of the county court and a member of the state council. He died in 1839, aged ninety-two years.

His eldest daughter, Sarah, married Salmon Dutton, Jr., and was grandmother of Mrs. Redfield Proctor. His son Richard was a judge in the Massachusetts supreme court from 1848 to 1852. Another son, Horace, became an eminent Baptist minister. His youngest son, Ryland Fletcher, born in 1799, was a farmer. The youngest child of the nine children, he was early in town office as well as county, and in 1854, he was elected as Vermont's first republican lieutenant-governor with Gov. Stephen Royce, of Berkshire, as Vermont's first republican governor. In 1856 and 1857, he was elected governor of Vermont. He married Mary Ann May.

Of their three children, Henry Addison lived on the farm of his father, and was elected to public office often. In 1890 to 1892, he was lieutenant-governor of Vermont with (Caldwell) Gov. Carroll S. Page, now United States senator from Vermont. The above could not be duplicated in any state—four governors of one state and three lieutenant-governors of one state, and all from the same town, all descended from one town in another state, and all relatives of one another.

Gov. Allen M. Fletcher, of Vermont, is the fourteenth governor elected by the legislature since 1778, when Vermont became a state. The last democratic governor was John S. Robinson, of Bennington. He reigned one year.

Vermont has had five cases of father and son being governor—Thomas Chittenden and Martin Chittenden, Erastus Fairbanks and Horace Fairbanks, John Gregory Smith and Edward C. Smith, Paul Dillingham and William F. Dillingham, Redfield Proctor and Fletcher Dutton Proctor.

Jonas Galusha, governor for nine years, was a son-in-law of Gov. Thomas Chittenden. That family held the office for twenty-nine years. Moses Robinson, governor in 1789, was grandfater of Gov. John S. Robinson, governor in 1853. Hiland Hall, governor from 1858 to 1860, was grandfater of Mrs. John G. McCullough, governor from 1902 to 1904. Paul Brigham, of Norwich, Vt., was lieutenant-governor of Vermont for twenty-two years, and never was elected governor. Benjamin Swan, of Woodstock, was state treasurer from 1890 to 1892. In 1836, Vermont failed to elect a governor either by the popular vote or by the legislature, and the lieutenant-governor, Silas H. Jenison, of Shoreham, served as governor.

William H. Lynds, Lowell, Center.

Mrs. Ida M. Gould is visiting friends in Boston and vicinity. Word comes from Miss Jennie M. Chandler that she is convalescing nicely from her recent serious illness at the Corey Hill hospital, Brookline.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sutherland received an interesting present from Mrs. E. E. Sutherland, in San Jose, Cal., last week. This was a large framed picture of himself and wife and their ten children. The children are from three years old up to twenty. To the most casual observer it is a most attractive looking group, and the fond grandparents are justified in feeling proud and pleased with it. Mr. and Mrs. William Sutherland have had nine children themselves, and there are other grandchildren as well as this California group. They recently observed their golden wedding anniversary.

Rev. C. L. Fowler occupied the pulpit morning and evening at the Congregational church last Sunday in the absence of the pastor. He proved himself a frank and an interesting speaker in his morning on "Opportunities" and in the evening on "Influence."

The Misses Atwood start this Saturday for Florida, where they go to spend the winter. They go by boat to Savannah, and from there to Jacksonville. They will be much missed by the home friends, but who, at the same time, wish them a pleasant sojourn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace returned from West Hartford, Vt., the first of the week, where they had been summoned by the serious illness of Mrs. Wallace's mother.

The Edward M. Abbot hose company held their regular monthly meeting at their headquarters on Boston road on Tuesday evening. An appetizing roast beef supper was served by Caterer George E. Gould. At the business session a committee was appointed for the annual ball, consisting of J. Herbert Fletcher, Robert Prescott and Edward Clement, to be given full discretionary powers. This event will probably take place early in the new year.

A committee meeting to complete plans for the annual board of Trade smoke talk and entertainment was held at the town hall on Tuesday evening. An attractive event is being planned for the men, probably to take place the second week in January.

Dr. Snedden was the guest, while in town, of Miss Ella F. Hildreth, vice president of the Tadmuck club.

Tadmuck Club. The meeting for the Tadmuck club this week took the form of a lecture in the evening at the Congregational church. This lecture was by Dr. Snedden, state commissioner of education, on "Vocational training."

There was a good attendance of members and guests present. Frank H. Hill, superintendent of school, was present and introduced Dr. Snedden in well chosen words. Dr. Snedden proved himself a close student of his subject and held the close attention of his audience as he depicted the age of changing standards and ideals in the educational world, and the attitude of instructors and students thereto.

Freeding the lecture, Miss Loket, the president, gave an excellent recognition sketch of Ellen H. Richardson and her life work, whose natal day is December 3, on which date the lecture took place. This recognition took place in many of the schools and colleges on that day. Mrs. Richardson's early life in Dunstable, Westford and Littleton makes her work in after life all the more real in this locality, and her service to this club particularly, is cherished when out of her busy life she came to two different times previous to her death and gave addresses relative to her work.

The next meeting, December 17, will be a Christmas afternoon, with Mrs. David L. Greig and Mrs. Perley E. Wright as hostesses. Further notice of the program will be given next week.

About Town. Foxes are unusually plenty in the Stony Brook valley, and are extensively busy in the poultry business rearing them at high prices of eggs and their environment.

The open season of the West Chelmsford Debating society will commence on Tuesday evening, December 10, at Historical hall, when the following question will be discussed: Resolved, That we should have a sane downward revision of the tariff. Fred A. Snow, Anthony Anderson, att.; James Peck, Frank Mooney, neg.

entertainment in early January at the Troop F Cavalry building on the Boston road. It will be smoke talk humor. Every member of the Board of Health on the committee, but the friend cannot be a suffragette.

Lewis Walker, youngest son of Rev. Seth H. Walker, died in New Bedford on November 20, of peritonitis, aged one year and five months. He was a grandson of the old Walker homestead on Main street, Westford.

Mrs. Samuel Naylor is ill at her home in West Chelmsford. She has host of friends and no small bunch of relatives in Westford.

George F. Snow, George O. Spaulding and Henry B. Read have been appointed appraisers of the estate of George W. Bussey at Brookside.

Charles E. Walker was at the Thanksgiving turkey reunion at the home of his sister, Mrs. Clara Walklett, at the farm residence in Fitchburg.

Members of the grange are rehearsing a play for home consumption to be given at the grange at the next meeting, December 19.

The W. C. T. U. held their monthly meeting at the Old Oaken Bucket farm on Wednesday afternoon with seventeen members and three visitors present. The weather was spring-like and the character and conduct of the gathering had much in it that was of a spring-like nature, although there was nothing more foamy than the old oaken bucket.

The writer acknowledges with grateful remembrance, postal photographs of former residents of the Stony Brook valley, who are happy eating home grown watermelons on their farm in Roseville, Cal., and the writer asks, "What is the secret of the 'Old Oaken Bucket farm'?" No not in raising watermelons except moonlight nights.

Herbert McMaster is ill with scarlet fever at the home of his brother in Lowell.

Seth W. Banister of the "Banister," and Herbert E. Walden of the "Wheelwright," were home from Amherst college to take samples of Thanksgiving dinner and youthful friendships.

Mrs. Clough is ill at her home with Mr. and Mrs. John McMaster on the Chamberlin road.

Mrs. Boynton, just northerly of the Chamberlin blacksmith shop, is recovering from recent illness and is now at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Snow and family extended some of their energy at the Thanksgiving dinner in behalf of the Old Oaken Bucket farm, Granville.

Sunday being the first Sunday of advent, two masses were celebrated by Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, who spoke at length on matters pertaining to the pastoral letter recently issued by Cardinal O'Connell, and that was read in every parish of the diocese on last Sunday.

The illustrated lecture that was given in the M. E. church on last Sunday evening by the pastor, Rev. H. Layton, was largely attended. The subject at that time was the Passover and Play and the views were unusually good. The subject on next Sunday evening will be "The other wise man," and all are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carmichael have recently returned from a brief visit spent with friends in Wilton, N. H.

The members of the M. E. church choir have already begun rehearsals on the special music that will be sung at Christmas. St. Catherine's church choir also has the musical program for Christmas well under way. The Sunday school children in both churches will soon commence rehearsals for the Christmas tree exercises, and it is needless to say that the Sunday school membership will greatly increase during the next few weeks.

The members of the A. R. Choate hose company held their regular meeting in Hoyle's hall on last Monday night. Business of a routine order was transacted, and the matter of getting new outfits for the firemen was freely discussed. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

Miss Mary A. Dunn, teacher in the Sargent school, has been absent from duty a few days this week owing to the illness of her mother. During her absence the school has been in charge of Mrs. Braddon, of Lowell.

left on a short honeymoon, and upon their return will reside on Bradford street. They have the well wishes of their many friends in their new life.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blodgett and family, of Groton road, ate their Thanksgiving dinner at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Tuttle, of Lowell.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Charles Blodgett and little daughter Florence, together with Mrs. Samuel Blodgett and Mrs. Stubbs, of Lowell, visited Mrs. Fawbert, of Methuen. Mrs. Fawbert was formerly Miss Annie Haslam, of this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blodgett, of Groton road, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blodgett and Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett and families on last week Thursday.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hyde, of Ayer, on the birth of a little son on last Sunday morning at the Nashua hospital. Mrs. Hyde will be remembered as Miss Eva Leclerc, formerly of this village.

At the invitation of the teachers of the Ameron school many parents and friends visited the school on last Wednesday and enjoyed a most pleasant afternoon. The regular routine of work in the regular seasons was carried through, thus enabling all to see and understand just what the children are accomplishing during school hours. A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit the school at all times and such a visit will certainly reward one for the time spent.

The remodeling of the store formerly occupied by Victor Pigeon, is being remodelled into an up-to-date tenement. P. H. Harrington is the contractor.

On Sunday evening prayer will be held at St. Andrew's mission at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. A. L. Bumpus will officiate.

The Sunday school children are rehearsing under the direction of Misses Sarah Precious and Emily Collins for a Christmas play to be given on December 16, when Santa Claus makes his annual visit to the mission.

On Wednesday evening, the regular meeting of the John Edwards hose company was held at their rooms in the firehouse, this meeting being the last of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. August Meyer and children, of Essex, have returned home after a pleasant visit with relatives here.

The cottage recently vacated by Mrs. Lucretia Reed is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts and two children, of Lowell.

Alvin S. Bennett is now well on the road to recovery after suffering from an injury received about two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mountain, of Ware, who were married on last Monday, spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mountain.

Mrs. Miller is entertaining her brother from the west.

News Items. Miss Cora Hartwell, of Acton, is the guest of Mrs. Albert Hartwell this week-end. Mrs. Shattuck had the pleasure of hearing Judge Ben Lindsey speak at Concord.

Miss Woodward, teacher at No. 3 school, is now boarding at the Deanes. Supt. Brick and family, of Maynard, have been at his farm here for the past two weeks. The Maynard schools closed on account of the prevalence of measles.

Miss May Hastings, of Brighton, was a week-end guest at Mrs. Page's. Annie Sherrill was at home on Thanksgiving. She is teaching in Newmarket, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robbins spent Thanksgiving in Somerville. Burpee Steele and his men have started up the mill again. Work there had to be stopped some time ago for lack of water.

ing and 4.45 in the afternoon, instead of at ten in the morning and five in the evening, as has been the custom for some time.

Sidney Francis is enjoying a new Maxwell runabout. Richard Harley left town on Wednesday for Pasadena, Cal., where he intends to spend the winter. His many friends wish "Dick" a very pleasant sojourn in the land of flowers and sunshine.

It is expected that Rev. Robert L. Bryant, the new pastor of the Congregational church, will preach here on Sunday. His household goods have been shipped, and are expected this week, and they will soon take up their abode in the Congregational parsonage.

Dandelions, candy-tuft and sweet alyssum have been picked in several yards and gardens in town this week. If one could only feel sure of this beautiful weather all winter, there would be no occasion for going to Florida or California to escape the chilling air of a New England winter.

Mrs. H. M. Jones, formerly a resident of Lunenburg, but now of Roxbury, spent two days this week among friends and neighbors in town.

Interesting Sermon. Rev. H. A. Bridgman, editor-in-chief of the Congregationalist and Christian World, occupied the pulpit last Sunday and prefaced his sermon by a very interesting talk to the children upon the Shirley rules: No. 1, "Do your part, don't shirk," which he said began with the tree, which bravely and freely did its part by giving its shade, its bloom and fragrance to everyone who came in its vicinity. No. 2, "Trust; don't fuss, don't worry." This began with the bird who merrily sang its cheerful song, never fussing, never worrying, but fully trusting it would find all it needed for its sustenance whenever it chose to go after it. Its food was provided and instinct taught it where to find it.

No. 3, "Obey parents and teachers," and this rule began with the sun, which obeyed the law commanding it to shine, and to give its warmth to all the earth, bringing forth all forms of plant and animal life. No. 4, "Give yourself to others beginning with the brook, who blessed and gladdened all along its banks, freely giving of its waters to the thirsty traveler, or turning the wheels of the mill to grind the grain for our bread, or weaving the material into cloth for clothing. And he told the children that they were to apply these rules to their every-day life. Doing, trusting, obeying, giving to parents, teachers and schoolmates. He completely won the attention and the hearts of the younger portion of his audience as well as the older ones, and when he announced the subject of his sermon as "The gospel of the self-help," and took for his text "Rise, take up thy bed and walk," everyone gave undivided attention until the close. He won many friends, who will be very glad to hear him again whenever convenient for him to be here.

Reception. The town united in giving Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whitcomb a reception at the town hall Friday evening of last week. Lured to the hall on the plea of a rehearsal for the coming fair and urgent town business, the couple were quite unprepared for what awaited them. They were met at the door by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Salmon, the other two selectmen and their wives, who escorted them to one corner of the hall, which had been turned into a box of green and white for the occasion. The ushers were Ira Whitcomb, Waldo Livermore, Bertha Livermore and Mabel Wetherbee.

After the reception Mr. Littlefield presented the couple with a gift of money from the townspeople, about sixty dollars, to be used for dining-room furnishings. The groom expressed his appreciation of the gift. Then followed a piano duet by Mrs. Frank Dodge and Miss Ethel Mead; vocal duet, Arthur and Mary Nelson; piano solos, Salmon; remarks, Rev. F. H. Viet; piano duet, Mrs. Albert Littlefield and daughter; reading, Mrs. Graves; solo, Arthur Nelson; remarks, Rev. F. S. Rice; solo, Stephen D. Salmon; song, Earle Kathan.

After the refreshments, which were served in the upper hall, about seventy-five couples joined in a grand march led by the bride and groom, after which there was dancing till one o'clock. It was a delightful occasion. The best of good feeling prevailed and the young couple must feel assured that they hold a high esteem and affection of their townspeople.

LUNENBURG. News Items. The Fitchburg and Leominster electric road changed their running time on Monday, and for the remainder of the winter, at least, will leave Lunenburg at six, 7.20 and nine o'clock in the morning and every hour thereafter on the even hour until ten in the evening. Returning, will leave the American house, Fitchburg, at fifteen minutes past the hour, and the upper common at ten minutes past, arriving in Lunenburg Center forty-five minutes past the hour. The mail will arrive at 9.45 in the morning.

Items of Interest. At sea level water boils at a temperature of 212 degrees, but at a higher elevation it boils at a lower temperature. At the hospital of St. Bernard, in Switzerland, it is 200 degrees, 8600 feet above sea level. In the Himalayas it has been found to boil at 180 degrees.

DRIVES OFF A TERROR. The chief excuser of death in the winter and spring months is pneumonia. Its advance agent is household grip. In any attack of one of these maladies no time should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countess thousands have found this to be Dr. King's New Discovery. My husband believes it has kept him from having pneumonia three or four times," writes Mrs. George W. Place, Rawsonville, Vt., "and for coughs, cold and croup we have never found a better remedy. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at William Brown's, Ayer.

AUCTIONS. To close out the business of Forest Hooper, of Shirley Village, A. A. Pillsbury, auctioneer, will sell by public auction, all the tools used in Mr. Hooper's business. The sale will be held on Saturday, December 7, at one o'clock. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by public auction, all the tools used in Mr. Hooper's business, Concord Junction, December 7, at nine o'clock a. m. sharp.

James P. Emerson, auctioneer, will sell by public auction at the residence of the late George W. Sanderson, in Littleton, cows, heifers, horses, bull, sheep, farming tools, wagons, etc. The sale will take place on Saturday, December 14, at nine o'clock a. m. George A. Sanderson and Fannie A. Sanderson, executors.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of REUBEN S. COOK, late of Townsend in said County, deceased. Whereas, certain instruments purporting to be the last will and testament and one codicil of said REUBEN S. COOK, have been presented to said Court, for Probate, by ELIZA J. COOK, who prays that said letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fourth day of December, A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Towns Public Spirit a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

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

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### SHIRLEY.

#### Found Dead.

Howard Pelletier, of Gardner, who runs away from the Shirley industrial school for boys on Saturday, November 23, was run over and killed by a train at Wellesley on Monday. His body was found by the tracks of the Boston and Albany railroad on Monday afternoon. The boy lived with his father at 14 Jackson street, Gardner, until last summer, when he was committed to the industrial school at Shirley on a charge of stubbornness after a hearing in the Gardner police court. Last week word was received at his home in Gardner that he had made his escape from the institution, but nothing further was heard of him until Monday.

The body was clothed in the uniform of the industrial school and was marked "Pelletier No. 4," which meant that he was an inmate of Cottage No. 4, at the institution. An official from the school went to Wellesley on Tuesday and identified the body.

The boy's father moved from Gardner to Holyoke about three months ago, and he was notified of the finding of the remains by Chief of Police Shay, of Gardner.

#### Club Play.

Owing to the approaching holiday season the Altrurian club play, "Mr. Bob," will not be staged until Friday evening, January 3. This comedy will then be presented with all its original features and intricate amusing incidents. Its production will be entirely under the direction of Mrs. Charles R. White, and will be replete with wide-awake sketches of a laugh-provoking character. The following is the cast of characters:

Phillip Royson.....Earl C. Merriman  
Robert Brown.....Walter Knowles  
Jenkins.....G. Stanley Wells  
Rebecca Luke.....Mrs. Abbie J. Wells  
Katherine Rogers.....Miss G. L. Conant  
Marion Bryant.....Miss M. S. Hastings  
Fatty.....Miss Bertha L. Weeks

#### Presented With Books.

At the session of the Congregational Sunday school on last Sunday, pupils who have attended the church service on Sunday mornings from March 17 to June 30, sixteen Sundays, and obtained seventy-five or more attendances, were presented with books by Elmer H. Allen, superintendent of the Sunday school. The following is a list of those who received books:

Glady's Eisner, Albert Dearden, Lawrence Ward, Chester Hooper, Gladys Annis, Esther Harris, Alice Horton, Cora James, Gladys Phelps, Sarah Stevenson, Jessie Love, Abbott Bronsdon, Leonard Hooper, Lester James, Linton Ward, Stanley Wells, Russell Miner and Leslie Wells.

Commencing on Sunday, December 15, for a limited period, Mrs. Collyer's class will take charge of the opening and closing exercises of the Sunday school.

The following committee has also been appointed by the school to take charge of the Christmas exercises: Mrs. Wilson, Miss Howe, Miss Park, Mrs. Wright, John G. Conant, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon and Elmer H. Allen, superintendent of the Sunday school.

#### Accident.

Mrs. Allen A. Bronsdon met with a very painful accident on last Saturday morning while visiting at the home of Mr. Bronsdon's sister, who resides in Winchendon, and where the family had spent Thanksgiving, and under the circumstances attending the accident she was fortunate in escaping more serious injury. It appears that Mrs. Bronsdon was descending the stairway to the lower floor of the home about 6.15 in the morning with a lighted lamp in her left hand, and in some unexplainable manner, missed one of the treads, which resulted in throwing her head foremost down the stairway and landing with her head full up against a mop board, cutting a gash five inches long. Fortunately the light from the lamp went out. Had it not, it would be difficult to predict the possible consequences.

A physician was immediately called and four stitches were taken to close the wound. Happily the wound is directly on top near the crown of the head where no marks of the accident will be visible when the wound is healed. Mrs. Bronsdon was resting comfortably at last reports.

Mrs. Bronsdon is president of the King's Daughters, and through the channels of this society, has done a splendid work in this town. Previous to her going away for the Thanksgiving holidays she manifested a deep interest in the good cheer plan at the King's Daughters, and expressed so much delight and satisfaction that this society was in a position to send tokens of love and cheer again this holiday season to the sick, the aged and the shut-ins.

Much sympathy is being expressed for Mrs. Bronsdon throughout the town, whose beautiful christian ideals have shone like a beacon light through sunshine and storm, gladness and sorrow.

#### News Items.

Miss Helene Desmond and Miss Doris White spent the school holidays last week in Marlboro with Helene's aunt.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening, when officers for the ensuing year will be nominated.

Our Shirley postmistress, Mrs. Kate E. Hazen, is extremely busy at this time preparing for the new class of business to be handled under her supervision when the new parcel post law takes effect on January 1.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting on Friday evening, December 10, in the church vestry. Supper will be served at 6.30 under the direction of the following committee: Elmer H. Allen, Joseph H. McClellan, Eugene N. Livermore and Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon. At the close of the supper an address will be given by Albert F. Conant, of Littleton, his subject being his experience on a trip to California and the Yosemite.

The social and entertainment at the Baptist church on last Saturday evening for the Sunday school pupils was a very pleasant affair. A good program of entertainment was given under the direction of Miss Clara Penseau, consisting of the following: Piano solo, Miss Cella Smith, of Fitchburg; reading, Miss Bertha L. Weeks; recitations, Arnold Hooper, J. and Bertha Penseau; reading, Mrs. E. L. Cummings; duet, Norman Farmer and Charles Penseau; reading, Rev. A. G. Adams; song, by audience; solo, Rev. A. G. Adams. Light refreshments were also served.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pomfret and family, of Waverley, and Mr. and Mrs. John Pomfret, of Hudson, were entertained on last Saturday and Sunday at the home of their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret were married forty years ago the twenty-third day of November.

Mrs. Murphy, of Fredonian street, is very critically ill and her advanced age makes her chances of recovery doubtful.

The Children of Mary of St. Anthony's church, will receive communion in a body at the eight o'clock mass on Sunday morning, and at the close of the service, they will hold their annual business meeting, at which time a reception will be tendered to new members.

The Shakespeare club held its regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. Edwin H. Conant. Twelve of the members were present. The teacher, Mrs. Andrew H. Pratt was present and directed the study of "Macbeth."

The Altrurian club will hold their meetings commencing at 2.30 instead of at three o'clock during the short season of December, January and February.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church will hold a supper and sale in their vestry on Wednesday, December 11. Supper will be served at 6.30 o'clock. The sale opens at three o'clock in the afternoon with a large variety of attractive and useful articles, which will be placed on the following six tables: Apron, children's, mystery, fancy, candy and bag. As the holiday season is near at hand, selections of suitable presents can be purchased from some of these tables at prices less than they could be purchased elsewhere. The entertainment will be given at eight o'clock. No admission will be charged and everyone is cordially invited.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., met on Monday evening with Mrs. Mary Harlow. The rain made the attendance very small, but a very interesting meeting was the verdict of those who attended. Petitions are being circulated by different patriotic societies seeking congress to make an appropriation to buy the home of President Jefferson. Mrs. Allen brought out her signatures and it is hoped that all will avail themselves of the privilege of signing it. Mrs. Maude Page gave piano selections and Mrs. Helen McCoy read "The perfect tribute." Refreshments were served by the hostess. The January meeting will be with Mrs. Cynthia Lynch.

A regular meeting of the Ladies' Circle will be held at the home of Mrs. Nellie Holbrook on Wednesday afternoon, December 11, at three o'clock.

Ralph I. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Evans, of Shirley, and Elsie May Holden, daughter of Mrs. Homer P. Holden, were united in marriage at the Baptist church parsonage, Ayer, on Saturday, December 10. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Ora Ella Holden, and John E. Adams was best man. The bride wore a travelling suit of navy blue serge with black beaver hat and white plume. Immediately following the ceremony they left for a brief honeymoon to be spent in Boston. They will return home the first of the week and will make their home for a time at the home of the bride.

Mrs. Leslie Mossman, with daughter Rachel, of Great Barrington, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Conant.

Miss Marion Robbins, employed for some time in the office of the C. A. Edgerton Mfg. Company, has resigned her position, to take effect on Friday, December 6.

The residence of Charles A. Adams, 1796 Beacon street, Brookline, was the scene on Saturday afternoon, November 30, of a reception to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams, of Shirley, on the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Adams married Lucy Ann Gibson at Lunenburg on November 30, 1852. Rev. Joel Bingham performed the ceremony. They subsequently moved to Shirley, and resided here most of the time since. They have three daughters and two sons—Miss Mary E., who lives at home; Miss Florence L., teacher of English at Mt. Holyoke college; Mrs. Nellie A. Wing, of Boston; Edward G. of Boston, and Charles A., of Brookline. Mr. Adams is eighty-three years of age and Mrs. Adams is slightly his senior.

Several members of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge attended the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Vesta Rebekah lodge of Ayer on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scott returned to their home in Rotterdam Junction on Tuesday morning.

Miss Bessie Dadmun spent this week with relatives in Concord, N. H.

Rev. Allan A. Bronsdon has been confined to his home a few days this week by the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Phileas Gonet visited friends in Lincoln, N. H., last week.

Amos Gonet, of Lowell, visited in town on Thanksgiving.

Charles and Joseph Chaisson spent the week-end in Lawrence.

Alexander Gonet visited friends in Lowell on last week Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Willie Lemieux visited friends in Lowell on last week Friday and Saturday.

#### Center.

Charles K. Bolton, of Brookline, gave an address on "Conservation of our natural sites in New England," on Tuesday, December 3, at the 107th annual meeting of the New England society held at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York city.

Miss Marion L. Holden returned on Monday to Bartonsville, Vt., after spending a short Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden.

It is expected that Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of Ayer, will give a lecture on "Church work in China," illustrated by stereoscopic slides, in Trinity chapel on Saturday evening, December 14.

The Girls' Sewing Guild will hold a Christmas sale of candy and fancy articles in the town hall on Saturday afternoon, December 7, at three o'clock. In the evening a short entertainment consisting of a farce, "The

dumb waiter," will be given. The entertainment will be followed by a social hour. Ice cream and cake will be on sale during the evening.

The Girls' Sewing Guild held a very pleasant meeting on Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Clinton Lovell at the home of Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

Beginning with last Sunday, the services at the First Parish church west be discontinued until spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton and sons, Stanwood and Geoffrey, returned to Brookline on Sunday after spending several days at their summer home on Center road.

The football game scheduled for Saturday afternoon between the small boys of the Center and Village, failed to materialize on account of the failure of the Village boys to show up. The teams seem to be even now, as the Center boys failed to show up for the Thanksgiving day game.

Miss Rae S. Carpenter returned to Boston university on Monday after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest J. Carpenter, at North Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Graves, of Roxborough, and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Taylor, of Lunenburg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ardie A. Adams spent a few days this week with relatives in Lunenburg.

Mrs. Ruth A. Graves is making a two-weeks' visit at the home of her son, Norman R. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dow, of Townsend; Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, of Leominster; Mr. and Mrs. Bonney, of Shirley; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Thompson and family, of North Shirley, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Farrar on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. L. Crockett and daughter Ruby, spent Thanksgiving at the home of John Gould in Lunenburg.

Miss Ruth M. Graves, of Fitchburg State Normal school, started teaching this week at the Day street school in Fitchburg. She will come home now for the week-ends only, instead of every night as formerly.

A party of young people tendered Howard M. Longley a surprise party on last week Friday evening, the occasion being his twenty-first birthday. A very enjoyable evening was spent with games and music. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Those who attended were Ruth M. Graves, Earl Graves, Elsie M. Holden, Ralph I. Evans, Ralph Graves, Horace Harris, Margaret Evans, Thomas H. Evans, Mildred Evans, Edna Holden, Marion L. Holden, Margaret Little, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Little, Rae S. Carpenter, Charles Little, Ernest Bohanon, Pauline and Priscilla Sweetser.

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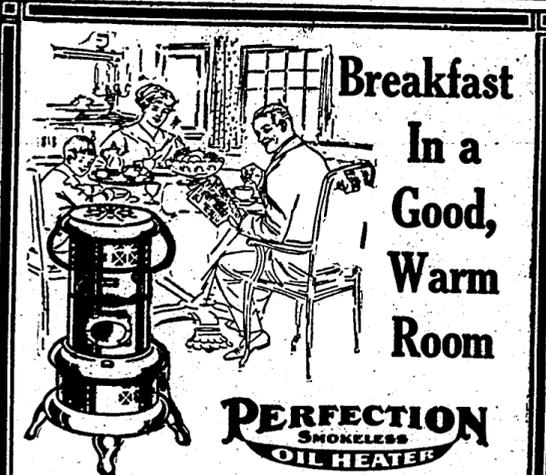
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Saturday, December 7, 1912.

GEOTON.

News Items. Leroy Converse is assisting at Hodgman's market.

Among the successful deer hunters whose name did not get into the papers during the open week was Howard L. Gilson.

Miss Nellie Bywater and Miss Helen Moore are extra hands working at Moore's store.

Having a good opportunity to rent their house at Arlington Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Ebert have done so, and will make their home with her parents.

Most all of our young people who are away, either at school or teaching, or in other working positions, were at their different homes for the Thanksgiving recess.

Edwin M. Sampson, going by way of New York, returned to his work at Pittsburgh, Pa., on last Sunday afternoon.

On last Saturday a deer visited Mr. Sheedy's garden on Powder House road and got entangled in the wire netting fence.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will not hold the usual monthly supper and entertainment this month.

E. S. Clark post will meet on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock for the election of officers.

Groton grange holds its Christmas festival in town hall on the evening of December 17.

Mrs. Maud Trayne's colt which she has been driving with its mother, making a noticeable span, was killed on Monday in a peculiar way.

The Misses Marsh, of Brookline, spent Thanksgiving here with their sister, Mrs. Charles Lawrence.

Born on Saturday, November 30, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Huebner, Jr.

Miss Elsie A. Bailey and Horace Buckingham were married in Ayer on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. J. W. Thomas, pastor of the Baptist church in that town.

The senior class of the Groton high school holds a dance in town hall on the evening of December 20.

J. H. Robbins, going for his usual winter stay, leaves this Saturday for Pasadena, Cal., and joins his wife at "The Maryland," where she has been for the past two or three weeks.

By invitation of Dr. Peabody, a number of the older Groton high school boys enjoy the privilege of exercising in the fine new Groton school gymnasium.

The Brown Loaf club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. H. H. Gay. Sixteen members were there to enjoy the gathering.

Miss Nichols, whose parents are living in Miss Mary E. Parker's house, which has been rented on Court street, is a new pupil entering the sophomore class at the Everett high.

The young men of Groton will hold a dance in the town hall, Tuesday evening, December 10.

The remains of Edward Perkins were brought to town for burial in Groton cemetery on Friday, December 6.

Mrs. E. P. Woolley, who has been visiting her relatives in Charlestown, was up for a few days this week, the guest of Mrs. James T. Bennett.

Hubert A. Wright has renewed his engagement to supply the Baptist pulpit and will continue with them until March 15.

Miss Carrie Clarke, chief operator at the central telephone here, leaves her position permanently this Saturday evening.

Miss Nita Huebner has returned home from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Stewart, in Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Partridge, of Marlboro, and young child, have been recent visitors of her brother, J. H. Trayne.

Because several members of the Neighborhood club would find it inconvenient to be present if the meeting were held the Friday following Thanksgiving day, the club did not

meet until this week Tuesday afternoon. There was a very pleasant gathering then at the home of Mrs. A. G. Lewis.

The William F. Wharton family closed their house this week and are spending the winter at their Boston home.

The class of 1913 of the Groton high school will hold a dance in town hall on Friday evening, December 20.

At the meeting of E. S. Clark W. R. C. on Tuesday afternoon, it was voted to endorse the name of Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy.

Mrs. Arthur W. Shattuck is expecting to hear soon of the return home from the Memorial hospital, Worcester, of her young niece, Marjorie Benedict.

At the town meeting on Tuesday evening, adjourned from two weeks previous, it was voted to repair the Red bridge at a cost of \$150.

Rev. P. H. Cressey, of the First Parish Unitarian, and Hubert A. Wright, of the Baptist church, will exchange pulpits on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Nettie Willoughby spent Thanksgiving week with her daughter, Mrs. P. J. Benedict, and family. She has been the nurse caring for Mrs. Walter Valentine at Northboro.

C. A. Shaw will lead the Guild meeting at the Unitarian church on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. He will speak on "Insect life."

Mrs. William B. Warren intends to close her house about the middle of this month and will be with Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin P. Williams, of West Semerville for the winter.

The E. S. Clark W. R. C. elected the following officers for the ensuing year at the meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

The printer left out the names of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Raddin in the account of the Thanksgiving dinner at J. B. Raddin's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Blood and little daughters, Ruth and Helen, spent Thanksgiving in Fitchburg with Mrs. Blood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harrington with their daughter Evadne and sons, Webster and Homer, were entertained at Thanksgiving by relatives in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Astor Brayton, who were guests for a while at Groton Inn, have taken for six months, the place of H. H. Richards at Groton School.

Mrs. E. P. Woolley, who has been visiting her relatives in Charlestown, was up for a few days this week, the guest of Mrs. James T. Bennett.

Mrs. C. Z. Southard is a subscriber to the Grand Opera as well as the Symphony, and attends both every Friday evening and afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilson spent Thanksgiving at the home of their brother, William J. Gilson, in West Millbury.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Bennett kept Thanksgiving at home and had as guests their sister, Miss Annie L. Gilson, and their nephew, John Hart, from Worcester academy.

The primary schools close next week Friday for their holiday vacation of three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Smith were entertained at their home on Thanksgiving day, children, grandchildren and guests to the number of twenty-four.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Smith with three children, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Raymond and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith and five children, Victor Geiger, Miss Florence Creteau, Miss Lizzie Hammond, George Berry and the host and hostess, Mr. and

Mrs. George L. Smith. The good things were discussed with credit and a very pleasant day spent by all.

Mrs. Willard Smith and daughter Doris spent the week-end with relatives in Lowell, returning Tuesday.

John H. Robbins leaves for Pasadena, Cal., on Saturday, December 7, going by way of San Francisco and joining Mrs. Robbins at Pasadena.

The Groton Improvement society will meet Monday, December 9, at the home of Miss Nellie M. Richards at 3.30 p. m.

The Boston Globe of December 1, devotes a page to an article on "Simmons college graduates doing world's work," and gives pictures of sixteen of these "making good" graduates.

Another name and picture in this Boston Globe group of Simmons graduates, is that of Miss Florence G. Finley, the daughter of a former Groton girl of Chelsoe row. In speaking of her, the article says: "In the library of the engineering department of Tech, a light-haired slip of a girl holds sway. This librarian is Florence G. Finley, who began her career in Walpole. From this position as children's librarian, she went to the chemical library at Tech. During the four years of her stay in the midst of bromide-sulphur literature her department became a model of its kind."

Through the medium of this paper the committee of the James Bywater benefit fund is pleased to acknowledge all contributions to this worthy cause.

Allen E. Woods, Dec. 2, 1912. Dear Sir: Enclosed please find my check for \$10.00 payable to your order for the benefit of the James Bywater fund.

Dear Sir: My attention was called to your notice in the paper regarding the moving of the W. R. C. building.

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upon their aunt, Mrs. A. P. Blood, in Haverhill, on Tuesday, finding her in better health than upon a former visit.

D. M. Shepley, of Sheldon, Vt., who has been camping out in North Conway, N. H., arrived in town on Thursday, remaining at the home of his father, J. T. Shepley, during the remainder of the week.

Coming to Squannacook hall on December 17, the Woodland girls, five attractions in one.

On Thursday, notice was received by the Tarbell school teachers that the school board has made arrangements for a new school signal. The whistle, twenty-two, will be sounded at seven in the morning for the morning session and at eleven o'clock for the afternoon.

There was a quite full attendance at the L. A. S. meeting with Mrs. G. H. Bixby on Thursday. The entertainment consisted of reading by Mrs. Spaulding and a very entertaining Christmas song at the home of Mrs. Bixby.

As curiosity has been expressed about the stanza mentioned in last week's report and omitted—probably from lack of space—we repeat it:

We are the Indian children and our home is in the West. But we are here tonight to be your very humble guests.

We come to view our ancient fields. At the mountain of Wachusett, and your dashing Squannacook. We would have you all remember that our fathers owned this day.

Indignation Aroused. A case of unusual brutality caused trouble and indignation here on Wednesday. The facts, as reported, are as follows: Mr. Davis, a horse dealer of Shirley, going through here to Lowell with a number of horses just purchased, had reached a point near the Will Balcom house on the Groton road when one of the horses apparently became balky.

Semi-annual Sale. The semi-annual sale of the L. A. society will be held on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The apron table will be in charge of Mrs. Strand and Mrs. G. H. Bixby.

On Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock, an entertainment will be given in charge of Mrs. Spaulding and Mrs. Townbridge. This will consist of readings, instrumental and vocal music, and a one-act comedietta.

At the annual meeting of the grange on Wednesday evening, the following officers were chosen for the new year: Charles A. Kimball, pres.; Clarence Brown, sec.; Mrs. Wright, mod.; Ellen McQuarrie, Pomona; Miss Gertrude McCallan, Ceres; Ivo Russell, stew.; Fred Reed, asst. stew.; Mrs. R. T. Barrows, l. a. s.; Richard Dodge, g. k.; Miss A. W. Smith, sec.; Edward Bislow, treas.; Rev. H. L. Packard, chap.; Richard T. Barrows, member of executive committee.

Twelve Littleton grangers attended the Pomona at Ayer on Thursday and several took the fifth degree. All were hospitably entertained and report a pleasant evening.

The evening service at the Congregational church will be omitted tomorrow to give opportunity to unite with the Baptist people in their evening service.

The collection at the Congregational church tomorrow will be for the American Board.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Patch were with relatives in Brockton over Sunday.

The meeting of the Backlog club on next Thursday evening will be illuminated by the Newtown lights.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barker will spend a few weeks in Florida.

Judge and Mrs. Prescott Keyes, of Concord, were among the worshippers at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning, and were so well pleased that they returned again from Concord at the sunset vespers service.

Judge Keyes is connected in a way with Littleton, his grandfather Prescott having been born in the long house on the Great road toward Groton.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield was in Boston on Wednesday and Thursday in attendance at a social service conference of church activities.

J. M. Hartwell has taken the agency for Littleton and vicinity of the celebrated Ford motor cars. Look for advertisement next week.

Sunday, December 8, would have been the eighty-ninth birthday of Robert Collyer, the noted preacher, if he had lived a few days longer, and Rev. O. J. Fairfield's sermon will be a tribute to his memory with lessons drawn from his splendid life.

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Interesting Service.

The sunset vesper service at the Unitarian church on last Sunday to install the electric lights was an occasion long to be remembered.

The day was perfect and as the evening shadows fell, the church was filled with an enthusiastic meeting on Tuesday evening. The principal business of the meeting was the election of officers for 1913.

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by them this season, to the extent of fifty dollars. This is an excellent showing on account of the scarcity of fur-bearing animals.

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AYER.

News Items.

George A. Reed of Framingham who was conductor on Boston and Albany railroad, running from Framingham to Boston for a number of years, was in town last Saturday. He was formerly a resident of Littleton and will spend the winter in Nashua with his daughter, Mrs. Dr. Weston, where his son, Dr. Reed, also resides. The funeral of the late Harry T. Mason took place last Saturday morning. A requiem high mass was said at St. Mary's church at nine o'clock by the pastor, Rev. E. J. Sheedy. The bearers were the following members of Fitchburg lodge, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, of which the deceased was a member: Joseph L. Sullivan, Daniel L. Donahue, Henry Fitzmaurice, Louis Dickard, Alexander Mailloux and Thomas J. Ryan. The members of the order and fellow employees in the local railroad yard marched as an escort to the remains. The interment took place in St. Mary's cemetery.

The work on the foundation for the new tower is progressing and this will add many feet to the height of the railroad company in handling cars.

Mrs. Malvina Saboll is recovering nicely from an operation for gall stones, which was recently performed at the Clinton hospital. She came home last week.

The basketball team has been organized and will soon get into condition to repeat its fine records of past years.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary H. Sherwin was held from her late home on East Main street Monday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. A. L. Burrows, pastor of St. Andrew's parish, assisted by Rev. T. L. Fisher, of Leominster, at one o'clock. There were selections by the quartet, consisting of Ellis B. Harlow, Holden C. Harlow, Howard Stone and Dr. B. H. Hopkins. The choir consisted of Mrs. Sherwin, Frank S. Bennett, A. Paul Fillebrown and Harrison E. Evans. The interment was at Woodlawn cemetery.

The cost of living, already very high, is still soaring in spite of all efforts to prevent it. Cooking materials seem to be the most costly, which naturally swells the cost of the finished product. It was said the other day in one of our stores that in order to keep the price of doughnuts at their present figure, it will be necessary to make the holes larger, which of course means a curtailment of the dough generally used. The readers of the Sunday newspapers received a severe shock last Sunday when they learned that the price had advanced from five cents to seven cents.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. Fisher of Leominster returned last week from a two weeks' trip to North Carolina. Mr. Fisher was the former vicar of St. Andrew's parish.

The annual communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held Monday evening, December 9. Business of the meeting—election of officers.

At the fair of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., November 19, there was taken in about \$185, and about \$115 was netted.

The third film of the serial now being published in "The Ladies' World" will be presented at the moving picture show on Saturday night. It is entitled, "Mary in stageland." It is so popular that it is having an extensive run. Other films will also be presented that evening that will be well worth seeing. Miss Curley is to be the singer. All are going.

Charles W. Mason left Friday night via the Norwich line for New York city and from there he will board the Mallory steamer on Saturday noon for Tampa, Florida, where he will remain throughout the winter. In 1878 Mr. Mason went to Tampa and at that time the population of the place was 200. It is a city now and has a population of 35,000 and increasing rapidly. When he was there the depth of water at the docks was only six feet, but now it is capable of harboring steamers of the largest size. Mr. Mason at that time was a resident of Tampa for seven months and labored in the Edgar mills turning out cedar lumber for lead pencils.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will hold a sale and supper in the lower town hall Thursday, December 13. Sale of aprons, fancy work, comfortable, handkerchiefs, candy and Heffron goods. Open at 3.30 p. m. Supper of baked beans and salads at six o'clock.

Married in Ayer, December 4, by Rev. J. W. Thomas at the Baptist parsonage, Horace Willis Buckingham and Elsie Ada Bailey, both of Groton.

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At the Baptist church next Sunday the pastor will preach at 10.45 a. m. Subject, "The way of life." Sunday school at twelve. Evening song service at seven with a short sermon on "How a young man found a good wife."

The regular business meeting of the Ladies' Social Gathering will be held in the Unitarian church parlors on Tuesday afternoon, December 10, at three o'clock. As this is the annual meeting it is hoped that a good number will be present.

A meeting of the Boy Scouts was held in the lower town hall on last Saturday afternoon. Considerable interest was shown by the boys in re-organizing the movement and quite a number of new names were added to the roll, which is still open to any boy between twelve and fifteen years of age. Herbert J. Webb, who is actively interested in the project, gave the boys a talk on "Bees," which was much appreciated. It is hoped that the organization can be perfected at an early date, and that a hall can be procured in which to hold meetings.

George B. Turner & Son, who did such a large Christmas business last year, are this year better than ever prepared to meet the wants of their host of patrons. Do your Christmas shopping early.

Edward H. Bliss, the local real estate dealer, has sold four farms during the month of November in Groton, Harvard, Pepperell and Townsend, at a total price of \$28,250.

Miss Clara B. Thomas, of Worcester, spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Mitchell, from Forest Hills, and Miss Ardelle H. Titus and friend, from Watertown, spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Titus.

The Studebaker "20" racing car, the fastest small car in the world, is to be exhibited by the Ayer Auto Station some day during the coming week.

On last Saturday evening, there was a very pretty dancing party of lads and lassies, many of whom were scholars of our schools, was held in Hardy's hall until the hour of 11.45. The services of a Mr. Coleman, of Fitchburg, was secured as pianist. Frank S. Bennett did the honors of overseeing that all went well. Ice cream, fancy crackers and German favors were served.

At the meeting on Monday evening of the board of selectmen, L. H. Cushing, superintendent of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Co. was appointed a member of the board of registrars to fill a vacancy. He is the right man in the right place.

The Unitarian Women's Alliance met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Nellie F. Kittredge and was entertained by Mrs. Kittredge, Mrs. Tenie Bulkeley, Mrs. Lyman Clark and Mrs. Arthur Fenner. After a brief business meeting a program followed, which included vocal selections by the choir, Mrs. Kittredge, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Clara L. Burns; piano duet, Mrs. Avis Fisher and Miss Mona Kittredge, and a paper on "Housekeeping and home making," by Mrs. Oliver Fairfield, of Littleton. The meeting closed with a social hour, during which refreshments were served by the hostess.

These members of the Woman's club attended the Art Conference of the State Federation in Boston on Thursday. Mrs. Carrie Lynde, Miss Clara E. Blood, Miss Adelaide Blood, Mrs. Nina H. Beverly and Mrs. Susan M. Barker.

At the meeting of the Y. P. R. U. on Sunday evening, Miss Marion Proctor was leader. The program included a paper on Whittier, by Miss Evelyn Sadron and these selections from his poems: "The pipes of Lacknow," by Miss Pauline Sherwin; "Mary Garvin," by Mrs. Barker; "A hymn by Miss Doris Fletcher; "Barbara Fritchie," by Miss Sanderson.

It was given afternoon in the Woman's club on Wednesday evening. The Congregational vestry was filled to its limit with members and their guests who listened with keen delight to "The blue bird," as given by Miss Edith Chubb, of Natick. The music was selections on the Victor by Madolin Whitney. At the business meeting, Mrs. Clara F. Hill gave a fine report of the meeting of the State Federation held at Warren on November 11.

At Erton Williams' five and ten cent store you will find everything that is new in the toy line for the little folks and much that is suitable for presents for the older folk. He has extra help to meet the rush. When in town be sure and visit this popular store.

Among the marriage intentions filed with the city clerk of Lowell on last Saturday were John J. McNiff, of Ayer, and Goldie I. Akery, of Lowell. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hyde at the Nashua hospital on last Sunday.

John N. Flx, of Lakewood, Ohio, who recovered his touring car valued at \$1800 which was found in the possession of Richard Gaskell, alias John Richards, who was held for the grand jury here a short time ago, for alleged breaking and entering E. O. F.'s garage, had offered a reward of \$100 for the return of the machine. The persons entitled to the reward have not been determined upon yet.

A. T. Brough, yardmaster in the local yard, has resigned and taken his former position in the Fitchburg yard. The change was made at his own request. J. Negley, of Portland, Me., has taken Mr. Brough's place and commenced his duties this week.

These officers of George S. Boutwell W. R. C. were elected on Tuesday evening: Mrs. Abbie J. Wells, pres.; Mrs. Ruth C. Phelps, s. v. p.; Mrs. Alice M. Crawford, J. P.; Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, treas.; Mrs. Augusta D. Scruton, chap.; Miss Mille M. Beverly, con.; Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell, G.; delegates to department convention, Mrs. Juliet E. Allen, Mrs. Emma M. Farnsworth, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Kyle, Mrs. Dorcas Scruton.

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J. A. Hart, of the New Union house, has decided to continue the house as a saloon, but to remain until spring. His patrons have urged him to remain and it would be a loss to the town in many ways to have this first-class hostelry closed. The cuisine is perfect under the direction of the new chef.

The Woman's Alliance will hold a food and candy sale at the home of the president, Mrs. Avis Burns Fisher, on Thursday, December 12, from 2.30 to five p. m. Members are requested to attend a special meeting at four o'clock on that afternoon.

Erastus E. Lewis has moved into the house recently occupied by H. E. Watson on the Harvard road, near the pumping station. Mr. Watson has moved to the house he bought of the Harvard Shakers.

The building formerly used as a schoolhouse at Shaboken, has been purchased by the town for use as a summer cottage. The building is being remodelled by C. H. Hardy.

Mrs. S. J. Andrew, who has been spending a month with her daughter, Mrs. H. D. Stroud, at Ipswich, returned on Wednesday.

These officers of the I. C. E. S. were chosen at the regular meeting on Thursday evening: Thomas McGowan, pres.; T. F. Rynn, v. p.; James O'Neal, sec.; M. J. Griffin, asst. sec.; G. H. Brown, treas.; Louis Lapointe, Frank Martell, James J. Donahue, sick com.

The following officers of Division 7, A. O. U., were chosen at the regular meeting on Tuesday evening: F. E. Sullivan, pres.; J. P. Walsh, v. p.; J. F. Ryan, s. s.; J. J. Horan, sec.

Rudge Atwood, John M. Maloney and D. Chester Parsons attended the annual dinner of the Middlesex bar association at Young's hotel, Boston, on Wednesday evening.

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Elbridge M. Kidder sprained his left ankle while at work in the railroad yard on last Saturday. He is able to be about, but has not resumed his duties.

The new house which E. H. Longley is building on High street is now ready for lathing. The wiring for electric lights is being done by Thomas E. Hittner, of Shirley.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending December 2: John Irving, Lawrence Ernest Taylor; fourth class, Harrison's County Store.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Vesta Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., was observed in Odd Fellows' hall on Wednesday evening. The history of the lodge, written by George W. Stuart, was read by Ralph O. Jenkins. The entertainment consisted of violin and piano selections by Ralph O. Jenkins and Miss Lillian Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. George C. Peterson, of Fitchburg; Albert S. Colburn, who was the soloist. Mr. Jenkins also gave a violin and mandolin duet. A reading was given by Miss Sadie Ross and vocal solos by Miss Myrtle B. Smith. A handsome birthday cake bearing the figures 1887-1912 and then brought to the lodge which has existed was cut by Mrs. W. E. Wheeler, who was the only charter member present. Light refreshments were served. Among the invited guests were the members of the lodge, alternates, Mr. E. F. their wives and Mrs. Nellie L. Garland, of Leominster, the district deputy grand conductor and her marshal.

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is completed and a force of men is now at work laying the track over it. The old culvert was widened so as to fill the space between the Fitchburg division tracks and the Lowell track. This culvert will now be laid two six foot tracks which will connect with the two single tracks of the Lowell crossing. When completed the tracks will extend from the overhead bridge to a point below Mitchell's crossing. These new tracks will furnish much more room for the storage of cars and will therefore relieve the congestion in this part of the yard. After this work is finished it is expected that the connection between the Lowell and west bound main line, Fitchburg division, tracks will be made, which will enable the trains on the Stony Brook branch to arrive and depart from the Fitchburg division track at the station. By making this change the tracks north of the Fitchburg line can all be used for a yard, which will give still more room to handle the heavy traffic at the local station.

Grange Meetings.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange representing the granges in Northern Middlesex and Worcester counties met in Hardy's hall Thursday for an all-day session. The morning session was called to order by Millard S. Sawyer, master of the above organization. The following granges, ten in number, were represented at the meeting: Ayer, Groton, Littleton, Fitchburg, Leominster, Lunenburg, Ashby, Townsend, Pepperell and Shirley. The election of officers followed. They are: Richard E. Sawyer, Groton, m.; Richard E. Sawyer, Groton, m.; Alice Cummings, Shirley, sec.; Arthur Rockwood, Lunenburg, stew.; A. A. Adams, Shirley, asst. stew.; Mrs. Richard Barrows, Littleton, c.; H. L. Hill, Fitchburg, treas.; Minnie L. Knight, Townsend, sec.; C. B. Bascom, Fitchburg, g. k.; Miss Lillian Wright, Ayer, Ceres; Miss Lillian Seaver, Groton, Pomona; Miss Edith Kierstead, Groton, l. a. s.; Frank Boutelle, Townsend, v. p.; Mrs. E. Cox, Lunenburg, one year, Charles E. Peppell, three years, Wm. Parker, Pepperell, three years, ex. com.; Arthur Rockwood, Lunenburg, steward.

An excellent dinner was served in the hall during the noon hour to a large number of guests.

The afternoon session began at two o'clock and was called to order by Millard S. Sawyer, the newly-elected master of the Pomona grange. Henry W. Robbins, master of the Ayer grange, welcomed the visitors. A half of that organization to which H. L. Hill of Fitchburg responded. The program was in charge of Mrs. Blanche M. Brown of Groton, lecturer of the Pomona grange, and was very instructive and interesting. The address of state overseer, E. E. Chapman, concerning the work of the grange was listened to with close attention and at its close he was loudly applauded. Mr. Chapman is also a member of the Ayer grange. His selections were repeatedly encored.

The other numbers on the program consisted of recitations by Mrs. Alice Cummings of Shirley, Mrs. C. C. Wood of Ayer, Miss Etta Gillespie of Pepperell and Mrs. Annie Bascom of Townsend; song, Mrs. Grace Rymes of Ayer, and piano solos by Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy, Miss Pearl Carley acted as accompanist for the vocal selections.

In the evening the fifth degree was worked in full form by the Pomona grange officers on a class of forty-six in the presence of a large gathering which filled the hall.

At the meeting of Ayer grange Wednesday evening the following officers were elected: Frederick T. Auld, m.; Willard White, Shirley, o. m.; Mrs. Grace Rymes, lec.; L. C. Smith, s.; Milton Robbins, asst. s.; Hiram Clark, c.; Augustus Lovejoy, treas.; C. F. Peterson, Henry W. Robbins, g. k.; Miss Pearl Carley, l. a. s.; Miss Mary Leahy, Forge Village, Ceres; Miss Kathryn Ward, Forge Village, Pomona; Mrs. Marjorie Winslow, Flora, Ell W. Carley, whose term as member of the Ayer grange commences this year, was elected for a three-year term.

District Court.

The case of Henry O. Keyes of Westford who was charged with larceny in that town came up on Monday morning at the session of the district court. The entire morning session of court. The defendant was charged with unlawfully taking a lot of tools, steel rope and other articles generally used about the stone quarry of Robert Hughes, of Westford, on the night of November 19 last in carrying them to what is known as the Freeman Keyes' place in that town. The goods were afterwards found by officers Sullivan, Brooks and Peeney who went to the premises with a search warrant.

Mr. Hughes told the court of his dealings with the defendant in connection with the stone business which he conducted in a quarry on Oak hill, Westford. He stated, and his testimony so far as their business relations were concerned, was corroborated by Mr. Keyes, that the defendant had loaned him money from time to time in order to carry on his stone business and that certain times they would come together and strike a bargain in return for the money loaned Mr. Keyes was to have as security the stone quarried by Mr. Hughes. When the money returns were received from the shipments of stone, each was to receive a certain percentage of the amount as mutually agreed upon.

Mr. Keyes admitted that he told one of his employees to take the goods in question to the place where they were found by the officers. His explanation for doing this was that he considered the goods as security for money which Mr. Hughes owed him, and that therefore he was justified in taking this action.

After the evidence was all in, Associate Justice C. Worcester, who heard the case, found the defendant guilty of the crime alleged in the complaint and fined him \$100. Through his counsel the defendant appealed and was ordered to furnish sureties in the sum of \$200 for his appearance at the session of the superior court which began on Monday. William H. Bent, of Lowell, appeared as counsel for the defendant, and Edward Fisher, of Westford, for the government.

The Boston police have found the owner of the automobile which was found in the possession of Richard Gaskell, alias John Richards, whom it is alleged broke into E. O. F.'s garage on the night of November 5. The owner is John W. Fix, of Lakewood, Ohio. The machine was stolen in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 9, and the owner had been notified to the missing property until the disclosures were made following the prisoner's arrest. The automobile has been sent back to its owner. It has also become known that Gaskell sign-

ed over the automobile to his lawyer to be used in payment for legal services. His counsel was unaware of the fact that the machine was stolen property until it was told to him by the police.

Arthur Tatham of Ashburnham was found guilty of cruelly abandoning a horse at West Groton on Wednesday evening and in court Thursday morning was fined twenty-five dollars. On a charge of drunkenness he was found not guilty and discharged.

Charles A. Davis, his companion from the same town, pleaded guilty of drunkenness and was placed in the custody of the probation officer of Fitchburg police court, as that court having jurisdiction over Ashburnham, where the defendant lives.

These two men caused considerable excitement Wednesday evening. According to Tatham's story they left Ashburnham with several horses, intending to take them over the road to Lowell where they were to be sold at the auction in that city, which was to take place Thursday. He had considerable trouble with the horses, some of which were fractious and he had to lead with the team in which the two men were riding. Upon reaching West Groton, near the house of Edward Blood, one of the horses broke away from the bunch and fell down the steep bank by the roadside. The men passed on leaving the animal there. Tatham's explanation for so doing was that he thought the horse's neck was broken and that he would live but a few minutes.

Chief Riley of Groton was later notified and together with Chief Beatty of Ayer and Constable Sullivan of Westford, succeeded in tracing the pair to the old brick tavern at Westford, where they were found at 2.30 o'clock on Thursday morning and brought here, where they were placed in the police station.

Henry Martell, of Marlboro, who claims to be an actor, and at one time one of the favorite stars in the Keith vaudeville circuit, and at Audubon street, Boston, was taken in charge by Chief Beatty on Tuesday evening just after reaching town from Boston on a blind baggage car on a west bound passenger train. Martell is quite well-known around town and makes periodical visits here to see his friends. When arrested he had the appearance of having drunk something stronger than water, so the chief thought he was a proper subject for the night's lodging at the police station. He appeared before his honor on Wednesday morning and was allowed to depart from the hands of justice provided that he would leave town, which he promised to do.

Boutres Wistalaski was fined twenty-five dollars for assault on a battery at Pepperell upon Michael Phillips. The case was called Wednesday morning and was continued till the next day, owing to the absence of an important witness for the government, who although duly summoned, failed to appear. Chief Martell, who brought him into court. After giving his testimony the court imposed a fine of ten dollars upon him for contempt.

Second in Course.

The story of Peary's successful dash for the north pole will be told by Donald B. MacMillan at Page hall on Tuesday evening, December 10. Mr. MacMillan was himself a member of this expedition, and will illustrate his lecture by a great number of lantern slides. These pictures, coupled with his own attractive personality and well-known ability to talk interestingly, will give his hearers a very vivid understanding of the daily incidents of the expedition, and of the tremendous obstacles that had to be overcome before this most interesting of adventures was brought to a successful ending. The story of reaching the north pole was interesting in the papers at the time—it cannot fail to be intensely so when told by a man who was with the expedition and is able to furnish all those most interesting details of how each advancing step was made.

There are still good seats to be had at Hill's lecture. All are reserved and the price is fifty cents each.

Hospital Trustees' Report.

That it was inexpedient to purchase the Moses property on Pleasant street for a hospital was decided at a meeting of the trustees of the Ayer Hospital association held Wednesday evening.

The following is the statement in full given out by the trustees: That the expenditure of the amount required for the purchase of that property, used in the erection of a building adapted to the needs of a small hospital, will better serve the public. That the amount of land included in this estate is not sufficient or well arranged for future extension. That a considerable amount of money, amounting to at least two thousand dollars, would be required to place the house in a condition for occupancy as a hospital, which would call for a new heating plant, sun porch, rearrangement of rooms, general repairs and painting outside and to some extent within.

That the prospect of a location for a new hospital building on another site to be leased in perpetuity or to be donated is not without influence in this decision.

The trustees feeling that the pledges already made are in the interest of a well located and arranged hospital, which will the better serve the community, hope and expect that all pledges will be paid with this object in view rather than the purchase of any particular property.

We have decided to inspect proposed locations and plans and hope to submit to the members of the association before many days. We would at the time call the attention of the general public to the fact that according to the by-laws of the association all who contribute two dollars at this time, for the purpose, are enrolled as members of the association for one year from December 1, 1912.

Payments for this purpose may be made to Thomas F. Mullin, secretary. As is customary in most hospital associations, this yearly contribution constitutes a fund for general hospital purposes and all are asked to again extend their generosity to this worthy enterprise.

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St. Andrew's Notes.

St. Andrew's Guild meets on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at the parish room. An interesting entertainment is being planned for the Christmas sale on the seventeenth.

Rev. and Mrs. Bumpus will entertain for the parishioners of St. Andrew's parish on next Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock at the vicarage.

The choir of the St. Andrew's church, Ayer, and Forge Village are to be the guests of Dr. Feabody at the MacMillan lecture on Tuesday night. Sunday services at St. Andrew's: Sunday school at ten, morning prayer and sermon at 10.45.

Recital.

An organ recital will be given in the Congregational church next Wednesday evening, beginning at 7.30. Claude Saunier, the well known Boston organist, who made such a great impression upon his former appearance here last summer, will have charge of the recital. Following is the program:

- Marche Militaire Gounod
- Anthem—O Paradise W. H. Neidlinger
- Beauce Choir Delbrook
- Humoreske G. E. Saunier
- My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice Mrs. Bliss
- Largo G. E. Saunier Handel
- The Happiest Land W. H. Jude
- Spring Song Mr. Harlow Gibson
- Intermezzo G. E. Saunier Macbeth
- The Day is Ended Miss Hardy Bartlett
- Andantino No. 1 in D Flat Lemaro
- Song—Selected G. E. Saunier
- Festival March Clarko
- G. E. Saunier

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**TOWNSEND.**

**Center.**  
Mrs. Luella Jenneron spent last week Thursday at Mrs. Flora Shattuck Graham's at Greenville.

Mrs. Marion Sears, of Rockport, is spending the week at W. L. Bruce's.

Mr. and Mrs. William Koch entertained twenty-three at Thanksgiving time. There were six children, nearly as many husbands and wives, and ten grandchildren.

John Goring spent the holiday week at Mrs. Agnes Goring's at North Rochester, N. H.

Harry Winchester spent Sunday at Boston.

John Dobson and daughter spent Thanksgiving day at Brookline, N. H., with Mrs. N. W. Coburn.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Blood went to Pepperell on Thanksgiving day, and Mr. and Mrs. Noah Wallace were at Fitchburg, at Mrs. Carrie Wilder's.

Miss Amy Lane and mother, who have been visiting at C. T. Haynes', have gone to Pepperell as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Spaulding.

Miss Maud Hyde enjoyed the holiday week-end at Somersworth, N. H., with her parents.

T. E. Flarity, d. d., inspected the grange at Orange on last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce were at F. S. Pingry's, Littleton, for over the holiday.

Edwin Sanders has started in at the Boston School of Electricity for a short course there.

The high school members gave very acceptably the three-act play, "Red Acre Farm," at Memorial hall on last week Thursday evening. All the parts were well taken and our veteran actor, P. B. Higgins, coached the players and took in his usual fine manner, the part of the country squire. Miss Temple and Tom Rogers were exceptionally good in the comic parts, as was also the "man from Timbuctoo." Barring one accident to Claude Hartford, the loss of his wig along finely as the proprietor of Red Acre farm. A social time was held after the play.

A sad feature of Thanksgiving day was the death of Charles Flagg, near by the Mason line, who was run over by the noon train upon that day. He was lying on the track, partly covered by snow, and the train could not be stopped in time. He leaves a wife and large family of children. He resided on the line in Mason.

The Monday club met this week at Mrs. Thirza A. Fessenden's. The roll call was answered by short current events, and "Current events" was the subject scheduled for the afternoon. They were in charge of Mrs. Ellen Howard, Bertha L. Drake and Clara M. Sheldon. Chester Garden, of Oberlin college, a nephew of John J. Piper, was called for the evening and gave some very fine musical selections, he being an accomplished musician. He played with fine expression three of MacDowell's sea pieces, an impromptu by Reinhold and "The dancing doll," by Poldini. After the program was over refreshments were served and a social half-hour enjoyed.

The third and fourth degrees will be conferred upon candidates at the grange on Monday evening, the third by a ladies degree team, Icaea L. Cowdrey, master, and the fourth by the regular officers. Galen A. Proctor, master.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith have been visiting in Providence, R. I., and Cambridge.

The following officers were elected at a meeting of Phoebe Weston Farmington, D. of V., on Tuesday evening: Ella Wilson, president; Mrs. W. H. P.; Blanche Shaw, J. V. H.; Miss Smith, chaplain; Elvora Smith, treat; Margaret Wilson, Mary Taylor, Ellen Richards, trustees; Lillian Floyd, pat. ins.

Miss Gladys Towne, of Fitchburg, was the week-end guest of Miss Adelaide Well at George Brock's.

The congregational sale, supper and fair will be held at Memorial hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening. Mrs. Atwood has charge of the supper, and Mrs. Carrie Struthers of the entertainment, which will be given by the Boy Scouts and the Komis club. The sale will begin at three o'clock and will consist of the usual booths—aprons, fancy work, candy grab bag, etc.

The program for the M. E. church fair, December 20, will be given later.

**Thanksgiving Guests.**  
Among the guests home for over Thanksgiving were the following: Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brazier, of Chelsea, at W. T. Seward's; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Streeter and daughter Marion, of Waltham, at Eben Estes'; Ralph and Ella Misner, of Worcester, at James Misner's; Miss Myrtle, of Waltham, at Mrs. William Robbins'; Mrs. Wallace Smith and Ed. Smith, of Brookline, N. H., and Gertrude Rockwood, of Boston, at Walter F. Rockwood's; Waldo Adams, of Concord, N. H., at Mrs. White's; Miss Mary Worcester, of Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Worcester, at Judge C. F. Worcester's; Christy Gates and family, of Waltham, at George Gates'; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Streeter, at T. E. Flarity's; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shirley, of Lynn, and Miss Lillian Hildreth, of Waltham, and Ralph Reed, of Melrose, at H. B. Hildreth's; Robert Teehan, of Boston, at Robert Smith's; Arthur Eastman, of M. I. T., and Miss Hattie Eastman, of Dover, at J. W. Eastman's; Miss Amy Lane, of Reed's Ferry, and friend, Mr. Ball, at Charles T. Haynes'; Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Goodwin and Miss Della Goodwin, of Whalom, at Roy Wright's and Will Heselton's; Will Lang, of Boston, and Charles Lang, of Attleboro, at Mrs. Angie Lang's; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Simonds, of Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. George Irish and Roland, of Everett, at E. A. Flagg's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall and family, of Athol, were at Irving Marshall's; Mrs. Walter Weston, of Townsend, at Al Richards'; David Howard and Rodney Lancy, of Worcester Polytechnic, at their respective homes; Miss Stella Farrar, of the New England Conservatory, at Walter Farrar's; and Miss Isabel Morse at E. B. Morse's; Harold Morse, of M. A. C., at John Morse's; George Davis, of Wentworth Training school, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Aden Swicker and little daughter, of Worcester, at J. Swicker's; Parke Struthers, of Clark college, at Rev. A. L. Struthers'; Ralph Piper, of Durham, N. H., at Fred Piper's; Mr. and Mrs. Norton Thomas and family, of Fitchburg, at H. M. Thomas'; Miss Bessie McGuire, of Boston, at T. J. McGuire's; Mr. and Mrs. Newton Boutelle, of Leominster, at A. N. Fessenden's; Mrs. Blanche Wheeler and two little nieces, the Misses Kendall, at C. W. Hildreth's; Gladys Farrar, of Waltham, at S. W. Farrar's; Mr. and Mrs. George Dix,

of Leominster, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bowker and Mrs. Adelaide Brown, of Fitchburg, at Mrs. Martha Blood's; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Harvey, of Nashua, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller, of Somerville, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jelts at George Clarke's.

**Funeral.**  
The funeral services over the late Rev. R. S. Cook, who died on November 26, of a cancer of the stomach, was held at his late residence on Friday afternoon, November 29, Rev. S. D. Ringrose, pastor of the Baptist church, of which he was a member, and from whose pulpit his voice had often been heard, officiated. A delegation of the G. A. R. also held their service over the body. Two selections, "Nearer my God to thee," and "Rock of ages," were sung by Mrs. E. J. Lees and Miss Emma Adams, and the interment took place in the family lot in the West cemetery, a delegation from the Sons of Veterans acting as bearers.

Many beautiful floral tributes expressed the sympathy of the friends and relatives, the children of the aged man covering the casket with a mass of beautiful chrysanthemums; a spray of carnations from the Baptist church; wreath of cut flowers from the G. A. R.; crimson roses from the Daughters of Veterans; spray of white carnations from the Sons of Veterans; white roses and violets from Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely, and a wreath of galax leaves from Oscar Riddell, of Boston.

Reuben Sherman Cook, son of Silas and Johanna Sherman Cook, was born at Cumberland, Woonsocket, R. I., May 12, 1822, and was a Baptist minister for over sixty years, getting his ministerial education by hard study at home. His first pastorate was at West Chazy, N. Y., Stony Creek, N. Y., Readsboro, Sharon and Montgomery, Vt., from which place he arrived here about twenty-five years ago. For a number of years he carried on the small farm now owned by A. J. Hildreth.

In 1844, he was married at Thompsonville to Rachel Lois Bowditch, who died on October 16, 1900. In 1901, he married Mrs. Eliza Dexter, of Lowell, who has been a faithful and devoted wife and mother during his declining years. Beside his widow, seven children survive him—Sanford R. Cook, of Dorchester; Oliver H. P., of Mansfield; Mrs. Carrie Bishop, of Readsboro, Vt.; Edwin Cobb, of Watertown, N. H.; Rachel Plummer, of San Francisco, Cal.; Ellsworth S., of South Milwaukee, Wis., and Francis W., of Sharon, Vt., and he also leaves one grandson, Dana I. Grover, who is a missionary in Kyoto, Japan. He was a member of the civil war, serving for three years in the 40th Massachusetts Volunteers.

Especially sad is the case of the widow, Mrs. Eliza Cook, at this time, as she has just learned of the sudden and violent death of her only son, Frank Dexter, a ranchman near Clovis, Cal., who while engaged in assisting in moving a neighbor's house, was crushed by falling timbers as the house was toppled over from the foundations by a severe wind storm. He leaves a wife and four children, and the news of his death, which occurred on November 19, was kept from his mother until after the funeral of her husband for fear that she would become prostrated at the sudden blow. Much sympathy is expressed by all her friends and neighbors at her double bereavement.

**Reception and Dance.**  
A reception and dance in honor of the baseball boys was given by the Townsend Athletic association, and friends on last week Friday evening. It being so soon after the holiday, many young people were in town at their various homes, and all attended and made a fine number present. John Bagley, president of the association, introduced the speaker of the evening, Ex-senator A. Dudley Bagley, a member of the association.

Mr. Bagley spoke in a pleasing way and gave the boys much credit for their successful season in the baseball line. He also presented the handsome red sweaters to the club which were the presents of the association and friends, and also the two fine extension dress suit cases to the invincible battery, Harry Knight and Arthur Eastman.

All the boys were called upon for a speech and fittingly responded to the invitation, as did Manager Fessenden, who gave a brief outline of the income and output of the association, and thanked the boys for their team work and friendly spirit they showed all the season. Others were invited to speak, among them being Representative-elect A. N. Fessenden, T. E. Flarity, sec., and Walter Farrar.

The dancing followed the reception to music by Thayer's orchestra, Pepperell.

The following officers were elected on Monday night at a meeting of A. D. Fessenden camp, S. of V.: Roy Brown, com.; C. B. Willard, s. v. c.; George C. Fessenden, J. v. c.; R. G. Fessenden, F. W. Brown, L. Z. Watkins, camp council; T. J. Harvey, sec.; W. L. Bruce, treas.

Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Willmott, of Quincy, were at their summer home here a couple of days this week.

Mrs. Wallace Smith, of Brookline, N. H., is visiting her niece, Mrs. Jennie Wallace.

Townpeople who remember Rev. F. D. Sargent, a former pastor here, will be interested to know of the marriage of his son, Harold Taylor Sargent, to Grace Estelle Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Curtis Jackson, at Norwich, Conn., on November 29.

West.  
There were family parties on Thanksgiving day at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sherwin and Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman, of Bridge street, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Slicker, and Mrs. Josephine Boynton on Main street.

Ruth Hayden, who has been traveling back and forth to Fitchburg Normal school daily, has commenced teaching training and will board in the city for the present.

Miss Alice Welch sang at a sunshiny dance and vaudeville entertainment in Greenville, N. H., on Thanksgiving day.

Daniel Ormsby, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ormsby, of Winthrop, is at present boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farrar, in the expectation that the removal from the sea air will be of benefit to his health.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held on Monday evening at the home of the president, Mrs. Charles Hodgman. Seven were present in spite of the storm and after the reading of reports and routine business it was voted to hold a social and give a supper in January, for the benefit of the repairs on the church.

At the Sunday school business meeting on last Sunday, the following Christmas arrangements were planned: A concert will be given in the church the Sunday evening preceding

Christmas in charge of the chorister and teachers; a dinner and the tree will be given in the afternoon as last year, the dinner committee consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Mrs. Lucy Lawrence and Miss Clara Hosney, and the committee on the tree, Mervin Wares, Benjamin Hodgman and Charles Hodgman.

Edward Patch enjoyed a coon hunt with his father the night before Thanksgiving, and they captured three coons as a result of their evening's work.

The community was greatly shocked on Thanksgiving day to hear of the death of Charles Flagg, of Mason, a former resident here, who was struck by the noon train from Greenville, and instantly killed. The accident occurred just above the poor farm crossing, and a short distance from the man's home. He leaves a wife and nine children, the oldest being but twenty-one years of age. Funeral services were held at the Mason church on Saturday afternoon and Rev. S. D. Ringrose, of the Baptist church, of this village, conducted the services.

Justin Rawson, of New Bedford, has been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Herman L. Stickney.

Miss Helen Marr celebrated her ninth birthday at the home of Miss M. Elinor Tovey, where she is boarding, on last Saturday afternoon by entertaining a party of nine of her little playmates. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent and after a season of games and plays for the little folk, dainty refreshments were served and the guests departed with wishes to their little hostess for many happy returns of the day. She was the recipient of a number of beautiful and useful gifts.

Miss Marion Boutelle and her little sister have been spending a few days with relatives in Dorchester. Mrs. Robert Thompson is visiting her brother in Somerville. Mrs. Maurice Welch and daughter, Alice, have returned from a few days visit to friends and relatives in Worcester. The Misses Ida and Edith Huse returned Monday, from a visit to relatives in Boston. Mrs. Sarah Lawrence and Harold Thorpe spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Somerville. Mrs. H. W. Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wood and daughter, Ella, visited their homes in Mason, N. H., Thanksgiving day. Mrs. S. W. Upton of Josselynville is visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity. Miss Beatrice Haynes, daughter of Mrs. William Robbins, of Josselynville, visited friends in Greenville, N. H., Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stickney, of Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan are spending a week with relatives in Wakefield and Melrose.

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**Thanksgiving Guests.**  
Among the Thanksgiving guests in town were Miss Nellie C. Clark, of Boston, with her mother, Mrs. L. R. Clarke; Master Potter, from Everett, with his grandfather, Thomas Welch; the Misses Mabel and Grace Thompson, from Boston, with their mother, Mrs. Charles Patch; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grimes, from West Groton, with Mrs. Cora Eldredge; Mr. and Mrs. Harding H. Brooks, of Ashby, with Miss Clara Warren; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Willard, of Dorchester, and J. A. Willard and family at G. A. Seaver's; Edward Patch, from Boston, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselynville; E. J. Pratt and family, of Leominster, with Mrs. Ellen Pratt; Albert Adams, of Providence, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams; Mr. George Ball and two children and her niece, Miss Freda Jodery, from Concord Junction, with Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wood; Miss Lena Thompson, of Fitchburg, at her home on Main street; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, of Webster, with Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Stevens; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright, of Townsend Center, with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson; Harry Streeter, of Waltham, and Mr. and Mrs. Olin Streeter, of Nashua, N. H., with Mrs. Streeter, of Josselynville, and John Manchester and friend from Boston with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Manchester.

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CHARLES K. DARLING, Clerk.  
Boston, November 19, 1912.

**Mortgagee's Sale**  
By virtue of and pursuant to the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Frederick A. Sherwin and Bessie E. A. Sherwin, wife of the said Frederick A., in her own right, to Frank D. Lewis, dated October 12, 1907, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, book 331, page 595, and for breach of conditions of said mortgage deed, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on the premises hereinafter described on Saturday, the 21st day of December A. D. 1912, at ten o'clock in the A. M., all and singular the premises described in said mortgage deed to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Groton Center in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the Northwesterly side of Station Avenue and bounded as follows:

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The above described premises will be sold subject to the conditions contained in a deed from Mary W. Shattuck to Henry M. Adams, recorded with aforesaid deed, book 2354, page 524, accrued interest, unpaid taxes, sale taxes or other municipal liens if any.

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CEYLON TEA, 35c. lb  
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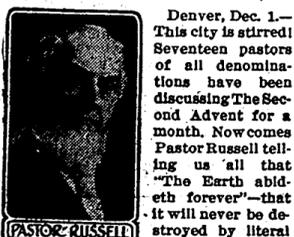
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# HOW, WHEN AND WHY A SECOND ADVENT

## Denver Divines on Right Track, Says Pastor Russell.

No World-Burning—Satan to Be Bound—Sin, Sickness and Death to Be Conquered—Man to Be Delivered. The Power Vested in Messiah—His Kingdom Near—How It Will Appear.



Denver, Dec. 1.—This city is stirred! Seventeen pastors of all denominations have been discussing the Second Advent for a month. Now comes Pastor Russell telling us all that "The Earth abideth forever"—that it will never be destroyed by literal fire. According to him the great event of Christ's Coming will bring blessings such as we all desire. He seems to have the Bible and logic on his side too!

Pastor Russell declared that false concepts of the Second Coming of Christ had done great injury. The view set forth in all orthodox creeds is that Christ will come again in the flesh. The resurrection will take place within twenty-four hours. The saintly will rise in the air to meet the Lord. Then fire will come down from heaven, and consume the whole earth. Premillennialists claim that Christ will reign in fleshly glory a thousand years to bless the living. The majority of Christians disown this as ridiculous nonsense because they believe little of creed or Bible. A minority perceive its inconsistency with the Bible.

What Bible Students Now See.

The "fire of that day" is symbolical, already kindling in society, the elements of which, Capital and Labor, are getting hotter. Soon they will melt, the symbolical "earth" will be consumed with the "heavens" also, the ecclesiastical powers. Their passing away will usher in a "new earth," or social order, and "new heavens," the Church in glory.

The Second Coming of Christ is associated with blessings. Messiah will abolish the curse and bring in wonderful blessings. The Day of Christ will be "the last Day,"—the great Seventh Thousand-year Day. All humanity will be blessed, including the dead who will then be awakened.

Christ Comes to Reign.

As the redemption was necessary for man's salvation so Messiah's Kingdom is necessary to accomplish restitution. The delay of more than eighteen centuries is Scripturally explained: (1) God designed Six Great One Thousand Year Days to teach mankind the exceeding sinfulness of sin. He purposed that on the Seventh Day the blessing of Messiah should come. (2) An important work has been done since Calvary. An Elect Church has been gathered out of all nations—saints made perfect through suffering, a Little Flock, the "Church of the First-borns." These are to become the Bride of Christ at His Second Advent.

The Second Coming of Jesus is to claim His Bride class, and to exalt them. As regards the world, He comes to bind Satan, to overthrow sin, and to uplift fallen humanity. St. Peter tells that Restitution work, not a literal burning of the world, awaits the Second Coming of Jesus: "Times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."—Acts III, 19-21.

Christ's Kingdom to Be Spiritual.

One great mistake we have all made is in not noticing that Jesus was human for only thirty-three and a half years. He was a glorious spirit being before He was made flesh; and He was resurrected to a spirit condition—higher than His original one. How foolish we were to think of Jesus as a man (a little lower than angels) in the midst of the Heavenly host. He is now partaker of the Divine nature; His Church is to be "changed" and made "like Him." As His descent was from a higher to a lower, so His ascent was from a lower nature to a higher, "far above angels." His is the exceeding glory which "no man hath seen nor can see"—"which no man can approach unto."

It is this glorious Being whose Kingdom is about to be established. He and His Church will be as invisible to men as are Satan and the fallen angels. The appearances of Jesus in the flesh after His resurrection were materializations, to prove: (1) that Jesus was no longer dead; (2) that He was changed, born of the Spirit, able to go and come like the wind.

Parousia, Epiphania, Apokalupsis.

Messiah's Kingdom will have earthly representatives—the faithful saints of previous ages, raised to human perfection instantly. Through these the invisible Messianic Kingdom will operate. Jesus said, "Ye shall see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the prophets in the Kingdom."

"The parousia of Jesus will come first—present but invisible. The world will continue with the ordinary affairs of life (while He is gathering the Church), as in the days of Noah.

After the gathering of the Church, there will be an epiphania and an apokalupsis of Jesus. He will shine forth, He will be revealed—not in flesh, but "in flaming fire," the trouble of that Day, in which the present order will be consumed in anarchy, giving place to the Kingdom Dispensation.

# BROOKLINE, N. H.

## Current Events.

Some of the Thanksgiving guests in town were Perry Estley, of Worcester; Mrs. Estella Hughes and daughters Ida and Edith at home from Townsend; John Dobson and daughter, Helen Dobson, Townsend; Mrs. C. J. Manning, Milford, N. H.; William Shattuck and family, Read's Ferry; Edward Brown, Townsend; Miss Mary Brown, Waltham, Mass.; Harry Gilson and family, Townsend; Mrs. Jennie Weston, Somerville, Mass.; Mrs. Florence Ferrin, Brookline, Mass.; George Abbott, New York city; Mrs. Marnie Abbott Stanstead, Plattsburgh, Canada; Mrs. Fannie Evans, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lawrence, from the city; George Manson, York, Me.; Mrs. Olive Hall, Charlestown, Mass.; Miss Olive Sherman, Derry, N. H.

Willis Ball spent the holiday at Pepperell; John Martin and family at Townsend; Edward O'Heren and family at Mason; George H. Nye and family at Milford; Mrs. Augusta Smith and son Edwin at Townsend; Mr. and Mrs. Powers at Pepperell; Mrs. Elizabeth Hayes at Boston.

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Curtis Jackson, of Norwich, Conn., announce the marriage of their daughter, Grace Estelle, to Harold Taylor Sargent, of Putnam, Conn., on Friday, November 23. They will reside at 488 Main street, East Side. Mr. Sargent is the only son of Rev. F. D. and Mrs. Sargent, a former pastor here, but now of Putnam, Conn. Many Brookline friends extend their best wishes for the newly weds.

John Bennett, former resident of this town, but now of Spokane, Wash., passed away at his home on November 26, after a long illness. Mr. Bennett was a brother of Thomas Bennett, of this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Gerrish attended the funeral of his mother at Ayer last week. Mrs. Gerrish was here for a time with her son, but continued illness prevented her from going out very much and she made only a few acquaintances while here. The friends here extend the sympathy of their Brookline friends.

A social was enjoyed at the Congregational vestry on Friday evening of last week. Vocal and instrumental music, games and an old-fashioned spelling match with refreshments made the evening very pleasant.

Frederick Wright attended the corn exhibit at Boston last week and he received several first prizes for different kinds of grain. Mr. Wright was in Norwood, Mass., on business last week.

Mrs. James Hill and Mrs. Joseph Dodge are reported better.

On December 2, Miss Blanche Hall passed a birthday anniversary. It was also the last publication to the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William H. French.

Several large flocks of wild geese have been at the lake, but soon took their departure for their winter home.

The public schools opened on Monday with Morton Campbell as teacher of the grammar school, Miss Hattie Smith at the South primary, Miss Clara Russell at the West primary, and Miss Gilson, of Groton, at the North primary.

Mrs. Mary Gerrish has a large lobster cactus which has over eighty large blossoms at one time. This plant usually blooms at Christmas.

The district deputy visited Brookline grants on Wednesday of last week, but it being so near the holiday not a large number were present, and the program planned for that evening did not materialize.

Wilfred Oulette has passed a birthday anniversary while he has been at St. John's. He received many postcards and gifts of money, to make the day a memorable one.

If anyone finds stray dogs or cats that show they do not get proper food and no one seems to own them, if they will notify the Humane society at Nashua they will be at once looked after.

News Items.

Alton Jensen captured the first deer this season.

Mrs. George L. Perrin and little son from Brookline, Mass., were the guests of Mrs. Celia Powers this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall from Somerville, Mass., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Hall last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Daniels from Everett, Mass., were the guests of Mrs. Nancy Daniels last week.

Mrs. Francis Evans from Boston, Mass., has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Cox.

Mrs. Julia Lawrence and son James, have been the guests of Mrs. Walter Corey.

Mr. Albert Gilson from the Hall's Crossing, N. H., has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. Chas. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Boutelle spent Thanksgiving in Milford.

The public schools opened Monday with the following teachers: Grammar, Morton Campbell from Townsend Hill, Mass.; No. Primary, Miss Gilson of Groton, Mass.; So. Primary, Miss Hattie Smith of Townsend, Mass.; West Primary, Miss Clara Russell of Winthrop, Mass.

Current Events.

John H. Rideout visited in Manchester last week, and also visited his daughter, Mrs. Roy Whittemore, in Fitchburg.

William Verder and wife spent last week Thursday at the Verder homestead.

Mrs. Sarah Gilman, of Nashua, spent Sunday in town.

Hollis high school will play their first game of basketball at home on December 23, with Wilton High.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Tuttle and little son Nelson, of North Andover, Mass., spent the holiday with William T. MacMaster and family.

Miss Annie B. Newton left town last week Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving in South Ashburnham, Mass., with her mother and sisters.

Ferley Lund made his first trip on December first on the milk route which he recently purchased of Monroe Hurd.

Bertell Stimson is at home for an indefinite stay and is at present at work for A. F. Hildreth putting in telephones.

Mrs. Lucretia F. Colburn, of Silver Lake, has gone to Dunstable, where she will spend the winter with her niece, Mrs. Archie Swallow.

Miss Stearns, a former teacher of the grammar school here, was a Thanksgiving visitor at Mrs. Charles E. Hardy's.

Richard Hardy, of Durham, spent the holiday at Mrs. Rebecca Richardson's.

# John A. Colburn and family are living in their new home.

Some of those who were home for Thanksgiving were Luther Tarbell, Herbert Cameron, Miss Beattie Robbins, Miss Lora Ladd and Fred Hardy. Miss Florence Flino has been on the sick list and under the care of Dr. G. S. Hazard.

Mrs. William MacMaster has been confined to the house recently with a large abscess in the throat.

Walter Flanders bought the Albert Wheeler place which was sold at auction on Tuesday.

Miss Florence Kidder has left the employ of A. F. Hildreth and returned to her home in Franconstown.

Mrs. Mary Sanford, of Norwich, Mass., has hired the place on Proctor hill known as the Stark place, and owned by Fred Campbell, and will move her household goods there soon.

News Items.

Mrs. Harriet Hazard recently went to Albany, N. Y., for a visit to her daughter Helen, who is taking a course in nursing and dietary cooking.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jewett went to Pepperell and spent Thanksgiving with her mother and sisters.

Hollis high school basketball team went to Peterboro on last week Wednesday and played against Peterboro. Hollis lost the game by a score of 70 to 20.

A Thanksgiving dance was given in the town hall on Thanksgiving evening. Under the management of W. W. Worcester and F. J. Yawson, The American singing orchestra, of Manchester furnished the music.

Mrs. Lucy E. Brown was elected a member of the pulpit supply committee to fill the place of Miss Emma Van Dyke, who resigned when she left town last month to spend the winter in Florida.

M. L. Richards has entered his new place of occupancy, which was recently completed.

Chester Drake, of Framingham, Mass., spent Thanksgiving with his uncle, D. Fred Pierce.

One person remarked on last week Friday that "everybody came home on Thanksgiving." Among them were Harvey Powers from Dean academy, Powers, Misses Daisy Woods and Benjie Robbins, from the State Normal school, Keene; Miss Marjorie Parker, a teacher in Charlestown; Mrs. Charlotte Leslie, from Worcester, Mass.; and Daniel Goodwin and C. R. Hardy from New Hampshire college.

The committee for the Christmas concert of the Sunday school are busy preparing for it. Miss Clara Smith's class has charge of the decorations. The subject will be "The light of the world."

Miss Ethel Goodwin went to Mason last week, making a visit of several days.

The friends of Rev. C. H. Davis, our former pastor, were very happy to see and hear him last Sunday, as he occupied the pulpit forenoon and evening. He was accompanied by Mrs. Young, the first anniversary of their marriage occurred on that day.

Mrs. C. J. Bell and Mrs. E. K. Jewett attended the lectures of the Peppereil Woman's club on last Tuesday, given by Dr. Young, of Boston, and Dr. Holmes, of Worcester. Dr. Young lectured on "Sex hygiene," and Dr. Holmes on "Care of infectious diseases."

Hollis Woman's club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Mabel Guething, about twenty ladies being present. Roll call was responded to by the current events. A very interesting paper on William James was given by Miss Ruth Rogers. Mrs. C. H. Davis, of Portland, Me., was present and told about the Woman's club of Portland.

Word has been received in Hollis of the death of the widow of Capt. Ames, who, twenty years ago, resided on the farm of the late Noah Dow. Capt. Dow was in the civil war, enlisting from Hollis. Mrs. Ames was eighty-four years old, and died in Vineland, N. J.

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And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you fourteen days before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by delivering a copy thereof to the State Board of Insanity, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

3111 JOHN W. MAWBEY, Register.

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Saturday, December 7, 1912.

### PEPPERELL.

**Current Events.**  
 Mrs. Charles Stickney of Townsend was in town Wednesday of this week calling on relatives and friends.  
 Mrs. George Pierce has been entertaining her cousin, Miss Hattie Wood, of Milford, N. H.  
 At Woodside on Thanksgiving day a merry dinner was gathered with Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce. They were Mr. and Mrs. George V. Herrig and daughter Rachel, Mr. and Mrs. Turner C. Kelly from Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Duncklee of Ayer and Miss Hattie Wood of Milford, N. H.  
 A novelty dance was given in Prescott hall Friday evening of this week by the young men of the town with Hale Jordan and Archie Pike as managers and Joseph Wiley was floor director. Music was by two orchestras, Robbins' and Littlehale's, and the dancing was continuous.  
 Mrs. Raymond Burns of Pleasant street has been entertaining her brother, Gilbert Harris, who has a position as postmaster at Panama. He started on his return trip Monday.  
 A. F. Parker has been ill and confined to his home for a few days with rheumatism.  
 Station Agent Harris and wife entertained his uncle, Charles Harris, of Lowell, also his brother, Roy Harris, and wife from Hampstead, N. H., on Thanksgiving day.  
 Wallace Willoughby returned from South Boston Saturday and has entered the employ of the Peperell Card and Paper Co., on repairs.  
 Perhaps one of the largest parties for Thanksgiving day assembled at the home of S. C. Cuthbertson on Main street. Mrs. Cuthbertson's mother, Mrs. E. E. Woodward, has been with her daughter for the past two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Will Hutchinson and son from Milford, N. H., came for the day; also, Guy Woodward and wife from Boston; Sadie Woodward from Lee, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker and child from Nashua, N. H.; Charlie Woodward from Lee, N. H.; Archie Woodward, wife and family from Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Knapp from Lebanon, N. H.; Leon Woodward from Lee, N. H. It was a very pleasant family reunion, notwithstanding the stormy day.  
 Mrs. M. A. Cuthbertson and daughter Annie spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Angus Cuthbertson in Fitchburg.  
 Quite a flurry of snow for Thanksgiving day, but not as much here as in the southern part of the state.  
 Howard Willoughby came from Shirley last week to spend Thanksgiving with his father, J. J. Willoughby. In addition to their usual family of five there were present his sister, Mrs. Carroll Robbins, with her husband and daughter Mildred and their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robbins; also, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Willoughby and little daughter Lorraine.  
 Mrs. Belle Flynn and daughter, Miss Jessie Flynn, made a flying visit to Boston on Saturday of last week, calling on Mrs. Fred Nokes of South Boston.

Miss Harriet Hull, special agent for the Massachusetts Total Abstinence society, has been in town this week, making the annual canvass for membership dues and funds.  
 Willard Smith and daughter Doris spent the latter part of last week in Lowell.  
 Mr. and Mrs. George L. Smith entertained at their home on Thanksgiving day, their children, grandchildren and guests, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Silas M. Nokes and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Smith with three children; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Raymond and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith and five children; Victor Gelger, Miss Florence Crateau; Miss Lizzie Hammond; Geo.

Berry, who, with the host and hostess, made twenty-four people who did justice to the good things set before them.

**Thanksgiving Visitors.**  
 Among the many visitors from out-of-town who partook of their Thanksgiving dinner with relatives here we notice the following: Frank Woodward of Utica, N. Y., at the home of his mother, Mrs. Abbie Woodward, Pleasant street; Mr. and Mrs. H. Mignault of Plymouth, N. H., at B. W. Parker's; Robert Burns from Somerville at R. K. Burns; Leonard Lynch and wife from Fitchburg with Mr. and Mrs. Will Rouse, River street; Albert Cheever of Merrimack, N. H., at the home of his sister, Mrs. Elbridge Jewett of Pleasant street; Mr. and Mrs. Rivers from Maine at the home of their son, Donald Rivers, Main street; Howard Denham at C. S. Denham's, Main street; George Searles of North Chelmsford at C. A. Pillsbury's; Arthur Lawson, wife and children, at H. F. Wright's on Townsend street.

**News Items.**  
 The L. S. C. Branch Alliance of the Unitarian church will hold an all-day meeting in the church parlor Friday, December 13, at 10:30 o'clock. A paper on "Fragments" by Miss Ruth Rogers; also, other papers will be given. A full attendance is wished.  
 Mrs. H. R. Lakin and Mrs. M. M. Richards spent Thanksgiving day at the home of George E. Shattuck, Brookdale farm.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bennett started for California on December 6, for a two-months' trip and visit with relatives.  
 R. E. Tarbell is building a new house in connection with his stable.

The Single Service Company are installed in their new quarters at Frostard's machine shop on Brookline street.  
 Several were seen plowing this week and sowing grain.  
 It is reported that J. H. Miner has purchased the express business of Fred Bennett.  
 Frank Messer, who had his arm badly shot, is out and looking quite well.  
 Charles Blood, of North Peperell, is building a new corn crib.  
 Mr. and Mrs. William Jenkins expect to spend the winter in New England.  
 Ernest Nash, wife and daughter, of Chelsea, spent the week-end with D. N. Nash, of Park street.  
 Harry Hobart has a very large collection of fox, skunk, mink, coon and muskrat skins, the largest lot that was ever seen at one time in Peperell.  
 L. R. Merrill had three very fine Berkshire pigs come from his son-in-law, who lives in North Vermont, recently.

Mrs. Maud A. Edson, of Boston, and Miss Fannie H. Murphy, of Lowell, are making a flying visit to Peperell with their sister, Mrs. E. F. Harmon.  
 The lecture given by the Peperell Woman's club on Tuesday afternoon was very instructive and a benefit to all who heard it. Dr. Evangeline W. Young, of Boston, who spoke on "Sex hygiene," was a very able speaker, and also Dr. May S. Holmes, of Worcester, who spoke on "Infectious diseases." The next meeting of the club will be on December 17, which will be a lecture on "Burns," by Rev. C. F. H. Crathern. It will be illustrated by song by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge and wife.  
 Mrs. Julia A. Lawrence, after being engaged as nurse in the family of H. B. Stearns, Townsend Center, has returned to her home on Mt. Lebanon street.  
 James F. Lawrence spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister in Brookline, Mrs. W. E. Corey.  
 Edgar W. Shattuck, of Newton Highlands, was at his sister's, Mrs. C. H. Baker, for Thanksgiving.  
 Russell R. Shattuck, with friends from Worcester, was at his home on Maple street on Thanksgiving day.  
 Married at the Congregational parsonage, Lowell, on November 23, by Rev. Allen Ferrin, Cora Estella De-roehn, of Lowell, to Minot Lawrence Blood, of Boston. Their new home is in Everett. This young couple were former residents of Peperell.

**Methodist Notes.**  
 "Weights and sins" will be the subject at the Methodist church on Sunday morning at 10:45, and at seven in the evening the subject will be "The parable of the good shepherd," illustrated with twenty stereoscopic views.  
 The Epworth League will hold their Bright Hour service at six in the evening. The subject will be "The strength of certainty in belief." The leader will be Mrs. Mary Coffin.  
 The quiet hour service for prayer and worship will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The study hour for Sunday school teachers and workers comes at 8:30.

**Center.**  
 On Thursday and Friday evenings, December 12 and 13, will be held in Prescott hall "Queen Esther" cantata. The cantata is to be given by the Acoma Rebekah lodge, and the cast is to be entirely local talent. The concert chorus has been selected and trained by Mr. Newton, of Boston, who is the musical director of the entire production. The reserved seats are to be put on sale on Wednesday afternoon, December 11, at W. A. Kemp's store.  
 Some new town electric lights have been installed on Elm street, near the Center.  
 Mrs. E. E. Fisher is a guest at the Homestead for a few weeks.  
 Miss Bernice Phinney, of Malden, spent last week at home.  
 The annual meeting of the Peperell Cemetery association will be held on Monday afternoon, December 9, at two o'clock at the office of Dr. E. H. Hoag on Main street.  
 A word should be spoken of the pretty decorations that the M. K. club had in Prescott hall on Thursday of last week. The stage had a background of pine trees, and in the center, at the top of the trees, was the moon that was quite bank attractive. Used in the moonlight waltzes. The center of the hall held red and white streamers, the regular club colors, and over the stage was a large very pretty arranged sign, M. K. club. About eighty couple attended and everybody reported a very fine time.  
 Miss Lillian Dunton and Margaret Deware returned Sunday to school in St. Johnsbury by auto.  
 On Monday evening, Herbert Alden Clark, Boston's musical humorist and impersonator, appeared at Prescott hall in aid of the high school class of 1913 Washington fund. Mr. Clark was very pleasant in his many impersonations, and as editor of the country paper brought in many local hits. The entertainment was followed by dancing.

Among the guests at the Homestead are Miss E. E. Fisher, Mrs. Whittier, Miss M. Sprague, Miss O'Rourke, Miss Churchill, Harold and Edward Judd and F. P. Fisher.  
 Dr. Charles G. Heald has a new Buick automobile.  
 Without street lights and no moon it is pretty dark travelling the roads.  
 Elmer Foss was in Nashua on business on last Sunday, returning on the afternoon train.  
 Rapid progress is being made on the new First National bank building in Railroad square. The building goes up very swiftly, as C. H. Miller has quite a full crew at work.  
 There is to be a social dance given by the young men of Groton in town hall, Groton, on Thursday, December 10. The music is to be supplied by Thayer's orchestra. It is hoped to see a Peperell delegation at this social.  
 Miss Edith Gerrish, of Worcester, spent part of last week at the home of Mrs. W. N. Mault.  
 Mrs. James Freeman, who has been ill at her home for the last two weeks is up and around again.  
 Mrs. Louise Dunton has moved into H. C. Thurston's tenement at the corner of Eighth and Main streets.

There is to be a grand social given by the Riverside A. A. in Tarbell's Opera house on Wednesday evening, December 18. The music is to be supplied by Collins' orchestra, of Marlboro, five pieces.  
 Born on Wednesday, December 4, a son to Rev. and Mrs. Dudley Child.  
 A flock of geese was seen by Center village about three o'clock. There were about sixty birds in the flock.  
 There should be some kind of a hood put over the public drinking fountain on Main street at the Center village. Other towns put a wooden cover over them to protect them from the weather after they have been closed for the winter.  
 It is reported that a change is to be made in the express business in Peperell.  
 There was a very interesting lecture delivered in Prescott hall on Tuesday afternoon under the direction of the Peperell Woman's club.  
 G. N. Carrow and family spent last week Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. B. Carrow, who manage the Page farm on Townsend road.  
 Mrs. Lucy Page is still on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. G. T. Greenhaige, of Pawtucket, R. I.  
 Robert Burns, of Somerville, spent Thanksgiving at his home on Pleasant street.

On Thursday evening, December 5, the Ladies' Social Circle of the First Parish church held their annual Christmas sale of fancy articles, and earlier in the evening a supper. After the sale and supper, dancing was enjoyed by a very fair gathering.  
 Gilbert Harris, of Panama, spent Thanksgiving with his Mrs. Raymond Burns.  
 Miss Margaret Blood spent Thanksgiving in New York with her sister, Miss Ann M. Blood.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Addison Woodward have returned from their visit to their son Roscoe, who is working in Lockport, N. Y.; also, visiting while away, Niagara Falls and Geneva, N. Y.

**TOWNSEND.**  
**West.**  
 The morning service on Sunday will be held in Seminary hall at A. H. Wardle, secretary of the Middleboro Y. M. C. A., will deliver an address on "Temperance." The meeting of the Brotherhood will follow in the hall, and the Sunday school will meet at noon in the vestry. These changes are owing to the repairs on the church, which commenced this week. The room is to be papered and painted and electric lights installed, and the work is expected to be completed in time for the Christmas concert the Sunday before Christmas.  
 W. J. Flagg, who makes his home with his relatives, the Willett family in the Boardman house on Elm street, is quite seriously ill and it is feared that he will require hospital treatment.  
 The meeting of the Ladies' Literary and Social Circle, which was to be held at the home of Mrs. Josephine Taft Boynton on Friday afternoon, has been postponed one week.  
 The L. E. B. S. held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman on Wednesday. An all-day session was held and a dinner served at noon at which fourteen were present. At the regular business meeting at two o'clock, it was voted, to contribute toward the re-lease of the church and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman and Mrs. Herman L. Lawrence were appointed a committee to remember the shut-ins at Christmas. The next meeting will be

held on New Year's day at the home of Mrs. J. C. Hodgman.  
 Charles S. Homer is further improving his estate by having a face wall built from the stone bridge to the corner of Main and Bridge streets.  
 Miss Louise Conway, who lives with her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Manchester, of Jostynville, is spending a few weeks at her home in Salem.  
 A new electric light has recently been established just beyond the cottage of R. S. Cook on Bridge street.  
 The Ladies' Study club will meet on next Thursday evening at the reading-room and the subject of the meeting will be "A trip abroad," under the charge of Mrs. Mary Heath.  
 Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Shaw are entertaining Mr. Shaw's father from Saugus.  
**Center.**  
 Miss Lizzie Whitcomb was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Ida Richardson, at Lowell, this week.  
 Sunshine club gave an entertainment at the M. E. church on Wednesday evening and the program was greatly enjoyed by all present.  
 It looks as if Townsend might get her electric railroad some time in the near future. Some concern or some interested parties have had surveys made recently, one survey planning to come out near Tenney's store, from Lunenburg, and another near the river bridge and directly through one of Warren's henhouses. Some say the Worcester Consolidated railroad is back of it.

**HARVARD.**  
**News Items.**  
 Harvard grange held its annual election of officers at the town hall last Tuesday evening. Following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: S. Henry Waters, m.; Benj. S. Knight, P. M.; Mildred E. Carman, F. G.; Grace Morse, l. a.; William B. Willard, ex. com., 3 yrs. December 17 is leap year night at the grange.  
 On Tuesday evening, December 3, Rev. H. B. Mason officiating, Warren O. Willard of Still River and Miss Ella M. Gordon were united in marriage. The ceremony was very quietly performed, friends of the couple being taken happily by surprise. They have, however, been very profuse with congratulations and best wishes for the future of Mr. and Mrs. Willard. They will reside for the present at Mrs. Willard's home on the Ayer road.  
 On Sunday, December 1, Absalom E. Gale passed the ninety-eighth anniversary of his birth at the home of his son, George T. Gale. Mr. Gale is in very comfortable health, although not able to get out of the house for any of his recent fall has used him up so that he stays in his room a good part of the time.  
 There is to be a sale of fancy work at the home of Mrs. H. B. Royal on December 14 from two to six o'clock. The proceeds of this sale is to be devoted to the relief of the poor.

It may be interesting to know that the annual ball and concert given by the chemical company on Thanksgiving night was a success from both a social and financial point of view. The net profit on the affair was sixty-one cents. Dickinson has his men at work in Littleton, extending the water pipe lines about the town. Work will probably last there as long as the weather permits.  
 Andrew W. Haskell has sixteen milk cows, good ones, that he is closing out. He has a lot of good milk cows, a lot of Vermonts, and they sold quickly. He deals in all live stock, and if any of our farmers are in need of anything in this line, be sure and give him a call.  
**Congregational Church Notes.**  
 The annual meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church was held on Monday afternoon of this week. Officers and committees for the coming year were elected and routine business was transacted. Topic cards for 1913 will be distributed later in the month and the list will contain the names of officers which are the same as for 1912 and of committees, which are but little changed.  
 The annual meeting of the Congregational church will be held on Wednesday, December 11, at 2:30 p. m. in the church parlors. Officers of church and other matters relating to church activities discussed. Among these is the question of benevolence and the apportionment of this church towards the work of the denomination.  
 At the morning service of the Congregational church Sunday, December 8, the subject of the pastor's sermon will be "Consequences."  
 The subject of the prayer meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. in the evening will be "Lessons from the snow." This meeting will be conducted by Mrs. A. T. Royel.  
 Boys from the Congregational Sunday school met with the pastor on Friday afternoon of this week and took steps toward Boy Scout work. The organization is open to membership for boys of from twelve to fifteen years, but younger boys may be affiliated. The boys are manifesting much interest.  
 The young ladies of the pastor's class of the Congregational church are prepared to dispense information concerning the "Liggett bargain sale and social" to be given by the Sunday school on the evening of Friday, December 20, at the town hall. If anyone wants to know about it let him ask.  
**Still River.**  
 Warren O. Willard is receiving the hearty congratulations of his many Still River friends on account of his marriage on Tuesday evening to Miss Ella M. Gordon at her home in Harvard. Things have been looking suspicious for sometime and the event was not a surprise to many. For the present they will live at Mrs. Willard's home, but it is hoped by many here that they will eventually live at his home here.  
 At last the lights have come and on Wednesday evening for the first time the new electric street lights were put into commission and they certainly are a great improvement on the two kerosene lamps that have been the only thing in evidence in the past. The only thing to be asked now is that more of them be put in. On the street to the railroad station there is a lamp opposite Parker Willard's house and it is hoped that four more may be put in between there and the station. The next step for the electric light company to take is to furnish day service, which would prove very acceptable by many in town for domestic purposes.

Monday night about midnight it was found that the chimney in Parker Willard's house was on fire. H. H. Harrod, Chester Willard and Joseph Stebbins got busy with ladders and water and soon put it out.  
 The meeting held with Mrs. Haynes on Monday afternoon to see about resuming the meetings of the Tuesday club, after a year or two vacation, was on account of the rain very slimly attended, so that no business was done, but the few that were there read from "Days with the great composers," and will probably have another meeting soon to make definite plans.  
 Miss Clara Sears has moved the bungalow that she bought of Mrs. Seaver down nearer to the road than it was and has finished it up in fine shape and put running water and other improvements. Her new home is understood that she intends to occupy it herself when she comes up in the winter, instead of opening the mansion house, just for a short time.  
 Malcolm Campbell has again returned to his studies at Amherst agricultural college.  
 Fred Bateman has been this week at work in Pittsfield on some engineering work.  
 Charles Merrifield returned home from a trip in Maine Wednesday night. While there he was a sufferer from a carbuncle on his neck which required the services of a surgeon, but he is recovering finely and hopes that he will not be troubled again with it.  
 Thanksgiving morning Mrs. Luther Willard stepped upon a needle which ran through her shoe and into her foot, breaking off there. She removed part, but the point was not found. She had a severe time with the foot, but at last reports it was going better and it is hoped that there will be no further trouble.  
 Mrs. Adella Turner will hold a Christmas sale of fancy work on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, December 11 and 12. All welcome.

**The Parcels Post.**  
 The parcel post law which becomes effective on January 1, provides: "The parcels post law shall embrace all matter, including farm and factory products, not now embraced by law in either the first, second, or third class, not exceeding eleven pounds in weight, nor greater in size than twenty-two inches in length and girth combined, nor in form or kind likely to injure the person of any postal employee or damage the mail equipment or other mail matter and not of a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery."  
 For the purpose of carrying this law into effect, the United States is divided into zones, with different rates of postage applicable to each, the first zone being up to fifty miles, the second fifty to 100, the third 100 to 300, the fourth 300 to 600, the fifth 600 to 1000, the sixth 1000 to 1400, the seventh 1400 to 1800, and the eighth all over 1800 miles. The one-pound rate starts off at five cents, for the fifty-mile zone, and increasing one cent for each additional zone. For every pound in excess, the rate in the first zone increases three cents; the second, four cents; the third, five cents; the fourth, six cents; the fifth, seven cents; the sixth nine cents; the seventh, ten cents; and the eighth, twelve cents. The local rate starts off with five cents for one pound, with an additional cent charged for each pound up to eleven pounds.  
 The rates of postage are largely reduced and that the limit of weight is increased from four to eleven pounds. Parcels will be delivered at all free-delivery offices and to patrons residing on rural and star routes. They may be registered and may be accorded special delivery service on payment of the usual fees, and they may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to their actual value, but not to exceed twenty-five dollars, upon payment of a fee of five cents. Distinctive stamps must be used on all parcels.

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 Mrs. S. B. Scott,  
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**New Advertisements.**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**  
**LAND COURT.**  
 To John L. Gilson, George H. Woods, Ada McDonough, John Condon and Ellen M. Mason, of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, and said Commonwealth; the Boston and Maine Railroad, a duly existing corporation having an usual place of business in Boston, in the County of Suffolk, and said Commonwealth; the said Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and to all who it may concern:  
 Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by William H. Whitehill, of said Groton, to register and confirm his title in the following described land:  
 A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Groton, bounded and described as follows:  
 Beginning at the northwesterly corner of said land at the State Highway and land of John L. Gilson, thence north 69° 2' east 317.04 feet by said Gilson land to a corner of the fence; thence north 14° 22' west 134.04 feet to a fence corner near a walnut tree, at land of George H. Woods; thence north 78° 18' east 227.49 feet by said Woods land to a stone bound at land of Mrs. Fred (Ada) McDonough; thence south 13° 30' east 658.52 feet by said McDonough land to a corner of the fence at land of John Condon; thence south 82° 05' west 314.23 feet by said Condon land to a bound at said State Highway; thence north 39° 37' west 514.63 feet by said Highway to the point of beginning. Containing 5.63 acres.  
 Also the following described parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Groton, the same being contiguous to the above described land and part of the same farm, bounded and described as follows:  
 Beginning at the northwesterly corner thereof at a stake at land of Boston and Maine Railroad and land of John L. Gilson, thence south 86° 46' east 550.7 feet by said Gilson land to a stone at the State Highway; thence south 39° 37' east 390.2 feet to a stone at land of Ellen Mason; thence south 71° 18' west 511.82 feet by said Mason land to a fence post at land of the Boston and Maine Railroad; thence north 12° 15' west 526.6 feet by said Railroad to the point of beginning. Containing 6.23 acres.  
 The above described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition, and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.

You are hereby cited to appear at the Land Court to be held at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on the third day of December, A. D. 1912, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. And unless you appear at said Court, at the time and place aforesaid your default will be recorded, and the said petition will be taken as confessed, and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.  
 Witness, Charles Thornton Davis, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fifth day of December in the year nineteen hundred and twelve.  
 Attest with Seal of said Court.  
 (Seal)  
 3113 CLARENCE E. SMITH,  
 Recorder.

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