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LITTLETON.

News Items.

The last grand meeting of the year will be held on next week Wednesday evening. Each member is invited to bring or send a gift to be given to some charitable institution for children. Committee, Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, Mrs. Frank Patch, Edward Bigelow.

Miss Lucy Houghton, sewing teacher at the Center school, gratefully acknowledges the generous contributions of the parents and friends of the pupils for the purchase of a New Home sewing machine which has been shipped and will be placed in the selectmen's room where the sewing is taught. Miss Houghton much appreciates the generosity of all who have helped make this important acquisition possible, and hopes to arouse much interest in the use of it among the girls under her instruction.

There was a large and sympathetic audience at the lyceum on Tuesday evening and everybody speaks in superlative language of the entertainment given by the Collegians. Their singing, playing on brass instruments, speaking and all that was included in the program combined to make up one of the most varied and finished ever given in the lyceum course. Each member of the quartet seemed perfected in his art and commanded the deepest interest of the audience. The Collegians will be welcome at the lyceum whenever they may be pleased to come to Littleton in the future.

Bert Bosquet, who has occupied a tenement in the old depot on Taylor street, has gone to West Acton, where he is employed at night fireman and watchman in the pulp factory.

Mrs. Mary J. Priest, who has been quite ill at her home for the last ten days, is reported as somewhat improved and very comfortable.

Telephone communication with the pumping station is now possible and the number is 12-22.

Mr. Lawton, of Ayer, is making the cellar walls for the two-apartment house soon to be made out of the old shop by Conant & Houghton syndicate and located near their boarding house. All the modern improvements will be introduced. Needham & Fletcher have been engaged to do the carpentry.

The lime house that was partly destroyed by fire is located near E. P. Sheehan's mill instead of Shaker mill as reported last week. Conant Company have been making repairs on it recently.

Mrs. A. H. McDonald's mother, having given up her home in Concord on

account of her husband's death, has come to Littleton to make her home with her daughter.

Heyward Hartwell, of Somerville, has bought a farm in Norwell.

The center of attraction on Wednesday afternoon and evening was at the Congregational vestry where the ladies of the church conducted a most successful sale of fancy and useful articles, home-made candy and ice cream, and at six o'clock served a dainty lunch. In the evening "The Fitzgerald district school" was presented by a number of the young people in the society much to the amusement of the good audience present. There were the usual attractions, including a generous supply of local hits, in addition to recitations, speaking, singing, etc. The receipts amounted to about \$118, which means a large demand for salable goods and plenty of willing customers with plump purses.

The nominating committee of the King's Daughters' Circle was given in correctly last week. It should read Mrs. Edna Davis, Mrs. Austin Kimball, Mrs. Inez Needham.

The Friday evening meeting was held with Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Conant this week.

The fair given in the Baptist vestry by the Ladies' Benevolent society was quite successful. Considerable profits were gathered from all the tables. There were tastefully decorated tables displaying aprons, fancy articles, candy, tinware and toys, the latter in the charge of the Franklin boys' class. A fine oyster supper was served at 6.30 and was largely patronized. The entertainment program following was entirely of a musical nature, the Ayer Mandolin and Guitar club of young ladies furnishing exceedingly pleasing instrumental selections, and the Littleton male quartet providing vocal numbers of a high order.

Invitations have been received from Mrs. Irving Meredith to the marriage of her daughter Helena and Dr. Louis Hopewell Bauer in the Central Congregational church at Jamaica Plain, Saturday evening, December 27, and the reception immediately following. The bride and groom will live in Washington, D. C. Dr. Bauer is in the army and navy hospital.

The Baptist Sunday school will celebrate Christmas becomingly with a concert exercise on Sunday evening entitled "The Spirit of Christmas," and appropriate Christmas tree exercises the following week.

Miss Evelyn Kimball served very acceptably as organist at the Baptist church during the month of November in the absence of Miss Emma E. Tenney, the regular organist.



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WESTFORD.

Center.

Owing to Mrs. Kernahan's unfortunate illness with scarlet fever the entertaining of Mrs. E. S. Society by the Grantville Epworth League society for this Saturday evening at Grantville has been cancelled.

Edson G. Boynton, now of Medfield, has been a recent visitor in town, calling on old friends and in attendance at a last meeting of the grange and at the North Middlesex Pomona sessions at Lowell the following day.

A collection will be taken on Sunday morning at the Unitarian church to defray expenses of the annual Christmas celebration which will be held in the church parlors on Tuesday evening, December 23. Santa Claus is expected to arrive at about six o'clock.

Pheasants are a frequent sight around town in the fields and roads. One of our residents reported seeing a flock of two in the woods recently. Two were travelling about at the Whitney playground one day this week and a pheasant all by himself was travelling up the road on the electric car route the other day. We are told that these gypsy moths and their eggs, thereby befriending the owners of orchards.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church held their monthly meeting at the vestry on Wednesday afternoon. There was a good attendance and good amount of work accomplished. The sewing machine recently donated by Mrs. E. J. Whitney was in active commission. The president, Mrs. Wallace, conducted the devotional service and the secretary, Mrs. Roudenbush, gave the records of the last meeting and reports of the calling committee was given. Mrs. Wallace expressed to the members of the organization the sincere appreciation of herself and Mr. Wallace for aims and work of the society and the good spirit manifested.

Motorman Cutter and his family have moved from the Miller house to Mr. Drew's house at Drew's Corner, which is more convenient to the car terminal.

Mrs. Albert P. Warren goes this week to spend the winter months in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Osgood have returned from a pleasant short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lyman E. Wilkins, of Cambridge. Incidentally Mr. and Mrs. Osgood's nineteenth wedding anniversary came on December 5.

Mr. and Mrs. William Woods, of West Hartford, Vt., are guests at the Congregational parsonage during last week. Mrs. Woods is a niece of Mrs. Wallace.

Mrs. O. R. Spalding, Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Mrs. H. W. Hildreth and Miss Eva E. Fletcher were in attendance at Monday afternoon meeting of the Epworth League at Grantville. Mrs. Hildreth's opera talk from "Madam Butterfly." They report a most enjoyable time. But for the cold, snowy afternoon more of the Tadnuck club members would have been glad to have availed themselves of this opportunity.

Mrs. King, who has been invited by Miranda Luce's faithful nurse and companion for more than a year, is taking a month's rest and change, and Mrs. Sarah Harris is staying with Miss Luce.

The Edward M. Abbot hose company held their regular monthly meeting and supper at the Epworth on Tuesday evening of last week. The annual firemen's ball will take place on December 30. Poole's orchestra, Boston, will furnish the music. J. Herbert Fletcher, Robert Prescott and Edward Clifton were in charge and every effort will be made to have it the usual successful event.

Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher, who has had a siege with bronchitis, is still confined to his home, although reported as gaining each day.

The C. E. society of the Congregational church held a pleasant social on Friday evening of last week at which they entertained a large delegation from the Epworth League of the Grantville M. E. church. Music, games and a farce written by Mr. Wallace, entitled "What's in a name?" provided the entertainment. Those who sustained the parts in the farce were W. R. Taylor, Bertram Sutherland, Otis Ray, Clifford Woods and George Perkins. Refreshments of cake and cocoa were served. As a return courtesy to this pleasant and successful evening the Grantville young people have invited the Westford society to a similar occasion this Saturday evening at Grantville.

Fred Clement, one of our Westford boys, was married recently to Miss Catherine Knox and the young people have gone to housekeeping in Everett. Mr. Clement is employed by a large fruit and produce firm in Boston.

Mrs. L. W. Wheeler enjoyed the College club dramatics at Colonial hall, Lowell, on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Clara Wright Anderson and little son, who have been spending several weeks at the parental home, returned to her home at Blackville, W. Va., on Thursday of last week.

Members of the Tadnuck club are reminded of the "home afternoon" of the club on next Tuesday afternoon to be held in the Unitarian church parlors. An interesting program is assured and club tea will be served. A cordial invitation from the Ayer Woman's club has been received for a representation from this club to be present at a musicale given by their club on Wednesday, December 31, which has been arranged.

Mrs. Grace Lambert Kenney is acting as organist at the Congregational church for three weeks.

Entertainment.

The first in the series of entertainments under the auspices of Westford academy given on Tuesday evening at the town hall proved very much of a success with a pleasant evening, a good attendance and a worth-while entertainment. This was given by Sidney Landon, character artist, comprising a study of great literary men, past and present, in costume; also, humorous sketches of "Our folks at home" and "Man's peculiarities." The entertainment

fully justified its claim of being both instructive and funny. Mr. Landon was a versatile and wholesome entertainer, permeating all that he said and did with a happy gospel of good cheer and nicety of discrimination. Selections of Mark Twain, Edgar Allan Poe, Edgar Wilson Nye, Henry Wardsworth Longfellow were given; also, sketches of "The philosopher from Green's Corners" and the German orchestra conductor on "Woman suffrage."

About Town.

We note with pleasure the coming wedding of our well-known townsman, William Reuben Taylor, to Miss Elizabeth Richardson Cushing, formerly a Epworth teacher here. The wedding will occur on Tuesday, December 23, at 12:30 in St. John's Episcopal church, Framingham.

Mrs. Frank W. Banister, Mrs. Eben Prescott and Fred R. Blodgett attended the State grange at Boston and made observations to the next meeting of Westford grange.

Mrs. George Howard of Bound Brook, N. J., arrived on Monday to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Taylor.

The management of the Fortnightly club have decided to debate the following question at their next meeting, Friday evening, December 19: Resolved, "That international marriages are a detriment to American society." Horace E. Gould and Ernest Dane, affirmative; Harry A. Ingalls and S. L. Taylor, negative.

The Branch Alliance of the Unitarian church held a profitable meeting at the home of Mrs. George T. Day on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Harold Hildreth had charge of the literary part of the meeting and led in consideration of some literature of leisure. At the next meeting, on January 8, Miss Alice Howard will be the leader and consider "James Freeman Clarke."

Mrs. Delia Boynton, of Chamberlin's Corner, has been visiting her son, Edson G. Boynton, at Medfield.

The last thunder shower of the season took place according to natural conditions on Monday morning. It brought snow, hail, rain and several velocities of wind. During this mix-up of velocities and several kinds of precipitation, the barn door at the Bankers' was persuaded, in its usefulness and remained on the earth. "These contentions of nature were overpast."

Edson G. Boynton, of Medfield, past master of Westford grange, was the ring of good cheer at the last meeting of the Westford grange and was one of the supervisors at the election of officers.

Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, who has been other than normal self, has arrived at the point of out-doors again. His business at his Oak Hill quarry, like the humming again until sunny spring.

Westford grange held its annual election of officers on last week Thursday evening. After many declinations to serve the following were landed:

W. R. Taylor, m.; Fred Blodgett, o.; Sutherland, treas.; Mrs. Aurilia Wright, sec.; Mrs. Josie Prescott, chap.; J. Ward Fletcher, stew.; James H. Hart, r.; Arthur Walker, s.; Mrs. Daisy Colburn, s.; Mrs. Arthur Walker, s.; Mrs. Esther Smith, Miss Hickey, Miss Maude P. Wright, Ceres, Gomona, Flora; John P. Taylor, delegate State grange meeting; Fred Blodgett, alternate.

The Brookside mills capacity of 150 hands have bricked up enough to drop out of the cipher. A recent advertisement for help brought a card or more, which was about 135 more than was needed. However, things assume the appearance of orders ahead.

The next and second Farmers' Institute of the season will be held on the hilltop town, Westford Center, in January. The day speaker and subject are to be decided upon, but unless conditions arise to prevent the date, will range between the tenth and twentieth of the month as per the plans of Howard W. Foster, committee on institutes.

Fortnightly Club.

The Fortnightly club of literary tenacity in the zone of North Westford held a live wire meeting at the eighth schoolhouse last week Friday evening. The day speaker, Harry Ingalls, called to order and order kept itself in order the rest of the evening in order that the program might be properly relished. The program consisted of an organ solo by Mrs. Edwin Gould with a recall not like unto the recall of a judge, but the judge and office holder, but the recall followed with a description of "My recent trip to Gettysburg." It was a picture of the scenes of that famous battle and the present environment of the place. Horace E. Gould, when called upon for remarks, decided that he didn't have any stock on hand to construct remarks with, but said "This hot stove makes me telling effects much so that several who were bunched close to the stove didn't realize its extreme heat until after he commenced his hot story. This made them seek cooler quarters. Fred Blodgett was there as usual to obey orders and he was ordered to "recite his lesson" which he did as rule abiding scholar. Edwin H. Gould followed with a humorous selection. "The deacon and his oxen." Both selections stirred so much merriment that everybody forgot about the stove again. The Ingalls children tipped the scales effectively at child weight measurement on their recitations. Miss Lambert read a semi-humorous room. "Don't put him in the cold Wright family, Gilmann, in the role of instrumental music, violin and other useful combinations, and they inspired to the point of recall. Their training was clearly defined, being former pupils of Arthur T. Blodgett.

"The Old Oaken Bucket," being called upon for refreshments, hitched itself to a text which read: "Woman is the most neglected factor in the problems of farm life." It being the statement of a prominent person and sent to the Department of Agriculture at Washington, said department sending it to all their farm correspondents to debate it and suggest remedies. In this connection the Fortnightly club got launched on the subject without frills or gloves.

The last number on the program sprang a surprise in announcing a debate on the subject: Resolved, "That becoming thin is more desirable and is a free to all debate." It was Woods and the correspondent were asked to lead the march. Both skirted around, about and towards the lowest end, tripped and tangoed and all sudden the subject was too large and laid a talking hold on the subject were George E. Gould, Edwin H. Gould, Fred Blodgett and Harry Ingalls.

The next meeting will be held on Friday evening, December 19.

Pomona Meeting.

Middlesex-North Pomona grange had a full house at the annual election of officers last week Friday. After the members of the newly-installed grange of Lowell were initiated to the fifth degree the following officers of Middlesex-North Pomona grange were elected:

Alonzo H. Sutherland, Westford, m.; Charles A. Wright, Billerica, o.; Mrs. Nellie Wilson, Mary's Legion and S. S. Sherburne, Tyngsboro, stew. Bert Clough, Dracut, asst. stew.; Rev. James Danforth, Tyngsboro, chaplain; Norman L. Pevey, Dracut, treas.; Mrs. Lulu Hutchins, Billerica, sec.; Frank Haynes, Tyngsboro, g. k.; Mrs. Etta Spalding, Chelmsford, Ceres, Mrs. A. H. Sutherland, Westford, Pomona; Mrs. Hattie J. Vickery, Chelmsford, Flora; Mrs. Eva Foss, Dracut, l. a. s.; Frank B. Blinch, sec. com.

The afternoon session got into a lively tilt on "Woman suffrage." S. L. Taylor opened the skirmish in favor of woman suffrage. Others who came to the rescue of their opinions on this subject were J. Lovell Colburn, of Dracut; Mrs. E. F. Dickson and Mrs. Charles A. Wright of Billerica; Lewis A. McBrayne, of Lowell. For solo song singing Norman Sherburne, of Tyngsboro, was at charm point and called back several times to the same point. A paper, "The housewife's burdens," by Mrs. Nettie Wilson, Carlisle, proved to be a burden after. The attempt to have a printed program of the lecturer's hour caused a lively tie and debate.

W. C. D. S.

The West Chelmsford Debating society held its monthly meeting on Tuesday evening with a satisfactory audience. James A. Peck, as president, was the authority in charge. The question: Resolved, "That illiterate foreigners should not be allowed to emigrate to the United States," was debated on by Harry Carlson and S. L. Taylor, affirmative, and Charles Nelson and Charles S. Edwards, negative. It was an exhaustive debate without exhaustion, for nobody was sent down for the count. The audience acted as referee and decided in favor of the affirmative, so that hereafter illiterate foreigners will not be allowed to be a part of the intelligence of the United States. Will Washington, D. C. take any notice of what the legislature of West Chelmsford has done? The following officers were elected for three months: Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, cap. John J. Monahan, Laren J. Ellinwood, trus. Grantville.

Misses Cora and Daisy Gagnon, former friends here, with a party of Lowell friends, have been recent visitors here.

Ransom George, a former resident here, but now located in Portland, Me., made a brief business trip to this village last week.

The Fortnightly club of North Westford held the first of its winter series of entertainments in the No. 9 schoolhouse on Friday night of last week and the affair was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The members of Cameron Circle, C. F. of A., held a well attended meeting in its rooms on last Tuesday evening.

On Thursday evening of last week the members of Court Grantville, E. of A., held their regular meeting in Healy's hall with C. E. Dudevold, chief ranger, in the chair. After the meeting the rest of the evening was devoted to dancing. The party dispersed at a reasonable hour after all had had a thoroughly good time. The whole affair was voted a great success.

Frederick Conture, a young Grantville man, was arrested on Middlesex street, Lowell, early Wednesday morning by Sergeant Giroux and Officers Bissett and Noyes. He was found to have a .38 calibre revolver on his possession and his case was continued until the next morning. Supt. Welch had the revolver in court as well as a flashlight, a pair of pinners and a box of cartridges. The charges against the defendant was carrying a concealed weapon and his bail was fixed at \$500.

Social and Dance.

The members of the Grantville A. held an entertainment and social dance in Healy's hall on last week Friday night that proved to be a very enjoyable affair and was a great social and financial success in every way. A fine, well-balanced musical program was presented and was so well received that those who took part were obliged to respond to encores that were cheerfully given. Edward Riney was the chairman of the evening. After the entertainment refreshments were served in the lower hall and were in charge of Albert and Frank Reeves. Dancing was then commenced and continued until twelve o'clock, music being furnished by Miss Rachel and William L. Wall on the piano and many being present from out-of-town. The whole affair was in charge of Charles E. Pope, chairman, assisted by other members on a committee of arrangements.

Birthday Party.

The house of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ledwith presented a merry scene on Monday afternoon when a birthday party was given their little grandchild, Mary Prinn, in honor of her fourth birthday anniversary. A large number of Mary's little friends had assembled and enjoyed themselves highly in playing games and other innocent amusements. Of course refreshments were served and the birthday cake with its four lighted candles was a gorgeous affair. The ice cream, cake and candy was well distributed and after all had been well supplied the little guests sung many of the school songs and the merry party came to a close. Little Mary was the recipient of many pretty gifts. Those who assisted Grandma Ledwith in attending to the wants of the little ones were Miss Jennie Ledwith, Mrs. Alfred Prinn and Mrs. Grace DeLorenzo.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the First National Bank of Ayer, will be held at the Banking Rooms, in Ayer, Mass., on Monday, January 12, 1914, at one o'clock P. M., for the purpose of acting upon the following business:

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 Ranges, Sad Irons, Beds and Hammocks. 5¢ to \$1.00
 Carriages, Chairs, Chair Swings, Trunks. 25¢ to \$1.50

IRON TOYS
 Road Carts, Buckboards, Sulkies, Automobiles, Hook and Ladders, Fire Engines, Trains, Coal and Dump Wagons. 5¢ to \$1.00

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
 To all persons interested in the estate of THEODORE P. CARR, late of Ashby in said County, deceased: Whereas BESSIE S. CARR, the administratrix of the estate of said deceased, has filed for allowance the second account of her administration upon the estate of said deceased, you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-ninth day of December, 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 administratrix 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, or by publishing the same in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this third day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen. 3113 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
 To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of CHARLES A. NYE, late of Littleton in said County, deceased: Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by EDWIN N. ROBINSON who prays that his testament be admitted to him, the executor therein named, with-out giving a surety on his official bond, you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the fifteenth day of December, A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Guide, a newspaper published in said County, 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 known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said court. First Judge of said Court, this third day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen. 3112 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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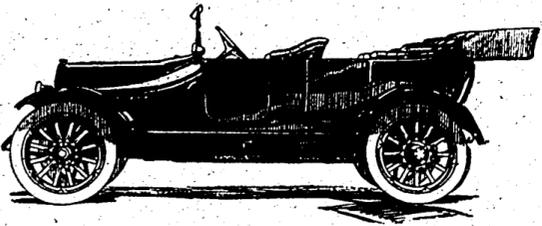
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Studebaker 1914



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Control Left hand drive with control levers at the right hand in the center of the car, permitting unobstructed entrance and exit from both sides.

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WESTFORD.

Forge Village. Communion services were held at St. Andrew's mission on Sunday morning, the pastor, Williston M. Ford, officiating. On Sunday services will be held at 4.30 in the afternoon. Sunday school will be held at 3.30. The members of St. Andrew's Sunday school are busy rehearsing for the special Christmas tree exercises.

Mrs. Nelson Prescott is ill at her home. She is attended by Dr. Cyril Blaney, of Westford, and Dr. G. Forrest Martin, of Lowell. During her illness she is being cared for by her daughter, Miss Alice L. Prescott, of Rochester, N. Y.

James McMurray, who has been spending the past couple of weeks in Portsmouth, N. H., has returned home.

The Abbot Company mills are now running on full time, having been on short time since spring.

Successful Sale. A very successful Christmas sale was held by the Ladies' Sewing Circle, aided by the young ladies of St. Andrew's mission, in Recreation hall on Friday afternoon and evening of last week. The tables were well arranged and held some very choice as well as useful articles. All were very well patronized and each netted quite a sum of money. At five o'clock luncheon cake and coffee were on sale and quickly sold out. The fish pond was in charge of Caroline E. Precious and Ethel M. Collins, and attracted the young folks especially. The apron table and plain sewing were in charge of Mrs. Richard P. Prescott, assisted by Mrs. William Burnett, Mrs. Hugh Ferguson, Mrs. W. H. Fernald, Mrs. Chester Blodgett, Mrs. William Blodgett; fancy table, Mrs. W. M. Ford, Mrs. George Henry, Mrs. E. Plummer, Mrs. Centerbar, Mrs. E. Plummer, Mrs. Henry Catchpole; refreshments, Mrs. David Lord, Mrs. Charles Blodgett, Mrs. Fred Naylor; candy table, Miss Emily Collins and Miss Bertha Collins.

HOLLIS, N. H.

Current Events. Abram Wentworth, at the north part of the town, met with a painful accident recently. He was fixing the roof of his henhouse and a piece of steel flew out of the file he was using and lodged in one of his eyes. He went to the hospital to see Dr. Nutter about removing it, but the doctor thought it advisable to take him to Boston. Mr. Wentworth would not consent to this at first, but after a little he consented and was taken to Boston to the Eye and Ear Infirmary. The piece of steel was visible and the doctors made several attempts to get it with the magnet and finally succeeded. Much anxiety was felt for fear that he would lose the sight of the eye. He is to remain in the infirmary for a few weeks and it is hoped that he will return fully recovered.

Mrs. Wesley W. Ladd and two children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Thayer, of Nashua.

Ferley A. Lund has gone to Nashua to work in the Excelsior Brothers' mill for the winter. He is at present rooming in Hudson with his brother Arthur and taking his meals nearer his work.

Miss Lena E. Ladd came home from her duties in Manchester on last Saturday and returned on Sunday.

There was quite a brisk chimney fire at Charles W. Hardy's on Tuesday morning. It was allowed to burn out and no damage done.

William J. Mills has received the New Hampshire agency for Hemlock Oil, now known as Darling Oil, which is made in Derry. He is making a tour of the country to show the oil and seems to be quite an active salesman despite his years.

Miss Olive Clement spent the weekend in Nashua with Belle I. Gilman and other friends.

Arthur Patch and Fred Holden attended the basketball game and dance at Brookline in the new town hall on last week Friday evening.

Mrs. George W. Hardy was in Boston the first of the week.

Mrs. Fred Muzzey and Mrs. George Ladd were in Manchester on last Saturday.

Lewis G. Woods has had another abscess on his face, this making the second one in a short time.

Mrs. Edith Bishop spent Sunday with relatives in Nashua, returning to Mrs. William H. Lund's on Monday.

Miss Annie B. Newton is rooming at the home of William J. Gatt.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hardy have recently moved into their new home, purchased of Mrs. Lucy Dow.

The lecture given in the town hall on last week Friday evening by Rev. Mr. Crathern for the benefit of the senior class was very fine, although not a very large audience was present. He used a good deal of the Scotch brogue in delivering it, which made it very interesting. He stopped at the home of Mrs. Emma Goodwin during his short stay in town.

Miss Emma Van Dyke and brother George have a suite of rooms at West Palm Beach, Fla., where they expect to remain. Miss Van Dyke is not as pleased with this place as she was with their last winter's home in St. Petersburg.

The Hollis Woman's club met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Anna Bell. The second of the series of papers on South America was on the past and present history and was given by Mrs. George F. Hills. Mrs. Hills gave a review of all that is known of the history prior to the European invasion. The native tribes were organized on a racial basis and all things were in the hands of the state or ruler. The story of the Spanish invasion is one of blood and slaughter, but out of it came the new South America, which is the land of promise today. Miss Rogers read from Mrs. Fraser's reminiscences. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17, at the home of Miss M. A. Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Woodin went to Boston the first of the week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Woodin's mother.

Theresa Woodin Stickney stayed with her aunt, Mrs. Inez Strong, during the absence of her grandmother, Mrs. George Woodin.

Mrs. George Coburn, of East Hollis, who has been quite poorly for some time, is improving now and able to be about her home again. She has been suffering with a severe bronchial trouble.

Quite a large attendance of ladies were present at the W. R. C. meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Edna Lund was initiated and then the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hattie E. Hayden, pres.; Beanie W. McEnnis, s. v. p.; Angelina M. Muzzey, j. v. p.; Harriet A. Hazard, treas.; Emma Greenleaf, chap.; Mabel L. Hinckley, con.; Ellen

WESTMORE, S.

Two delegates were chosen to attend the convention at St. Andrew's mission in Westford, N. H., on Sunday morning. The delegates are Angelina M. Greenleaf and Y. Hayden. Several of the other officers are to be appointed by the president at the next meeting. It was voted to hold the meetings in the afternoon on the second Tuesday of each month.

Joseph Richardson, of Lowell, Mass., spent Sunday at the home of Frank Scott.

The W. R. C. realized forty-six dollars from their entertainment given after part of November. This money is to be placed in the church improvement fund.

Bertell Stimpson, of Needham, Mass., formerly of Hollis, had a very narrow escape from serious injury when a carpenter's staging on which he was employed collapsed, throwing Mr. Stimpson fifteen feet to the ground. Although no bones were broken he received a severe shaking up, from which he has not wholly recovered. Mr. Stimpson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Stimpson, of this town.

Supt. Bacon, of Milford, was in town on Tuesday.

Several of the townspeople met in the church vestry on Monday evening to discuss the advisability of holding several entertainments to enlarge the church improvement fund and after a thorough discussion it was decided that the gentlemen would give a minstrel show in the near future. A committee was appointed consisting of Rev. Robert French, Worcester, Herrick and William W. Worcester.

A portrait of Charles H. Farley, 1st Lieut. Co. H, 7th regiment, U. S. A., has been added to the decorations of G. A. R. hall.

At the election of officers of Chas. H. Farley Camp, S. of V., on Tuesday evening the following officers were chosen: H. A. Wilson, com.; L. J. Hayden, s. v. c.; W. Worcester, j. v. c.; W. E. Lund, sec. and treas.; all other officers are filled by appointment and will be announced later.

The high school basketball team was defeated by the Nashua Y. M. C. A. at Nashua on last Saturday evening by the score of 25 to 22, which was a remarkable showing for the high school boys against a team which so greatly out-weighted them whose experience as a basketball team has been over several years. A large number from Hollis followed the game.

Miss Clara E. Smith left on Tuesday morning for Benzonia, Mich., to attend the funeral of S. M. Spaulding's brother, Mr. Spaulding's niece, who has recently visited in Hollis, met Miss Smith at Ayer and will accompany her on the trip.

A large crowd attended the auction sale of the personal property of David Budro at the farm formerly known as the Albert Lovejoy fruit farm on Wednesday. A. Burge, Nashua, was auctioneer, and his usual list of witty remarks kept the crowd in good spirits despite the cold. Mr. Burge, who is a native of Hollis, is a veteran of the civil war and one of the best horticulturists in New England. Many were present from Brookline, Pepperell, Dunstable and Nashua.

On the evening of December 13, the Hollis high school basketball team will play East Jaffrey high school at the town hall.

Matthew Jameson returned home this week after spending several days with relatives in Antrim, N. H.

Runaway Accident. On Tuesday afternoon, while returning from town with the school children, the pretty gray horse owned by Frank E. Scott and driven by his oldest daughter, Christine, was badly frightened by a pile of wood left in the road on Long hill. The animal's flight collided with the guard rail beside the road, throwing the driver, her little sister Barbara and Warren Hall to the ground, and after badly damaging the buggy fled towards the woods. Mr. B. Wheeler was notified that the horse was proceeding toward his place and he succeeded in stopping him there. The children were badly frightened and bruised, but received no serious injury. Mr. Bacon, superintendent of schools, happened along and carried the children home in his auto. It is reported that the wood pile which caused the runaway was left there by one of our citizens who was obliged to unload part of his load on the hill.

News Items. Rev. C. F. H. Crathern lectured in Hollis on last week Friday evening on Robert Burns before the senior class of the high school to help them raise money to go to Washington this spring, and quite a large class is to go. The lecture was interesting and finely delivered. The proceeds were fourteen dollars, which when expenses are paid, will net between eight and nine dollars. During the lecture it was illustrated by the singing of Robert Burns songs by Miss Bertha Hayden, Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. Colburn and Miss Hazel Marshall. Ely W. Wheeler was the pianist.

Andrew Jewett was the delegate sent to appear at the resignation of Mr. Drawbridge. It was voted to accept his resignation. Mr. French was also present. A fine collation was served by the ladies before the meeting began.

The Hollis Woman's club met on Wednesday, December 10, at the home of Mrs. Anna Bell. Interesting events were discussed and quite a little time was spent in discussing Dr. Maria Montessori's methods of kindergarten teaching, which are soon to be tried out in the Quincy schools. A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. George Hills on the subject of South America, and Miss Mildred Rogers read anecdotes relating to Chile.

GROTON.

Interesting Lecture. On Thursday evening, December 4, Ernest Harold Baynes, the well-known "Bird Protection" lecturer, under the auspices of the Groton Historical society, in opening, Mr. Baynes asked three questions which he proposed answering in his lecture: 1. Do birds need protection of man? 2. From a purely material viewpoint are birds worth protecting and increasing? 3. If the answers to the foregoing questions are affirmative what can man do to protect and increase useful birds and attract them about his dwellings and gardens?

The lecturer first took up the history of certain of the birds now completely extinct or in danger of extermination. He described the fate of the passenger pigeon, which in the early part of the last century darkened the sun with flocks as dense as colonies sometimes thirty or forty miles long and seven or eight miles wide, containing millions of individuals. These birds were slaughtered in countless numbers at all seasons, their young and eggs destroyed, and hogs driven in to feed on carcasses, so mutilated as to be unfit for food. Now the passenger pigeon is totally extinct.

As the next instance of destruction of birds by man Mr. Baynes cited the case of the white heron, or egret, which bears on its back the beautiful nuptial plume commonly known and sold under the name of egret. To secure these plumes for decorating women's hats, the "plume hunter" of the south utterly destroys great nesting colonies of these birds by shooting the parents and leaving the young to starve in the nest. The plumes are thrown on the screen depicting the dead mother herons with the plumes torn from their backs and the young are gradually dying from starvation.

The history of the two birds, the lecturer said, is enough to demonstrate fully that birds in general need the protection of man if they are to survive.

The question of the economic value of birds to man was next taken up. Mr. Baynes called attention to the fact that the United States Department of Agriculture has estimated the damage to the country by insect and rodent pests, and that birds are one of the most important checks upon the increase of these pests. He showed pictures of various insect and rodent-eating birds, among the former the familiar phoebe, the swallow, bluebird, the rose-breasted grosbeak, the goldfinch and the brown thrasher, and among the latter, the screech owl, the marsh hawk, the red shouldered hawk.

He called attention to the fact that the coopers and sharp shinned hawks and the great horned owl were the real enemies of the farmer, whereas nearly all the other birds of prey were really his benefactors, as they live very largely on mice and other harmful rodents. His conclusion was that his second question as to whether birds were worth protecting and increasing for the good they do to man shall be answered emphatically in the affirmative.

The third question was then taken up and the various methods of attracting, protecting and increasing birds were pictured and explained. Several different types of nesting boxes for birds which normally nest in hollow limbs were shown, many of which, because of their simplicity, can be readily constructed by anyone. These are readily used by such birds as tree swallows and bluebirds, and to a lesser extent by chickadees, screech owls and others—all very useful birds. The phoebe, another great insect eater, can be induced to build its nest on a shelf or shallow box nailed up under the piazza roof or under the roof of open sheds. Boxes made of tree limbs bored out in the shape of a woodpecker's hole, after the German practice, are occupied by the above species and also by flickers and nuthatches. For birds that nest in the open, dense thickets of shrubbery are attractive, and many nesting sites can be made by pruning some of the branches back to a certain point each year, thus forming a mass of small shoots and stubs which make a suitable platform on which a bird may build its nest. This method has had wonderful success on the estate of Baron Von Berlepsch at Seebach, Germany. The tending of several branches of a shrub has also been practiced with great success by Baron Von Berlepsch.

The lecturer next took up the matter of feeding and watering birds as a very necessary part of the general scheme for attracting and protecting them. Many pictures were displayed showing various devices for offering food and water to birds, as used at Mr. Baynes' home town of Meriden, N. H., and remarkable instances of the taming of wild birds by the speakers and others. Here, as subsequently in many other towns in New England, a bird club has been formed and has been working for the past year, thus forming a mass of small shoots and stubs which make a suitable platform on which a bird may build its nest. This method has had wonderful success on the estate of Baron Von Berlepsch at Seebach, Germany. The tending of several branches of a shrub has also been practiced with great success by Baron Von Berlepsch.

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News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown went on Tuesday morning to attend the voting delegates representing Groton grange the three days' meeting, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, of the State grange held in Tremont Temple, Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Millard S. Sawyer attended the meetings also, as representatives of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange. The E. S. Clark post, G. A. R., met last Saturday afternoon and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: C. H. Berry, com.; H. P. Shattuck, s. v. c.; Warner Souther, J. v. c.; Thomas Gilson, officer of the day; C. H. Torrey, adjt.; M. P. Palmer, q. m.; Dr. S. A. Green, sur.; J. F. Moore, chaplain; John Condon, o. g.; E. S. Higgins, q. m. sergt.; C. H. Berry and M. P. Palmer, delegates to department encampment, D. R. Steere, alternate. It was voted to hold the installation at two o'clock on the afternoon of January 1, jointly with the W. R. C. installation if convenient to the corps. Middlesex Rebekah members are invited by Vesta Lodge of Ayer to their meeting on the evening of Dec. 17. Those who wish to go will please send in their names as soon as possible to Mrs. James Harrington. The first of the series in the Luther Blood free lecture course was held on last week Friday evening and was given a full house. Many persons who were deeply interested and impressed by Mr. Baynes' lecture on bird protection last week Thursday evening have expressed a desire to form a Groton Bird club along the lines suggested by him at that time. Such a club, if modeled after the original Meriden Bird club, might well comprise several classes of membership—junior, including children under fifteen, paying ten cents per year; active, including most residents of the town and paying fifty cents per year, and associate and life, paying proportionately larger amounts. A meeting will therefore be held in the lower town hall on Monday evening, December 15, at eight o'clock. Everyone at all interested in this matter is cordially invited to attend. It was hoped by the relatives of Robins Sampson that he would come home for a Christmas vacation, but having been sent recently to Green River, Wyoming, as train despatcher he will not be able to leave. Under date of December 6, he writes of a terrific snow storm east of him at Cheyenne and Laramie. They had only four west bound trains in the past forty hours. At Sherman Hill they had twenty feet of snow. Everything was tied up. Fred G. Carpenter, station agent, returned the first of the week from a visit of several days at his former home in Maine. The next meeting of the Book and Thimble club will be with Mrs. Louis H. Clark, Subject, "Domestic science." There will be a vesper service at the Unitarian church on the afternoon of Sunday, December 21, at five o'clock. Program later. Edwin, the eldest of the three sons of Mrs. Fanny Sampson, is coming home this week Saturday from his work at Pittsburg, Pa., to spend a two weeks' vacation. Miss Margaret Crowley, Mrs. H. R. Fitzgerald and her niece, little five-year-old Catherine Denaby, who lives

with her aunt, spent Wednesday with Mrs. T. F. Monahan at Graniteville. Prof. A. B. Farwell had a pupils' recital at his house on Tuesday evening. There were fourteen numbers consisting of solos, duets, two performers on two pianos and four performers on two pianos. The evening passed pleasantly. Mr. Farwell proposes to hold these pupil recitals at his home every month. Mrs. James R. Hawkes has taken a room in Boston in the near vicinity of the Massachusetts General hospital so that she may more easily visit Mr. Hawkes at the hospital, as he is able or may ask to see her. The Transcript of Wednesday evening contained the notice of the death at Asheville, N. C., on December 6, of Alexander H. Caryl, Jr., son of Alexander H. and Mrs. Sarah Caryl, of Chicago, Ill. The funeral services and burial was at South Hingham on Thursday afternoon. The Caryl family are well-known here, where they lived for many years. Alexander H. Caryl, the father of this young man, died here in 1880. He attended the academy and married here Miss Sarah H. Whiting. They afterward went to live in Chicago. They lost a daughter Christine not long ago, soon after her graduation from Wellesley. The cause of the death of A. H. Caryl, Jr., is said to be tuberculosis. The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Baptist church will hold a sale in the lower town hall on Thursday afternoon, December 18, commencing at three o'clock and continuing through the afternoon and evening. On one side of the hall there will be booths as follows: Pop corn in all its different make-ups; food, such as cake, doughnuts, pies, sandwiches, coffee; home-made candies, and ice cream. On the other side of the hall will be the following booths: Aprons, fancy articles, hand-decorated china, five- and ten-cent articles, genuine Japanese articles imported from Japan. The public is cordially invited. Saturday, December 20, is the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Souther. All neighbors and friends who would like articles will be cordially welcomed at this golden wedding reception in the afternoon from three to five o'clock, and in the evening from seven to nine o'clock. All the children of the family are expected home on this occasion and will join in the cordial welcome. The case of E. G. Hammond vs. Howard Wheelock, which was tried in the Lowell court on Wednesday was given a verdict for the defendant. The plaintiff sued to recover for damages alleged to have been sustained while driving a dump-cart owned by the defendant. He, the plaintiff, was thrown from the seat and seriously injured. Williams A. Woods, Henry P. Fitch, the Misses Lottie and Hattie Woods and George S. Knapp were members of Groton grange who attended the State grange at Boston besides those given in another item. Born on Monday, December 8, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Malley, nee Miss Clara Parker. The primary schools closed this week Friday for a three-weeks' vacation, and on next Friday the high and other grades close for a two-weeks' Christmas vacation. At his visit on Monday to Fitchburg to meet the surgeon having the case, the plaster cast was taken from the broken arm of Frank D. Lewis, which he now carries in a sling.

Miss Nellie Bywater, Miss Helen M. Moore and Miss Florence Roach are extra saleswomen at Moore's store, where they are showing a full line of Christmas goods. Miss Rena Champney has moved from her late home on Court street to occupy rooms in the house of Mr. Cunningham on Main street. It was voted at the meeting of the Groton Improvement society on Monday afternoon that the society become a part of the civic section of the Groton Woman's club. The Neighborhood club was entertained last week Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Joseph Graves. After the usual order of procedure the members listened to an interesting description by Mrs. Fred Moses of her visit to the Bermudas and a pleasing musical selection by Miss Lillian Tuttle. The refreshments, followed by the club song, brought the meeting to a close. The management of the dance to be held by the senior class of Groton high school in town hall on the evening of December 19, especially and for the attendance of the parents and older friends. They hope they will make a special effort to attend, even though they may not dance, for their pleasure and success. An interesting article on the lecture given by Mr. Baynes on birds will be found on page three. The current events department of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. W. B. Warren at three o'clock on Friday afternoon, December 19. The department is glad to announce that A. J. Clough, principal of Lawrence academy, will give the address on December 26, at the regular meeting of the Woman's club. Deaths. The short earthly life of Hilda Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hynes ended on Tuesday morning, December 9, at the age of 10 years, 1 month, 26 days. The little girl had not seemed well before, but it was not thought necessary to call a physician until two months ago when it was found that the incurable disease, sugar diabetes, had fastened itself upon her and would prove fatal in a short time. Everything possible was done for her comfort, but surely and gradually, yet painlessly she faded away. The sympathy for the parents and other children has been sincere and wide-spread. Hilda had attended the public schools and the Sunday school of the Congregational church where she has been missed. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, the pastor, Rev. G. M. Howe, officiating. Her four brothers were the bearers. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The interment was in Groton cemetery. Besides the parents there remain in the family the four brothers and one sister. Among those who attended the funeral were a large number of her former schoolmates. Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth (Cheney), widow of Dea. Darwin P. Keyes, passed away on Friday, December 5. She was born on July 8, 1838, at Washington, N. H., the daughter of the late John E. and Mrs. Cynthia Cheney. Her father was for years a deacon of the Baptist church. Mrs. Keyes had endured for a long period the weakness and confinement of an invalid's life, but had grown worse for two or three weeks past, death resulting from heart trouble. It was a noted coincidence that her death occurred on the birthday of her husband, the late

Deacon Keyes, whom she survived a little over six months, his death taking place on June 2, last. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, December 7, Revs. William Breckenridge and George M. Howe officiating. The bearers were Deacons Rowe and Cressey, H. C. Rockwood and G. T. Stevens. There were floral offerings from a number of friends. The interment was in Groton cemetery. The nearest surviving relative is Miss Edwina Keyes, an only child, who has been the faithful home-keeper, companion and nurse for both parents. Lawrence Academy Notes. The present term closes on Wednesday, December 17. The regular term examinations take place the last three days of school. There are now forty pupils in attendance, representing eight state and two foreign countries. The next term will open on December 21. It will be a good time for any boys to enter the school. The train service at Groton makes it easy for pupils living in adjoining towns to go back and forth daily, and sessions are arranged with that object in view. There are seven teachers and every boy receives a large amount of attention. It is hoped that during next term hockey and track athletics will be taken up with interest and success. The necessary amount for the lecture track has not yet been pledged, but the committee are in hopes that it will be in hand so that the track can be built during vacation. Vesper services will be held at the academy chapel on Sunday. Rev. William Breckenridge, pastor of the Baptist church, will be the speaker. The public is cordially invited. West Groton. Mrs. A. W. Lamb spent Tuesday in Boston. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams motored to Worcester on Wednesday. Coming on Thursday of last week Miss Gertrude Hitchens, of Dever, L. G. Strand. Mrs. Matthew Robinson, accompanied by her daughters, Ethel and Jessie, and little son Stanley, visited the various Christmas displays in Boston on Monday. Walter Haliday, who has lately moved into the Edmund Blood cottage on the Groton road, is having a small barn erected on the place. E. P. Shores has left the paper mill and is employed in Fitchburg. His family will remain here for a time. Mrs. A. H. Thompson, who is at Groton hospital recovering from surgical treatment, is able to sit up for a time each day. A bird club has been organized in Groton, which has for its especial object the protection of our little feathered friends. Miss Elizabeth Hill is asking for membership among West Groton people. A Christmas service will be held at the chapel on Sunday morning and special notice will be taken of forenoon day on Sunday morning, December 21. The primary school closed on Friday for the usual Christmas vacation. The grades under the care of Miss Sylvia Lawrence at the hall enjoyed a Christmas tree on the closing day. G. S. Webber was called away last week by the death of his father, Charles Webber, who died in Worcester. Joseph Brennan, a foreman at the paper mill, was called out of town

last week by the sudden death of a young brother in New York. The circumstances were unusual and especially sad. The young man was reading in his room by gas light and fell asleep. The supply of gas becoming exhausted, the entire house was enveloped in darkness. Some one, without thinking of possible sleepers, furnished the necessary quarter and a new supply was immediately forthcoming, bringing light to all but the young man sleeping in his chair, who passed into the sleep that wakes no more on earth. Mr. Brennan lost a brother about three months ago, and the sympathy of many friends is extended to him in his double bereavement. Mrs. F. L. Blood has been ill this week, requiring the attendance of a physician. L. A. S. Entertainment. The entertainment on Thursday evening following the first day of the Ladies' Aid fair drew a good audience, though given wholly by local talent. There were vocal solos by Mrs. A. W. Lamb and Miss Sylvia Lawrence and a humorous reading by Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge, all receiving generous applause. The remainder of the evening was given to the exhibition of Mrs. Jarley's wonderful wax "diggers." Mrs. E. K. Harrington, as Mrs. Jarley, and Cedric Hodgman, as John, the assistant, did fine work in their respective roles. The extremes of the "show" were G. H. Bixby as a Chinese giant in costume, and little Ralph Blood, a tiny little hunchback dwarf, each perfect in his way. Little Evelyn Hallett, as the singing doll, was heartily endorsed. George Woolaver "stood on the burning deck" with his clothes "hind side before," and Bertha Harrington made a sweet picture as "Little Bopsey." Mrs. M. S. Williams, as Madame Squallini, poured forth liquid notes, and the Misses Bixby and Mellish, commonly known as "the two Ruths," gave a fine representation of the two-headed girl. Mrs. G. G. Harrington, as Mrs. Winslow, fed soothing syrup to her crying babe. H. Spaulding, as the bearded woman, was dressed in a costume "fearfully and wonderfully made," and Raymond Sleeper made an excellent "contraband," grotesque in costume and dancing. Miss Marian Mellish posed as a fisher maiden and Mrs. Hallett as the beautiful Beatrice Cenci. Evadne Harrington illustrated a school girl's fondness for pickles, while Marian Parker and Ethel Robinson gave exhibitions of giggling and chewing gum. The favorites of the audience seemed to be the little "sister and brother," "Babes in the wood," little innocents, feeding each other with doughnuts. The general mirth may be easily understood when were recognized in the "Innocents," A. F. Bates and E. K. Harrington. Last, but by no means least in the enjoyment of the audience, was W. V. Bixby as the deceased Mr. Jarley. This popular burlesque is never complete without its dainty "Little Nell" and a sweet and dainty Nell, was little Madeline Parker. Mildred Blood, who was to have posed, was ill. New Advertisements. HAY FOR SALE—\$18.00 per ton, at barn in East Pepperell. Address BOX 50, Ayer, Mass. 2114. ENS FOR XMAS—25c. If not drawn: 25c. If drawn: JAMES E. CULVER, Telephone 14-11, Ayer, Mass. 14

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Saturday, December 13, 1913.

AYER.

Supt. Louis H. Cushing of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company has declined to accept the position as inspector for the Massachusetts Public Service Commission which was recently offered him.

A fine venison supper was served in Hardy's hall last Saturday night, those present consisting of the employees of Charles H. Hardy and a few invited guests. The host was John T. Sherman, whose prowess in bringing down a deer in the recent open season was responsible for the appearance of the venison as the chief article in the menu.

A. Q. Thayer, chief of police of Fitchburg, formerly of Ayer, has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-appointment. His present term expires January 5. The announcement came at a great surprise to the people of Fitchburg. He was chief of the Ayer police department four years and left here to accept an appointment as head of the Fitchburg department which was tendered him by the then Mayor O'Connell nearly five years ago.

Edward A. Richardson is clearing the land on his property known as Nonacous park. The top of the hill has been cleared and a sixty-foot wide street laid out nearly as far as the reservoir. This spot is one of the highest in the town and from it can be had a beautiful view of the surrounding country.

At the last meeting of George S. Boutwell, R. C. these officers were elected: Mrs. Abbie W. Abbot, Mrs. Ruth C. Phelps, s. v. p.; Mrs. Elizabeth Kyle, J. v. p.; Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, treas.; Mrs. Augusta D. Scruton, chap.; Miss Millie M. Beveridge, sec.; Mrs. G. C. Boutwell, g.; Mrs. Juliet Allen, representative; Miss M. M. Beveridge, alternate; Miss Millie M. Beveridge.

At the last meeting of the Irish Catholic Benevolent society, the following officers were elected: Thomas McGuane, pres.; Thomas Lynn, v. p.; James O'Neil, sec.; George H. Brown, treas.; Louis Lapointe, James Donahue, Frank Martell, sick com.; James Donahue, stew.

Curtailment for the winter on the Portland division of the Boston and Maine railroad was begun on Monday when fifty sections of hands and passenger brakemen were dropped from the service and several engineers reduced to the rating of firemen. Orders to let the men go came from the department of maintenance, the passenger department and the motive department of the system in Boston. It was explained in the order that the move is made to place the division on the regular winter basis.

Louis Lapointe will start the first of the new year of Tampa, Fla., to remain through the winter months and where he has been spending the winters before.

Dr. E. B. Butterfield, Dr. Ralph H. Wylie, A. A. Fillebrown, Dr. Paul Fillebrown, H. H. Proctor, E. A. Richardson, E. B. Harlow and Charles F. Johnson, held the annual convention of the grand chapter of Massachusetts held at Masonic temple, Boston, on Tuesday, December 9.

Mrs. O. J. Fairfield, of Littleton, will preach on Sunday at the Unitarian church in place of Dr. Flisk, who is sick and is being cared for by a trained nurse.

Charles F. Johnson, of Littleton, was appointed on Tuesday by the grand chapter of Masons as district deputy grand high priest of the 11th caputular district, which comprises Clinton, Ayer, Fitchburg, Gardner and Winchendon.

At the meeting of the W. C. T. U. held in the vestry of the Baptist church on last week Friday two new members were received. A barrel of reading matter, comfort bags and other useful articles, which was packed at the home of Mrs. John Clark, superintendent of lumbermen's families on Tuesday, November 20, has been expressed to Rumney, N. H., for a lumber camp. A box filled with fruit, jellies and dainties for the sick, in charge of the flower committee, Mrs. Hattie Robbins, will be sent to W. T. U. headquarters, Boston, this week for distribution.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, December 16. Work—Past Master and Most Excellent Master degree. A special convocation will be held on Tuesday evening, December 23. Work—Royal Arch degree. Lunch will be served after the work.

John H. Hooley, clerk at the post-office, has been appointed local secretary of the U. S. Civil Service commission, and Miss Maud E. Whitcomb will continue as a second representative of the commission at Ayer. The commission has arranged to have fourth-class postmaster examinations for certain postoffices in lower New Hampshire held at Ayer on Saturday, January 10. Examinations which may henceforth be ordered for the Ayer postoffice will also be conducted by the local board instead of at Fitchburg.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. O. P. Robinson and was entertained by Mrs. Robinson and her daughter, Mrs. Frank S. Bulkeley. A contribution was sent to the Edward Everett Hale memorial parish house in Washington, D. C. Two new members were admitted. The program included selections on the Victrola in charge of Mrs. Bulkeley and a fine paper on "Ministers' wives whom I have known in life and in literature," by Mrs. O. J. Fairfield, of Littleton. This was followed by a social during which refreshments were served by the hostesses.

The Unitarian Social Gathering met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. G. P. Beverly, the president. The report of the recent fair was received and the work of the year. A committee was appointed to nominate officers for the coming year.

The members of the Congregational church held their annual business meeting in the church vestry on Mon-

day evening and elected these officers and committees: Dr. E. H. Hopkins, clerk; Ellis B. Harlow, pres.; George Osgood, Charles H. Hardy and E. H. Hopkins, prudential com.; Mrs. G. G. Osgood and Mrs. Nina Lovejoy, church com.; Ellis B. Harlow, Francis Lovejoy and Miss Edith Longley, music com.; Francis Lovejoy, deacon; Miss Mary B. Johnson, Mrs. E. Harlow and Miss Minnie Evans, soliciting com.; F. C. Johnson, Sunday school supt.; Miss Minnie Evans, col. The financial affairs of the church are all right. The meeting was very harmonious.

The art class of the Woman's club met on Thursday evening with Mrs. Susan M. Barker. The program included papers on "Memphis art" by Miss Esther Stone and Mrs. Barker; on "Early Egyptian history" by Miss S. Adelaide Blood and "The sacred Ibis cemetery" by Miss Madolin Whitney. At the close of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed during which refreshments were served.

At the meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon of next week the program is in charge of "Topic of the day section," and members are invited by the committee to respond to a roll call with a brief item of current news.

William Weaver, of Lynn, spent on Sunday with his brother, Sidney Weaver.

Mrs. Della Shorey, of Los Angeles, Cal., who has been visiting her brother, Sidney Weaver, a cooper, of Grove street, for a week, returned to her home on Thursday.

The two-story house known as the office house of the South Family of Shakers, owned by Andrew J. Lovell, of Boston, and occupied by his father and mother, was totally destroyed by fire last Monday night. A greater part of the furniture was saved. The origin of the fire is unknown. The house was destroyed by the built seventy or eighty years ago. Mr. Lovell had the house put in complete repair and attractively painted. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Whether Mr. Lovell will rebuild. The fierce wind of the night of the fire was favorable to the houses of the neighbors near by, and if it had been otherwise the fire would have made a clean sweep of all the property in that locality which there are no facilities for putting out a fire.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge will be held on Monday evening, December 15. Work—Fellowcraft degree.

Recent visitors in town included Howard J. Bowles, of Springfield, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Bowles, James E. Guindon, of Lynn, at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Wentworth; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, of Leyden, and Mrs. H. C. Babb, of Fitchburg, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Babb, and Mrs. William Morton and two daughters, Hazel and Emma, of Bridgeport, Conn., at the home of Mrs. Morton's mother, Mrs. Mary Murray.

The Glee and Mandolin club of Tutts castle, with an extra good program, under the auspices of the McKinley chapter, O. E. S., January 6, will be the event of the season.

The main street primary school will resume its sessions on Monday morning.

The pupils of Miss Lila Wellington, a teacher of vocal instruction here, gave a recital at her home in North Leominster on Wednesday. It was a notable affair.

Bible day will be observed at the Baptist church on Sunday, when Rev. Thomas will preach at the morning service at 10.45, on "The wonders of the bible."

The officers for the ensuing term were elected and candidates were mustered in at the meeting of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., Thursday evening. After the business session a collation was served followed by a social time. The members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. O., were the invited guests present. The officers were elected: J. C. Davnport, com.; John W. Wentworth, s. v. p.; Holden C. Harlow, H. E. Evans, sec.; Rickford, J. W. C. Leonard, treas.; E. Sawyer, sec.; Frank R. Mason, pat. inst.; John Craig, color bearer; E. D. Dolloff, E. B. Harlow, chap.; Stephen Ryan, k. k. T. C. Cullinan, o. g.

The condition of Mrs. Thomas Burns, who is ill with pneumonia is very favorable. Dr. Bulkeley, the attending physician and a trained nurse is also in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy attended the meeting of the State grand jury in Boston this week as representatives of Ayer grange.

"The road to the dawn," a great picture in two parts, will be the feature at the moving picture show on Saturday evening. Three other good pictures will be shown. "Wanted," "The face comedy," and "The accidental shot." There will be the usual illustrated songs. A special show will be given on Christmas afternoon. At the meeting of Caleb Butler lodge on Tuesday evening these officers were elected: B. H. Hopkins, m. p.; R. Andrew, s. w.; H. D. Evans, j. w.; George H. Bixby, treas.; E. H. Bigelow, sec.; E. D. Stone, trustee charity fund for three years.

At the next meeting of Easter lodge, v. p. O. P., Tuesday evening, December 23, the officers will be elected. There will also be a class initiation of candidates of the lodge and of Acton lodge. The grand officers are expected to be at this meeting.

Elmer E. Duncklee and Charles A. Mullen are serving as traverse jurors at the East Cambridge court.

The people of Ayer are cordially invited to attend the union meeting at the lower town hall on Tuesday afternoon next at two o'clock. Rev. C. O. Cook of Greenfield will speak for the cause of the great Methodist convention in Indianapolis. Rev. J. B. Kettle of Leominster will speak for the recent triennial council in Kansas City. And it is hoped Rev. S. Billings of Groton at the recent nation-wide Episcopal convention in New York city. All these together will aim to show what a common cause of religion and good citizenship and human progress has gained by these remarkable gatherings. The public in neighboring towns are also invited as well.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice, December 8: Mrs. I. R. Johnson, J. G. McCarthy, M. F. Spaulding.

Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., will hold a social dance in Page hall on December 25. Allant and Wheeler's orchestra, Fitchburg.

Supper and Dance.

A very pleasant and largely attended dancing party was given at the Sandy pond schoolhouse building on Thursday evening under the direction of the Sandy Pond schoolhouse association. Perry's famous family orchestra, as usual, furnished fine music for the occasion and William Landry capably filled his usual position as conductor. At intermission Patrie Donlon, in behalf of the association, voiced the appreciation of that body for the efforts of Mr. Landry for his great interest in keeping the building and adjoining grounds in such good condition without any money compensation. Mr. Donlon thought that Mr. Landry should be given a vote of thanks by those present, members of the association and others, for his work. The vote was unanimously given.



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Previous to the dancing the ladies connected with the association, seated one of their ever popular suppers to a large number. A special electric car brought the people home after the dancing finished at 11.30 o'clock.

District Court.

George Reynolds, of Edgewood, Ireland; John Cronin, of Pittsfield, and Michael Daley, of Worcester, were found guilty of vagrancy on Monday and their cases were closed.

The same disposition was made on Wednesday of similar cases against Charles Casey, Joseph Brown and Frank Moore, of Springfield; John Haley of Albany, and William McKen-

George F. Worden, of Pepperell, pleaded not guilty of larceny on Wednesday evening. He was found guilty and sentenced to six months in the house of correction at Cambridge. He appears to have had \$500 for the superior court. Being unable to furnish sureties he was committed to the above institution.

St. Andrew's Sale.

The Christmas sale on Thursday afternoon in Hardy's hall was a success because everyone had a good time. Christmas presents went fast. The fancy table was the largest sale which was natural considering the remarkable things offered. Almost as many plain things were sold. Candy went in a kind of landslide in the direction of Groton. The fishpond which was clever enough to deceive a Scotchman furnished sportmen with plenty of luck. Meanwhile ice cream disappeared in the usual manner.

The sale closed with an entertainment given at eight o'clock entitled "The family album," a series of fourteen family pictures from "Sister S. H. C. girl," in which Miss Sylvia Lynch figured, to "Grandpa Hobbs," illustrated by Junior Sanderson. No one in the audience of over a hundred people could tell the "Twins" apart and no one will forget "Sister Jane's husband," who was the only picture that never blinked.

Those in charge of the different tables were as follows: Apron table, Mrs. Mary Hutchins and Mrs. Perham; fancy table, Mrs. Barton, Williams and Mrs. Harvey Huntington; candy, Mrs. George A. Sanderson, Mrs. John Allison, Mrs. F. E. Atwood; mystery, Junior Auxiliary; ice cream, Mrs. Ella Hovey; tea room, Mrs. Austin Peters.

Congregational Fair.

The annual sale of the Congregational ladies took place on Tuesday afternoon and evening in Page hall. There was a good attendance and everything found a ready sale. The committee in charge of the apron table was Mrs. Charles Brown, Mrs. G. G. Osgood and Mrs. Charles Wood; food, Mrs. John Harrington, Mrs. R. C. Parker, Mrs. James McMillan and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer; candy, Mrs. Charles H. Hardy; remembrance, Mrs. Ellis B. Harlow and Mrs. B. H. Hopkins. The latter table received contributions from absent members in all forms. South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the New England states. The fancy table was cared for by Mrs. Herbert Pollard and Mrs. Holden Harlow, and the grab bag by Mrs. William Sargent and Mrs. Harry Stone.

The fair closed on Tuesday evening with an entertainment in charge of Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy. It included a play "The Peak sisters," by nine young ladies of Mrs. Lovejoy's Sunday school class, piano solos by Miss Pearl Carley and Miss Flora Cole, and a reading by Miss Ermete Willett.

To the Editor:

As the result of a conference held between the board of school committee and the school physician, the following was determined upon as the best plan to control the scarlet fever situation and thereby, we believe, prevent its assuming the proportions of an epidemic:

The schools to remain in session as usual. All pupils attending school are to be examined every morning before the regular session begins by physicians in attendance. All children showing suspicious symptoms shall be sent home for observation.

All school children not in school shall satisfy the school physician as to the cause of absence. It shall be the duty of school physician to ascertain the cause of school children not being in school by a personal visit to the homes of said children if necessary.

A plan similar to the above has been followed in other places with good results and is the general plan that is recommended by Deputy Inspector of Health Simpson, of Lowell.

The co-operation of all parents is absolutely necessary in order to carry out this plan in a satisfactory manner and to secure the best results.

It seems perfectly clear that the above plan, if carried out with care and thoroughness, would enable the authorities to control the situation much better than if the schools were closed and the children were permitted to go about town without any medical supervision of any kind. Of course, medical supervision is out of the question with the schools closed.

The one great danger is in the mild cases, such as we now are having, when the child is not sick enough to require medical attendance and the case is not discovered until many children have been exposed. Under the above plan the authorities know the condition of every child and know it every day. The physician will detect the mild cases early and have them isolated before they expose their companions.

It is also recommended that the children be not allowed to attend public entertainments of any kind for at least ten days. It is hoped that the parents will co-operate with the school physician and the authorities in their efforts to secure control of the situation.

Frank S. Bulkeley, School Physician.

George H. Brown, Chairman School Board.

The above is the result of discovering two more cases of scarlet fever—one at the Main street primary on Wednesday, where the school was closed for the balance of the week; another case was discovered in the fifth grade room on Thursday morning.

Every pupil in the Pleasant street building was examined by Drs. Hopwood and Priest, pupils in the Washington street building were examined by Dr. Bulkeley, and at the Shirley street primary by Dr. Sullivan. No other cases were reported.

There are at present four cases in town—the Pickard family on Jackson street, Crawford family on Fletcher street and Milton families on Third street—one case in each family.

Congregational Church Notes.

Prayer meeting Friday at 7.30 p. m. Subject, "Messianic hope in the old testament." A review will be given of the other "witnesses."

Sunday, December 14, morning worship at 10.45. Subject, "The plus sign." Evening worship at 6.30; subject, "The lives of great reformers: John Wycliff."

Sunday school at twelve noon. Y. P. S. C. E. at 5.45. An interesting Christmas service is planned for the evening of the 15th. Announcement will be made later.

LITTLETON.

L. W. C.

In spite of piercing winds and threatening snow flakes the Woman's club was well represented and favored by the presence of many guests at the town hall, Monday afternoon, when Prof. Havrah W. L. Hubbard of the Boston Opera company gave a thrilling, interesting and instructive talk on the opera, "Madam Butterfly," illustrated by Floyd M. Baxter, pianist.

The speaker's introduction emphasized the possibility of enjoying art without having a perfect knowledge of the technique, etc., and of the opportunity to hear grand opera without incurring great expense thereby. Mr. Hubbard spoke in detail of the authorship and history of the opera and the setting, afterwards giving a description of Japanese homes, character, customs and relations with foreigners. He possesses a pleasing musical voice, which harmonizes well with the piano. This entertainment has been much anticipated by those who had previously heard Mr. Hubbard and it is safe to assert, that everybody spoke in most appreciative terms of artists and their productions.

News Items.

The center store has been equipped with the necessary apparatus for electric lighting.

Mrs. Grace Lawrence, who has spent several weeks in Washington, D. C., returned home recently.

The Chester Hartwell family for several weeks guests of their parents and other relatives in the east, have returned to their home in Detroit, Mich.

It is very gratifying to know that Mrs. Charlotte T. Wiley is out again after her recent illness.

The following ladies will act each as chairman of the committee named for the King's Daughters fair: Apron, Mrs. Minnie Hartwell; fancy, Mrs. Alice Whitcomb; food, Mrs. Minnie Kimball; candy, Mrs. Edith Jacobs; children's, Mrs. Anna Brown; ice cream, Miss Elizabeth Thatcher.

The public schools of Littleton will all close next week Friday for Christmas vacation.

As Mrs. Harry Bartheaux was driving home from the station on Thursday afternoon she met Ross Reed and an automobile near Mrs. John A. Kimball's and was allowed to pass a space in which to manage her horse who had become frightened at the late hour and shed out. In consequence her two wheels were coming in too close contact with one of the shade trees, was thrown saddy out of commission. Two wheels and the chassis were smashed. Mrs. Bartheaux was uninjur-

ed and the horse did not suffer, as Paul Cote, who was a witness, immediately seized the horse by the bridle immediately. Hugh McDonald came to the rescue shortly after the accident. The broken wheels, making it possible for Bartheaux to return home safe within a comparatively short time. A lesson for drivers of horses and automobiles—don't crowd.

The holiday dance of the Backlog club slated for January 1, will be held on December 26, instead to accommodate the boys and girls at home from school and college at that time.

Frank McKinlay is making repairs that much improve the looks of the McInlay house in Newtown.

Mrs. Clyde Crane is at a hospital for a slight operation and reported as doing well.

GROTON.

West Groton.

The many friends here of John Moran, the candidate for mayor of Fitchburg, had hoped to see him elected. He was well-known here as a boy of much business ability and those who know him well feel sure that a man who has built up and maintained the business that he has would not stoop for the graft that is so common in the large cities and even in some of our small towns.

As a member of the board of aldermen the past year he has established himself in the public mind as a man of broad and liberal ideas, independent, practical and possessed of an abundance of sound, common sense. He was appointed to the chairmanship of two of the most important committees of the city council—highways and salaries. His line of work has given him a wide and varied experience. He is well-known as a contractor and builder. We understand he has built and owned more than fifty tenement properties and today he owns and controls more tenement property than any single individual in Fitchburg. His biggest local achievement was the development of property at the lower end of Main street, near what is now known as Moran square.

A few years ago this land was a drug on the market; now it carries more than \$150,000 worth of the finest buildings in Fitchburg. Contracts for building moving has taken him into every state in New England. At Lincoln, Me., he moved an entire manufacturing plant three-quarters of a mile to a new location. It consisted of a three-story mill building 225 feet long and forty-five feet wide, a big chimney, several small buildings and boilers, engine and machinery.

The Brown Engine Company Company shops and engine was his biggest local undertaking and the Westminster Hotel and the Stickney chimney at Townsend was the most complicated which he has accomplished in adjoining towns.

John Moran is distinctly a self-made man and it is due to his own efforts and his indomitable will and untiring persistency and independence that he has secured this substantial foundation for the broad and liberal education which has come to him out of his successful years in the exacting school of experience. M. K.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items. Rev. G. Edwin Woodman will give a stereopticon lecture on "India" in the Congregational church on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

The second entertainment in the D. A. R. series will be held in Odd Fellows' hall on Saturday evening, December 20. The attraction will be The Pierces of Boston, who have been playing to crowded houses all through the week, and Saturday evening was the only available date left open for Old Shirley chapter. Their impersonations are a marvel of dramatic skill.

Dr. Thomas E. Lilly has disconnected his telephone from the party line to a private line, his call number now being 46.

A telephone has been installed in the home of Charles H. Miner, the call number being 14-12. Edmund B. Winterbottom left town on Wednesday for a month's rest and vacation with relatives in Providence and other places.

Miss Blanche Sawyer is spending a few days in Boston and Somerville.

Rev. G. Edwin Woodman gave a stereopticon lecture last evening at the industrial school for boys on the subject of India.

Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, who has been very sick, is now able to be out of doors and is improving.

Henry O. Dow of Franklin, N. H., a former well-known resident of this town, passed away at the home of his aunt in that town the first of this week. Mr. Dow left Shirley about a year and a half ago and was employed in the weaving department of the C. A. Edgarton factory for about twenty years.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church held their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. Louise Butler. Twenty-one members were present. The president, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, presided. At the close of a brief business session the ladies devoted the remainder of the afternoon to sewing.

Miss Martha B. Hunter was chosen a delegate to the executive meeting of the Middlesex branch of the W. B. M. to be held at the Ayer Congregational church next Tuesday.

Leslie Mossman, formerly paymaster for the Grant Yarn company, Fitchburg, and recently employed in Great Barrington, has returned to Fitchburg to assume charge of the Mossman wood turning shop, looked after by his father, Jerome Mossman, until his sudden death which occurred a few weeks ago. Mr. Mossman has taken up his residence again in that city with his wife (nee Conant) and children.

The members of the Altruistic club and their friends are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the Woman's club at Pepperell which meets in Prescott hall on Saturday afternoon of this week at 2.45, and listen to an opera talk by W. L. Hubbard. A small admission fee will be charged.

C. E. Meeting. The monthly meeting of the executive committee of the Middlesex local union was held on Monday evening in the vestry of the Congregational church. An escalloped oyster supper was served to the delegates at 7.30 under the direction of the social committee of the church, which consisted of Mrs. Harry Colby, chairman, Misses Nina Holbrook, Sarah Stinson, Esther Harris, Leslie Wells, William Knowles and Leonard Hooper. The delegates present were Winslow Damon, of Concord Junction, 1st vice president; Miss May Burns, of Concord Junction, secretary; and Miss Marguerite Leighton, of Concord Junction, all members of the C. E. society of the Union church of that town; also, Luther Furbush, of Boxborough, treasurer.

The president, Miss Tewksbury, being unable to be present owing to sickness Winslow Damon presided and the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted. The roll of the churches was read and after a few encouraging remarks by Mr. Damon, who also cited a few pointed suggestions from the president, Miss Tewksbury, the pastor of the church, Rev. G. Edwin Woodman, gave a very able address on the subject of "Evolution of enthusiasm," which proved to be intensely interesting.

Mr. Woodman said in part that there were many kinds of enthusiasm and very graciously and convincingly argued for the enthusiasm of faith and hoped that it would be a paramount and leading thought in the hearts and minds of all Christian Endeavorers in the future and prove a valuable incentive for special and united effort at Coming C. E. rallies and conventions.

Upon the motion of the visiting delegates a vote of thanks was tendered to the Shirley C. E. society for their hospitality and cordial greeting. The meeting then adjourned.

Death. Mrs. Julia M. Harkins, aged sixty-eight years, passed away on Monday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas E. Lilly, Church street, after a lingering illness of about a year. Mrs. Harkins was born in London, England, in 1845, and was the daughter of Daniel and Margaret Maher. She was married in Lawrence to Edward J. Harkins, who died in 1883. One son and two daughters, who still survive, was the result of this union.

Mrs. Harkins has spent most of her life in Boston and Lawrence, coming to Shirley with Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Lilly eleven years ago. The immediate survivors are a brother, James Maher, of Bangor, Me.; one son, Edward L. Harkins, of Shirley; and two daughters, Miss Sarah E. Harkins, of Groton, and Mrs. Thomas E. Lilly, of Shirley.

Mrs. Harkins was a lady of decided quiet tastes and habits, always kind and thoughtful for others, whose gentle and gracious qualities of character will always live as a sweet memory in the minds of all whose privilege it was to know her.

Funeral was held on Thursday morning with service in St. Anthony's church, mass of high requiem being celebrated by Rev. Rosario Richards. The remains were taken to Dorchester for burial in the family lot in Old Dorchester cemetery. The floral tributes were very choice.

Social and Entertainment. The social, supper, entertainment and sale at the Universalist church on Wednesday evening was most enjoyable and successful. Over one hundred sat down to a supper which was under the direction of the following committee: Mrs. John T. Smith, Mrs. C. M. Ballou, Mrs. Charles A. Ford, Mrs. Mary M. Nickless, Mrs. George Knox and Miss Blanche Sawyer. The waltz was Mrs. Knox, Miss Sawyer and Arthur Annis.

The program of the entertainment which was under the direction of Mrs. Hittie W. Evans, consisted of several selections by the Euterpean trio, piano, violin and violin, and readings by Miss Sibyl B. Bearse, all of Leominster. The sale opened at three o'clock in the afternoon and continued through the evening, the following being the list of those in charge of the tables: Mrs. E. J. Foyet, Miss Sylvia White, Mrs. George H. Wilson, candy; Mrs. Alvah B. Watton; Mrs. John H. Will, Mrs. Harrie P. Barnard, Mrs. Maryon Edgarton, aprons; Miss Mary Badstuber, Miss Grace Kilburn, Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen, paper; Miss Hazel Ballou, Miss Agnes Lynch, Miss Bertha Wheeler, miscellaneous; Mrs. John E. L. Hazen, Miss Evelyn Miller, mystery; Mrs. Carrie E. Tilden, trude L. Conant, fancy; Mrs. Charles H. Miner and Mrs. Albert H. Sherman were the lucky winners of a bed quilt made by the Ladies' Aid, and Miss Nellie G. Carrigan, of Ayer, was the salt and pepper set winner.

Broken Into. The grocery store of Charles R. White and the depot of the Boston and Maine railroad were broken into last night. An attempt to make an admission into the Shirley Cash Market by the intruders was also made, but the intruders contented themselves with trenching a wire from the door and away as no further damage was done here. In the store of Mr. White entrance was gained by forcing a cellar window on the easterly side of the building. The window of the store was crudely smashed. The thieves then made their way to the main floor, where they proceeded to ransack things in general. They helped themselves to the cigars and cigarettes and watch belonging to Mr. White. The papers and account books of customers in and on top of the store desk were strewn around, and there are so many articles of a sundry nature in the store it will be a difficult matter for the white or his clerks to give a correct estimate of the goods stolen. Mr. White, when informed of the break, went to his store at once and found the door which he leaves lighted in the store every night burning, which shows that the robbers were bold in their work. At the railroad station a large window on the northeasterly side of the waiting room was broken, the catch released and access was gained. However, upon examination nothing was taken and no apparent attempt was made to enter the ticket office. Thomas C. Burrill, chief of police, was early on the scene of broken glass which showed clearly the print of a small hand, the finger marks being most conspicuous, which has led to the belief that it was the work of boys rather than a riotous party within the confines of the law. Much consternation and uneasiness prevails in the town owing to the fact that this is the third time within a few weeks that the railroad station went to his home at about midnight and it was after that hour that the breaks were made.

Brotherhood Meeting. The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held its regular meeting in the church vestry on Tuesday evening. A substantial supper was served at 6.30 under the direction of the following committee: Rev. G. Edwin Woodman, Stanley Wells, Raymond Harris, Elmer H. Allen and John G. Conant. The ladies who assisted in the kitchen were Mrs. G. E. Woodman, Mrs. John G. Conant, Mrs. E. H. Allen, Mrs. Ernest Harris, Mrs. George S. Wells and Mrs. Frank Snell. At the close of the supper hour a brief business session was held under the presidency of F. H. Fowler, presiding. Rev. G. Edwin Woodman was chosen as a delegate to the Hospital Board associated with the town.

The president then introduced the guest and speaker of the evening, Rev. Vaughn Dabney, pastor of the Ayer Congregational church, who gave a very spirited address on the subject of "Night riders of Kentucky."

Mr. Dabney is a native of Kentucky and his discourse was based mostly on personal experience. He gave a brief preliminary talk preceding his main argument which gave a good account of the temperance and general making up the original Kentuckian and his method of settling disputes. Mr. Dabney then got to the heart of his subject, relating the story of how the night riders of Kentucky originated, and the speaker said that through the years thousands of men made their living by growing tobacco and by combination of capital endeavored to force the planters to sell their tobacco to the trust at ridiculous, low prices, which would only be a miserable existence for them and their families. Consequently they organized a pool which every planter joined and made a rule that they would deal with the trust as a body and not individually. He pointed out in prices that were satisfactory to the growers of tobacco, but for certain reasons a delay of fully a year was experienced before the trust was willing to pay the planters.

Through circumstances this caused many who had entered the iron-clad pool agreement to sell their tobacco direct to the trust, whose agents were on the alert, circling around through the homes of the planters with ready grasping at opportunities of this character in the hopes of demoralizing the pool. This raised the ire of the large army of planters who had joined the pool and they organized a band of "night riders" who went out under cover of the darkness and wreaked vengeance on the pool breakers by burning their stock of tobacco, shooting and murdering and committing the worst kind of depredations.

Mr. Dabney connected many humorous situations with his address which kept his audience in a happy mood. As he finished he was given the full measure of applause, followed by a rising vote of thanks for his kindness in appearing before the Brotherhood.

Find Wells Polluted. The following communication has been received by the local board of health from the office of the State Board of Health, Boston, which is a result of the work of the local board in ascertaining the cause of the recent typhoid fever cases at the Center: December 5, 1913. To the Board of Health, Shirley, Massachusetts.

In response to a request from the state inspector of health, the State Board of Health has caused a number of private wells in the village of Shirley center to be examined and samples of their water to be analyzed. One of the most important of the wells, in the opinion of the Board, unsafe for drinking or other domestic purposes. The water of a driven well in a barn on the Sweetser place near by appears to have been used at times to prime the pump at the town well. An examination of the Sweetser well shows that it is located in the cellar of a barn containing much manure and other organic matter and that there is another well at no great distance from the well in question which is considerably polluted and, in the opinion of the Board, it is unsafe for domestic use. The water from this well should not be used for priming the town pump.

The second well examined is located in the yard of the unoccupied house of John Farrar. An analysis of this water shows that it is very badly polluted and unfit for domestic use. The same is true of the water of a well located beneath the kitchen at the house of Mrs. Felton; there are sources of polluting very close to this well and the condition of the water as shown upon analysis is very objectionable.

An examination has also been made of a spring, located in a woodland about a mile west of the village, from which water is taken at times for drinking. There are no sources of pollution in the neighborhood of this good quality for domestic purposes. It is exposed to danger of surface pollution and could readily be protected by walling and covering the spring, and if this were done the spring would undoubtedly yield water of very good quality.

The conditions in this village are such that a suitable public water supply is greatly needed, and the Board recommends that such a supply be provided at the earliest possible time and the further use of the polluted wells be discontinued. By order of the Board, MARK W. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

Center. Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, Alfred Bridgman and Miss Harriet Bridgman, of Brookline, left on Saturday and Sunday at their summer home on Center road. Raymond Bradford, of Cambridge, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford. The Sewing Guild held a pleasant meeting on last Saturday afternoon with Misses Carrie, Helen and May Bradford. Mrs. Hodgman and two daughters moved last week from Woodville to the house at the village recently vacated by Mrs. Fairbanks. Miss Lottie Chandler, of Ayer, is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Boutillier for a while. Louis Bradford returned home on Sunday after spending several days in Cambridge with his brother, Raymond Bradford. Dr. Fuller, of Boston, was a guest of his brother, Howard Fuller, over Sunday. Horace Harris will begin next week his duties as driver on the local R. F. D. routes. Sidney Hines is to take Mr. Harris' position with the C. A. Cross Company at Fitchburg.

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JOSEPH A. LOVERING, Administrator. To the Advertiser—One paper in the home is worth a dozen on the highway. This paper is a home paper.

TOWNSEND.

Center. A colonial fair, supper and entertainment was given under the auspices of the L. E. S. of the Congregational church, Wednesday, December 10, at the Memorial hall. There was a sale of useful and fancy articles, many packages and candy. A supper was served at six o'clock. A very fine entertainment in charge of Mrs. Emma Josselyn and Mrs. Emma Seaver was given at eight o'clock. Claude Fessenden at one booth represented Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright welcomed a little daughter into their home Tuesday morning.

Miss Gertrude Rockwood is visiting her sister, Miss Ethel Rockwood, at Baltimore, Md. Miss Ethel will accompany her home for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Sanderson, the grammar school teacher, was called home to Quincy Monday by the very sudden death of her father.

Mrs. A. N. Fessenden received by telegraph last week Friday morning the sad news of the death of her mother, Mrs. Charles Merrill, at her home in Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill and daughter Blanch made an extended stay in town some years ago and made many friends while here. Mrs. Merrill was also a guest here this early summer, but returned home sooner than she intended on account of ill health. Mrs. Fessenden has the sympathy of all in her loss.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold their fair, supper and entertainment at their church vestry on Thursday afternoon and evening, December 18. There will be the usual attractive booths containing useful and fancy articles and a pleasing entertainment is also in preparation.

West. The Ladies' Liberal Aid society will hold their annual Christmas sale in Seminary hall, Tuesday, December 16. Fancy articles suitable for Christmas gifts, aprons, quilts, etc., and home-made cooking of a variety of assortment, home-made candy, ice cream, etc., for your parcel post. Continuous sale commencing at two p. m. until ten.

The Ladies' Literary and Social Circle met last week Friday afternoon with Mrs. Charles B. Stickney at the home of her mother, Mrs. Oren Lawrence, at the light present. Among the very interesting current events discussed was the reading of a pamphlet sent by James L. Flynn, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a resident of this village summer, entitled "The story of the centennial of the colonial mint, which was read by Mrs. Josephine Boynton, Mrs. Albert H. Wilson and Miss M. A. Taft. The reading of "Miss Gible's Gault" was continued, followed by afternoon tea and a social hour. The meetings will be omitted during the remainder of the month, the next being held with Mrs. Fred A. Patch at her home in Josselynville, the first Friday in January.

Improvements are being carried on at the Squannacook hotel in the shape of two bathrooms and toilet-rooms, which are being added.

Miss Boss, from Westminster, is stopping for the present with Miss M. Elinor Tower.

Owing to some misunderstanding no preacher arrived to supply the Baptist pulpit last Sunday and in the morning Walter E. Wilder, of the Center, filled the vacant chair most acceptably. In the evening the Y. P. S. C. E. met with twelve present in spite of the rain. H. B. Hathaway, president, conducted the service which was consecration meeting.

Rev. Willard Waterbury, from Boston, is expected to occupy the Baptist pulpit on Sunday.

The Ladies' Study club will meet at the Reading-room on Monday evening, the topic being "The Russo-Japanese war," in charge of Miss Alice Seaver.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Davis have returned to Stoddard, N. H., and Mrs. William Robbins took possession of her home at the Davis house on Main street which she recently purchased.

Carl B. Willard spent the week-end visiting relatives in Brookline.

There will be no Christmas concert at the Baptist Sunday school this year and it is expected that Christmas will be celebrated with a dinner at the vestry and tree in the afternoon.

Brotherhood Banquet. The twenty-fourth banquet and public monthly meeting of the Brotherhood was held in the Baptist vestry on Thursday evening of last week with an unusually large attendance, about one hundred being present. R. S. Ely, president, presided and the guests of the evening were Rev. and Mrs. Robinson, from Worcester; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Higgins, of the Center, and Mr. and Mrs. George Partridge, Master Partridge and Miss Irene Partridge, from Ashby.

The speaker of the evening, Miss Irene Partridge, a very charming singer, rendered two selections which were received with hearty encores. Miss Emma H. Adams, of this village, acting as accompanist.

The speaker of the evening, Rev. F. A. Robinson, from Worcester, was then introduced by the president and received with hearty applause, as he is very popular with the audiences of this village, having occupied the Baptist pulpit here several times. He delivered a very able discourse on "The model man," and kept the audience in laughter with his witty anecdotes, and at the close of his address he and Miss Partridge, as well, received a ringing vote of thanks from an appreciative audience.

The other speakers were B. F. Savage, from the Center, who closed his remarks with a recitation from Van Dyke, who will walk a mile with me; George Partridge, from Ashby; Mr. Parker, from the Center; Frank Boutelle and Dr. H. B. Boynton, of this village.

BROOKLINE, N. E.

News Items. Last week Thursday evening a special meeting was called by Edward R. Pierce, master of Brookline grange, for the purpose of conferring the first and second degrees upon three candidates. At the close of the meeting a short social was enjoyed with music. On Monday evening a second special meeting was held for the work of the third and fourth degrees.

Last week Rev. James N. Seaver submitted to another operation at a hospital in Cambridge, which was nearly as serious as the first. The week before Thanksgiving he, with Mrs. Seaver, were in town for a few days. Nine members of Brookline grange attended the meeting of the Pomona grange at Milford last week. The election of officers included a good

many of the officers of the past year. Mrs. Lattin was elected chaplain for the fifth consecutive year.

The sad news of the death of one of the Nesbit children was recently received here. The family will be remembered as passing the last two summers with Edward Hadley and family at their cottage here, and the sweet singing of the children in church. The family have the sympathy of their Brookline friends.

Thomas Kilroy, Mrs. Grace Campbell and Mrs. McIver and daughter were recent guests at Pepperell.

The trustees of the town public library wish to thank all who so ably assisted in the packing, dusting and removal of the books to their new home in the Daniels academy building.

Miss Hattie Smith, teacher at the Social school, while at her home in Townsend, on Thanksgiving vacation, fell when near the foot of some stairs and injured herself so that she was unable to return to her school duties here.

It is reported that Elmer Wallace and Charles Stickney, of Townsend, while hunting hickories, at New Pittsburg, shipped four buck to Boston market, the total weight being 650 pounds.

Mrs. Clara E. Russell was a recent guest of Charles Russell and family at Exeter.

During the open season on deer the following have been reported as successful, each capturing one deer: George Rockwood, Oscar Elliott, Richard Wright, Edward Taylor, Wendell Taylor, Michael Brodion and a party consisting of North Brookline, whose names were not recalled.

Frank L. Willoby has rescued all the fire extinguishers to be placed in the basement of the new hall to prevent them from freezing. There is a key at the home of Herbert Corey, of Exeter, and Frank Willoby, all near the hall.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gerrish were visitors in Pepperell last week.

Almon Shuman, of Ayer, Mass., was a guest in town last week.

Little Walter Corey, Jr., while at Pepperell with his mother, was taken very ill on Thanksgiving day. He is much better at last reports.

Rev. W. L. Waring preached at the Methodist church on last Sunday.

Mrs. Ellen Sweet has closed her home for the cold months and is at Nashua.

Mrs. Clark Barnaby was called to Nashua last week by the death of her sister, Mrs. Mary Nye, wife of Charles Nye, after a long illness. Mrs. Barnaby has the sympathy of her Brookline friends.

Clarence R. Russell was a guest at Nashua last week.

L. W. Meeting.

In response to the invitation of Capt. A. H. Taylor to the Loyal Workers to take possession of his home on Wednesday evening, December 3, and hold their regular meeting, a good number were present. The national colors were in evidence at the door. The meeting was opened in due form by Mrs. Eliza Betterley, Miss Josephine Boynton, and Mrs. Hattie Stiles and Miss Josephine Seaver and an organ solo by Mrs. Stiles. A patriotic song was rendered by Mrs. Myra Stanley and in response Capt. A. H. Taylor gave one of years ago. Mrs. E. F. Robinson was elected to fill the position, graphophone selections were listened to and then "Auntie" Taylor, followed by her assistants, served hot coffee and a lunch which the host had provided. A vote of thanks was given the host for his hospitality and also to the assistants of the circle who had aided him in making the afternoon a pleasant one.

Mrs. L. E. Martin and daughter Esther were present from Pepperell, and Mrs. Perkins.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

At the regular meeting of the grange on Wednesday evening, December 3, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Wm. A. Warren, m. e.; Edwin S. Marshall, c.; Lewis L. Harrington, sec.; Wm. E. Hayward, s. c.; Chester E. Edger, e. e.; Emma T. Ayer, e. e.; Aaron W. Watson, t. r. s.; Arthur W. Rockwood, sec. Alfred Gould, g. r. k.; Mrs. Edwin S. Marshall, g. r. k.; Eleanor Harley, Pomona; Mrs. Sarah Rockwood, Flora; Mrs. A. V. Kelly, l. a. s.; Miss Fannie C. Graves, pianist; Mrs. E. E. Boynton, organist.

Mrs. Samuel Smith returned Sunday from a ten days' visit in Somerville, having spent Thanksgiving with her son (Edison) and family in New York.

Mrs. Lyman Allen, who has been visiting among friends and relatives in Connecticut for the past eight months, in Center village, Norwich, and other places, returned to her home on Flat hill last Monday.

Miss Cora Richards took a much-needed vacation of a week and spent the Thanksgiving with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Isaac Woolson of Northwood, N. H., a former resident, was in town last week and attended the annual meeting.

For several years Dr. Geo. T. Wood of Fitchburg with his family have spent their summers in a tent on J. S. Gilchrist's land off Highland street. Dr. Wood bought a new car and will build a summer home there.

A little daughter, Lillian Parker, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Callum Friday, December 5.

Several new telephones have been installed. Geo. J. Grant 41, Albert C. Fry 42, Alvin T. Simonds 35, A. I. Craigne 34-4, Andrew J. Callum 16-5.

Annual Church Meeting. The Congregational church held its annual meeting and election of officers on Thursday evening, December 4. The first thing on the program was a bountiful lunch of sandwiches, cake and delicious hot coffee served by the social committee of the church. So large a number of friends were present that it was decided that it was disposed of by auction to the highest bidder. Then all were ready for business meeting.

Rev. Robert Bryant led in prayer and presided at the meeting. The records were read by Clerk Edmund S. French. George C. Jewett, treasurer, gave his report. The receipts for the year were \$1271.96, including \$17.02 at the beginning of the year. Collections, \$645.25; interest on invested funds, \$281.25; expenses for the year, \$1264.67, of which \$785 was for pastor's salary and \$130 for the church note, leaving only \$100 still in the treasury. The balance of \$1000. S. U. McIntyre, collector for the church, reported \$645.25 total receipts, of which \$100 was for the church note, leaving \$545.25 in the treasury. Having received from lawn party, socials and dinner, Mrs. N. G. Bigelow for the C.

treasurer reported \$423.36, as contributed to the society by the church. Mrs. Edith Harley, treasurer for the Ladies' Sewing Circle, reported receipts \$82.81, contributions to the church treasury \$60.45, worth of clothing sent to mission school and has \$68.44 in bank. Mrs. Harley also reported for the Ladies' Sewing Circle receipts as \$49.55, expenses \$23.16. The following list of officers were then elected: President, Mrs. A. N. Fessenden; Edmund S. Francis, clerk; George C. Jewett, treas.; John H. Davidson, aud.; S. Ulmer McIntyre, col., with authority in choosing his assistants; Norman G. Bigelow, ex. com.; Mrs. A. N. Fessenden, F. Barter, examining committee for the year; Mrs. A. K. Francis, Mrs. John H. Davidson, Mrs. T. A. Archibald, social committee; S. U. McIntyre, John G. Gilchrist, Hoyt Barter, John H. Davidson, Allen Jewett, ushers; Edmund S. Francis, supt. Sunday school; J. H. Davidson, ass't. Mrs. Edith Harley, sec. and treas.; Miss Eleanor Harley, hb.; Norman G. Bigelow, deacon, 3 yrs.

The heirs of the estate of Daniel Pepprell, deceased, six weeks in the church, purchased from the heirs of said Daniel Pepprell announced that it was their wish to present five of them to the church, to be used for the purpose of the church. The gift was accepted and the clerk requested to write a receipt for the same. It was voted to use the envelopes as last year, also the Congregational handbook. The treasurer was authorized to print a statement of the financial condition of the church.

IT IS TIME that you start to make up your Christmas list. For the one who enjoys good reading you can make no better selection than a subscription to the Boston Herald-Transcript, providing a daily feast of the best literature in addition to the carefully arranged and edited news. Subscriptions are received for any length of time and also, where the paper is not wanted daily, for any single day on certain days. Neatly engraved certificates are issued with all subscriptions intended for Christmas gifts. Sample copies of various issues of the Transcript are sent free of charge by the Boston Transcript Company on request.

CROUP AND COUGH REMEDY. Croup is a terrible disease, it attacks children so suddenly they are taken to the hospital and unless given the proper remedy, they die. There is nothing better in the world than Dr. King's New Discovery, Lewis-Chamberlain, of Manchester, Ohio, writes about his children: "Sometimes they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King's New Discovery is, we have no fear. We rely on it for croup, coughs and colds." So can you. Give a bottle, send it to be in every home. At all Drugists, Buekley & Co., Philadelphia, St. Louis.

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WANTED—A Warden and Matron on Town Farm, Harvard, Mass. For particulars consult OVERSEERS. 2114

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF INSOLVENT ESTATE. Estate of CHARLES A. DENNEN, late of the County of Middlesex, deceased, represented insolvent. The subscribers, having been appointed by the Probate Court for said County Commissioners to receive and examine all claims of creditors against the estate of said Charles A. Dennen, dated of said County, on the nineteenth day of November, 1913, are allowed to creditors to present and prove their claims against the estate of said Charles A. Dennen, on the 24th day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, on each of said days.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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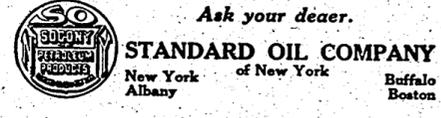
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PEPPERELL.

About Town.

Out of compliment to Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, and in appreciation of his friendly spirit and co-operation, the congregation of the Unitarian church will join in the morning service at the Congregational church on Sunday.

Three candidates were initiated into Acoma lodge on Tuesday evening of this week. They were, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rivers and Mrs. John Fredericks.

Arthur McMurray has been ill with rheumatism and confined to his home at the corner of Mill and Main streets.

Warren Blood was called to Everett on Monday on Tuesday evening of his son Minot of acute indigestion. He returned on Thursday, although his son was but little improved.

The dry goods establishment of A. A. Tarbell was the first in town to display Christmas decorations. The store is attractively trimmed and the goods displayed are a fine holiday line of articles.

John Frossard started for the west on a business trip Thursday night. He expects to be gone until Christmas.

The Woman's club will hold an interesting meeting which is open to the public on Saturday afternoon at 2.45 o'clock. W. H. Hubbard, of the Boston Opera Company, will furnish a most unique and pleasing form of entertainment. Accompanied by his own pianist, he will interpret and illustrate the music of the various operas in his own peculiar manner. Those who have had the good fortune to hear him as he appeared before the clubs in other places pronounce the entertainment very fine, and all are invited to come and hear him.

Mrs. M. E. Tucker, Miss Sarah Tucker and Mrs. Sumner Shattuck have been in attendance at the session of the State grange held in Boston this week.

At the election of officers of the Pomona grange held at Ayer, Wednesday, December 3, Mrs. M. M. Richards, of this town, was elected to the office of Flora.

Mrs. A. J. Saunders is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. William Foster at Rowley, going Thanksgiving week.

Miss L. A. Canfield, the district nurse, has changed quarters, having rooms now at John McGrath's, where a telephone for her use is soon to be installed.

J. W. Vallancourt, who has been employed in the freight department of the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division, has gone to Nashua to work temporarily.

Mrs. Arthur Bartlett and little daughter returned from Gardner on Thursday of last week after a visit of a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Blood.

The auditorium of the Methodist church is undergoing needed repairs. The carpet has been removed and a hardwood floor is being laid.

The L. A. society will hold the last meeting of the year on Wednesday, December 17, at three o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Elmer Weston. Aprons and other articles left from last month's sale will be on sale during the afternoon.

Mrs. S. J. Richardson has been spending the past week with friends in Boston and vicinity.

William Simmons is very ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. H. Lawson. The cause of his illness is heart trouble aggravated by a hard grippe cold.

Station agent Harris entertained his uncle, Charles Harris, of Lowell, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farnsworth and infant daughter left here on Tuesday for their new home at Ayer. Mr. Farnsworth did not find his Townsend position at all satisfactory and decided to purchase a place, instead, on the Littleton road, leading from Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Prescott and family have moved from the tenement they formerly occupied on Franklin street into the house recently vacated by Mrs. Holmes on Crescent street. Clarence Simmons and family, who recently moved here from Nova Scotia, will occupy the tenement on Franklin street recently vacated by Mr. Prescott, as soon as his goods arrive.

Harry Tagge is employed as driver on the express team. Mr. Dunton intends to attend to the office work in place of Miss Lorden, who has been acting as his clerk.

The Forward club met at the Congregational vestry on Monday evening. Two dialogues had been prepared under the direction of the entertainment committee, Miss Ellen Miller, but owing to the illness of one of its members they were postponed. The evening was spent in a social manner and in playing games.

Chas. Baker has opened a repair shop for cutlery in the second story of the building formerly occupied by the Burkinshaw Knife company. Mr. Darling occupies the lower floor.

Louise West, an employee at the Champion card shop, has been ill

with a bilious attack at her home on Mill street and under the care of a physician.

Forest Andrews has been in Boston this week in attendance at the state grange held December 9, 10 and 11, at Tremont temple.

Extracts from a Letter.

The following extracts from a letter recently received by Mrs. S. E. P. Tucker from her son, Chandler, will prove interesting for many reasons, just at this time. Mr. Tucker is chief yeoman on board the U. S. S. Virginia, which was ordered from New York to the southern drilling grounds and then ordered to proceed immediately to Mexican waters. This letter was written at Vera Cruz, November 16:

We are at anchor about four miles off the city of Vera Cruz, which is the seaport city for Mexico City, two hundred miles inland and connects with this city by railroad. The city of Vera Cruz is a very clean, sanitary city; the streets being kept clean and free from filth with regular street cleaners. The people themselves are of the dark-skinned race, but look neat excepting those who are actually at work. There are electric cars here, leading to all parts of the town. There are many pretty parks scattered here and there over the city. There are policemen on nearly every corner, although not very trim-looking, for their clothes do not seem to fit them very well, more like shabby, although I did meet a few, while on shore whose clothes fitted fairly good and they looked as well as could be expected. There are a few small shops with out stores, but the space in them is all occupied and their prices are so high that you go into a store, look at the price, say "thank you" and get out.

The highness of the prices may be an account of the war tax, just now. You can find something more like prices when I tell you that a white shirt waist that you can buy in Pepperell for 50 cents to 58 cents is selling down here for \$5 Mexican money, or between \$2 and \$2.50 in gold, or American money. Toys which you can buy at any five and ten cent counter at home, sell for about fifty cents gold. The only things that seem cheap down here are cigars, fruit and postal cards.

The milkman rides around delivering his milk on mule-back, with his cans of milk slung on each side. In cases of raw hide and makes quite an interesting spectacle.

The soldiers are not dressed for beauty, as in the uniforms had time that Noah landed from the ark, although at the military prison the soldiers are dressed right up to the mark. The officers all seem to be well set up, and neat, and seem to be proud of their soldiering.

There is no trouble near Vera Cruz, although to the north, near Tampico, the insurgents are mixing it up quite a bit; but the Louisiana and the gunboat Wheeling are up there for the protection of American and foreign interests. There are enough American men-of-war here now to wipe this city off the map in thirty minutes after we opened up with our "babies," the twelve-inch guns.

Our landing force are all equipped in heavy marching order, each with his full allowance of ammunition, and ready to land at a moment's notice if necessary. I guess if it comes to a showdown our Mexican friends would not be long in landing of the American blue-jackets, for they are all spilling for a fight and would certainly wake up the city as soon as the ball opened.

The weather is growing hotter rather than cooler, and I would not mind some of your cold weather right fall if we have no leave until fall shall try to make a visit to the states then. Of course I do not know when we will be relieved from this duty of keeping an eye on Mexico.

Reception.

On Friday evening, December 5, at Prescott hall, a reception was given by Principal Whitmarsh to the parents of the pupils of the high school and others interested in the school work. A very large number availed themselves of the opportunity of meeting Mr. Whitmarsh and the other instructors in the high school. The reception was held from eight to nine o'clock. Those who were receiving with Mr. Whitmarsh were Miss Hunt, Miss Fox, Miss Heywood, Mr. Harris and the members of the school committee, Miss Shattuck, Rev. Dudley R. Child and Mr. Tower. The ushers were members of the senior class.

At the conclusion of the reception Mr. Whitmarsh briefly stated the purpose for which the reception was given, which was that parents and teachers might become better acquainted with each other and work together for the best interests of the scholars and school work in general. Following these remarks was a most enjoyable musical program lasting an hour, the participants all being members of the high school. The program was as follows: Song, "March of the stars," school; cornet solo, Lambert Sullivan; piano solo, Adele Boynton; vocal selection, Mildred Morgan; trombone selection, Donald Shattuck; song, "Kentucky babe," eight girls; piano duet, Doris Durant and Dorothy Deenen; violin solo, Thomas Sullivan; selection on saxophone, Sydney Tower.

The musical was followed by dancing from ten to twelve. Music for dancing being furnished by Thayer's orchestra.

Extinguisher Used.

A slight blaze caused by an over-

heated stove in the tenement occupied by William Hanna in the Tucker house, Sunday morning, occasioned much of the damage to the neighborhood. Some clothing left near the stove over night ignited and for awhile things seemed somewhat serious. Mr. Rowell's extinguisher was quickly carried across the street and with the aid of the neighbors the flames were checked and the origin discovered. As the use of these extinguishers are so generally recommended it may be well to state that in addition to some few owned by individuals in town, the fire department have them in quantity at the engine house, and have also distributed several in the outskirts of the town as follows:

- At the residences of J. A. Lawrence, George E. Shattuck, P. J. DeBorja, and at Shattuck's tenement house, Nashua street; George Robbins, William Doyon, and A. S. McNary, Hollis street; W. W. Green, Mrs. M. C. Holmes, North Pepperell; Lyman C. Blood, A. C. Stewart, B. A. Keith, H. W. Clark, George Stewart, Oak Hill; S. H. Tucker, Ida Shattuck, R. E. Baker, E. C. Auburn, George Adams and Nathaniel Lyon, South Pepperell; Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Fitch, West Gorton road; George Maynard, Thomas Hayes, and Mrs. E. A. Reed, South Pepperell; Ann Jewell and Charles Spaulding, Townsend street; J. H. Holt, C. H. Feck, E. A. Reed, Melvin Gaskill and S. W. Wood, South Pepperell; Mr. and Mrs. John Sartelle, Burkinshaw village; Victor Geiger, Dunstable road; Frank Doyon, Oak Hill; W. W. Gillespie and Robert Sherwood, near the Gorton road; D. M. Lovejoy, Townsend road; Leroy Shattuck, Heald street.

Unitarian Fair and Concert.

The ladies of the L. S. C. Alliance of this town held a very successful sale and supper on the afternoon and evening of December 4, at Central hall, which was a grand success. The old-fashioned, well-kept, and more than a success, Prescott hall being well filled with an appreciative audience. The chorus consisted of thirty-eight voices under the direction of Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, and much credit is due him. The costumes were all of the ancient type, several being loaned for the occasion by Mr. and Mrs. Child. Notable among them was that of Mrs. S. L. Prudence, of Peterboro, N. H., who had charge of the concert. She was dressed in a brown and white delaine made with extremely full skirt and enormous bell sleeve, and further adorned by an ancient lace fichu. Her hoop skirt carried one back in memory to the middle of the last century.

Mrs. Drawbridge was most becomingly attired in a blue silk, full skirt and overdress, with a poke bonnet trimmed with white locks. Mrs. Stratton wore a most striking costume of cherry colored silk, elaborately trimmed with white silk, the same being the wedding dress of the great-grandmother of D. R. Child. A bonnet of gray and gray completed the costume.

The costume worn by Mrs. William Willows was much admired, being a white embroidered crepe, with train, and worn with a cape of the same color and trim. Mrs. George Pierce appeared in her wedding dress, a green plaid silk, and is to be congratulated that she is still able to wear this after so many years. She wore a collar and bonnet once belonging to the granmother, Miss Harriet Parker, an honored participant being of an extremely ancient design.

The costumes of the gentlemen should not be ignored as they were most becoming. The knee breeches, "silver buckles on the knee and foot being very noticeable. Conspicuous among them were the colonial costumes of D. R. Child and L. G. Robbins. W. W. Drury wore a conspicuous suit of buff and blue, of the ancient and Honorable Artillery times. The ancient attire worn by Charles Parker was once worn by the late Col. Shattuck.

The "costume parade" held at the conclusion of the concert, led by Walter H. Drury and Mrs. Elberfeld, there were many quaint costumes worn by others than the singers. A "Martha Washington reel," or cotillon, was carried out at the close of this march.

The L. S. C. will not about \$120 as the result of the sale and concert.

Decides Against Pepperell.

At the superior court held at Lowell this week, the case in which the town of Pepperell sues the town of Boxborough for expenses incurred while taking care of a pauper who has a legal settlement in the latter town, was decided. The plaintiff, that Estella Palmer, known as Estella Hayward, became a pauper while a resident of Pepperell. The officers of the latter town furnished her relief as a pauper from April 1, 1911 to November 27, 1911, and also paid expenses for nursing. It was claimed that the said Estella Palmer had no legal settlement in town of Pepperell, but had in the town of Boxborough and that the overseers of the poor of Pepperell notified the overseers of the latter town that Estella Palmer was supported as a pauper at the expense and charge of said town of Pepperell and demanded said expenses so incurred of the defendant, but the latter had failed to pay any part of the sum spent by the plaintiff. F. C. Hayes appeared for the plaintiff and F. H. Stewart for the defendant.

The case was given to the jury on Wednesday afternoon and they decided in favor of the plaintiff and no settlement in Boxborough.

News Items.

Miss Alice Deware left town on Wednesday for Valleyfield, Que., Canada, where she will make her home with her aunt, Mrs. William Deware. Lillian Frost was the guest of Miss Alice Marshall, of Franklin street, a few days last week.

Mrs. Napoleon LaBean, a former resident in town, was a recent visitor at the Byrne home on Franklin street.

Quite a number from Pepperell attended the dance in Dunstable last week Friday night and a reported a jolly good time. The music was furnished by Miss Mae McKean, of Gorton, and Edgar Frost, of Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Duffey have returned from their honeymoon trip to Washington and are living with Mr. and Mrs. Fraser on Mill street.

Arthur Bolles has returned to his duties at the Hotel Touraine, Boston, after a week's visit with his parents on Heald street. Mr. Bolles underwent a slight operation before coming home, but was very much improved on his return to Boston.

Miss Alice Marshall entertained the Epworth League of the Methodist church at her home on Franklin street last week Friday evening. A business meeting was held, followed by a social and dainty refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Lillian Frost.

The Pepperell band will hold a so-

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The above list may help make your Christmas Selections

LANE BROS.

East Pepperell, Mass.

cial dance in Lawrence hall on Friday evening, December 12. Music by the band orchestra.

The Red Cross Christmas seals are on sale at the following stores: Mrs. W. M. Mault, Whipple & Tower, East Pepperell postoffice, J. A. Saunders, W. A. Kemp, D. E. Weston, Albert Parker and Lane's clothing store, and also by members of the Pepperell Woman's club. The proceeds are to be used for the relief and for the stamping out of tuberculosis in this town.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will meet on Wednesday, December 17, to celebrate "Tea Party day" with Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, Pepperell. A paper on "Old superstitions" will be given by Mrs. Charles Worcester, of Townsend. Members will bring needlework, this being a thimble party. Hostesses, Mrs. Tarbell, Mrs. Worcester, Mrs. Blood.

The December committee of the First Parish Alliance Branch will continue their Christmas sale of holiday gifts, aprons, etc., at the home of the president, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald for two weeks.

Methodist Church News.

"How Christ was received" will be the subject at the Methodist church on Sunday morning.

At seven in the evening Rev. P. R. Stratton will take for his subject "The work of salvation."

Studies upon the bible and the spiritual life every Sunday at twelve o'clock.

The bright hour service of the Epworth League at six o'clock. Subject, "De-maturlizing our holy days and holidays." Led by the pastor.

The Tuesday evening service will be held at 7.30 o'clock. The bible study and teacher training class at 8.30.

On account of the repairs which are being made in the auditorium the Sunday services will be held in the large vestry.

HARVARD.

Unitarian Supper and Social.

The gentlemen of the Unitarian church society will hold the second of their supper and social at the town hall on Friday evening, December 19. Supper served at six and seven o'clock. The entertainment for the evening will be given by Mrs. G. L. Ellis, Miss Mildred Fairbanks, Mrs. H. H. Gale and Mrs. A. H. Turner and will consist of a farce-comedy in two acts.

The parts will be taken by the following cast: Mrs. Egbert Farrington, George M. Bryant, Miss Isabel Farrington, her niece, Helen E. Whitney, Gretchen, Henry J. N. Baker, James Emery, H. Adkins, Henry Dickson, Clarence Sharp, Detective, R. A. Reed, Herbert Douglas, A. T. West.

This very catchy play will be staged at 8.15 in the evening. Music throughout the evening.

News Items.

A very pleasant and a certainly complete surprise party called on our respected townsmen, Albert A. Pollard, on last Saturday, the event being the eighty-second anniversary of Mr. Pollard's birth. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Pollard, of Ayer, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harrington and Miss L. W. Dyer, both life-long friends of Mr. Pollard, called at their home in old mill district, taking Mr. Pollard from his work. It was several minutes before he realized what was being done, but his control entered into the spirit of the occasion and enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. Mrs. Herbert Pollard brought the lunch for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hynes attended the funeral services of their brother's, Herbert Hynes, youngest child at Gorton, on Thursday morning. Mrs. William Hanna came home from Waltham on last Saturday. She has been with her daughter for several weeks resting, and returns home feeling much better.

Miss Emily Whitney, with a friend from Ashburnham, visited over Sunday in town.

Early Tuesday morning, at about 2.30, the chemical company with the ladder truck, responded to a call from A. J. Lovell's residence at the South Shakers property. This house, which was originally the office of the South Family, was purchased several years ago by A. J. Lovell, of Cambridge, who has been engaged in remodeling and remodeling with modern improvements. Mr. and Mrs. Lovell, sr., were living in this building. In some way, but reports are unable to determine, a fire early Tuesday morning. Harvard central was called and in a very short time the firemen were on the scene, but all attempts to save the building were futile, the fire getting too great a headway. The surrounding buildings were covered with heat, but the wind being favorable, the fire was confined to the house alone, which was totally destroyed. Nearly all the furniture was saved.

The Choral Union meets at town hall this week Saturday evening.

Mrs. Edith Haskell, with her son Andrew are week-end guests this week at Miss Gertrude Beard at her home in Cambridge.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning at 10.45, the pastor will give the sermon. Choir director, Herbert A.

Thayer. Sunday school will be held at twelve noon and the teachers and pupils are asked to prepare for a lesson on the ten of Moses. Last meeting of the officers and teachers of the school on Tuesday evening at the parsonage it was decided that a Christmas tree and entertainment would be held on Wednesday evening, December 24, and committees were appointed to arrange a splendid musical program under the direction of Mr. Thayer.

At this church, the regular morning service and also a vesper service in the evening. This latter service is to be a union service, both churches uniting. A chorus of twenty-one voices are arranging a splendid musical program under the direction of Mr. Thayer.

Miss Emma Bagster, of Lowell, was a week-end guest with her brother and sister, George and Margaret Bagster, at the home place on Oak Hill road last week.

The ladies of the Congregational society outdid themselves at their annual fair held on Thursday evening last. The supper tables were completely filled at the six o'clock supper and a large number sat down at the second and third tables. The hall was decorated as were also the tables in green and white. The net proceeds of the sale were very gratifying to the ladies. The play was prettily staged and showed taste and judgment in production. The parts were all well executed and judging from the attention and applause of the audience were appreciated. Over 250 dollars were taken, which was one of the best ever given under the auspices of this society.

The officers of the Historical society are asking as to the whereabouts of a red coat taken from the lower room of the Memorial annex and not yet returned. In all probability it has been borrowed for some purpose and not yet returned.

Still River.

Chester Willard is making improvements on his property, taking down the old carriage shed in his yard and is about to replace it with a much better one. In one end will have an icehouse built.

Mrs. William B. Haskell entertained the birthday club on Wednesday afternoon.

John Bullard, of Boston, was the guest of his cousins, P. W. and Eliza Bateman, Thursday afternoon and night.

Mrs. Anna Robinson is at Hudson, where she has work at dressmaking.

Miss Alice Marshall is visiting her brother, Norman Marshall and family, at West Newton.

Mrs. Lucie Townsend has been visiting friends in Worcester this week. Quite a number from this village attended the Congregational fair, supper and entertainment in Harvard on Thursday evening. A fine supper was served and the entertainment was much enjoyed.

Luther Willard, 2d, has so far recovered from pneumonia as to be out of doors in pleasant weather.

Mrs. Orde, of West Townsend, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. A. Hutcherson.

Fred Joyce and A. A. Hutcherson here all electric lights installed in their houses.

John Felix has been in Boston this week to meet his son from Italy.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

The Ladies' Circle held a very successful fair at the town hall last week Friday evening. The entertainment in charge of Mrs. Arthur Nelson was unusually good. Miss Kerwin, of the Boston school of oratory, gave two readings which delighted the audience. The sunflower drill by the children, with Mrs. Salmon as accompanist, was fine. The usual tables of useful articles, fancy work, mysteries and candy found quick sales and a cafeteria supper served in the upper hall was an agreeable innovation.

Mary Hager is in Westford with her cousin and suffering from a bad attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Irving Clark and Martha Hale were the only ones from here who attended the Pomona meeting at Hudson.

Waldo Livermore is working in a store in Watertown during the busy season before the holidays.

Mrs. Ada Durkee spent the first part of the week in Boston and Melrose.

Leo Cunningham, master of our grange, and Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Robbins attended the meeting of the State grange in Boston this week. Mrs. Robbins represented the lecturer who could not go.

The case of Pepperell vs. Boxborough came to trial at Lowell on December 10. The case was one in which the town of Pepperell sought to recover for board and nursing of one Estella Palmer, whose legal settlement it was alleged in Boxborough. The question for the jury was on the settlement and their decision sustained the contention of our selectmen that the said pauper had not a settlement in this town.

The Ladies' Missionary Circle held their meeting at the home of Mrs. R.

Y. Nelson on Wednesday afternoon, fifteen members being present.

At the last meeting of the selectmen \$62.50 was given to James L. Richardson and \$43.00 to Mr. Fiera for damage done by deer to young orchards owned by them.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Salmon, Mr. Stuckey and Mrs. Earle R. Littlefield of this town take part in the comic opera, "Princess Chrysanthemum," to be given in Odd Fellows' hall, West Acton, on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week.

Mrs. Louisa Priest passed her ninety-third birthday on last Monday. From early morn, when Mrs. Page surprised her by serving a delicious breakfast for her, until late evening the day was full of pleasant events. The mail man on that day and the day following brought many greetings from thoughtful friends and many neighbors called with tokens of love and words of good will. In the evening a game of cards was played with the neighbors. Mrs. Priest is in the best of health and finds much to enjoy in life. On fine days she takes long walks through her orchards and has many plans for the future. She does her own work and enjoys early rising and working in the morning hours. She has a wonderful memory of the days when Boxborough was a flourishing business center and can remember when there was only one house in West Acton. She is a strong advocate of cheerfulness and activity and believes they aid much to long life.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Pictures of a hundred different varieties of apples have been loaned to the library and an invitation is extended to all who are interested in apple culture to visit the library on Monday afternoon from two to four.

Miss Gladys Kimball of St. Luke's hospital, New Bedford, is at home for a few days.

Misses Mary and Evelyn Kimball and Faith Field are visiting Miss Priscilla Fairfield in Cambridge.

Mrs. Oliver J. Fairfield addressed the Ladies' Alliance in Ayer Thursday afternoon.

An expert glazier from Spence, Bell & Company has recently put in thorough repair the leaded windows in the vestry of the Baptist church.

The ladies of the Baptist society had a successful sale last week and netted about seventy dollars.

Madam Caulkins has been visiting for a week past with a sister in Leominster. She will spend the winter at her son's in Medford.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith of Ashcroft, Friday, December 5.

Rev. H. L. Packard and Chas. A. Kimball were chosen delegates from the Congregational church to attend the council of dismissal of Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, who has resigned from his pastorate in Pepperell.

Miss Mabel Reed of Danvers has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Alexander Gregory, and her cousin, Mrs. George Bonnell, for a week.

There is a real estate boom among several members of the rising generation at the West End. Paul Woodbury, Frederick Johnson and Charles Smith, jr., are constructing houses and others of their age are busy making plans.

Charles A. Kimball, Joseph Coughlin, Miss Annie Coughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Barrow and Mrs. E. P. Wilcox attended the state grange meetings in Tremont temple, Boston, this week.

The H. J. Harwood family are pleasantly settled in winter quarters in Cambridge.

New Advertisements.

Xmas Will Soon Be Here

Wouldn't it be well for you to do your gift buying early and take advantage of the opportunity to purchase while the Christmas stock is complete? Many useful and pretty gifts can be procured in the Jewelry, Cut Glass and Chinaware Lines. We now have in stock a large assortment of new goods, consisting in part of Watches, Clocks, Rings, Chains, Charms, Fobs and Bracelets; also, a nice line of Silverware. Our stock of Cut Glass and Chinaware is extra fine. Call and be convinced.

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