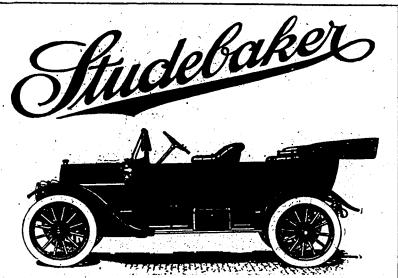
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J. Harold Remick spent Christmas with his home people in Rye, N. H. Everett Kimball's home was the Christmas day. Twenty-two, includ-ing mother, brothers, sisters and their families enjoyed a holiday reunion.

As a part of the closing program in the high school, the pupils presented scenes from Dickens' Christmas carol,

along land.

Mrs. Calvin Howard was taken to the hospital for an operation on Tuesday.

Fred A. Hosmer, who suffered two attacks of appendicitis this week, was operated on in his home on Thursday fternoon

The ladies' quartet has very kindly entertained some of the elderly shut-ins recently. Last week they gave Mrs. Theodore Fletcher a very pleas-ant entertainment, which was fully appreciated, as she has been unable to leave the house for many years.



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### HEAVY DRIVING COATS

to leave the nouse for many years. Miss Grace P. Conant will give a lecture in the Congregational vestry on Thursday evening, January 2. Her subject is "Colorado, the pleasure ground of America," and she will The shell, or outside, of coats are made of the very dressy and warm Fur-lined Coats. The shell, or outside, of coats are made of the very dressy and warm fur-lined coats. The shell, or outside, of coats are made of the very bare large strong collars and are

	make use of the stereopticon. A small admission fee will be charged to cover the expense incurred by the use of the illustrations. A stereopticon for	made of Dogskin, Marmot and Muskrat.	heavy, have large storn collars and are storm and wind proof.
	the church is now under considera- tion.	The collars are Muskrat or Persian Lamb.	Prices-\$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00
	Rev. H. L. Packard will preach a new year's sermon tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Packard, spent Christmas	110000, 0000, 00000, 000000 0000 00000	WINTER UNDERWEAR
	with his brother's family in Abington. A large number of Littleton cattle dealers attended the Kuhn auction in	FUP OUTSIDE COATS	Everthing in the way of Warm Under- wear that a Man or Boy may need you will
Виіск "зі"	Westford on last Saturday and eleven of the herd were bought by parties from this town. The Paignon-McNiff	prices for the quality. Dogskin, Horsehide,	find here.
	cattle auction held at the Sanderson barn in West Littleton on Thursday	Caliskiii alid Aligoras. Ali made with large	Men's heavy double-breasted fleece-lined the celebrated High Rock goods 50c.
Model 31 Buick <b>\$1285</b> F. O. B. Factory	also called out a large crowd of cat- tle men.	some first quality Genuine Raccoon Coats.	Men's Derby Ribbed Underwear 50c.
Model 25 Buick, with self-starter, demountable rims, etc., \$1050 F. O. B. Factory	Charles V. Flagg met with an ac- cident last week just as he was about to start for Boston market. His wag-	Prices-\$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00 and \$35.00	Men's Mereno Underwear 50c.
	on was upset, apples were generously strewn, eggs were broken, and much damage generally resulted.	SHEEP-LINED COATS	Men's Wool Underwear, celebrated Glas- tonbury Mills make, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50
Little Roadster \$690.00 Telephone or call for a demonstration	George L. Brigham, of Dorchester, and his company of men working for	The outside made of heavy Corduroy, Duck or Leather, and lined with heavy	Wright's Health and fleece-lined Under-
	M. K. Kendall, contractor, of Boston, completed the work on the Lactart road extension of the electric plant on	sheep pelts. Some have Corduroy collars,	wear, known everywhere 75c. and 95c. Men's Union Suits in heavy Derby Rib-
SECOND HAND CARS FOR SALE	Thursday night. This extension was installed for the purpose of furnishing	the I applies outside Conduces lined sector	bed, also in heavy woolen, \$1.00 to \$3.00
Atlas Runabout \$50.00. Model AA Maxwell Runabout. Model 21 Buick Touring Car, Fore Doors. E-M-F Touring Car, Fore Doors.	power for three motors at the Unit Brick and Tile factory. Mr. Brigham and his men have now gone to New	which are made reversible Also Duck	Boys' fleece-lined 25c. and 50c.
Model 17 Buick Touring Car. Model N Ford Runabout. Price of	Bedford, where they have a large con- tract for similar work that will re-	coats made with blanket linings.	Boys' Wool Underwear 50c.
these cars \$90.00 up.	quire several months and possibly a year to complete:	Corduroy, sheep-lined	Boys' Union Suits 50c., \$1.00 and \$1.25
These are not cars all worn out, but will pay anyone interested	Clifford Shedd has consented to help a dramatic committee in Ayer		SWEATERS
to investigate before purchasing.	by taking the role of a Chinaman in "The colonel's maid," soon to be	Leather, sneep-linea \$8.00	All the popular colors in Gray, Crimson
	staged in that town.	Leather, corduroy reversible \$5.00	and Navy. Some are made plain coat style
E. O. PROCTOR	Georgie, son of Charles H. Yapp. has been quite sick and early in the week was threatened with pneumonia.	Duck, blanket-lined \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50	and some have collar and pockets. We
	Leonard Roberts, Philip Cook and Fred Cook deserve a word of com-	HORSE BLANKETS AND ROBES	have Sweaters for Men and Boys, and also for Women and Children.
Buick Agent for Ayer, Groton, Shirley, Pepperell, Littleton, Harvard and Townsend	mendation for having been present at the Congregational Sunday school	we carry a full line of the well-known	Men's Coat Sweaters, 75c., \$1.00, \$2.00,
	every Sunday throughout the past year.	5 A Horse Blankets—the very best make of	\$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00
LITTLETON. J. H. Whitcomb, jr. Guests at Mr.	recently from Mrs. Hope Conant	horse blankets on the market. Splendid values.	Boys' Coat Sweaters 98c., \$1.50 and \$2.00
Nows Items. Whitcomb's for the holiday dance were Miss Helen Carroll, a Mt. Ida	young daughters has died of tuber-	Stable Blankets \$1.00 to \$3.00	Women's Coat Sweaters, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00
Mrs. Frank Layton returned home seminary student, from Lynn, and from the hospital on Tuesday in time Roy Parsell, a Technology student,	Miss Ellen A. Kimball was a recent	Street Blankets \$2.00 to \$5.00	children's Coat Sweaters,
to join other members of the family from Malden. in Christmas fativilles. George Wright's family, of Lowell,	guest at Austin T. Kimball's, coming from Mrs. Hamlin's in Westford,	Plush Robes \$3.00 to \$5.00	50c., 98c., \$1.50 and \$2.00
"Grandma Smith of Withfrop, has spent Christmas with W. E. Conant's been visiting her son, Charles L. family in IAttleton.			
Smith. The Misses Reed, of Barre, spent Miss Maud Mitchell, of the Chelsea high school faculty, is at home for	age to Foster street, where he is	ter street, where he is ouse. The new house has CALENDAR WEEK	
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb the Christmas Vacation.	pected that the frame will soon be erected.	We shall present to every customer	who makes a purchase at our store during
entertained a family of fifteen on George A. Cook and family were			

Wednesday. Among the number were Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner, Mary V. Gardner and Bichard Gardner, J. New Bedford; Mr. and Mrs. Ar-Marshall, of Stow; Mr. and Mrs. Ar-

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first part of the afternoon's program and the sale that followed was a splendid manifestation of the skill of the pupils in basketry, sewing, cake and candy making and various other useful articles. Basketry and raffia work, also sewing classes, have been recently conducted at the Frost school, the Tadmuck club defraying the cost of materials and the results obtained are surely gratifying, a credit to teachers and pupils alike. The pro-ceeds of this sale are for procuring materials for further work. Grange.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1912

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## MR. MARDIFIELD'S CHRISTMAS GRANDSON

WONDER who they are!" said old Mr. Mardifield,

He was standing at the window of the breakfast room, looking across the sunny street at an unpretending little cottage. "Whom do you mean, uncle?" asked

Clara Barton, who expected to be her granduncle's heiress. "Why, those people across the way!" "Oh, common folks, I dare say. Nobody else would live in that house."

Old Mardifield came to the breakfast table. He sighed softly as he took the cup from Clara's jeweled hand. "Uncle, dear, you are very silent,"

said Clara. "I was only thinking. my dear," said the old gentleman apologetically.

"Only thinking!" Yes, his mind had gone back years along the dusty track of time, and he had been mutely pondering upon what the result would have been had he shaped his course differently in the days that were gone He had had a son once, of whom he had been proud and fond, and if-"I would have done anything for

him-anything." thought Mardifield, swallowing his coffee, "if he would only have been willing to consult my feelings a little. But when he married that western girl it was like drawing a gulf between us, and he knew it. But he's dead now, and even on his deathbed he was too proud to send for his old father.\*

These were the thoughts that were passing through old Mardifield's mind. As the old gentleman was returning from a walk later in the cool sunshine a little fellow hanging over the gate accosted him eagerly.

"Sir, are you Santa Claus?"

"Not that I know of. Why?" "You are like the picture in my book." said the boy-"a fat old gentleman, with a long white beard and lots of parcels. And my mamma said Santa Claus wouldn't come to our



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By virtue and in pursuance of the authority contained in an order and decree of the Supreme Judicial Court, sitting in equity for the County of Worcester, upon the petition of Joseph Holden et al., which decree was filed March 17, 1906, will be sold at public auction on Saturday, December 28, 1912, at eleven o'clock A. M., at the District Court Room in Ayer, Mass., the following described tract of land:

A certain tract of land situate in the northeasterly part of said Har-vard on "Shaker Village" Road, socalled, and bounded:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the premises at land of A. J. Lovell thence by said Lovell land by the following courses and distances S 4° 45' W 400 feet; S 73° 10' E 367 feet; S 40° 30' W 514 feet; S 77° E 192 \$1.25 \$2.50 feet to land of one Chamberlain Food Choppers \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75 thence by said Chamberlain land by the following courses and distances S \$1.25 \$1.25 8834 E 211 feet; N 15° 25' E 145 feet; \$3.50 N 73° E 490 feet; N 74° 30' E 159 \$2.00 feet; N 30° E 175 feet; N 31° W 56 feet; N 16° 30' W 100 feet; N 32° 20' \$1.98 W 100 feet; N 13° 40' E 163 feet; et 50 N 35° 35' E 29 feet to stake at land \$1.25, \$1.50 of Harvard Shakers; thence by said 50c. to \$2.50 thence southerly by said cross road 75c. to \$1.25 about 1660 feet to land of one Rob-\$1.00, \$1.50 erts; thence by said Roberts land by the following courses S 14° 10' W 538.8 feet; S 53° W 109 feet; S 48° 57' W 127.3 feet; S 55° 10' W 65.8 feet; S 2° 30' W 96.5 feet; S 25° 35' winell W 37 feet; S 49° 5' E 79 feet to the Harvard and Littleton Road; thence Westerly by said road about 2400 feet Fine Groceries and Hardware to land of the Town of Harvard thence by said Town of Harvard land the following courses and distances N 5° 10' W 960 feet; N 77° 15' W 660 feet; N 0° 40' E 516 feet; N 2° 40' E 520 feet to land of Lucretia Hall; thence by said Hall land N 3° 45' E 35' Course is a state of the state of the same state of the Why Not Buy a Home? Why pay rent all your life and have nothing at the end? 45' E 887 feet; N 86° 25' E 286 feet to land Harvard Shakers; thence by said Shaker's land N 10° E 469 feet to land of heirs of John Hynes; One Two-tenement House with Barn \$2200 thence by said heirs land N 5° E 388 \$1000 feet to Shaker Village Road; thence \$2000 easterly by said road about 300 feet to the point of beginning containing \$1500 200 acres be the same more or less. All the above are in Ayer and well Terms: \$100.00 at time of sale, 3m8 balance on delivery of deed. For further particulars enquire of subscribers or D. C. Parsons, Ayer, Room 3 Bank Building, Ayer. Mass.

Here a soft voice from the window Clothes Wringers called "Lionel! Lionel!" and the ap-

Christmas with Melrose cousins.

A recent announcement of interest against the Weeks bill always had a to the Westford friends is the mar-riage of Mrs. Emma Abbot Kebler of against it.

Christmas anthem. In the evening a service of song and readings was given as follows: "The Christmas ness, fastened the booms of the der-names," Mrs. L. W. Wheeler: Mrs. ricks on last Saturday for the win-Perley E. Wright was present and by ter rest. Peterson Bros., also on Oak special request gave the paper pre-pared for the last meeting of the Tad-much club on "Christmas customs"; reading, "The star—a Christmas customs"; reading, "The star—a Christmas mys-tery," Mrs. Wallace; reading, "A Christmas carol" by Dean Farrar, Miss Mary P. Bunce; reading, "A Christmas legend," Miss Sarah W. Loker

The Edward Fishers spent Christmas at Swampscott, the H. V. Hildreths at Malden. Mr. and Mrs. Perley E. Wright met at East Merrimack, N. H., for the day.

#### Successful Affair.

The concert and sale by the pupils of the Frost school, under the direc-tion of their teachers and which con-stituted the closing exercises previous successful affair. This was held in the lower town hall last week Friday afternoon and called out a large number of interested parents and friends. Recitations and music formed the

telephone exchange. Miss May Day is at home from her teaching in West Springfield, N. Y., for the Christmas vacation. for the Christmas vacation. for the christmas vacation. for the christmas vacation. for the christmas vacation.

Miss Hazel B. Hartford spent congress by a narrow margin hristmas with Melrose cousins. known as the Weeks bill. The The fight

riage of Mrs. Emma Abbot Kebler of Brookline to Mr. Atwood. Directly following the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Atwood went abroad for travel in Southern Europe. On Sunday at the Congregational church Rev. Mr. Wallace gave a good (Christmas message upon the star that is within, of peace and hope. Miss Edna Ferguson sang a finely rendered Christmas anthem. In the evening The vertice of the transford and West-conference. George E. Gould was the efficient one to provide for the wants of hunger.

ness, fastened the booms of the der-ricks on last Saturday for the win-ter rest. Peterson Bros., also on Oak hill, spell the example of the H. E.

Soth W. Banister, Herbert E. Walk-den, Alister McDougall and Chester Burnham, all rising examples of "hitching your wagon to a star" in their college training at Amherst. have been spending vacation days in the rural environments of home. The next meeting of Mrs. G. W. Prouty. J. E. Gardner of Shirley, having sold his farm there, will soon move here and will occupy the tenement be longing to his son, A. P. Gardner. In Surrey, England, the "oud" is called "quid." The expression "quid" of tobacco, probably comes from this

The next meeting of Middlesex North Pomona grange will be held on Friday, January 3, at Odd Fellows' hall, Bridge street, Lowell, when the annual installation of officers will take place.

Mr. and Mrs. George Howard, of Bound Brook, N. J., are at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor for the Christmas holidays. Oscar Naylor, of Detroit, Mich., is exemplifying the holiday vacation spirit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Naylor, and other old time associates of West Chelmsford. Peter McGlinchey, one of the em-

Among the students at home for the holidays are Mildred Flagg, from Pembroke college; Katherine Kimball, from Mt. Holyoke college; Benjamin Constitution Hawward, Stanlay Co-Also hay bay is at home from her taching in West Springfield, N. Y., debate was unseasonable. In consections in the Christmas vacation.
A Christmas wedding of interest is that of Miss Edith Bicknell to Calvin, Witcown, Stelections and other specified and Herbert Whitcomb, the debate was called off university: John bits of Royalston. Miss Bicknell, appropriately decorate itself for the interest diang society will appropriately decorate itself for the many Westford friends extend their sincere good wishes for her future happiness and prosperity.
Among young people home for the family of Rev. George M. Rice, for eight years minister of the Unitarian church, and will be interested in church, and will be interested in Constant, from Pitchburg Normal, and teachers at home for the vacation are Maris that from Welesley, Miss Evelyn N. Knowing that Mrs. Rice is an aunt to Congressman John W. Weeks, of Hamilin from Welesley, Miss Evelyn N. S. senator. Thus the town by way list are Miss Gertrude Hamilin from Amherst agricultural college, the last three as students and Mr. MacDougall as an instructor.
Miss Hazel B. Hartford spent Christmas with Melrose cousins.

among his large circle of relatives. Last week Friday afternoon our popular Woman's quartet used their talents in giving real pleasure and en-joyment to two of the shut-ins, one nearly twenty years, Mrs. A. M. Hend-ley, and Mrs. Theodore Fletcher, who is practically helpless. They are both very bright mentally and it was an afternoon of pleasure never to be for-gotten and we trust the singers en-joyed it, knowing they were doing some good. some good.

The annual meeting of the King's Daughters' circle will be held January 7 at the home of Mrs. W. H. Davis, The meeting of the United Mission workers will be held New Year's day with Mrs. C. F. Flagg as hostess. Leader, Miss Florence Wilcox.

Guild meeting topic, "The happy fe." Leader, Roland Houghton. life.

Friday, January 3, the meeting of the Woman's Alliance will be held at the home of Mrs. M. J. Priest, in charge of Mrs. G. W. Prouty.

#### DRIVES OFF A TERROR.

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parition slipped Bread Mixer and ran away.

"A cunning little rogue!" thought Sad Irons, set of 3 Mardifield. "Santa Claus, eh? An old Skates gentleman with a long white beardha! ha! ha! And I might have had Sleds just such a chubby rascal of a grand-Air Rifles son as that if only-I wonder if they would object to my adopting him! Santa Claus, eh? Well, I believe I Three-coin Banks will turn Santa Claus for once!"

The stars were shining out, tiny points of gold, through the darkness of the Christmas eve, when Mr. Mardifield knocked at the door of the little

cream colored cottage. "Come in!" a gentle voice called, and Mardifield, groping his way through a semilighted hallway, found himself in the presence of a sweet faced woman, in a pillowed chair, her fingers busied

in some piece of knitting. "Madam." said he, bowing courteous ly. "I am Santa Claus!"

And then he told her the story of how little Lionel had accosted him in the morning.

"You are very kind, sir," said the woman tremulously. "We are poor-so poor. in fact, that the barest necessa ries of life are sometimes beyond our reach-and little Lionel's dream of Santa Claus must have gone unrealized if it were not for your thoughtful consideration."

We carry a full line of Groceries of all kinds and our stock is always new and fresh. In Flour we handle the celebrated Gold Medal and Ceres-ota brands. Our specialty is Vermont Butter and Cheese. Give us a call and we will do our best to please you. She smiled faintly, with a motion of her white transparent hand toward the chimney, but as Mr. Mardifield turned round to look he started as if smitten by some sudden blow. "My God!" he gasped, "whose picture

is that banging over the mantel?" "My husband's portrait. sir." "Your husband's! Then." and he turned once more to face her, "you are

Charley's wife!" "My husband's name was Charles Mardifield." she answered. Little Lionel, awakened by the loud voice in which the old gentleman had spoken. sat up in his bed, with disheveled curls

and big eyes. "Santa Claus, Santa Claus!" he cried "Mamma, I knew he'd come!"

"My child," said Mr. Mardifield, lift ing the little form in his arms, "Santa VINES Claus has sent you a grandfather."

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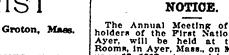
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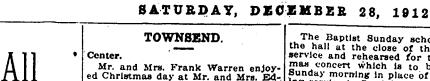
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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warren enjoyed Christmas day at Mr. and Mrs. Ed-ward Ordway's at Cambridge.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rouy Cowdrey and little daughter spent the holiday with Mrs. Cowdrey's relatives at Lancaster. little Price

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Eldridge and two children, of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller, of Somerville, and Harriet Miller, of Attleboro, were at H. J. Miller's for Christmas.

H. J. Miller's for Christmas. The following officers were elected at the grange Monday night: T. E. Flarity, m.; Frank Woods, o.; Hattle E. Misner, lect.; Clara Heselton, stew.; Chas. Hodgman, asst. stew.; Mary Spring, chap.; Geo. L. Whitcomb, treas.; Flora I. Atwood, sec.; Chas. Dix, g. k.; Mary E. Taylor, Ceres; Alice Brown, Pomona; Bertha W. Drake, Flora; Laura I. Richards, I. a. s.; W. H. Scales, ex. com., three years; G. A. Proctor, com. for remainder of T. E. Flarity's term. The installation will be Tuesday evening, January 28, and officers will be installed by state overseer, E. E. Chapman of Ludiow. A fine Christmas concert was given AYER, MASS

A fine Christmas concert was given at the M. E. church last Sunday even-ing by the choir and young people. The church was prettily decorated in Christmas colors and the children all spoke and sung songs fitting to the Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Warren Seaver en-joyed Christmas at Harwich with their daughter, Mrs. Lillian Seaver Cook. Miss Ethel Rockwood of the John Hopkins medical college and Gertrude Rockwood of Boston are at home for a Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Herbert Wilson has been quite ill with indigestion, but is now slightly better.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary. Odd Fellows' hall presented a gala appearance on Christmas night with its beautiful Christmas decorations of green and red in honor of the twenty. fifth wedding anniversary of our genial friends, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity. The celebration was planned and band, and severe has been the task of keeping the celebration as been the its of keeping the celebration as been the task of keeping the celebration as the state of the sufficance and every one present expressed much numbers of people passing through the soone tool him he had better get into his "biled shift" at once, which he hardly had time to do beed to take them to the hall where first a royal reception was given them, after which there was music by the philammonie orchestra and a litter ary program given consisting of songs by Robert Copeland and Stella Far-rar, original poem by H. W. Seavert a royal reception was given them, after which there was music by the Philharmonic orchestra and a liter-ary program given consisting of songs by Robert Copeland and Stella Far-rar, original poem by H. W. Seaver, read by Dr. Atwood, orchestral selec-tions and a grange poem. Frank Knight acted as toastmaster of the evening and presented the gifts of the combined orders to Mr. and Mrs. Flarity, which consisted of sity-five silver certificates, a silver pie knife from Pepperell friends, and a hand-some silver bread tray from the band.

The Baptist Sunday school met in Sharp's residence and are now en-the hall at the close of the morning gaged in re-wiring the leather-board save for the Christ-mas concert which is to be held on Sunday morning in place of the morn-ing service in Seminary hall.

Miss Lottie Leslie, of Worcester, made a week-end visit on last Sat-urday and Sunday with her parents of West Hollis.

Miss Loraine Bell spends her vaca-tion in Boston with her mother and

Sunday School Exercises.

brother.

Miss Lena Thompson and Miss Ruth Hayden, both teachers from Fitchburg, are spending the Christ-mas vacation at their homes. News Items. Miss Daisy Woods is assisting in the postoffice and Mr. Richards' store during her vacation from the Normal school in Keene.

phoid fever at the Worcester City hos-pital. They found him on the gain with temperature much lower. He was remembered by his friends in Townsend and by his comrades here by gifts of flowers and messages of sympathy upon Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Rouy Cowdrey and of West Hollis. Mrs. L. G. Woods hurt her ankle very seriously last Monday. She is confined to the bed with it and it is very painful. Mr. Woods is also quite ill and in bed. They have the sym-pathy of the community.

the young hostess. Walter E. Weston, of Josselynville,

is improving the appearance of his cottage by the addition of a veranda. Clarence E. Streeter has been on the sick list for the past week, but has now sufficiently recovered to resume his work.

A. C. Colburn is quite ill and W. W. Worcester is serving as janitor of the town hall until he recovers. Mrs. Lester Hayden, who recently went to Worcester for a visit, is suf-fering from an attack of the grippe, and is obliged to remain there. Mrs. Hayden went to Worcester on last Carl B. Willard has been spending a few days at the home of relatives in Dorchester. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Davis, who have Ar. and Mrs. E. T. Davis, who have spent the summer and fall in their Camp at Stoddard, N. H., have re-turned to the village and opened their home on Main street. All the schools in town closed on last week Friday for a vacation of two weeks.

Fred Rawson, a student at Bow-doin college, is spending the Christ-mas vacation with his mother, Mrs. Herman L. Stickney.

Little Faith Tucker is quite serious-ly ill with convulsions at her home in Josselynville. Miss Ruth Goodwin is visiting for a week in Worcester, in the family of Rev. C. F. H. Crathern,

Rev. C. F. H. Crathern. Mrs. Helen Leighton, a teacher in Amherst, with her daughter, Miss Frances, are spending their vacation with Mrs. C. J. Bell. The clerk of the church has sent out the invitations to the annual meet-ing and reunion of the church to be held in Grange hall on January 2.

Mrs. Ellen Pratt has returned from Mrs. I. P. Sherwin's, where she has been caring for her and her little son during an attack of measles, and has opened her house on Elm street. Owing to the absence of the pastor,

Owing to the absence of the pastor, Henry B. Hathaway conducted the Friday evening prayer services, and it is expected that W. E. Wilder, from the Center, will have charge of the Sunday evening meeting. The Y. P. S. C. E. meeting will be led by Mrs. Fred A. Patch on the subject of "Missions."

A Christmas concert will be held in Seminary hall on Sunday morning. A very interesting program is being pre-

On Tuesday afternoon the children On Tuesday afternoon the children of the village met at the reading-room and were presented with a gift and a dish of ice cream and cake through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Homer, of New York. The affair was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Par-sons. our Christmas joys." A collection was taken for the amount being rais-ed by the A. B. C. F. M. to build hospitals in China. The collection that evening was sixteen dollars; since then two dollars have been add-ed to the fund. The superintendent has sold twenty-five shares in the hospital fund, which amounts to more than twenty dollars raised by the Hollis Congregational Sunday school towards this cause. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Willard, of Dor-

chester, have been visiting Mrs. Willard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A.

Walter Lewis returned from visit-

Miss Dorothy Smith has returne

from Somerville, accompanied by Mis Gertrude Wilson, who will spend a short vacation at Walnut Grove.

Joel Cook, who has been ill at his sister's, has returned to his home

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eral months of the winter with a friend in Boston. James Bell, who is employed as a

ection hand on the Greenville branch has completed his work here and will be removed to the Sudbury district. His family will remain here for the present.

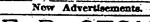
Rev. S. D. Ringrose preached on Sunday morning in Seminary hall a special Christmas sermon on "The Judean vision," and in the evening his topic was "The greatest gift."

The Y. P. S. C. E. meeting was conducted by Miss Alice Seaver on last Sunday, and the subject was "Christ's gifts to the world."

The Brotherhood met in the Bap-

tist vestry at noon, with the president, Dr. R. S. Ely, in the chair, and an attendance of fifteen.

Fred L. Taft has accepted a posi-





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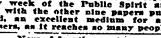
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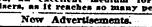
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ing friends in Boston, accompanied by Miss Bernice W. Pitts, of Kennebunk-port, Me. Mrs. C. A. Smith is visiting with her sister in Boston.

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#### Saturday, December 28, 1912.

## GROTON.

News Items.

The Congregational church holds let fever. the twenty-fifth, annual dinner and Christin roll call in the vestry on Wednesday, George Ca January 1.

Mrs. Charles Lawrence went away for Christmas.

At the high school dance of Friday evening, December 20, about fifty dol-lars was realized.

Miss Susie H. Shattuck read a paper on China at the Woman's Missionary meeting of the Baptist church on Thursday afternoon.

Lawrence and Richard Bowers, of Brookline, are visiting their grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bow-ers, during the holidays.

Star Lumber company, camp 4, Elko, B. C., Canada. They have fifty-three men and sixteen horses busy. Mr. Floyd finds it decidedly cold and freezing weather but makes good pay.

John Conklin, plumber, from Boston, is one of a number of other men who is assisting D. E. Murphy. He rooms at Miss Clara Hutchins'.

Miss Chadborn from Boston is tak-ing a room at Miss Hutchins' this week to spend a part of the holiday season here.

Townsend Folkins has gone on a visit to his old home and friends in Nova Scotia.

The was eighty years old and born at Groton, the son of Oliver and Eirz abeth Derby and was the last remain-ing of their family of eleven children. He was educated in the public scholes of this town and Lawrence academy, but most of his married life was pass. He week, December 20. Mrs. Charles H. Berry, who has been suffering from ill turns at inter-vals all this fall, was taken to Groton hospital on Tuesday. Her symptoms indicated gallstones. At this writing ——Thursday afternoon—her husband and other relatives found her much

The Baptist church has its annual business meeting, dinner and roll call on Wednesday, December 8.

on Wednesday, December 8. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Gerrish have had framed some fine large pic-tures of Whittier, Lowell, Holmes and Bryant at Erving's shop on Champney street, to be hung in theposton Buaou street. They are to be hung in the public library building, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Gerrish in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Bancroft. Benort has it that Pauline Mason

on. Christmas Exercises. The "Night before Christmas" fes-tivals at the Unitarian, the Congrega-tional and the Baptist churches passed

Report has it that Pauline Mason, the little girl from Boston way, who danced at the benefit given in town hall on last week Thursday evening, has since been taken down with scar-lot forum

dress, during the holidays.
 Miss Annie L. Gilson, golng on has, week priday, visited her one outsing by her strugged of the prince of the being circumstating of the second of the being circumstating. It is response to the prince of the being circumstating of the second of the being circumstating of the second of the second of the being circumstating. It is response to the prince of the being circumstating of the second of the being circumstating of the second of the second of the being circumstating. It is response to the prince of the second o

and is now in the last year of the three years' course at the Georgetown law university. Mr. and Mrs. Beals (Eleanor We-ber) from Plainfield are spending the Christmas week in town and rooming at Miss Hutchins on Pleasant street. Harry A. Floyd is with the North Star Lumber company, camp 4, Elko, B. C., Canada. They have fifty-three men and sixteen horses busy. Mr.

The Middlesex Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., will hold a social dance in town hall on the evening of December 31. Music by Robbins' orchestra, of Pep-perell, four pieces.

Chief Riley is staying at Mrs. Leon-ard's house while she is in Boston for the winter season.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wood enter-tained on Christmas day, Mrs. Wood's mother, two sisters and their families, from Clinton, and another sister and family from Concord, N. H., making fourteen in all to sit down to Christ-

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1912

Young Groton people home from of her death will be found in the Young Groton people home from working positions for the vacation: Miss Ada Bradley, Massachusetts Gen-eral hospital, nurse; Wm. H. Boynton, Boston: Chas. B. Campbell, Washing-ton, D. C.; Wyman Gibson, Boston; May Keating, Boston; Charlotte Keat-ing, Boston; Wm. L. Patterson, Bos-ton; C. Howard Patterson, Boston; Guy Swallow, Fitchburg; Wm. Toom-ey, Fitchburg; Horace Workman, Bos-ton. Aver news column. The son of Mrs. Clara Stone Davis is confined to the house with a bad cold, threatened with tonsilitis.

The regular meeting of the King's Daughters will be held at the Con-gregational church parlors on Thursday, January 2.

The ladies of the Unitarian society will hold a supper and social at the town hall on Friday evening, Jan-uary 3. Entertainment at eight o'clock, followed by social dancing.

C., coming on Thursday, visited his cousin, Mrs. G. S. Webber. Rev. Albert Kilbourn, of Dartmouth college, Ralph Kilbourn and Ellery Kilbourn, of Montreal. were holiday guests at the home of their aunt, Mrs. R. Spaulding. Richard Harrington, of Brighton, spent the week-end with his aunt, Mrs. G. G. Harrington. Christmas festivities were held at the hall on Tuesday evening. Richard Lawrence impersonated Santa Claus, At the Congregational church Sun

Christmas gift of a dozen pinks. Groton's half of Squannacook bridge: also, Red bridge, have been under repairs, and are now consid-ered safe.

Mrs. Goodearl and son Arthur spent last Sunday in Groton.

Laura Brown went to West Acton on last Saturday to spend the winter. She has rooms at Charles Dudley's. Mrs. Albert Littlefield and Charles Littlefield spent the week-end with the Hemenways at Framingham. Grace Cobleigh came home from Fitchburg last week quite sick with tonsilitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Burpee Stelle spent Christmas with the Hagers in Clin-ton. Mrs. Dodge is with her daugh-ter there for several weeks.

Work on the state road is comjcake. pleted for this season and the men left on last Saturday.

over twenty pounds and it cut up into

over twenty pounds and it cut up into 164 pieces and they both fittingly re-sponded to Mr. Knight's remarks in presenting: the gifts. Among others who also spoke were B. H. Savage, Geo. Whitcomb, John Arlin, Mrs. Barber, H. B. Miller, E. A. Morse, Dr. Atwood, Alexander Reed, F. B. Higgins, Rev. S. P. Robertson, Mrs. Savage, Fred J. Piper, John J. Piper, C. W. Hildreth, H. B. Hildreth, Robert Misner and Harry Knight. The Christmas decorations were in charge of Mrs. Minnie Knight and charge of Mrs. Minnie Knight and much work was put into them. Then everybody had a jolly time and fruit punch was served with the wedding toka

leted for this season and the men ft on last Saturday. B. C. Steele moved his saw mill on uesday to Harvard, onto the woodlot send most of the time since. They send most of the time since. They are both prominent in the various or-ders in town and are always a help in all social affairs. Mr. Flarity has charge of the Fessenden Cooperage Co.'s plant at Hoboken, N. J., a branch concern of the B. & A. D. Fes-senden Co, here and spends his time between the two places, in the office department. He is also an Oddfellow, Rebekah, Granger, a member of St. Paul lodge of Masons and also be-longs to Banceft chapter of Boyal They longs to Bancroft chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Ayer.

At Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Farwell entertained the Misses Carrie and Elizabeth Priest.

hall on last week Thursday evening. has since been taken down with scar-let fever. Christine Carkin, its ill and under the doctor's care. At the evening service at the Bap-tist church on last Sunday, Miss S. P. Hill and George E. Hodgman sang a duet, with Miss Geneieve Hodgman as planist. John Lawrence's family, who have taken a house in Boston for the win-ter, held their annual Christmas tree gathering at their Groton home on Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. David Gibson enter-tained Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gleason (her sister and family) on Christmas day, there being eleven sitting down to dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence E. Blood en-Mr. At the David Gibson Christ-Mr. And Mrs. Laurence E. Blood en-Mr. And Mrs. Laurence E. Blood en-Mrs. Mrs. M While en route to spend the holi-day with his daughter at Pittsburgh, Pa., in a New York hotel, George Pollard, of this town, made a mis-step and fell down a flight of stairs. He was badly shaken up, but the doctors found no broken bones. Aside from a general socrees for a few

during the past year, and especially during the Holiday Season.

the hall on Tuesday evening. Richard Lawrence impersonated Santa Claus, and a very pleasing program was givt en by the children. We have not a list of the numbers, but we have heard especially mentioned the solo singing by Vera Donovan and Kath-erine McCann. The Sunshine band presented their director. Mrs. Charles Bixby, with a Christmas gifts was made. At the Congregational church Sun-day morning, December 29, the pastor will take as the theme of his dis-course, "Ambidexterity in religion." The evening meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. at seven o'clock will have for its subject. "Missionary needs and how may we help to meet them." Miss Pollard will lead this meeting. The next meeting of the Willing

more comfortable at their call during the afternoon. If a operation is not thought of, at steast, until she is stronger. That question will be decided later.

Reginald Huebner of Groton has been assisting in the jewelry store of N. F. Stewart at Clinton during the Christmas trade.

Frank. Dilbert has been on the express route helping out during the Christmas rush.

Louise Boynton has been assisting at the postoffice during the heavy mails of the holiday season.

The engine and hose company will hold their fifteenth annual concert and ball in town hall, Friday evening, January 10. Music by John Fogg's orchestern of Brochten orchestra of Brockton.

rnere was an alarm sounded for five different foreign countries. One morning for a grass fire in the field an Italian, another a Frenchman, an-back of Mr. Chase's and the Congre-gational parsonage in was a fire. gational parsonage. It was put out before the services of the fire company were necessary. It was set by sparks from a locomotive and put out the railroad men.

William Felton Stone's children Home Comers, ave the whooping cough. Students fro

R. M. Erving is mounting and framing the Confederate money be-longing to the E. S. Clark post. It is in 5, 10, 20 and 50-dollar bills, not nd crisp, but worn and showing the signs of having been in circulation. The bills are arranged around a picture of Jefferson Davis, which occupies the central position.

Miss Fannie E. Woods won ten dol-lars in the Boston Globe's book lovers' contest.

A number of Miss Carrie Clarke's young lady friends gave her a "linen shower" on last Saturday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. John L. Gilison. They all passed a most en-joyable evening. The shower was a complete surprise to Miss Clarke. was a

Mrs. Georgie Dalrymple Decatur, of Winthrop, sent one hundred dollars on Wednesday, December 18, to the on weanesday, December 18, to the Baptist church. It was sent in mem-ory of her mother, Mrs. Betsey Dal-rymple, who was a most loyal mem-ber of the church for many years. December 18, was the anniversary of Mrs. Dairymple's death.

ed away.

Tuesday, got a fox which is said to be the largest one shot around in this vicinity for many a day.

There was a large number of men out with guns and dogs hunting on Phristmas day, but report does not tell of any game.

There have been conflicting stories about a man being killed last Saturday night on the track running north from the station, not far from Mr. Coughlin's. The latest is, and it is said to be true that a man lying on the track that night was seen and picked up by a passing train, and was not run over and killed.

A condition amongst workmen not A condition amongst workmen not unusual in a city or large manufac-turing center, but more so in the country, was remarked by W. V. Bix-by the other day. The five men work-ing together for him were natives of five different foreign countries. One

Miss Lena L. Tuttle, teacher at Boscawen, N. H., is spending the Chris mas vacation with her sister, Mrs: hrist mas vacation with her sister, MIS: J. H. Sargent and family, at Lancaster.

Students from Groton at home Bradley, Amherst Agricultural col-lege; Mildred Brown, Simmons col-lege; Stanley Chase, Y. M. C. A. elec-trical school, Boston; Ruth Davis, trical school, Boston; Ruth Davis, Fitchburg Normal; Mabel Dickinson, Bryant & Stratton, Boston; Kathleen Dunphy, Fitchburg Normal; Perlie P. Fallon, Columbia Law school, New York city; Thekla Huebner, Fitchburg Normal; Lewis M. Knapp, Amherst college; Carl A. P. Lawrence, Dart-mouth college; Marguerite Leonard, Fitchburg Normal; Daniel Needham, Harvard college; M. Louise Nutting, Fitchburg Normal; Everett Nutting, Y. M. C. A. Electrical school, Boston;

Y. M. C. A. Electrical school, Boston; Doris Peabody, Phyllis Roache, Bry-ant & Stratton, Boston; Gladys Swal-low, Fitchburg Business college; Win-thron I. Sheedy Williams college; throp L. Sheedy, Williams college; Harold H. Woods, Dartmouth; Harvey Woods, Lowell Textile.

on Wednesday, December 18, to the Raptist church. It was sent in mem-ory of her mother, Mrs. Betsey Dal-rymple, who was a most loyal mem-ber of the church for many years. December 18, was the anniversary of Mrs. Dalrymple's death. While W. V. Bixby was repairing the Red bridge on last Saturday, he noticed a deer swimming down the river. On catching sight of the men it fried to go ashore, but failed to get a footing, apparently caught in brush. As one of the men started to give some help, it freed itself and bound-ed away. ton. đay

cottage on Main street is completed, and that Mr. Pierce and family are occupying it, while Mr. Hallett has H. R. Harrod. rented the house next door just vacated by Mr. Pierce.

Christmas Exercises Mrs. C. R. Dudley and children Christmas Sunday was observed at the Baptist church as follows: In the morning the pastor preached a spehave spent some time recently with relatives in Danvers. Mr. Dudley joined his family for the holiday, returning with them on Thursday.

cial Christmas sermon and Mrs. Morse sang a solo. The smaller children of the Sunday school sang, gave recita-Miss Evelyn Fernald, of Newton, is Miss Evelyn Fernald, of Newton, is the Sunday school sang, gave recha-spending her Christmas vacation with tions and responsive service at the her sister, Mrs. G. S. Webber. On Thursday evening Miss Fernald at-tended a friend's wedding in Worces-ter. Solos by Mrs. Morse and Helen Stone, the service in which there there were solos by Mrs. Morse and Helen Stone, the service in which there there were solos by Mrs. Morse and Helen Stone, the service in which the stone of the service in the service is a service in the service in the service is a service in the service in the service in the service is a service in the service in the service is a service in the service in the service is a service in the service in the service in the service is a service in the service in the service in the service is a service in the service in the se

Carl Strand enjoyed Christmas with friends in Dover, N. H.

two songs by a quartet, a recitation by Luanna Webster, several songs by the congregation and remarks by the Garden's cared for on the Hill farm by West Groton boys, were entered is rural school gardens by Miss Eliza-On Tuesday evening there was as rural school gardens of MISS ELIZA-beth Hill in a garden contest directed by Doubleday, Page & Co., of New York, publishers of the Garden Maga-tice. This contest was in competi-Haynes gave an entertainment with tion with gardens from all over the country, and the first prize, a set of Christmas Guests. garden tools, was won by the West Groton gardens at the farm. These young lads, Ralph and Harvey Law-rence, Everett and Alfred Durant, Erving and Richard Kezar and Willie Students from Groton at home for Clark are to be congratulated upon holiday vacation: John and William their success.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamb has received the name of Mrs. Richard Lyman.

The engagement is announced of Miss Clara M. Parker, of West Gro ton, and Patrick J. Malley, of Pepper ell

Ray Sleeper, though handlcappe by the management, was again the winner of the first prize at the Christmas shoot held by mas shoot held by the W. G. Gun club, and received his Christmas turkey.

Among the many gifts distributed at the Christmas tree was one to Rev and Mrs. Trowbridge from their nle consisting of twenty tisp one dollar bills, fresh from the mint.

The three Thompson children, who nave all been ill, are able to be out. and they enjoyed their home tree or Christmas day.

During the coming year the elec-tric light meters are to be examined once in two months.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Marjorie, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Clara Stone Davis, died on last Tuesday at the Ellot hospital in Bos-ton. The funeral was held on Thurs-day afternoon and 'burlal was in News · Items. Mrs. Ring and Louise Gooch, of Assinippi, and Mrs. Williams came on Monday to spend the week at Willis

Woodlawn cometery. A full account Gooch's.

of J. B. Priest.

Daniel Wetherbee, of Worcester, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wetherbee, of Silver hill, were at C. T. Wether-bee's on Christmas day. Warren K. Harrod, of Worcester, is he guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. Livermore entertained a large party of relatives on the holiday. Friends of George Braman will be glad to hear that he has again been promoted at the Lyman school in Westboro, and his wife and children, who have been living in Acton, will soon go there to live.

Arthur Nelson is putting in the foundation for his new house.

The Lawrences are making a great change in their house by putting in windows and having it newly new shingled and clapboarded.

Mrs. Porter's children came homrom Waltham to spend Christmas. Mrs. Littlefield entertained Miss Susie Littlefield, of Acton, and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robbins on the holiday

William Withington, William Bra man, John Cobleigh and Frank Da-vidson took their day off last Satur-day and spent the day in Boston sight-seeing and enjoying the moving pictures and theatres, coming home on the late train.

Rev. Albert Kilbourn, of Amherst N. H., and Ellery Kilbourn, of Mon-treal, Que., were with relatives in town this week.

The Christmas tree and entertainment for the junior department of the Sunday school was held at the Congregational church Tuesday after-noon and all enjoyed the occasion and in the evening for the older ones, a Christmas entertainment was also given, in charge of Mrs. B. H. Savage, and the program consisted of tableaux, recitations, sketches and musical numbers of a high order, showing that Mrs. Savage had given

A fire broke out in the Truit store with matching and second about 10.30 o'clock Thursday night. It started in the front corner next to Miller's store and would have made a severe fire had not some one who was passing discovered it in the very warner at Mr. Warner's; Harry

Mr. and Mrs. Flarity were presented Ridge with a wedding cake which weighed Pines.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shattuck and little son spent Christmas with Ad-ney Gray and family.

Mrs. Baldwin, Miss Baldwin and Carl spent Wednesday with Leslie Baldwin at Putnam, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Spaulding have moved into the lower mill house tene-ment recently vacated by Engineer Roberge.

Mrs. Oliver Proctor, Miss Mary Cruickshank, Galen and Nillo Proc-tor were guests of E. O. Proctor and family at Ayer on Wednesday.

After a two weeks' illness George Brown died at his home on Wednes-day night.

The drama, "Uncle Rube," was pre-sented on Friday evening, December 20, by local talent at Harbor hall. The play was well given and the members of the cast fully merited the commendation bestowed upon them The y those in attendance. Invitations to present the drama elsewhere is be-ing considered by the club. The pro-ceeds from the play will be expended upon the halk

On Monday evening the supper and Christmas exercises at the hall were largely attended. Previous to the dis-tribution of presents from the Christmas trees by Adney Gray, who acted as Santa Claus, a pleasing program by the Sunday school children was presented. A rising vote of thanks was accorded Mr. and Mrs. Josselyn for the candy furnished by them for the cornucopeas, one of which was given to each child present. Revs. Struthers and Robertson, who were showing that Mrs. Sives in the prep-much thought and time in the prep-aration. T. E. Flarity contributed to the program several new records of Christmas chime pieces upon his talk-in attendance during a part of the evening, were each presented with a sum of money. The exercises closed with marching and games.

t started in the first would have much Miller's store and would have much a severe fire had not some one who was passing discovered it in the very beginning of it. The fire department responded and a line of hose was laid from Fred Fessenden's. Miss Carrie Hager at Mr. Hager's: Miss Porter and little daughter and Miss Porter at Dinglewood; Miss Mar-Dana and Mr. Dana at Chestnut a Mrs. Noyes at Seven

TOWNSEND. Center.

Gladys Spencer, of Leominster, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. S. B Haynes; Mrs. Bridget Joyce entertain-

Christmas day was spent quietly in this village. Among the personals we note Hubert Robinson, of Fitchburg,

was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Robinson; Miss Nel-lle Neyland and Katherine Bresna-han, of Bellows Falls, with Mr. and Mrs. John Neyland; Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Nugent, of Worcester, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Morse;

Mrs. Jennie Spencer and daughter

d her children, Mr. and Mrs. Thoma

ed her children, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullen, of Lynn, Misses Agnes and Nellie Joyce and John T. Kinney, of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Viles had rela-tives from Boston at dinner; Misses Minnie, Grace and Edith Farnsworth, of Boston, Malden and Springfield, are guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs.

guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs M. A. Farnsworth.

M. A. Farnsworth. Among those who went out-of-town for the holiday we note Fred W. Bateman and sister, Miss Eliza Bate-Bateman and sister, Miss Eliza Bate-man, with Mr. and Mrs. Luther H. Bateman, Arlington; Isaac H. Mar-shall and Miss Allce Marshall, with the Composition of Marshall, at West

his son, Norman Marshall, at West Newton; Mrs. Daniel Corey and sons, Joseph and Herbert, with her son Cal-vin, at Worcester; Miss Katherine

M. Clark, at Lancaster.

BOXBOROUGH.

Lawrence with her sister, Mrs. Annie

### AYER.

#### News Items

News Items. George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., W. R. C., and S. of V. camp will have a triple installation in G. A. R. hall on Thursday evening, January 2, at 7.30 o'clock. Supper will be served in the Unitarian vestry at six o'clock, to which all members and families are invited.

Among those who are spending the holiday season in town are the fol-lowing students: Henry L. Brown of the Univehsity of Maine and Miss Ed-na Brown of St. Elizabeth college. Convent station, N. J., at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown; Miss Madeline E. Donion of St. Elizabeth college at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Donion; Nelson Turner of Tufts col-lege at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Turner; Harry Sullivar of Tufts college at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hannah Sullivan; Among those who are spending the of his mother, Mrs. Hannah Sullivan; E. Hartwell Bigelow of the University Maine at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bigelow.

Miss Helen Griffin, who is teaching School in Phillipston, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Griffin.

Dennis J. Flaherty left town on Tuesday for Baltic, Conn., to spend Christmas with relatives, and later. will probably go south for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nickerson and family, of Chatham, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Livingston.

Carl Moses, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Moses, of Providence, who have a summer home here, is camping at Sandy pond for two weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank S. Bulkeley have returned from a two-days' visit with relatives in Boston, from Tuesday to Thursday of this week.

With the advent of the first real snow storm Tuesday, comes the neces-sity of the tenants or owners of es-tates abutting on the public streets to see that their sidewalks are cleared and made safe for travel within twelve hours after the ceasing of a snow storm. The walks shall be also twelve hours after the ceasing of a snow storm. The walks shall be also cleared of ice or sleet, or if any of these substnces cannot be wholly re-last May. From one of the eggs was moved, the walks shall be sprinkled with sand or any similar material so that they shall be safe for travel. This is the substance of one of our town by-laws and failure to comply with its provisions entails a penalty of teen dollars' fine. There were some dollars' fine. There were some delinquents after Tuesday's storm. Those who do not comply with the law need not be surprised if they are summoned into court as the law will rigidly enforced.

Bennett Sanderson, from Yale college, is spending his Christmas vaca-tion with his parents, Judge and Mrs. George A. Sanderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Gleason and daughter Marjorie left on Tues-day for Mt. Vernon, N. H., where they spent Christmas with his parents. From there they went to Somerville for a visit with relatives, and expect

 ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE
 These services will close the third year of Dr. Fisk's ministry to the church. Sunday school at twelve and Y. P. R. U. meeting at six in the church. Sunday school at twelve and Y. P. R. U. meeting at six in the church. Sunday school at twelve and Y. P. R. U. meeting at six in the church. Sunday school at twelve and Y. P. R. U. meeting at six in the church. Sunday school at twelve and Y. P. R. U. meeting at six in the church. Sunday school at twelve and Y. P. R. U. meeting at six in the church. Sunday school at twelve and Y. P. R. U. meeting at six in the church. Sunday school at twelve and Y. P. R. U. meeting at six in the church. Sunday school at twelve and Y. P. R. U. meeting at six in the leaves on Monday for North Leom-istorn Hickey. of Fitchburg, began towns.
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power will be furnished to the Bos-ton and Maine Railroad Company. Several motors have been installed in

a portion of the engine house, which will be used as a repair shop, and these will be run by electric power as

Miss Martha Wilson, teacher in the seventh grade, has tendered her res-ignation to the school committee to take effect as soon as her successor is appointed. Miss Wilson is now serving her third year as teacher here, beginning in. the sixth grade. Her resignation is due to the fact that she is to be married in the near future.

The third of the series of dances The third of the series of dances becoming given by the young married couples of Ayer took place in Hardy's hall on Thursday evening. The guests con-sisted of several of the older married couples and some bachelors, all of whom derived much pleasure from the entertainment provided for them.

Lowrey A. Wright, who is employed to his

at Phelps' mill, is confined to home on Fletcher street by illness.

mas dinner. The Christmas tree exercises of the Sunday school of St. Andrews' church were held after the morning service on Christmas day. An informal pro-gram was followed by the distribution of presents to the children. The serv-the station at one o'clock on Tues-there, the chief thought it best to take them to the police station. In court they statid that they were looking for work, a part of the four intending to go to Gardner and the other part o'clock, with morning prayer and ad-dress on the significance of the holi-day by the vicar, Rev. A. L. Bumpus, at 10.45. There was special Christmas base to the cases filed. Beatty at the waiting room in the rail-road station at one o'clock on Tues-to at the vice morning the base to the station at one o'clock on Tues-they sold that they were looking for work, a part of the four intending to go to Gardner and the other part fident of procuring work, and that they intended to resume their jour-at 10.45. There was special Christmas ney on Tuesday morning. The court music by the choir and vocal solos by Miss Ruth T. Fenner and Reginald Miss Ruth MacDonnell.

The members of the Ayer Woman's club are invited to attend the next regular meeting at the Fitchburg Wo-man's club on Wednesday afternoon, January 1, at three o'clock, in Wallace hall. Miss Helen M. Winslow will be the speaker of the afternoon

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a portion of the engine house, which lis. Murphy, J. b.; T. F. Rynn, trustee will be run by electric power as physician. Low set as a repair shop, and the physician. Low set as a repair shop, and the physician and marked of the remainer as the rescand be and the physician. Low set as a new set of the shop of the shop

The Woman's Alliance will meet with Mrs. Barker in the church ves-tries on Friday; January 3, instead of on Thursday afternoon at 2.30. It is hoped to have a speaker from Bos-

ton. Letters remaining unclaimed in the Ayer postoffice for the week ending December 23: Mrs. Frank Ford, Wil-liam Hart, Harrison Co. Store, H.

District Court.

Alfred B. O'Neal, of Peppereil, was found guilty on Monday morning of assault and battery and placed on probation for six months.

Arthur Bastian, of Peterboro, N. H., Raphael Dupont, of Uxbridge, Frank Butler, of Boston, and James Gorman, of Amesbury, on Tuesday morning were found guilty of vagrancy and their cases were placed on file. The quartet were pleked up by Chief Beatty at the waiting room in the railordered the cases filed.

#### Christmas Exercises.

The Christmas concert at the M. E. hurch on last Sunday evening by church children of the Sunday school as follows:

to arrive home on Saturday. There will be a special meeting in Masonic hall of Ida McKinley chap-ter, O. E. S., on Monday evening, De-cember 30, at 7.30, for the purpose of initiation, after which a lunch and social. A special communication of Caleb Butter lodge of Masons will be heid Masonic hall, on Monday evening, January 1, at three o'clock, in Wallace the speaker of the afternoon. The conference of the literature and library extension committee of the state Federation will be held in Masonic hall, on Monday evening, January 6, at 6.30 o'clock. There will be an installation of officers by Wor-shipful Albert A. Flilebrown with Worshipful Charles F. Johnson as marshal. Supper in banquet hall at seven. Entertainment after the in-stallation by the Temple male quartet Marken bergen bestehn and Pierce heirs of Balch langer for his stiller for on his dyname first and the secretary his stallation by the Tempize and entertainer. Fred J. Livingston has purchased for months. What will be done by consisted of recent stallation of the parish, which comes on Wedness the antic object the annual meeting of the parish, which comes on Wedness the Balch and Pierce heirs of the parish, which comes on Wedness the first piece of household property store. This makes to way the church and presents for the parish, which comes on Wedness the first piece of household property store. This makes to way the church and presents for the parish, which comes on Wedness the first piece of household property store. This makes to way the church and presents for the parish, which comes on Wedness the first piece of household property store. This makes to way the store were the annual meeting of Wesh. James to seek a warrer or the distribution of the presents for the parish, which comes on Wedness the force hears of the parish, which comes on Wedness the force hears of the parish, which comes on Wedness the force hears of the parish, which comes on Wedness the force hears of the parish, which comes on Wedness the force hears of the parish, which comes on Wedness the force hears of the parish, which comes on Wedness the force hears of the parish, which comes on Wedness the force were heard will have all the house in proteined property store. This makes to were the annual meeting of Wesh. James to seek as a summer or the base of the parish, which comes on Wedness the the parish, which comes on Wedness the force hears of the parish, which comes on Wedness the force hears of the parish, which comes on Wedness the force hears of the parish, which comes on Wedness the force were will have all the house in protein to the secretary hears to seek is improving very state the comes on Wedness the force were will have all the house in parish town.

r. s.; G. H. Brown, treas.; I. F. Rynn, the went an operation on a large ab-r. s.; Batrick Keating, s. w.; John O'Connor, j. w.; T. F. Mullin, s. b.; P. B. Murphy, j. b.; T. F. Rynn, trustee B. Murphy, j. b.; T. F. Rynn, trustee deal of pain and intense suffering, but it afforded her only temporary physician.

Charles Menut, of Dunstable, Mrs. Menut being a sister of Majorie's

Many Changes Made.

James D. Tyter, superintendent of the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine railroad, since his appoint-ment to that responsible position a month ago, has made many changes toward bettering the freight and pas-senger service on his division. These changes affect many well-known of

with conditions than was possible be-

The Fitchburg division has been di-vided into three sections for the closer supervision of trains. Frank W. Brown, of Fitchburg, formerly station agent in that city, has been promoted to assistant trainmenter of the middle

moted to trainmaster of this division big teams think they will find any-with offices in that city. Superintendent Tyter will also here-after make his headquarters in Green-field, which is midway between the eastern and western terminals of the division. He is doing his utmost since the green was much closer than the

played the Y. M. C. A. and Junto club fives, respectively, of Fitchburg. The honors were even, the high school boys defeating their opponents by a close score of 23 to 18, while the Y. M. C. A. team was the victor over the Civic club five by a score of 44 to 27

over the Civic club five by a score of 44 to 27. Considering that these were the first games of the season, both teams played well and are bound to improve rapidly as the season advances. The first game called was that be-tween the local high school and Junto club teams, and it proved to be a very close and exciting contest. Not until the last minute of play was it certain who would win. At the end of the first period the visitors led by a narrow margin of one point. The high school team came back strong in the second half and added four-teen more points to its score, while

in the second half and added four-teen more points to its score, while the Fitchburg boys fell six short of the number to win. Fillebrown made the most points for the local team with a total of fourteen, making point after point in spite of the good de-fence work of the other side. Everett Hurley brought down the house by making as fine a backet on way our

cessful season will follow. The score Y. M. C. A. CIVIC CLUB 

toward bettering the inclusion. These senger service on his division. These changes affect many well-known of-ficials of the division, including sev-eral promotions to fill new offices that have been created by Mr. Tyter. The new system of assistant train-masters for the division promises to masters for the division for the traf-bandling of the traf-bandling of the traf-traine masters for the division for the traf-bandling of the traf-bandling for the traf-traine traine t Score—Ayer High 23, Junto club 18, Goals from floor—Ryan, Fillebrown 7, E. Hurley 3, Beer 5, Nickerson 3, Saun-ders. Goal from foul—E. Hurley, Referee — M. Donahue. Time — 15m. halves.

The Civic club basketball team gave Brown, of Fitchburg, formerly station agent in that city, has been promoted to assistant trainmaster of the middle division between Ayer and East Deer-field, having complete authority and supervision of all trains on that sec-tion of the division. Mr. Brown as-sumed the duties of the new position last Sunday. office will be in Fitchburg. He will be succeeded as agent there by Vernon H. Vaughn, a well-known railroad man. There are two other sections of the division which include those between Ayer and Boston, which will be in charge of R. H. Murray, who will have his office in Boston, and the western division. J. D. Bourne, the station agent at North Adams, has been pro-moted to trainmaster of this division i with offices in that city. Superintendent Tyter will also here-after make his headquarters in Green. the Isota club five a decisive beating in the game played at the town hall on Christmas afternoon. The visitors did fairly well in the first half of the

Sleds stem the rapid and constant rising Hockeys tide. The work of the home team was Skiis

Skates

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Richard G. Conant, of New Jersey came home for Christmas and the rest of the week.

Me.; on Monday night for a visit of

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week.

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Malcolm Priest, of Elmira, N. Y., came home on Christmas for the first time since he entered upon his duties for the American Bridge Company. Elmer Fletcher killed a fox in a ecent hunting expedition.

Fred Reed, coachman, is about and at his regular occupation again after a week's confinement in the house through illness.

Christmas was appropriately ob-served at the Baptist church by well attended services on Sunday morn-ing and evening. In the evening the cantata, "The story of Bethlehem," was well rendered by the young peo-ple's choir under the direction of the organist, Miss Emma E. Tenney. On Christmas eve, the little folks gather-ed in the vestry and received the ed in the vestry and received the usual gifts from two well laden trees, after a brief program of recitations, songs and a violin solo by Miss Mildred Flagg.

#### Christmas Gatherings.

Colds are very prevalent and many children were unable to attend school last week. The Christmag gatherings in the churches were much smaller than usual on account of sickness among the children, and because of the indement worther. the inclement weather. At the Uni-tarian vestry Dickens' carol was play-ed on the stage with fine effect, and the usual games and Christmas tree were enjoyed by the children. At the

were enjoyed by the children. At the Congregational vestry on Tuesday af-ternoon there were exercises appro-priate to the season. There was a play in two acts, entitled "Santa Claus," which proved very entertain-ing. The parts were taken by How-ard Kimball, who impersonated Santa Claus; Beukah Kimball, the mother; Leslie Rowe the giver and Holen Leslie Rowe, the sister, and Helen Kimball, the brother, under the ef-ficient direction of Mrs. George H. Kimball.

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#### NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the First Unitarian Parish of Ayer will be held on Wednesday Evening, January 1, 1913, at seven o'clock. You are earnestly requested to be present, as matters of importance will come be-fore this meeting. fore this meeting.

ARTHUR FENNER, Clerk. Ayer, Dec. 24, 1912. 1t16

#### LEGAL NOTICE. North Middlesex Savings Bank

### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Corpora-tors of this Bank will be held at its Banking House on Monday, the sixth day of January, 1013, at two o'clock P. M., for the election of officers and day of Januar P. M., for the the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the meet-

ing. E. A. RICHARDSON, Secretary. Ayer, Dec. 28, 1912. 1t16

NOTICE—Anyone wishing their trees trimmed, cut down or cleared of gypsy and brown-tail moths, will do well by applying to ALFRED SMITH, Ayer, Mass. Phone 45-5.

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the fifth piece of household property that he owns in town.

that he owns in town. Walter W. Manning, who is head of the advertising department of The Ladies' World, New York city, was in town Tuesday afternoon and he and his wife and children spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant of Shirley, where they are for a longer stay. Mr. Manning re-turned to his place of business in New York city Thursday. He has made a great success on that world-wide magazine, they doing an advertising business of \$400,000 this past year. He has sold the back covers for 1913, with the exception of the December number, for \$5,500 an issue. The ad-vertisements on the cover are printed in four colors and are works of art. in four colors and are works of art Mr. Manning is to have a vacation in the month of January and will go to Pinchurst, N. C., where he will attend a golf tournament.

F. H. Chandler, interior decorator and painter, is sending out one of the handsomest calendars that we have

handsomest calendars that we have seen this year. At the regular meeting of the Ayer grange on last week Thursday even-ing, the third degree was conferred ing the third degree was conferred grange on last week indiced pleased at the sector of the degree was conferred pleased at the sector of the christmas tree exercises at the Baptist church were held on Tues-Mrs. Henry W. Robbins, who with day evening, Rev. J. W. Thomas pre-siding. The program given was as follows: Song, "Send the light." con-week, gave a report of the meeting. Gregation: exercise, Dorothy Proble, After the business meeting the time Hazel Miller, Edna Mosher; recita-tions, Etta Corkum, Helen Whitney, Marah Whitney; song, congregation. After the business meeting the time was pleasantly spent in an informal social way. At the next meeting, Thursday evening, January 2, the fourth degree is to be conferred on a class of candidates, followed by the class of candidates, followed by the installation of the officers for the en-suing year by P. M. William M. Wright, of Westford, assisted by Wright, of Westford, assisted by Mrs. Henry W. Robbins.

spending the holiday season here. Chief of Police Beatty visited his home in Natick on Christmas day. At St. Mary's Sunday school last Sunday the children were each given a box of candy as a Christmas remembrance.

Mrs. William U. Sherwin, who has Ars. William C. Sherwin, who has not been in the best of health for some time past, and who has not im-proved as rapidly as was anticipated by her family, had a specialist from Boston on Thursday, and after a thorough examination of her condi-tion he gave encouragement of her ultimate recovery but that it would ultimate recovery, but that it would ake some time.

Business at the postoffice here was a record breaker on Monday and Tuesday, and the postoffice corridor was crowded with persons anxious to have their gifts safely on the way for delivery. Mr. Robinson, the post-master, and his helpful help, made all

Marah Whitney; song, congregation. After the program the presents were distributed, Herbert H. Pillman act-lng as Santa Claus. It was a very pleasant occasion.

Miss Marion Whitfield Robbins,

suing year by P. M. William M. Wright, of Westford, assisted by Mrs. Henry W. Robbins. The public library was closed on Wednesday in honor of the holiday. The new parcels post system will go third on Mrs. Henry W. Robbins, of Pingreyville, and Howard His side of the dividing line between wither on Meanesday morning, Jahuary 1. A description of the bride on Thursday afternoon by Rev. William Channing Brown, of the Unitarian church, of Littleton. The wed-method to be pursued by those who wish to send packages by mail has already appeared in this paper. Fur-calling at the postoffice. The regular service at the Unitarian church, or Sunday morning at 10.45, will include a christening service.

Financially Embarrassed.
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Financially Embarrassed.
A travelling show troupe met the "winter of their discontent," as well as the New England winter after their on the vestry of the church on Thurs-day evening. Supper was served to the children at 5.30 in charge of Mrs.
Barker, Mrs. Avis Fisher, Miss Har-riet Whitcomb and Mrs. Lois Porter.
This was followed with games among the children, and then an entertain-ment. The program included recita-tions by Marion Dwinell, Dorothy Carman and Helen Graydon, and the presentation of the play, "The Merry Christmas of the little old woman who lived in the shoe." The characters
Financially Embarrassed.
A travelling show troupe met the "winter of their discontent," as well as the New England winter after their on Tuesday evening.
Mrs. Samuel B. Scott leaves Shirley. Mrs. Saurday in company with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scott, for Rotterdam, N. Y., to re-main with them for the winter.
Mrs. Bob," the Altrurian club piay the show was properly advertised, or nary travelling company produces, ing the "dead heads" there were sorved seat tickets will go on sale at probably six people who paid admis-tion the shoe." The characters Christmas of the little old woman who lived in the shoe." The characters tain rose on the first act. sharp.

tain rose on the first act. It surely was a gloomy scene for the members of the company on the eve of the great christian holiday. The play proceeded, however, for a time, when the manager came forward and when the manager came forward and when the Manager came forward and the wighed Salue Manager and Salue were Evelyn Sanderson, the old wowere Evelyn Sanderson, the old wo-man; Gladys Porter, who made a fine Santa Claus, and these children in the shoe, Dorothy Carman, Marion Dwinell, Helen Graydon, Harold Cush-ing, Carol Pierce, Gladys Proctor. The play was largely musical, Miss San-derson singing a solo, Mrs. Fisher, ac-companist. The shoe was made by Fisk Butterfield and Roy Norris

Fisk Butterfield and Roy Norris. At the Y. P. R. U. on Sunday, Miss Natalie Bigelow was leader and the program was Christmas readings.

The leader of the Y. P. R. U. on Sunday evening will be Miss Pauline Sherwin. The meeting is at

The Suicide.

eve of the great christian holiday. The play proceeded, however, for a time, when the manager came forward and told those present that if they wished to see any more of the show, that they would all have to pay ten cents more. The patrons and "dead heads" properly considered that such a pro-ceeding would be adding insult to in-jury and they indignantly refused to pay. The company, having no money, was in sore straits to satisfy the de-mands of its aggressive creditors. Joseph C. Anno, the ever popular and obliging manager of Page hall, was obliged to take the manager's watch in payment. The watch was supposed to be worth forty doilars, but as the former owner failed to ask for a rebate over the hall rent, an investigation was made which re-sulted in the discovery that the so-celled extremely to timelese mean were the The skeleton that was found on Sunday afternoon, December 15, by the little brothers, Alfred and Law

rence Hobbs, was at least 150 yards from the Ayer town line in the dense woods on the farm of George A. Folsuited in the discovery that the so-called expensive timepiece was worth about six dollars. The company put up at the Globe hotel for supper, but were unable to get a night's lodging in town as the money for the same was not forthsom in Harvard, and outside of the jurisdiction of Midddlesex county. This we learn from Charles Stone and Samuel Blanchard, both of whom

are familiar with every inch of land in that part of Harvard. The greater part of Mr. Stone's farm is in Har-vard and his house is just a few feet

Chief of Police Beatty, seeing their sore straits, kindly offered them the use of the police station for the night, which invitation was gladly accepted. To add to their misfortunes, Attorney John E. Gardner, of Shirley, has sold his farm and is coming to Lit-tleton Center to live in one of the Dr. Phelps tenements, where he will be use of the police station for the night, who occupies the other tenement as a John D. Carney, of this town attached use of the police station for the night, which invitation was gladly accepted. To add to their misfortunes, Attorney John D. Carney, of this town, attached the gate receipts to satisfy the de-mands of Hudson creditors, where the troupe had played the previous even-ing. The discouraged thesplans left town on Wednesday morning, to go, they knew not where. Miss Cora Warren, of Boston teach-ing force, is at her father's for the holiday season.

Basketball.

The basketball season was opened ter. here on last Saturday evening when the Civic club and high school teams daughter Frances went to Portland,

quartet—Mrs. Harry Collyer, Mrs. Nellie Holbrook, Albert Dearden and Arthur Jubb. They sang "Sometime we'll understand," and "Just as I am." The bearers were George Clarke, Ar-thur Jubb, Shirley; Clarence Wether-bee, of Ayer, and Arthur Balcom, of Leominster. The flowers were very choice and beautiful.

LITTLETON.

Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield was suddenly called to Sullivan, Ohio, by the in-creased illness of his aged mother, and started on Tuesday evening from

John E. Gardner, of Shirley, ha

Miss Mabelle Pickard, of Boston was a Sunday guest at J. T. Warren's Mrs. Lucy Pickard and daughter Mabelle, spent Christmas with George Pickard's family in Chelmsford Cen-

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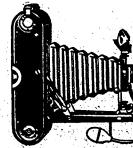
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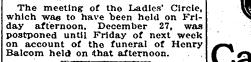
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### SHIRLEY. News Items.

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The fence at the residence of Mrs. Cummings on Front street collapsed on Tuesday morning just as Miss Louise Rivers was passing on her way to work and slightly injured her foot. Mr. and Mrs. George S. Wells en-tertained on Christmas day, Mrs. F. W. Meader and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Meader and son Carl; Roy Meader and Miss Kate Pollard, all of Leominster; Miss Grace Pollard, of Bristol, Vt., and Miss Annie Hale, of Cambridge.

\$15.00 Miss Marion Ballou, of Boston, spent Christmas day at her home in

\$22.00, \$27.00 town Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Snell en-tertained at their home Christmas day Mrs. Julia F. Kilburn and daugh-ter, Miss Grace M. Kilburn, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Allen of Brookline and their daughter, Mrs. T. J. Farmer of Cortland, N. Y., and Miss Annie Snell of Northampton. \$30.00, \$35.00 \$50.00

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Clifford Felch, of Brockton, spent Christmas at the home of his par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Felch, \$3.50

of Harvard road. L. K. Barker Miss Mamie Doolan spent Christmas at her home in Ashburnham. Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah H. Flynn spent Christmas at Mrs. Flynn's home Central Ave., Ayer

in Ashburnham.

in Ashburnham. The high and grammar schools held its Christmas exercises in the high school room on last week Fri-day under the direction of Miss Mar-gretta S. Hastings and Miss Margaret J. McMillan. The following was the order of the exercises: Song, "While Shepherds watched their flocks by night," school: recitations, Miss Vera Day and Edward Lilly; song, gram-mar school: recitations, Alfred Felch; reading, Miss Blanche Wells; piano solo, Miss Alice Peppin; address, Rev. A. L. Bumpus; song, "A Christmas hymn," school. Miss Margretta S. Hastings, high

Miss Margretta S. Hastings, high school principal, spent the Christmas school holidays at her home in Brook-

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cormier and Miss Agnes Cormier, of Rogersville, N. B., arrived in town on Tuesday for the Christmas holidow

the Christmas holidays. Miss Inez McMurray spent Christ-mas with her sister in Everett.

mas with her sister in Everett. At the regular meeting of the So-clété l'Assomption held on last week Friday evening, the following officers were elected for the year 1913: Syl-vester Thomas, pres.; William Gionet, Frank Thomas, vice pres.; Michael G. Gionet, fin. sec.; Marshall Gionet, cor. sec.; Auxvias Chaisson, treas.; Michael Bolger and Joseph Gionet, sergeant-at-arms; John P. Lanteigne, auditor, 1 year: Alex P. Gionet, 3 years. In-stallation will take place on Friday, January 3.

Successful Operation.

Mrs. Mary Hastings, of Harvard road, who passed her ninetieth birth-day last July, was operated upon last Sunday for the removal of cataracts Sunday for the removal of cataracts on both eyes. Dr. Greenwood, a Bos-ton specialist, performed the opera-tion, assisted by the family physician, Dr. Thomas E. Lilly. The operation was very successful and Mrs. Hast-ings, who possesses remarkable vital-ity for one so far advanced in years, is recovering finely from the effects of the oneration A trained neuro is in

Miss Lena Fuller, assistant high school teacher, spent the Christmas holidays at her home in Everett. Clayton Wells, of Maine university, home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Wells.

holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Desmond, of the Shirley Inn.
home from a visit with relatives in Worcester.
Charles Loomer, of Nova Scotia, with lady friend, is visiting at the of his sister. Mrs. John Sprague, of Harvard road.
Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, who has been very sick, threatened with ap-pendicitis, is improving nicely.
f Stanley F. White. of Yale college, thome with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. White.
Mrs. Burnage, of Medford, is spending the Christmas school holi-days in town with Mrs. Louise Butler, Mrs. Annie I. Banks entertained her Norther taughter, Mr. and Mrs. WilBattokatt, Wite and Mrs. WilBattokatt, Mr. and Mrs. WilBattokatt, Mr. and Mrs. WilBattokatt, Mr. and Mrs. WilBattokatter, Mr. Annie I. Banks entertained her
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Christmas Tree Exercises. Christmas tree Exercises. Christmas exercises were held at the Congregational, Universalist and Baptist churches on Tuesday even-ing. Christmas trees, a visit from Santa Claus and the distribution of gifts were the features enjoyed at the Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. Archibaid G. Adams, was presented with a purse of money, and at the Congregational church the pastor, Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon, was pre-sented with a clock, and Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, of the Universalist church, was also kindly remembered. At the Universalist church the iol-lowing program of entertainment was given: Song, school; recitations, Ed-ward Will, Harriet Wheeler and Wen-dall Page; song, "Holes in our stock-ings," school; recitations, Virginia Wheeler, John Will, Harold Watton, Moody Parker; song, Ruth Lynch; recitations, Millie Parker, Fredie Will; "Star of the east," Agnes Lynch and Hazel Ballou; Earl Pomfret, Blanche Barnard; song, "The king of tove," Mrs. Evans' class; recitations, An-na Frederich, Agnes Lynch, Charlie Will; song of the manger, children; recitations, Everett Barnard, Carl Page, Leonard Jubb; song, "Star of the sky," school; recitation, Freddie Vill; song, "Star of the sea," school. John H. Will, the church sexton. made an ideal Santa Claus

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3m11\* Littleton, Mass. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin. creditors, and all other persons inter-ested in the estate of MARY A. GER-RISH late of Ayer in said County. de-ceased, intestate. Whereas a petition has been pre-sented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to HARRY L. GERRISH of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, with-out giving a surety on his bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge. in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of December A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by pub-lishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last, before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McInitre. Esquire. First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of December in the year one thou-sand nine hundred and tweive. 3ti4 W. E. ROGERS, Register. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Notrice successive weak on the same should and the period on the same should be the same of the year one thou-sand nine hundred and tweive.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed ex-ecutor of the will of JANE IVES Mac-KENZIE late of West River in the Province of Nova Scotia, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby re-quired to exhibit the same; and all per-sons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

F. L. FRASER, Executor. Littleton, Mass., Nov. 7, 1912.

Frederick Downs, advertising man-ager of the George P. Ide Company, of Troy, N. Y., resigned his position on December 1. Mr. Downs has ad-vertised Silver Collars for about six years. He will go to Utica to be-come advertising counselor with the Esser-Wright agency. Mr. Downs was at one time with the C. A. Ed-garton Company.

Miss Abbie McNiff, of Littleton, has een assisting this week in the postoffice

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pelote started on Tuesday for Ashland, N. H., to spend the Christmas holidays at the nome of Mrs. Pelote's parents.

entertained at their home, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dean, of Charlestown, on Thristmas day. Mrs. R. C. Dean, of Charlestown, on

The grand ball to be held under the auspices of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O.  $F_{\rm c}$ , has been postponed from January 10, to January 20.

At the regular meeting of J. C. Ave At the regular meeting of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., held on Monday evening, the following officers were elected to serve during the coming year: John E. Adams, m. w.; Arthur H. Bassett, fore.; Harry O. Bangs, o.; Walter Knowles, rec.; Charles W. Wolff, trens.; John M. Leopold, fin.; George Stebbins, g.; John Gilmartin, i. w.; Addiay l'Ecuyer, o. w.; Joseph H. McClellan, trus. 3 yrs.; D. Chester Parsons, rep. to grand lodge: Thomas A the set is dependent of the output is general to be an expressed of the set of the s

and was the motive that prompted the courage for an operation. She is one of the brighest of ladies, and apparently has retained her mental vigor, a good conversationalist and very interesting listener, takes more than ordinary interest in current events and has never turned a deaf ear to the cry and wants of the needy and unfortunate.

Surprise Party.

Miss Mary A. Gleason, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades, was very pleasantly surprised at her home on last week Thursday evening. when six of her former pupils entered her home and presented her with a very beauti-ful hand-painted brooch. Refresh-Florence Hill, of Lunenburg, has accepted a position in the finishing room of the Edgarton Company, suc-ceeding Miss Angle Burno. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Marshall entertained at their home Mr and Hattle Adams. And presented her with a very beauti-tuh hand-painted brooch. Refresh-ments were served and the evening was pleasantly spent. Those present were May Stebbins, Vera Day, Mil-dred and Gladys Eisner, Julia Malsky and Hattle Adams.

grades, and has accepted a position as teacher in Stockbridge, assuming her new duties on Monday, December 30. Miss Gleason was born in Shir-

a graduate of our local high chool and the Fitchburg Normal chool class of 1911.
Many regrets have been expressed in the townspeople at her leaving lous and efficient teacher.
chool Exercises.
The first six grades of the public chools at the village held their anley, is a graduate of our local high school and the Fitchburg Normal ley, is a graduate of our local high school and the Fitchburg Normal school class of 1911. Many regrets have been expressed by the townspeople at her leaving Shirley, as she was a most conscien-tious and efficient teacher,

ing program was enjoyed: Opening hymn, school; scripture reading and Prayer, pastor; song of welcome, Norman Farmer; recitations, Charles Peneseau, Arnold Hocquard, Bertha Peneseau, Thaddeus Beach, Wallace Maylin, Annie Parmenter, Mabel Pen-Maylin, Annie Parmenter, Mabel Pen-eseau, Olive Evans, Norman Farmer, John Peneseau; exercise, Charles and Bertha Peneseau; Annie Par-menter, Norman Farmer. Santa Claus arrived immediately at the close of the entertainment and the evening was most enjoyably spent At the Congregational church, a brief program of entertainment was

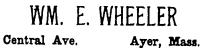
Any person who is renting a ten-ement to live in, who has a few hun-dred dollars, I will show them how to get a whole house and land for about five dollars per month in a start location. 6tf

At the Congregational church, a brief program of entertainment was rendered, consisting of the the fol-lowing: Songs, school; recitation, Albert Dearden; exercise, Mrs. Wil-son's class; reading, Gladys Phelps. William Jubb, of the Center, played the role of Santa Claus very accep-tably.

AT LOWEST PRICES

BLANKETS AND ROBES Henry Balcom, Shirley's oldest veteran of the civil war, passed away at his home on the Ayer road on Tuesday morning at 11.45 from a final one concerne benches Stable and Street Blankets, Collars, Harnesses, Storm Covers and Whips final and general breaking up of old age. Mr. Balcom passed his eighty second birthday on the twenty-sev-enth day of last May, and has needed never before offered at such prices at the Blacksmith shop of

Main Street



thousand nine hundred and twelve.
3115 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the devisees, legatees, and all other persons interested in the estate of HENRY A. BANCROFT late of Groton in said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed, on the estate of said deceased not already administered to take to CLARENCE E. EBERT of Arlington in the County of Middlesex, or to some other suitable person.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge. In said Court to be held at Cambridge.
You are hereby cited to appear at a probate Court to be held at Cambridge.
And said petition on the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petition on the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all devisees and legatees named in said will, seven days at least before said Court.

will, seven days at least before Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of December in the year one thou-sand nine hundred and twelve. 3t15 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Phone, 74-3 Res. 78-4.



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To Mellissa E. Willard of Worcester in the County of Worcester, Henry S. Nutting of Ayer in said County of Mid-dlesex, Charles E. Richards of Pelham in the State of New Hampshire, and Ruilla Curtis of Topeka in the State of Kansas.

in the State of New Hampshire, and Ruilla Curtis of Topeka in the State of Kansas. Whereas, AUGUSTA E. TAYLOR of Lowell in the County of Middlesex, has presented to said Court a petition, rep-resenting that she holds as tenant-in-common one undivided fourth part or share of certain real estate lying in Ayer in said County of Middlesex, and described in said petition: and, as said real estate cannot be advantageously divided, praying that partition may be made among the tenants-in-common according to law: and that the com-missioners who may be appointed to make said partition be ordered to make sale and conveyance of said real es-tate and to distribute the net proceeds thereof. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of January A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. Mot said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested, who can be found within the Common-wealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Caurt, and, if any one cannot be so found, 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.

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

thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3115 W. E. ROGERS, Register. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex. ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the es-tate of ELIZABETH F. PEPPARD late of Townsend in said County, deceased. Whereas, JOHN M. CAMPBELL the executor of the will of said deceased. has presented for allowance, the third account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cam-bridge in said County, on the eighth day of January A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate fourt are before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this six-teenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3t15 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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INSURANCE AGENT AND BROKER man in Brookline.

Mss Alice Keese, of Lowell, and Miss Pauline Wallace, of Westford, are spending the holiday week with Large crowds of young people have been enjoying the excellent skating on Frank J. Lawton's meadow for the past week. On Monday evening nearly forty assembled to take ad-vantage of the smooth ice and fine at avenue.

Miss Mary Park, Mrs. Holbrook, Miss Annie Holbrook and Miss Nina Holbrook of the Village spent Christ-mas at the home of Mrs. M. W. Longey.

A social dance will be held in the town hall on Saturday evening, De-cember 28, under the management of five young men of the Center and Vil-lage. E. Percival Coleman of Fitch-burg will furnish the music for danc-ing. Barges will run from the Vil-A social dance will be held in the Barges will run from the Vil A good time is assured to all. ing. lage. lage. A good time is assured to all. The Center Primary and Grammar schools, under the direction of Misses Sullivan and Walsh of Ayer, united last week Friday afternoon and gave a fine Christmas program. Much cred-it is due both teachers and pupils for the excellent program which was giv-en. "Christmas visitor," a playlet by the pupils of the Primary and Gram-mar schools: "Christmas bells," "The nativity," "One starry night," songs by the Grammar school; "Clap your hands for Santa," "Once a little baby lay," songs by the Primary school; grout; "Shine out, O blessed star." "Holy night," both schools together; "The night before Christmas," playlet by eighteen pupils of the Primary

the Misses Helen and Fannie Jone their home on Massachusett John E. Allen, of Worcester Poly-technic, is enjoying the Christmas vacation at his home on Flat hill.

In accord with the earnest wish of all who know her, a very fine crayon portrait of Mss Catherine Watson, the donor of the Ritter Memorial library, has been presented to the town to be hung on the west wall of the main hall of the library building, and will be given a place of honor opposite the portrait of Ex-governor George S. Boutwell. The picture will be greatly enjoyed and the gift appreci-ated by the trustees of the library and the fourgementary generally.

the townspeople generally. ville Martin, social committee.

On account of the sudden death of a friend, Mrs. J. E. Longley received a hurry call to Athol on Monday morning, returning on Wednesday evening.

evening. Mrs. Mary J. Brooks, wife of the late Fernando Brooks, died at her home on Massachusetts avenue on Monday morning, December 23, aged 74 yrs. 9 mos. 6 days. Mrs. Brooks was born in Shirley, and before her marriage was a very successful teach-er. She is survived by one son, War-ren E. Brooks, and two grandchil-dren. The funeral was held on Thursday at her home, and interment was in the North cemetery. The usual Christmas tree and baked

bean supper was held in the East schoolhouse in Mulpus on Tuesday evening. After supper gifts were dis-tributed from the Christmas tree.

hurch and a concert given by the

The Congregational church and Sunday school held their Christmas concert and tree distribution on Wed-nesday evening. Refreshments were

served and a general good time was

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The Lincoln club of the Methodist church met on Friday evening at the home of William Aker, and elected offleers for the ensuing year as fol-lows: Ernest Aker, pres.; Dwight L. Moody, v. p.; George F. Moody, sec.; Lewis L. Harrington, treas.; George F. Moody, Carl Harrington and Or-ville Martin social committee

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Saturday, December 28, 1912.

PEPPERELL.

Current Events.

The Christmas concert given by the children at the Methodist church on last Sunday evening was very well carried out and much credit is due the carried out and much credit is due the pastor's wife. Mrs. Stratton, as well as those who took their parts so well. The chorus choir was drilled and led by Mrs. Stratton with very pleasing results. The decorations, both morn-ing and evening, of evergreen wreaths, long ropes of laurel, and the red Christmas bells were very effective. The wreaths were afterward sent to the "shut-ins" by the Mercy and Help department of the Epworth league, together with other gifts. This depart-ment of the church does much, in a quiet way, to bring comfort and cheer into the various homes in this village.

Miss Effie Merrill came from Boston on Tuesday night to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Lucina Wilson, of Townsend street.

Fine Christmas weather on the twenty-fifth. Just enough snow to make everything white and sparkling; and the thermometer at zero in many localities.

John Frossard went west on a busi-ness trip last week. Mrs. Frossard will visit with her daughter at Somerville during the holiday season, and until his return.

Miss Elsie Northrup visited friends at Forge Village on Christmas day, re-turning on Thursday.

Mrs. Louis Bemis has been danger-ously ill with typhoid fever at her home on River street. She is more comfortable at last reports, but not considered out of danger. Mrs. Cuth-bertson is caring for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis and family, of Nashua street, spent their Christmas at Beachmont.

Oscar Kittredge and friend, Miss Turner, of Boston, spent the holidays at the home of his father, Ingalls Kit-tredge, of Tucker street.

Miss Lila Stratton is spending her Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Stratton, at the Methodist parsonage. She returns to her duties as teacher in the high school at Hammond, N. Y., on Saturday of this week.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pike on Christmas day were James H. White, of Norwich, Conn.; Mr. Kane, of New York city; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Braden and daughter, of Beverly; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Gelino, and Miss Annabel Gelino, of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Cocaro, W. Biorao,

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pierce went to Somerville on Tuesday to spend the holidays with their daugh-ter, Mrs. George Herrig.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash spent Christmas with their son, Ernest Nash, and family, of Chelsea. Christmas

street.

The election of officers of the War- News Items. The election of officers of the Wat-ren Veteran Firemen's association will occur at the annual meeting on Tues-day evening. January 7. All mem-bers are requested to be present. News items. The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold their annual meet-ing on Thursday afternoon, January 2, at three o'clock. A Brutai Fractice. The Hayes brothers of South street, Pepperell have, within ten days, lost two very valuable foxhounds which they have found snared to death in

ONE TOOLLAB AND FIFTY CENTS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE Items of local interest are solicited and must always be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publi-cation, but as a guarantee of good fuith, and will always be considered strictly confidential. Kindly mail items soon after the day of occurrence and do not walt unnecessarily. And the tracks were lost directly and th

and the tracks were not clear until to-ward Sunday morning.<sup>5</sup> While no lives were lost directly at the time of the wreck, there is no doubt but that the death of a Rus-sian by the name of Gukevitch, who had been employed in the Pepperell Card and Paper Company, was at-tributable to the confusion caused by the wreck. He actidently boarded the the wreck. He evidently boarded the wrong train, and in attempting to jump from the moving train was fa-tally injured. He was taken to Nashua to the Emergency hospital, where he died on Sunday. He had a daughter there who identified the remains, and he was buried at Hudson, N. H.

#### Wedding Bells.

A quiet, home wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. An-drews, River street, on Christmas day, when their daughter, Susie Adeline, was united in marriage to Earl Harold Farnsworth, of Keene, N. H. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. R. Stratton at three o'clock in the af-ternoon, the bridal couple standing under an arch of evergreen and a sus-pended bell. They were attended by a bridesmaid, Miss Frances Philpott,

a bridesmaid, Miss Frances Philpott, of Boston, and groomsman, Forrest Andrews, brother of the bride. The bride looked very charming in her travelling suit of mode colored silk poplin, with trimmings of lace, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations. She leaves a large circle carnations. She leaves a large circle of friends in this, her native town, and this was demonstrated by the num-ber of beautiful and costly presents. She was educated in our public schools, was graduated from the Pep-perell high school in 1908, afterward attending the Fitchburg Business col-loge A member of the grange she attending the Fitchburg Business col-lege. A member of the grange, she was much sought after by the enter-tainment committee, as she possessed a sweet contralto voice and has more than usual dramatic ability. These, combined with her ready willingness to oblige, made her a general favorite. Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth left on the four oldock train wild showers of four o'clock train, amid showers of rice and many good wishes. They will be at home to their friends after Jan-uary 1, at 73 Mylod street. Norwood, as Mr. Farnsworth has a position on the estate of Charles S. Bird in that place.

place.

#### Aged Citizens III.

Aged Chizens III. Henry Blake, one of our oldest and best known men of the town, is very low at last reports at his residence in the East village. He has been in his usual health during the fall and early winter, and surprisingly vigorous for one of his age, ninety-one years, go-ing down to his son's nearly every pleasant day. On Friday of last week he walked down there in the morning, but did not seem quite in his usual but did not seem quite in his usual health, and was assisted home. Since that time he has been confined to the bed and gradually failing, although, considering his excellent constitution and the care given him, it is possible that he may rally.

Lorenzo P. Blood, another well-known citizen who has reached the age of four-score and ten, has also been quite ill at his home on Townsend street, but has improved suffi-ciently to be able to sit up a part of the day.

Warren S. Woods, who has been so critically ill with heart trouble, is somewhat more comfortable at last reports. We are pleased to report that the pain about the heart, from which Nash, and family, of Cheisea. Walter Shattuck, of Boston, a form-er Pepperell boy, with his wife, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Shattuck, on Park

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1912

On the main roads. On Christmas day, both afternoon and evening, the Riverside A. C., of Pepperell, held a dance in Tarbell's Opera house, the music being sup-plied by Thayer's orchestra of five pieces. A very large crowd attended both afternoon and evening.

Mrs. E. E. Fisher and Mrs. Frances Whittier spent Christmas day very pleasantly at the Homestead, with night. pleasantly at the H many invited friends.

Miss Lillian Dunton and Miss Mar guerite Dennen, who are students at St. Johnsbury, Vt., are spending the Christmas vacation at home.

Miss Carrie Snattuck, who has been teaching school in Brookline, N. H., has given up teaching for the pres-ent to take a further course in the State Normal school. Miss Carrie Shattuck, who has been

The First Parish Sunday school held their annual Christmas tree for the children on Tuesday evening in the vestry of the church.

On Christmas morning it was noticed that a dove had got inside the top window of the Congregational church on the end near the horse sheds. It was seen standing on the window sill unable to get out.

Miss Arline Deware, who is a stu-dent in Smith college, Northampton, is home for the Christmas vacation. There was a small chimney fire on Cross street last week Thursday even-ing and a serious blaze was prevented by the prompt responding of some of the Pepperell fire department on a

phone call. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donnelly and family spent Christmas day visiting in Nashua.

Nelson Archambault and his crew, who are working in the woods chop-ping, have built and are living in a small cabin so as to be near their work.

Mrs. Martha Bennett, who has been ill for some time, has been moved to Groton for treatment.

William Jewett, who has been work ing all summer for the Cemetery as-sociation, is at present working in the finishing room of the mill.

inishing room of the mill. The new bank building in course of erection in Railroad square will be a valuable addition to the business part of that town. It is located just where it is most needed. The bank is doing a large business for the field it occupies and is under excellent management with Henry F. Tarbell its cashier.

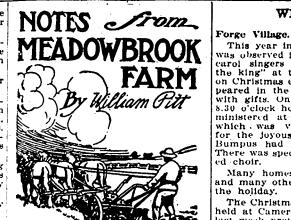
The new building of E. E. Tarbell that he is having erected in rear of his store building is to be 40x60, two stories, and he expects to have it com-pleted, if he has good luck, about the forepart of next March.

The topic given by Mrs. E. B. Heald at Babbidge guild last Sunday, "Early Christmas customs of the First church," was most interesting and instructive.

Mrs. C. G. Hamlett spent this week in Worcester with her two daughters, Mrs. Ida Billings and Mrs. Hattie Hildreth; also, her two grandchildren.

The regular meeting of the Babbidge Guild will be held on Sunday evening at seven o'clock, and will be addressed by Rev. D. R. Child.

All of the stores in town did o large business in holiday goods. The groc-ery store of E. E. Tarbell kept open until high twelve the night before Christmas they had such a rush of business.



Clean up and disinfect.

Turn the horse out to pasture at

Every farmer should have a garden

Overexertion is as bad for the colts

as no exertion. Now that cows are on grass they

will need salt oftener. Sheep, unlike hogs, need to be

dipped only once a year.

The well-fed colt requires more exercise than the poorly fed one.

There is little use in wasting time over a crippled or deformed chick.

Poultry can not stand any more neglect in warm weather than in cold

A mongrel fowl is one that has re

sulted from the haphazard mating for years. One good sire can do wonders in

improving the dairy herds of a neighborhood.

If a horse is required to do extra work he should be liberally and frequently fed.

Don't keep tapping your horse with the whip unless you want to drive a regular old plug.

Generous feeding and frequent salt-ing will help to fortify the lambs against the parasites.

Dipping does more than merely kill lice. Disease germs, especially in the

case of hogs, are destroyed. No matter how good their confor-

mation, the vast majority of little horses sell at corresponding little prices.

Give the cows a fair show. To expect a large flow of rich milk from them on insufficient or poor feed is unjust.

Corn lands should be put in the best possible conditition so that the little roots can get the most nourishment out of the soil.

Cattle that have been well wintered can be put on the early grass fat mar-ket and good judges think this market will be a high one.

Under ordinary circumstances the poorer the feed the greater the daily cost of milk and butter-fat, and the less will be the profit.

As warm weather approaches the

task of preventing drinking water for hogs from becoming contaminated he-

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Jones, of

#### NOTICE.

WESTFORD.

This year in this village Christmas

Dr. Raymond B. Carter has associa-ted himself with Dr. James Ross, 186 Main Street, Fitchburg, Mass., where he will be pleased to see any of his old friends. Tel. 488. 416

Forge Village.
This year in this village Christmas was observed in a quiet manner. The sum of the king" at tweive o'clock midnight on Christmas working at tweive o'clock midnight on Christmas morning lader will be pleased to see any of his old friends. Tel. 488.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU- Court, by a final street, Fitchburg, Mass., where will be pleased to see any of his old friends. Tel. 488.
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Common M. Christmas morning and many loader of clock holy communion was ad momes held family reunions and many others went away to spend the holiday.
The Christmas exercises which were held at Cameron school on Friday for last week proved to be very interesting. Christmas trees adorned the primary rooms and were in charge of Miss Abbie Blaisdell and Miss Eva Prone and were in charge of Miss Abbie Blaisdell and Miss Eva Prome the eachers are to be congratulated on the excellent programs.
Miss Marion Lord is suffering with tonsilitis at the home of her parents, Ms sanual Christmas vacation of tww weeks. School will reopen on January 5.
The sympathy of the village is extended to the bereaved family of John W. Caunter, who died at his home in Graniteville the past week.
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W. Caunter, who died at his home in Graniteville the past week. The many friends of the late Mrs. Ellen P. Worcester of Graniteville ex-tend their sympathy to the husband and son who are left to mourn her loss. Many from this village attended the Christmas trees held at St. Catherine's church, West Graniteville, on Monday evening. Also, that held at the M. E. church, Graniteville, on Monday evening. Also, that held at the M. E. church, Graniteville, on Monday evening. Also, that held at the M. E. church, Graniteville, on Monday evening. Also, that held at the M. E. durits Nellie Oldham of Pond street is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones Mrs. Dina McMurray of Pleasant street is ill at her home with a very severe cold. Among the many visitors in the vil-lage were Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of Worcester and daughter Ethel, who visited Mr. and Mrs. William Burneti of Pleasant street, Mrs. and Mrs. Bur-nett also entertained Mrs. Ernest Long-bottom and son of East Lexington, Mr. Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett and distributed gifts from a well-laden many friends. On Christmas night Santa Claus visited their home and distributed gifts from a well-laden Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Jones. of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E.

BOSTON and NORTHERN ST. RY. CO., LOWELL DIVISION

#### TIME TABLE

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Jones, of Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett's family, of Groton, and Mr. and Mrs. George Cotterell, of Groton, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. James Whigham. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mason and family visited relatives and friends here during the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hanley held a family relatives and friends daughter ate their christmas dinner at the home of Mr. Blodgett's sister, Mrs. and every 30 mins. from 12:25 p. m. (Satur-the home of Mr. Blodgett and daughter ate their Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. Blodgett's sister, Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blodgett and mrs. McGovern's parents and sister, Mrs. Mull 10.33 p. m., then Merry 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m., then Sundays—5.15 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m., then sundays—7.33 k.03 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Sundays—7.33 k.03 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m. Sundays—7.35 k.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03 a. m., Mrs. Mull 10.35 p. m., Sundays—7.30 a. m., Mrs. Marker Marker, Mins. Mull 10.35 p. m., and every 30 mi Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett's family, of Groton, and Mr. and Mrs. George Cotterell, of Groton, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. James Whigham. Iteave Merrimack Square, Lowell, for Boston via Tewksbury and Reading to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charles-town-6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins.

Mrs. Ezekiel Spaulding is quite ili with pneumonia at the home of her daughter on River street.

Married, at the Methodist parsor-age, by Rev. P. R. Stratton, on Tues-day afternoon, December 24, at three o'clock, Miss Orrella Williams and o'clock, Miss Orrella Williams and George P. Deware, both of Pepperell. Several of their relatives and friends were present to make the occasion more pleasant in spite of the storm outside. Mr. and Mrs. Deware will occupy the house on Cottage street. formerly occupied by Mrs. Louise Donton. Dunton.

Mrs. M. H. Johnson, of Oak hill was called to Whitestone, N. Y., on Tuesday of this week by the news of the illness of her son, Norman John-

Miss Margaret Burns was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burns, of Pleasant street, over Christmas.

Joseph H. Lawrence received a remembrance at Christmas time from Solomon Wagg, of Appleton, Wis., who evidently desires that the friends of fifty years ago, when he was a resident of this town, should not forge him.

Leonard Lynch and wife, from Fitchburg, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rouse this week.

Mrs. Ralph Dunton was in town the early part of the week, the guest of Mrs. Earl Dunton. She has been employed in Boston recently, and re-turned there after the holidays. She will be remembered as Miss Elsie Putnam, formerly of this town. Mr. Dunton is still at Bath, Me., where they have been living for several years, but expects to ion her sour Mrs. Ralph Dunton was in town years, but expects to join her soon, days' vacation. He is a student in as he has given up his position there. Tilton academy this fall.

Mrs. Charles H. Goff is spending two weeks with her sister at Hills-boro, N. H.

Chester Gutterson spent Christmas Miss Marguerite Donnelly is to with his mother, Mrs. Harriet Gutter-son, of Main street, roturning to Wal-tham on Saturday.

tham on Saturday. Jerry Thayer, of Epping, N. H., town on Christmas day. visited his parents on Pleasant street this week. He was accompanied by still coming along pretty well.

#### Freights Collide.

There is a very attractive doll in the paper store window which will be given to the party guessing its name. The contest will close on new cear's eve. The proceeds are to go owards the Washington fund. vear's eve

Mrs. James Freeman, who has been ill at her home on Heald street, is feeling better and able to be about again.

Miss Barbara Bancroft, who is student at Bryant & Stratton school, is home for the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Bancroft, of Townsend street, Boynton Merrill, who is studying at

college, spent the school vacation at home with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Otis A. Merrill, Oak hill.

It is understood that A. R. Paull, superintendent of schools, is to be seen running a Ford automobile. Mr. Pault has much ground to cover and bished bished by the second school of the second school of the second school of the second school of the school of the second school of the school thinks this car can take him over the ground and save a lot of of lost time traveling on the railroad.

Miss Madeline Graham, who is at Dean academy this fall, is home for the holidays.

On last Saturday afternoon the 'heerful Letter club of the First Parish church held a candy sale and af-ternoon tea in the ladies' room of the Unitarian church. This club should be helped, as they are doing good to their fellow men who are shut in and

Leon Whitcomb spent Christmas with his family on Sawtelle street.

On last Saturday afternoon an ex- Winfred Boynton spent the holiday tra freight arrived at the Pepperell at home on Park street.

Mrs. P. R. Stratton went to Revere on Monday, accompanied by Master Albert Stratton, to visit her sister. Mrs. Marshall, who has been in poor health. Mr. Stratton and Miss Lila went down on Christmas day for a Bhort visit, and all expected to re-turn on Friday. many have been found caught, but have been liberated after several days' suffering. The Hayes brothers' dogs were the last of a, strain which they have had for twenty-five years, repre-senting two generations of degrees. senting five generations of dogs. As the snarers are known and public in-As dignation is running high against the brutality inflicted and loss of proper-ty incurred, it is believed that snaring will be less common in the future in this immediate district.

#### Methodist Notes.

Methodist Notes. A theme appropriate to the closing of the year from the words, "The books were opened," will be the sub-ject at the Methodist church on Sun-day morning. There will be another picture sermon at seven in the even-ing which will be illustrated with thirty stereopticon views. The serv-ice has been arranged and prepared by Rev. J. L. Hurlbut, D. D., upon the subject "The holy child." The hight hour service of the En-

The bright hour service of the Ep-worth league will be held at six in the evening. Subject. "The world's measure of Jesus' loyalty to his message." Leader, L. T. Wilson.

The quiet hour service for prave and worship will be held on Tuesday evening at 7.30. The study hour for Sunday school teachers and workers comes at 8.30.

All the members of the Sunday school over twelve years of age are invited to a Sunday school social in the vestry on Tuesday evening, De-cember 31, at 7.30 o'clock. There comber 31, at 7.30 o'clock. There will be refreshments at 9.30, and from (en to twelve a watch night service. At ten o'clock, the pastor will preach about "The missing man": at 10.45, the study hour for Sunday school workers; at 11.30, prayer service; at 11.55, silent prayer while entering the new year. new year.

New Advertisements

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all the relatives, neighbors, friends and also the mem-bers of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., who rendered assistance to us during the recent illness and death of our loved one; also, for the many beautiful flow-ers contributed.

MRS. MAUD LAWRENCE and Family

MR. and MRS. J. A. LAWRENCE and Family East Pepperell, Dec. 26, 1912.

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comes more and more difficult.

Of later years the Clydesdales have been coming on in draft horse popularity and the breed is now occupying quite a place among the pullers.

The old ducks need a swimming pond, as their feathers will not be nearly so good without the water and their eggs will be much more fertile.

Clover hay can be put in the mow safely with more sap in it than timothy, but neither will keep without molding when put in with dew or rain on it.

It costs from two to six cents more to produce a pound of fat pork than a pound of ordinary bacon, but the difference is on the other side at mar ket time.

Alfalfa makes the best pasture, but peas and oats sown in equal parts, also rape, clover and a mixture of wheat and oats sown thickly makes excellent pig forage.

Most all our gardens can be at least double cropped by selecting early varieties of vegetables such as cabbage, lettuce, onions, beets, bunch beans, potatoes and early corn.

As soon as the pigs have been put into the fattening pens in the fall they should be fed all that they will eat with a relish; for the shorter the fattening period the larger the profits.

Before starting up a hill with a load, and when the top of the hill is reached, give the team a rest. Let them catch their breath. Undue forcing of horses up a hill with a load frequently causes heart and lung disorders.

Of two colts similar in disposition and sense, one may develop into a steady and valuable family horse, while the other may be everything that is vicious, treacherous and unsafe-all because of the difference in the men handling them.

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Orange, without giving a surgty on her bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge. In said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth day of January A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forendon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by pub-lishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last 'publication to be one day, at least, before said Court. Witness, Charles J. MoIntire; Esquire. First Judge of said Court, this twenty-sixth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and tweive. 3116 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

THOMAS LEES, Supt.

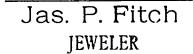
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TIME TABLE Cars leave Ayer for North Chelms-ford and Lowell-6.05 a. m. and hourly at 5 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.05 p. m. An early car leaves the Ayer carhouse at 5.15 a. m. Sundays—First car leaves Ayer at 7.05 a. m. then same as week days. Running time to North Chelmsford, 40 minutes. Running time to Lowell, 1 hour and 10 minutes. Cars leave North Chelmsford for Ayer -6.20 a. m. and 20 minutes past the hour up to and including 11.20 p. m. Sundays—S.20 a. m., then same as week days. Cars connect at Ayer up to 10 p. m. for Fitchburg and Leomin-ster. Until 9 p. m. for Worcester. Cars leave Forge Village for North Chelmsford and Lowell-24 minutes past the hour. Cars leave North Chelmsford for Brookside—5.50 a. m. and 50 minutes past the hour. Brookside—5.50 a. m. and 50 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.59 p. m.

Brookside-5.50 a. m. and or minutes past the hour up to and including 10.59 p.m. Sundays-First car at 7.50 a. m., then same as week days. Leave Brookside for North Chelms-ford, Lowell and Ayer-6.05 a. m. and 5 minutes past the hour up to and in-cluding 11.05 p. m. Sundays-First car at 8.05 a. m., then same as week days. Leave North Chelmsford for West-ford-6.50, 7.50, 8.50, 11.50 a. m., 12.50, 1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50 p. m. Sundays-7.50, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50 p. m. I.eave Westford for Lowell-6.55, 7.40, 8.40, 11.40 a. m., 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.10, 4.40, 5.40 p. m. Cars due to leave Merrimac Square, Lowell, at 47 minutes past the holur, up to and including the 10.47 p. m. car connect at North Chelmsford with the Ayer car. All schedules subject to change with-out notice. L. H. CUSHING,

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