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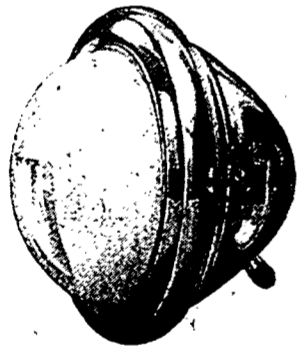
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News Items.
Miss Evelyn Thomas and Miss Eleanor Rogers, of Newburyport, are guests of Miss Ruth Huntington, coming on Wednesday, and will return home on Saturday.
John H. Hooley was the host to fourteen friends at a fine turkey supper which was served at his home on Tuesday evening. The bird which figured so prominently in the feast was the leading trophy awarded to the highest bowler in the roll-off at the local alleys last week Friday evening. Mr. Hooley being the winner of the match in which five crack rollers participated. Those at the supper were John M. Malone, George L. Wilson, Edward Wilson, Victor Filibrown, Frank Griffin, Joseph Markle, David Walsh, John Ryan, T. F.

Mullin, John Leahy, Frank and John Hooley, John and Charles T. Mullin and Joseph Donahue.
The annual meeting of the Holy Name society of St. Mary's church will be held in the church on Sunday afternoon, January 2, at four o'clock, which is the feast of the Holy Name. There will be vespers, followed by the benediction of the blessed sacrament, with Rev. Thomas F. McGlinch as celebrant. A special sermon will be preached by Rev. Francis Houston. The members of the society are urged to attend. All others are cordially invited to be present. The Holy Name society has passed a most successful year and the prospects for the coming twelve months are unusually promising.
A farmers' co-operative exchange will be established here in the near future. A piece of land has been pro-

cured near Flanagan's crossing, upon which a building, 40x70 feet, will be erected. There will be a platform on the south side of the building, where the goods can be unloaded from the freight cars, a new sidetrack being put in for that purpose. The exchange has been incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts and will handle farmers' supplies, such as grain, farming tools, fertilizer, etc., and coal. Later it is intended to handle the products of the farms. There is substantial backing for the new exchange.
There will be a joint installation of officers of George S. Boutwell post, W. R. C. and S. of V. at G. A. R. hall on Thursday evening, January 6, at 7.30 o'clock. All members who can attend please go on the one o'clock car.
The W. C. T. U. have been invited to neighbor with the Westford union on Wednesday afternoon, January 5, at 2.30 o'clock. All members who can attend please go on the one o'clock car.

Obituary.
The remains of William H. Sherman, who died in St. Cloud, Fla., on Tuesday, December 21, arrived here on Sunday morning. Funeral services were held at the house Monday afternoon by Rev. J. J. Ryan. The body was placed in the receiving tomb at Woodlawn cemetery.
Mr. Sherman was a resident for many years of this town. He was born in Lowell on October 25, 1840, and with the exception of three years, which were spent here, then called Groton Junction, his early years were spent in that city. Mr. Sherman came here in 1866, and the next year bought the dry goods business of E. B. Jenkins, which was located where the variety store is now situated. Later he sold the business to Charles W. Mason and moved to Taunton, where he was employed for eleven years as a dry goods salesman for the firm of H. Skinner & Company. Upon his return to Ayer in 1882, he purchased the dry goods business of Mrs. Abbie A. Lewis in Page block, which was located in the store where Miss M. L. Brown is now doing business.
Mr. Sherman was postmaster of Ayer from January, 1893, to June, 1897. He disposed of his dry goods business in 1900 and later worked in various places until November, 1910, when he left for St. Cloud, Fla., where he lived until his death. He was a member of the board of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor of Ayer in 1885.
Mr. Sherman was united in marriage on May 6, 1867, to Miss Ellen J. Wright, of this town, who was the daughter of Miss Lole Sherman, of Ayer, survive him.

For many years he was a member of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R. of Ayer, which he was a past commander. On taking up his residence in St. Cloud he had his membership transferred to the post in that place. He was also a member for a number of years of St. Paul lodge, where he was made a Mason. He was a man of fine points, well informed and was highly respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.
On April 20, 1861, the day following the attack of the rebel mob on the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment in Baltimore, Edward G. Abbott, who was afterwards elected captain, began raising a company for service in the war and succeeded in doing so on that day. The company was received into the Second Massachusetts Regiment as Company A by the colonel, George H. Gordon. William H. Sherman, then living in Lowell, enlisted in this company, which on May 11, 1861, went into camp at Brook farm, West Roxbury, the use of which was given for that purpose by Rev. James Freeman Clark, and named Camp Andrew.
A Gordon, who had served through the Mexican war, he having graduated from West Point Military academy in 1846; Lieut. Col. George E. Andrew, and John H. Sherman, who was engaged for three years in the construction of Fort Warren in Boston harbor, and Major Wilder.

Two flags were presented to the regiment by the ladies of Boston previous to its leaving for the scene of war. On July 8, 1861, the regiment left Camp Andrew, going to Hagers-town, Md., marching to Williamsport, and to Harper's Ferry July 13. A month later they crossed into Maryland and later went into camp at Frederick for the winter. In the latter part of February, 1862, they returned to Harper's Ferry, made a reconnaissance toward Charleston, where John Brown was hung, and the cavalry driving the rebels, the infantry entered the city. The remainder of General Banks' force arrived and the Second Massachusetts regiment went into camp. They then followed Jackson's retreating forces up Shenandoah Valley as far as Harrisonburg and fell back to Strasburg. They were ordered to remain there by the war department for the summer, but an unexpected change in the order and the union army retreated to Winchester, fighting all the way, and from there to Williamsport, thirty-five miles distant. At the battle of Cedar Mountain on August 9, 1862, while Mr. Sherman was on the skirmish line, the union troops retreated without sending word to the skirmishers and the whole came very near being captured. In this engagement Mr. Sherman received a flesh wound.
He took part in the battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862; Chancellorville, May 3, 1863, and in the memorable battle of Gettysburg on July 1, 2 and 3, 1863. On July 2, 1863, a regiment was detached on the extreme right of the line and was sent to the left in the afternoon to reinforce that portion. But as it was not needed there the regiment returned to and there the confederates in their former breastworks.
The next morning orders came to advance and carry the enemy's position which was held by a confederate force four times as large as that of the union regiment. The orders proved to be a blunder. The colonel exclaimed "It is murder, but we will obey," and at the command the men began the attack. Lieut.-Col. Charles H. Mudge, who was in command, fell dead when but half way across the

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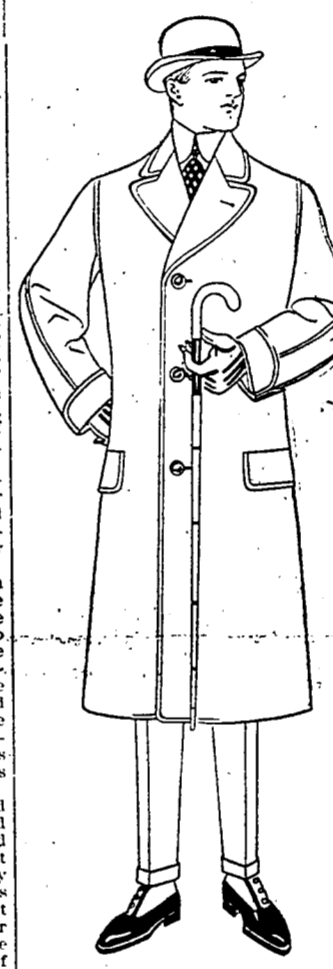
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WESTFORD

Center. The Christmas exercises for the children at the Congregational church were much enjoyed and there was a good attendance in spite of the weather. There were games, supper and a tree for the children and at seven o'clock Mr. Wallace gave a stereopticon lecture on "Child life of the world," illustrated with a fine set of slides.

The blizzard that started in last Sunday just as people were coming from church was pretty serious for a time. Many branches were blown from shade trees, but the telephone service was not seriously disabled and no other serious damage has been reported.

Teachers spending their vacation with the home people have returned. Ruth Tuttle, Miss Elizabeth Kittredge, Miss Jennie Ferguson and Miss May Day.

Leon F. Hildreth goes the first of the week to Amherst college to avail himself of one of the special mid-winter courses of ten weeks.

Mrs. Burton Streeter has been a holiday visitor with her daughter, Mrs. J. Henry Colburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Perley E. Wright and little Harold spent Christmas day with Mrs. Wright's sister, Mrs. Perry Shupe, at South Merrimack, N. H. There was a large family group present with Christmas dinner and a tree. This week Mrs. H. W. Colburn and children have been visiting at Mrs. Wright's.

Good cheer and hospitality abounded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright Christmas when a family group of friends gathered. The guests came from Groton, Springfield, Lowell and Chelmsford.

The annual firemen's ball will take place on Thursday evening, January 13, at the "Edison" hall. The same efficient committee who made the event so successful last year are managing the ball again this year and are Robert Prescott, S. E. Watson, William E. Wright and Edward Clement. The orchestra will again furnish the music.

Christmas services at the Congregational church last Sunday were admirably carried out. Mr. Wallace gave in place of regular Christmas sermon an original story of "Elaezer, the brigand," a vivid story of some events of the first Christmas day. There was a good musical program consisting of a quartet, Mrs. Norton Colburn, Mrs. C. H. Wright, Henry Smith and A. E. Day, and a duet by Miss Lillian Sutherland and Miss Sadie McMaster and another by Mrs. S. H. Adams and Miss Sadie McMaster. The platform and pulpit were beautifully decorated with hemlocks, wreaths and poinsettias, the skillful work of Mrs. A. W. Hartford.

Miss Gertrude Hamlin has been a guest at Mrs. A. W. Hartford's this week.

Bert Walker, who has been at home from the hospital for ten days, is now making a good convalescence after his long, serious sickness.

The mails at the postoffice over the holiday were unusually heavy and meant hustle for all concerned and much credit should be given for the efficient way the stacks of packages, letters and postcards were handled. F. C. Wright, R. F. D. carrier, reports the greatest amount of large packages taken care of in his route since he has been a carrier. Mr. Wright will have a well-earned holiday on New Year's day.

The annual appraisal and dinner to the town officers takes place at the town farm this Saturday.

Principal William C. Rondenbush has been entertaining a series of unwelcome cold during vacation days.

The regular meeting of the Tadmoor club took place on Tuesday afternoon at Library hall. Notwithstanding inclement weather, a good representation of the membership were present to hear Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beattie present the subject "Our boys and girls." Mrs. Beattie, who was a teacher at the young ladies' school with children of her own, gave a vital talk, practical and sensible, followed with much interest. Many took the opportunity to greet the speaker and express their appreciation in the close of the meeting. In the absence of the regular secretary, Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth acted as secretary pro tem.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the principal events of the club calendar and will be "guest evening" at the Congregational church, and Mrs. J. Willard Fletcher will be the hostess of the evening.

About Town. There was a fire in the new eight-story fireproof addition to the building of the Boston Athletic association in Boston early Tuesday morning, and among the guests who occupied rooms there that night was O. C. B. Wetmore of this town.

Quincy W. Fay, who has been ailing for some time, is about around, but not out around. We are glad to report that he is slowly gaining in the direction of the outside door. His friends will be glad to see him open it after his old-time strength.

In the death of Frank B. Trull, of North Tewksbury at the Lowell hospital last Sunday as the result of a surgical operation, a large community loses a large and generous citizen and agriculture the largest market gardener in the vicinity of Lowell, and the Middlesex North Agricultural society its largest contributor to its annual fair, and all this at the youthful age of fifty-five years. He leaves a wife, seven children, three brothers and three sisters. His wife was a niece of the late Dr. N. B. Edwards, of North Chelmsford, so well known in this vicinity. Mr. Trull was a prominent member and deacon in the Baptist church in North Tewksbury.

The next meeting of Middlesex North Pomona Grange will be held on Friday, January 7. The forenoon will be in the hands of the lecturer for

entertainment. In the afternoon, at an open meeting, the officers-elect will be installed by George S. Ladd, of Sturbridge, past master of the State Grange.

Here is an easy question for all to answer, so easy that there is liability of its being forgotten: "What important educational advantage is to be offered to the citizens of Westford and surrounding towns by the state at Westford town hall on January 7, 18, 19, 20 and 21?" There will be ample time to answer this question at the town hall on Monday, January 17, promptly 8 o'clock. The writer of this article will be there at that time to hear everybody recite their answers to this question. Read the posters bearing on this question every time and everywhere you see one of these posters.

A deputy of the State Grange will install the officers of Westford Grange next Thursday evening. The executive committee will furnish supper.

Herbert A. Walkden is a member of the Massachusetts Agricultural College Glee club and is touring the state. He will graduate from Amherst in January.

Christmas at the Unitarian church on last week Friday night was appropriately and socially observed, and the Christmas tree proved to have a good year for bearing. The older members of the parish who were unable to be present were remembered at their homes with baskets of fruit. The following children, trained by Miss Mabel Drew, gave recitations: Betty Prescott, Esther Fisher, Elizabeth Carver, Elizabeth Wells, Everett Miller. A play, entitled "A Santa Claus frolic," was given by John Fletcher, Morton Seavey, Freda, Alice and Ruth Johnson, Marion and Mildred Fletcher, Edna Hamlin, William Carver, Jr. Santa Claus was impersonated in a colorful and appropriate way by Rev. L. H. Buckhorn. The committee in charge of the event were Mrs. Buckhorn, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Hildreth, Mrs. Eben Prescott, Miss Drey.

An overhead bridge at Brookside for the electric cars, with the Westford car running to North Chelmsford, has some stockholders in talk. Here is a chance for the town to lay out a new street, from Mrs. Ada Erbe's Donnelly's store on the Brookside road, crossing the Stony Brook and the railroad and avoid the present dangerous crossing, the most dangerous of this vicinity—the only crossing an electric trolley, which doesn't always go along or else it goes to the other extreme and is going all the time. The time is coming when this grade crossing will have to obey the present law abolishing grade crossings.

The damage to the Moors mill property, by the more expensive, at the same grade crossing than the new route. Let it have a hearing.

The next meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the vestry of the Congregational church next Wednesday afternoon. This will be a rally day event. The following unions have been invited guests of the Westford union: Ayer, Grantville, Dracont, Lowell. The address of the afternoon meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. W. Thomas, of Ayer, will sing, and Mr. Carr of Long Sough pond will give a violin solo.

During the blizzard of last Sunday the telephone wires were down, and ground for safety and remained there until called forth by those who knew how to call it. Trees and things generally were up by the high winds.

Nathaniel Phillips, who has been ill with pneumonia at the home of his parents near Westford station, is much the same and more to the better.

Rev. L. H. Buckhorn has bought a new automobile at the home of Mrs. Willard Fletcher, opposite the sheds of J. Willard Fletcher.

Forge Village. On Christmas day many family gatherings were held. The holiday was full of good cheer and happiness. At midnight carols were sung at different homes.

William Baker is under the doctor's care, suffering with a broken finger.

William Davis, formerly of this village, now of Amsterdam, N. Y., is enjoying a holiday vacation of two weeks at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, of Pleasant street.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Doloria have welcomed a little stranger into their home.

John Hobson, of New Bedford, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hobson.

James Hyman, who has spent the past few months with relatives in New Jersey, is back in the village again.

James Daly, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is slowly gaining and his friends are anxious for a speedy recovery.

John Gray, the well-known telegrapher, is now the owner of a Ford automobile.

Mrs. Elizabeth Spain had as her guests over the holidays her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Rose, and children, of Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanley and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Downey and family, all of Marlboro, were among the home-comers at the Hanley home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett held their annual family reunion at their home on Christmas. This year four generations were represented and their guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Longbottom and son William of Charlton Depot, Mrs. Laura Jones and daughter Ethel of Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Boudet of Groton, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jones and little son of Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett and son Leonard of this village. The pleasure of the gathering was somewhat marred owing to the illness with pneumonia of their granddaughter, Miss Mabel Wyman, of Camden, N. J.

Rev. Williston M. Ford, vicar of St. Andrew's parish, was the recipient of an automobile as a Christmas gift from Groton School.

A special carol service was held at St. Andrew's mission on Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, and in spite of the blizzard a large number attended. There was special music by the children, and the story of the Christ child was read in a most pleasing manner by the wife of the vicar, Mrs. W. M. Ford.

The ice on Forge pond is now eight inches thick. The skating has been in excellent condition until the recent snowstorms. Sleighing is again being enjoyed by all lovers of the sport.

Loyal Sea Help Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 16 held their last meeting for the year 1915 in Abbot hall on last Mon-

day evening. An election of officers for the year 1916 was the principal business of the evening and resulted as follows: George D. Wilson, n. g.; Joseph Burnett, v. g.; Elmer DeLochen, elec. sec.; Charles Benson, w.; William Burnett, treas.; George H. Weaver, per. sec.; William Burnett, lodge dec.; George H. Weaver, delegate to district. It was voted to commence meetings at seven o'clock, beginning on January 1, instead of 7.30 o'clock, which has been the usual hour. Dr. Cyril A. Blaney, the lodge physician, gave a very interesting discourse for the good of the order.

Cameron school will reopen Monday after a two-weeks vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Connell and two children, of Woburn, were guests of Mrs. Connell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sochi, during the holiday.

Miss M. E. Plummer, who was the guest on Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. Creasey, of Salem, has returned home.

A most delightful family reunion was held on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Plummer, 101 State street. After an afternoon of music and sociability a bountiful supper was served, at which sixteen were entertained. In the evening the party gathered at the home of Mrs. David sister, Mrs. Dinah McMurray, and an evening of music was enjoyed. The orchestra was composed of the following: William C. Plummer, Gladys Baker, mandolin; Lillian Baker, piano; and John Baker, drums. The guests included Mrs. Jane Baker, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker and two children, Mr. and Mrs. William Baker and family of this village and William Davis of Amsterdam, N. Y.

A very pleasant gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker on Christmas evening. The evening was spent in games and music.

The services at St. Andrew's mission will be held at 4.30 Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. J. Tyler and family, of Worcester, were guests on the holiday of Mrs. Tyler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver.

John W. Catchpole, who has been suffering with an attack of the gripe, is now at work again.

Miss Helen Lord is still confined to her home by illness.

Grantville. The children of the M. E. church Sunday school had a fine, Christmas tree and an excellent program of exercises in the church on last week Friday evening. The affair was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Joe Wall impersonated Santa Claus and kept the children in good spirits at all times.

In spite of the inclement weather the members of Court Westford, M. C. O. F., held a well attended and interesting meeting in their rooms on Thursday night of last week. This being the last meeting of the year, much business of importance was transacted. During the session the following officers were duly elected for the coming year: Mrs. John B. Wall, c. r.; Miss Fanny McCarthy, v. c. r.; Miss Agnes Charlton, treas.; Albert H. Wall, rec. sec.; Edward T. Healy, s. c. r.; Lena Monahan, j. c. r.; Elizabeth Healy, l. s. o. r.; Mrs. J. W. Healy, G. S. Sullivan, Henry J. Healy, William L. Wall, trustees; Edward Riney, J. A. Healy, representatives to the grand court convention; G. S. Sullivan, secretary of the year alternates. All of the above-named officers will be duly installed at the first meeting in January.

The members of Cameron circle, C. P. A., held a well attended meeting in their rooms on last Tuesday evening. Much business of a routine order was transacted and at the close of the session a social hour was enjoyed, during which refreshments were served. The members made this their last meeting night of the year, a very enjoyable affair.

Christmas day was very fittingly observed in St. Andrew's church when two masses were celebrated by Rev. Henry L. Scott, who delivered eloquent sermons on "The birth of the savior." At the high mass at 10.30 the choir, under the direction of Miss Mary F. Hanley, sang the mass of St. Cecilia, the solos being sustained by Joseph Riney, James May, James Joseph, Arthur Charlton, Miss Rachel Wall, Mrs. Carrie Wall, Miss Rebecca LeDuc, Mrs. Mary Gardner Charlton. The altar was beautifully decorated with red carnations and lilies, with a bas-relief in the background which added greatly to the solemnity of the service. In the evening services were also held at 7.30 and were conducted by Rev. Henry L. Scott. The choir had the program arranged for this service.

J. Omer LeDuc, principal of the school in North Tarry, is spending the holidays at his home here.

Miss Isse A. Parker is spending a few days with friends in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Hawkes and son Wesley, of Melrose, have been recent visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Riney, Miss Etta May and Alice C. Sheehan and Elizabeth Devine, of Lowell, have been week-end visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McLeana have recently visited here, coming from Shrewsbury.

Mrs. John V. Downing, with her daughter Zella, are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. David Moran.

Miss Russell Furber has been spending the holidays at his home here.

News Items. Edward S. Gardner, of Jamaica Plain, spent Christmas and the Sunday following with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardner, of Kings street.

George Smith has taken a position in Boston as bookkeeper with J. P. Squires in the office with his brother, Peter Smith.

The United Workers will meet next Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. Alina Love. Under the leadership of Mrs. Charles V. Flagg "The opportunity in China" will be discussed.

The next meeting of the Alliance is slated for January 7 at Mrs. W. C. Brown's, First street. The program consists of a book review by Mrs. A. W. Knowlton of Rev. Abraham M. Ribbany's "Far Journey," and music by Miss Margaret Bromley.

Mrs. Emma K. Lemley was the guest of Mrs. John A. Kimball on Monday.

The installation of the officers at the Grange will take place next week Wednesday evening. James Tuttle, of Acton, will be the installing officer.

This is the last day the bills against the town will be collected before closing the books for the year.

The shut-ins were recipients of bulbs from the King's Daughters Christmas.

Miss Alice Wright enjoyed the hospitality of her sister, Miss Ella Wright, in Shirley, Saturday and Sunday.

Richard Conant, of Passaic, N. J., and Ralph Conant and family, of Newton, spent the Christmas season with the E. Conants. Miss Mildred Wright was also a guest at the same home.

C. F. Flagg and daughter, Miss Marion, went to Andover to celebrate the Christmas season with the Burton S. Flagg family.

L. W. Bartlett and daughter, of Greenfield, were Christmas guests of his mother, Mrs. J. A. Kimball.

In the midst of the blizzard that raged Sunday afternoon the fire alarm was given and many citizens, as well as the department, responded to the call at the David Hall or Henry Taylor place in South Littleton. It proved to be a chimney fire that was easily handled with little damage to property. This was the second time within a few months that the chimney had been on fire. On Tuesday of this week another started in the same chimney and again human interference checked its progress, but in the tearing up of floors much damage was done and the house was generally covered with soot. The fire department and narrow escapes comes a lesson that may profit the owners of houses with treacherous chimneys.

The Back Log holiday dance enjoyed a better patronage than the Thanksgiving party. Many couples were present from out of town and a good many young people were home for Christmas and glad to attend. It was the same time and the music was satisfactory. The treasury was increased by the sum of twenty-five dollars. The Thanksgiving receipts, over expenses, amounted to twenty-five dollars.

Mrs. Arthur Wright, of Allston, visited her daughter, Mrs. William Dodds, and family last week.

Mrs. Lucy A. Pickard enjoyed a visit with her son and family in Chelmsford through the Christmas season.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson on Friday, December 24.

Miss Gladys Kimball, nurse in Gardner hospital, came home last Saturday for vacation of one week.

Miss Emily Whitney, daughter of Mrs. Carrie Hunsley, left town on Sunday for Ohio, which is to be her home for the present. She will be with relatives in that state.

Rev. J. C. Alway enjoyed the hospitality of the N. E. Conants Christmas day.

Mrs. Burton S. Flagg and three daughters, of Andover, are visiting their relatives, the C. K. Houghtons, at their home in Andover. Mrs. Houghton entertained a family party at dinner.

Invitations to the wedding of Miss Cora Whitcomb Davis and Mr. Spels have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis, of Andover, for January 11, at their home on Foster street.

There will be a citizens' caucus for the nomination of officers Friday evening, January 7, at 7.30 o'clock.

The names of Miss Hattie Shaffer and Miss Mary H. Houghton, from the list of home-coming teachers for the holidays.

A. V. Moore and E. W. Stone have been drawn on the jury and begin their services with the new year.

The Davis-Spels house on King street is famous and presents good proportions.

Mrs. Henry S. Brown and her sister, Miss Augusta Roberts, spent Christmas day with the Charles Gordons in Groton.

The evening meeting in the Unitarian church Sunday evening at 6.30 will be the fifth in the series on the progress of the great war given on the first Sunday of each month. A series of lectures on the year's events will be given, and a set of stereoscopic pictures of actual scenes in the countries at war will be shown. A collection will be taken to defray expenses. All are cordially invited.

Misses Emily and Lillian Holbrook, teachers, and Miss Davidson, of Stow, were at E. N. Robinson's over Christmas.

Miss Bertha Moore is studying for a year in Boston and boards at home. She spent Christmas with her sister and family in Worcester.

Patrick McNiff, gate-tender, has had a mid-winter vacation, returning to his post on Monday.

Lieut. George N. Barker came home from Philadelphia on the 29th of last week. The Atlantic fleet leaves January 10 for the southern drill grounds off Cuba for the winter practice.

For the first Sunday of the new year at the Unitarian church the sermon by the pastor will be a review of the unusual religious experiences of the year and a forward look, followed by the communion service, and at 6.30 the session of the Sunday school. A business meeting of the church is called for 4 o'clock, and at 6.30 in the vestry is the young people's meeting with pictures of the great war.

The high school was closed Tuesday for the purpose of fumigating the rooms. School authorities and physicians are anxious that every precaution be taken to avoid the spread of influenza.

W. Arthur Buntington was struck by an electric car at North Littleton crossing on Sunday afternoon, sustaining a fractured skull, which proved fatal shortly after the accident. He was taken away for hospital treatment and expired at North Chelmsford on his way to Lowell. Mr. and Mrs. Buntington had spent the day at their camp at Knops, where they were waiting for their car when the accident happened. Hearing an Ayer bound car, which he thought was returning from that town, Mr. Buntington stepped forward. Blinded by the snow and his steam-covered glasses he stepped too far and stood within the range of the on-coming car, which immediately struck him a fatal blow. The victim resided on Merrimack street, Lowell, and was employed as a shipper.

An Interesting Letter. From a letter written on December 15 by George Conant, of Kentwood, La., to one of his relatives in this town, we are pleased to glean a few facts concerning his country. The section that will interest many of Mr. Conant's friends in this vicinity. Business in general has improved much since the advance in the price of cotton. The cotton crop is the most bumper interest. Mr. Conant is engaged as chief engineer in the construction of railroads in the large lumber district. The company with which he is engaged cuts from thirty to forty acres of timber every day. They usually run a railroad track through every forty acres. This means about a half mile to two miles of new railroad every week, and also the pulling

up of the same amount of track every week for the use of the same rails and the same rails and many of the logs.

Thousands of acres of timber in possession of this company remain to be cut, hauled to the mills and prepared for market. The average haul from this tract to the mills is about twenty-five miles and will require about ten miles of new main track and several miles of temporary track in order to get all of this timber. In the construction of the railroads precautions have to be taken against washouts. With an annual rainfall of sixty inches and a fall of two to four inches in five hours or less, floods and washouts are quite common. Mr. Conant has not yet lost a single bridge on his main lines in these nine and a half years. The lumber is shipped to foreign markets and all the way from Boston to Oregon by the company for which Mr. Conant works.

In writing of southern ways and dangers he tells of the frequent shootings and the consequent habit of going armed. This is for protection to the person who has money, like a gun (as they call a revolver or pistol) on his person. He who carries none of these three is immune. While Mr. Conant enjoys the south he looks forward to joining his family and his brothers and sisters in the north for the later years of his life.

L. W. C. A splendid audience, including members and guests, gathered at the man's club on Monday afternoon. The Flagg sisters, Mildred, Olive and Laurie, opened the program with a fine selection of songs. "The Storm Song" on piano, violin and cello. President Howard read Van Dyke's very appropriate poem on the "Keeping of Christmas," and announced that Winthrop Packard, secretary of the Massachusetts Audubon society, would address the club in the near future, and had urged our people to feed the birds and urge other good ground, arguing that it would not only be an act of benevolence, but a paying investment as well. An invitation to attend Peppercorn Woman's club on reciprocity day, was read and a number in the program was read. Notices of other club meetings were given and Miss Houghton's reports of previous meetings were read and accepted. The tri-play, Victor Herbert's "Serenade" and the speaker of the afternoon was then introduced.

Mrs. Emma K. Lemley, of Boston, by her former townsmen, welcomed her former townsmen, who highlighted them with a most entertaining and interesting account of her travels with her husband, the late Dr. John Lemley, who was one of the most unique of foreign countries.

Going from Ceylon, they landed at Tutuorin, where they entered this country of wonderful works of art, natural beauties, varied climatic conditions, marked historical development, highly cultivated lands, the origin of two great religions, and a people whose native life is very interesting as well as peculiar.

Our friends soon proceeded to Madras and were received with cordial hospitality by missionary friends and native friends. They were welcomed by the natives who insisted upon showing them honor by placing wreaths of brilliant flowers about their necks. Christmas, eight years ago, was spent in Madras, when Charles M. Dickinson, consul-general-at-large, paid the tourists gratifying attention.

Their continued to Rancon, Bahmo, and then to Mandalay, shortly afterwards taking ship and passing over the Bay of Bengal. Calcutta next claimed their interests. Here they saw thousands of people gathered at the first full moon of the year to worship their gods. Almost every nationality was to be seen in this population of a million inhabitants. The temple of Kaligata was visited and here was observed the slaying of kids and goats for sacrifice, a daily practice. Magnificent botanical gardens formed a pleasing contrast to the famous banyan tree, so like a miniature grove with its hundreds of branches drooping to earth and taking root, was a marvel to the adventurer. In this city they were escorted to the Zenana's quarters.

Not the least among the wonders that attracted the attention of Dr. and Mrs. Lemley were the wild animals of this section, including wolves, hyenas, jackals, and monkeys innumerable. Next to claim the interest of the tourists was Pusa, the seat of India's large agricultural college, where her youth from near and distant parts learn scientific farming. The Lemleys rode to this institution in the springless and treacherous bullock carts.

Sacred Benaris was an interesting stopping place. At this center of idols and sacred monkeys the natives were engaged in burning their dead, and were seen to burn the bodies of the dead and placed over the fire, from which smoke rose continually, clouding the atmosphere, and the ashes were strewn upon the neighboring Ganges river.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemley journeyed then to Lucknow and Cawnpore, the scene of the great mutiny of 1857. At Muttra they attended a wedding by urgent invitation and experienced inconvenience at the subsequent feast that furnished amusement for their host and hostess. At Agra they beheld the beautiful monument of Taj Mahal, Delhi, seat of the great temple containing the famous peacock throne, was next in the itinerary, and then came Bombay, a city divided between foreign and native population. Here were the "Towers of Silence," where vultures alighted and fed on the bodies of the dead. To Calcutta our friends returned and from there journeyed north to the wonderful Himalaya Mountains. In graphic and picturesque language the speaker portrayed to her audience the grandeur and magnificence of the Himalaya peaks rising even to heaven as she beheld them in the splendor of the setting sun.

From this compelling climax our friends passed to another country, loath to leave interesting India in spite of the hardships inconvenienced in the thousands of miles covered in their travels here.

The student listened with rapt attention as Mrs. Lemley, in delightful manner, depicted the scenes that impressed her in this country so full of interest, but not frequently visited by tourists, and of the close gave her a rising vote of thanks.

The president announced the next speaker in the club course as Mrs. L. E. Miller, of Boston's store in Boston; the subject, "Our clothes."

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year a community Christmas tree will be another popular movement successfully carried out. F. W. Mansur and J. L. Gilson finished their services as Jurymen at Lowell last week Friday, having been on continuous duty since early in October.

There will be a vesper service at the Unitarian church on January 2 at five o'clock p. m. Rev. Charles E. Peck of the First church, Boston, will be the speaker. Music by the choir, assisted by Laura Herrick Kelley of Arlington and Mrs. Sabine of Groton, violinists.

Joseph Catlin of Pittsfield joined his wife and son in the parsonage for the Christmas celebration. Since their return to Pittsfield work has been received that Mrs. Catlin is quite ill, though, it is understood, not seriously.

Clifton and Wilbur Steels were both home for the holidays. Wilbur is working in Whitinsville. The Grange held open house on Christmas eve and prepared a Christmas tree, entertainment and supper to which the whole town was invited.

Miss Forestine Hinds, who is playing in an orchestra in Sanford, Me., and her sister, Miss Ethel Hinds, of Everett, are on a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hinds.

Miss Helen Whitcomb is spending the week-end and over Sunday as a guest of Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Willmott, of Robury.

Miss Louise Williams has purchased a new 1916 Hudson roadster, which she will keep at "Westward" on Oak Hill for her personal use.

Miss Elizabeth Lawrence Davis of Hollis street received Christmas cards, also cards, calls, candy and other remembrances on her birthday Sunday, December 26.

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TOWNSEND

Mr. and Mrs. John Piper, who are spending the winter season in Boston were at their cottage home here for over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin R. Jettis are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a little son into their home on Monday morning. His name is Cecil Frederick.

The Grange Monday evening, after the meeting the members present enjoyed listening to the excellent State Grange reports given by worthy Master Frank A. Woods and Lecturer Miss May Parker.

A. J. Atwood gave in his usual pleasing manner a prose selection descriptive of the "Old man of the mountain."

Two bell contests were indulged in, one being for the young and old. Wins were required beginning with the word "Bel." The other members tried to see how many times they could ring the New Year's bell.

The complete year of "Quincy Adams Sawyer" in motion picture given in Memorial hall Tuesday evening was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the appreciative audience.

The next meeting of the Birthday club will be held in the Congregational church vestry. Roll call quotations from Tompkins, Hostesses, Mrs. Hattie L. Spaulding, Miss Mary Sherrin, Mrs. Alice L. Marshall and Mrs. Gertrude Hodgman.

Community Christmas Tree. Townsend's first community Christmas tree gathering was held Christmas eve in Memorial hall when about six hundred townspeople were present.

The tree, one of the largest ever held in the hall. For several weeks the committees in charge have been working to make this occasion a happy one for the young and old.

The two trees, one on each side of the stage were beautifully decorated with festoons of silver tinsel and red and green cluster electric lights illuminating the tree and the decorations.

The electrical display was done under the supervision of C. A. Packard, Esq., E. C. Charlton, Rev. A. L. Struthers, Mrs. Abbie Barber, Mrs. Thomas McGuire, Mrs. Robert Misner were the reception committee to greet the people and little folks on their arrival at the hall.

Before the distribution of presents there was an enjoyable entertainment. Dr. Charlton of the Methodist church presiding.

Among the school children choruses and adults; instrumental music, Young People's orchestra; trombone solo, George Woods; piano solos, Miss Irene McGuire and Miss Agnes Taylor; violin solo, Miss Katherine Markham; exercise, "Message of the bells," four boys; "All kinds of Christmas," eleven boys and girls; "Star exercise," nine girls; "Christmas greetings," a translation in English, Miss Katherine Saminen; recitations, William Russell, Sadie Moulton and Electa Bulliver; "The capture of Santa Claus," little girls; "The twelve children," with Miss Helen Higgins as their queen.

Santa was impersonated by genial John J. Piper, the children's friend, who extended his arms and gave thanks to the children, which were distributed by Mrs. Fred Patch, piano solo, "Star of the sea," Gertrude Hamilton; humorous selections on Victoria; song, "Long, long ago," the All-Ready class; recitation, "Christmas bells," Miss Hamilton; song, school remarks by the superintendent, Rev. Joseph MacKeon; Victoria selection, distribution of gifts.

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West. S. Leroy Shapleigh of Cambridge spent the holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Foster, and on his return she accompanied him for a brief visit.

Mrs. Dwinell and little son from North Easton are spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed.

Mrs. Emma J. Lees is spending a few weeks with friends in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Brayton and son Sandel and Albert Adams from Providence are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.

The Ladies' Study club met on Monday evening with fifteen present, two being guests, Miss Gladys Rawson and Miss Georgiana MacKeon. A social followed, the program being a change of gifts by members was one of the pleasing features. The next meeting will be held in the Baptist vestry and will be an open meeting with an address by the principal of the high school, C. J. Ross on Monday evening January 10.

The Social committee of the Brotherhood met with the ladies on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Fry to make arrangements for the annual banquet January 12.

Word has been received of the severe illness of Guy Stickney, a former resident, at his home in Palmer.

Rev. Joseph MacKeon will preach Sunday morning on "Three lions for the new year" and his evening topic is "The oldest question in the world which is still being asked."

Miss Alice Sanders of Malden, a former resident here, is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weston of Josselynville.

Miss Alice Wheeler of Winchendon is a guest at the Baptist parsonage.

Miss Helen Plummer, who has been teaching in Fitchburg, has been spending a vacation at her home in Somerville.

On last week Friday afternoon the children of the school were entertained at the reading-room, a tree with presents for each child having been given by C. S. Homer, of New York, and Mrs. Homer, providing a treat of ice cream and cake. Each school was entertained separately, the primary department from 1.30 to 2 o'clock, intermediate from 2.15 to 2.45, and the grammar school at 3 o'clock.

After the serving of ice cream and cake each child, as they passed out, were presented with their gifts and a box of candy. The affair was in charge of Miss Alice Seaver and Miss Lena Thompson and Georgiana MacKeon assisted in the serving. Nearly every child was present and nearly every afternoon to the fullest extent.

The gale of snow which came so furiously and suddenly about noon on last Sunday was so severe that many living on the outskirts of the village were unable to get home until it was over about 10 o'clock. The fury of the gale was so severe that it blew in one of the windows on the west side of the church auditorium in spite of the fact that the blinds were closed and fortunately no damage was done that was not quickly and easily repaired.

Later, one of the blinds was badly sprung and some apprehension was felt for the steeple, the force of the gale being so strong.

Miss Grace Thompson, who teaches in Dover, N. H., has been enjoying a vacation with her mother, Mrs. Chas. Patch, and Miss Agnes Taylor, of Fitchburg, and Miss Mabel Thompson, of Boston, also spent the holiday in town.

A Most Enjoyable Affair. A most successful and enjoyable affair was the public dinner on Christmas day in charge of the ladies of the Baptist Benevolent society for the Sunday school and its friends at the community chicken, potatoes and vegetables and cranberry sauce, followed by puddings, pies and hot coffee, was served in abundance to about thirty guests.

The dinner all adjourned to the outer vestry, where the Christmas exercises were held, and the Christmas tree was stripped of its fruit.

The program was presented by Rev. Joseph MacKeon; prayer, pastor; song, "O little town of Bethlehem," school; reading, "When Jane mended up the knickerbockers," the Christmas story, Mrs. Fred Patch; piano solo, "Star of the sea," Gertrude Hamilton; humorous selections on Victoria; song, "Long, long ago," the All-Ready class; recitation, "Christmas bells," Miss Hamilton; song, school remarks by the superintendent, Rev. Joseph MacKeon; Victoria selection, distribution of gifts.

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News Items. Rev. Robert A. Bryant preached his farewell sermon in the Congregational church last Sunday morning to a large and very attentive congregation. The Boy Scouts, with their leader, Albert Fisher, were in attendance and several shut-ins were out for the first time in several weeks. At the close of the sermon five new members were received into the church, Mrs. Edith A. Harley and daughter, Miss White J. Harley, Misses Doris S. Nickelson and Helen G. Nelson and Earle A. Brown, Miss Marianne E. Wise had been accepted, but on account of ill health was not able to be present. Communion service was then observed, one week earlier than usual, before Mr. Bryant went away.

The community Christmas tree in the town hall was held on December 22, and an immense audience, representing every organization and nearly every family in town, filled the hall to its capacity. The large tree was placed in the center, seats were arranged around the hall and the platform with ample space between for the children singing carols as they marched around the tree, after which they returned to their seats on the platform for the distribution of the gifts. Every child received an orange and a box of candy in addition to other gifts.

There were several family reunions and Christmas parties, with Christmas trees loaded with presents in many private families, among which were W. H. Burrage, T. B. Snow, George A. Paige, Mrs. George E. Jones, Mrs. C. P. Dickinson and others. At the home of Mrs. Jones fifteen grandchildren, nine grandnieces and grandnieces made up a happy family party, delighted with the fruit of the well laden Christmas tree, every gift being just what each one wanted and with the refreshments and sociability which followed, made up a most enjoyable afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. David Wallace, of Westford, with daughters, Pauline and Rachel, spent Christmas day with Misses Nellie, Fannie and Dora Jones at their pleasant home on Massachusetts avenue. They also called on some of the shut-ins in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harward of Gardner, (Ole) Hodson, with their little daughter Virginia were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Snow.

John Frye will conduct an Episcopal service at the Methodist church on Sunday morning to take the place of the regular Sunday morning service. In the evening there will be a union meeting in the Congregational church, the first of the union meetings for the week of prayer.

Stillman Stone has sold five acres of land nearly opposite the residence of John Gould on Massachusetts avenue, to C. Woodard, of Fitchburg, for a home, intending to build a house in the spring.

Hattie D. Stone tent, D. of V., held its annual meeting in their room in the lower town hall on Tuesday, December 21, and the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Nellie Riley, pres.; Miss Nannie Litchfield, s. v. p.; Mrs. William Hill-dreth, J. v. p.; Mrs. P. Gilchrist, chap.; Mr. Elora Farnsworth, treas.; Mrs. Arthur Adams, Mrs. Charles Gilchrist, Miss Marian Warren, trustees 3 yrs.; Miss Nellie Jewett, pat. inst.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moulton at 22, and a mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Storm Caused Lot of Damage. In the early morning last Sunday the weather was very mild and fine, but before noon the "howling blizzard" predicted was upon us in full force and proved to be the worst ever. The snow came in blinding sheets, covering windows with a thick curtain and rendering travel very unsafe on foot or with teams. Trees were uprooted, chimneys blown over, several buildings nearly ruined, telegraph and electric light wires disturbed and broken, poles blown down and the whole system so deranged that no cars passed over the tracks. In addition to the damage communications with other towns interrupted for nearly the same length of time. Residents had to get out their kerosene lamps as the city was in darkness and the gas being broken near Whalom. They were repaired in time for the light to come on about seven o'clock. One of the large elm trees in front of W. H. Burdette's home was blown down, falling directly across the road, proving a serious menace to travel until it could be cut up and removed.

Poetry and Noses. I have read that no poem was ever written to a nose. Can you, offhand, recall a single rapturous or even admiring description of one? I search my memory in vain, but produce instead one instance that has always interested me by neglect. You recall that little poem of Browning's, "A Face," the brief and charming description of a girl's profile against a background of gold. The "matchless mold" of softly parted lips, the neck "three fingers might surround" and the "fruit shaped perfect chin" all receive their due of praise; the nose, a seeming necessity in any profile, is not even mentioned. It may be as well; each reader supplies in the lovely face the line that suits him best. The poet may have feared that by its mere mention he would produce the effect too often given by the nose in real life—a heaviness that mars an otherwise charming face.—Atlantic.

Decomposing Water. Water is decomposed or separated into its constituent gases by passing a continuous current of electricity through it. An ordinary zinc and copper voltaic battery gives sufficient amperage and also voltage to separate the oxygen and hydrogen. Oxygen goes to the pole connected with the copper plate and hydrogen to the zinc pole or plate. The volume of hydrogen is double that of the oxygen, and both are chemically pure. Steam, if passed over red hot iron, surrenders its oxygen to the atoms of the metal, while hydrogen is given off pure and free.—New York American.

Bad Memory. Flatbush—You've got a piece of thread about your thumb. Bensonhurst—Yes, wife put it there to remind me to mail her letter. "Sure you mail it?" "Sure thing." "Why don't you remove the thread then?" "Oh, I'm keeping that on to remind me to tell her that I forgot to put a stamp on it."—Yonkers Statesman.

A Hasty Makeup. An actor once was cast as a brigand in "Ingomar" and the director told him to get a rug, throw it about his shoulders and sit by a camp fire. He did so, his face being toward the audience. In a tense situation he stood up, turned around and almost broke up the show. Worked in the rug was one word, "Welcome!"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Guessed It. Inspector, examining a class in grammar, wrote a sentence on the blackboard and asked if any one noticed anything peculiar in it. After a short silence a small boy exclaimed: "Yes, sir; the bad writing."—Exchange.

Overcoming Difficulties. I find nothing so singular in life as that everything opposing appears to lose its substance the moment one actually grapples with it.—Hawthorne.

None but the ill bred ridicule the peculiarities of others.

TOWER OF BABEL.

Its Remnants Are Believed to Stand Near Babylon's Ruins. It is doubtful if there is any place in the world so rich in ancient remains as the valley of the Euphrates, in Mesopotamia. The result is that to archaeologists and scholars the place is a veritable "Tom Tiddler's ground," and new "finds" are constantly being reported.

When it is remembered that tradition places the site of the Garden of Eden here, while among its many ruins are those of ancient Babylon, the promising nature of the valley to the scientific excavator becomes apparent. It is near the ruins of Babylon that we find what many scholars believe to be the remains of the tower of Babel—an immense cube of brickwork, called by the natives Birs Nimrud.

Recent exhaustive examination of the strange pile and its site has revealed the fact that the tower that once stood here consisted of seven stages of brickwork on an earthen platform, each being of a different color.

The tower boasted of a base measurement of nearly 600 square feet and rose to an unknown height. Even today the ruins rise some 700 feet above the level of the surrounding plain.—Wide World Magazine.

WHEN YOUTH DIES. Shock of the First Realization That One Is Getting Old. The moment when one first feels acutely that he is no longer young is bound to make one pause in something akin to consternation. For vividness it is like a flash of lightning across a black sky. Life no longer is all before one; even, more dreadful thought, it may be mostly behind.

After the first realization there follows a bewildered state of mind due to unwillingness—yes, to an actual puzzled inability to accept the truth. With all the agony of the startled call of a child at night the heart cries out, "It cannot be! it is not so!"

Youth dies hard and fights and struggles in its dying like an imprisoned bird. Others, even those near and dear are older, are even older; we can see that. But how can the stubborn facts be true as to ourselves? Very gradually, little by little, fighting its way, inch by inch, the truth prevails and gnaws at the heart—though only intermittently, of course—until time numbs this emotion as it does every other one.—Robert L. Raymond in Atlantic Monthly.

Celebrate Birthdays. Joseph Augustine Peabody recently passed his eighty-ninth birthday quietly at his home in the north part of the town. Mr. Peabody is a very active man, until quite recently walking to the postoffice every day for his mail, and often carrying some of the neighbors' mail in his own. Of late he feels the infirmities of added years creeping upon him and does not take as long walks as formerly. Sorrow and grief were remembered by several of his friends with friendly calls and otherwise showing he was not forgotten.

Leonard W. Bowles, another worthy citizen of Lunenburg, was reminded on December 29 that he had arrived at another milestone in his life journey. Although he had not had a birthday since December 29, 1915, some of his good neighbors surprised him by reminding him that they knew he had reached the three score and ten, plus five, and that it was time to stop a moment and receive congratulations, which he did, and returned thanks heartily for their kind thoughtfulness.

When iron gets red-hot it vibrates about 477 billions of times in a second.

Red Sussex Hen.

shanks is the same as that which gives the color to the yolks of the eggs, and that the shanks of a good layer will be much lighter in color at the end of her laying period than when she began.

So it looks like the coloring matter in the shanks has been used to color the yolks of the eggs. It hasn't been proved yet that a lot of yellow coloring in the shanks means that the hen is equipped to lay a lot of eggs, and how about those that have white, black or blue shanks? But maybe something will be worked out from this coloring matter business that will help us to know good layers.

One of the most common causes of chick mortality is white diarrhea. While it has been established that this disease is usually communicated to the chick before it is hatched, it has also been established that the disease can be held in check and even prevented by proper feeding.

The organisms that cause white diarrhea are killed by weak acids. For this reason sour milk can well be made a part of the chicks' rations for the first few days. Either molsten the food with it, or set in shallow drinking pans. In addition, however, do not neglect to supply plenty of clean, pure drinking water.

POULTRY FACTS



LITTLE HINTS FOR POULTRY

Watch Chicks Closely and Save Them Making Most Satisfactory Growth—Keep Them Busy.

(By MRS. G. W. RANDETT, North Dakota Experiment Station.) Human sympathy to the bird's comfort amounts to dollars and cents. Clean the nests occasionally and put in a fresh supply of nest material. Uniform nest boxes add to the attractiveness of the house.

White diarrhea is contagious among young chicks. The purchase of a few baby chicks from some fine pen of birds will make a splendid start if you care to start in June.

If your breeding pens were properly bred and mated you need not be surprised to find some of the chickens developing into finer specimens than their parents.

Watch the chicks closely and mark the ones making the most satisfactory growth. Select the ones that are plump, full-breasted and in good proportion. You will not care to keep those that grow leggy and have thin breasts.

Never, under any circumstances, keep more birds than you can take care of well. Green food is necessary for all ages of poultry, but doubly so for the little chicks. Water and green food are cheap and very important.

Be sure the baby chicks have plenty of exercise. Keep them busy and hungry. Keep the hopper full of dry mash all of the time. This gives the chicks an opportunity to balance the grain rations fed.

Remember, full-fed chicks are paying chicks. It pays big dividends to hurry their growth. Always practice absolute cleanliness in feeding.

Cull the flock closely. Keep the best and prepare the rest for market. Enrich the garden plot with the poultry droppings. Constant thought and judgment are necessary in poultry raising.

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First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen. W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Ray Soule and Harold Farley, from the office of the Grafton & Knight Leather Co., spent the holidays at their respective homes.

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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gilchrist at the home of her father, Frank Hatch, Crescent street, on Sunday, December 26. Mrs. Gilchrist is the wife of Mr. Durand, recently came east from Michigan, where they had lived, to Lynn, making the journey by train.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Durant entertained the Christmas holiday Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stickney, of Milford, N. H., the parents of Mrs. Durant; also, her brother, Ernest Stickney, and wife and daughter, Mrs. Durand, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tarbell made up the family party.

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Miss Mildred Lewis, teacher in Morristown, N. J., is spending her holiday at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. C. Lewis, on High street. She arrived home last week after a few days' stay with her aunt in New York. Previous to this holiday vacation she has been in a hospital in New Jersey in quarantine with a mild attack of scarlet fever. She is now entirely recovered.

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Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson was called home this week by news of the serious illness with pneumonia of her sister Sadie, now Mrs. Arthur Branch, of Stratford. Mrs. Cuthbertson came from Hanover, N. H., Tuesday, and after hasty preparations left for Stratford Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Fannie Lawrence in company with her sister, Mrs. Wheeler, and Mrs. Cushing, visited their niece at Milford, N. H., this week.

Election of officers took place at the meeting of Acoma Rebekah lodge on Tuesday evening, resulting as follows: Ethel Kennebec, Mrs. A. M. Pison, president; Mrs. Effie Robbins, rec. sec.; Anna Sartelle, fin. sec.; Mrs. Gertrude Tarbell, treas. Delegates appointed to represent the lodge at the annual assembly meeting, to convene in Boston in May, were Mrs. Effie Robbins and Mrs. Gertrude Tarbell.

Mark Shattuck has come to live with his aunt, Mrs. Sarah Patch, for the winter, after nineteen years' residence in Gron.

Mrs. M. E. Swasey went to Windchendon last week to spend the Christmas holiday with her great-grandson Robert in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gilchrist. She remained this week for a longer visit.

Miss Edith Lawrence, who has spent the summer at home, left on Wednesday to resume her position at Chicago.

A dinner party on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Richardson, at the home of Mrs. P. T. Wright in town, their daughter, Miss Elizabeth, from Waltham, and Philip Richardson, from Fitchburg.

Mrs. Julia Lawrence returned on Friday last from a case she has been suffering from, which has kept her in bed at home for awhile. In company with her family, Christmas was spent with her daughter, Mrs. Corey, at Brookline, N. J.

Mrs. Susan Dorr is spending part of her Christmas vacation at Bath, Me., with relatives.

David Tierney came from Rumford, Me., to spend the holiday at his home on Nashua street.

Storm Partitions at several places were found in all positions but the usual. The center of two of the stained glass windows at the Methodist church were blown in, just after the adjournment of the Sunday school, on one being injured. Also, at the First National Bank, one of the stained glass windows in the rear of the building, was smashed in.

The lone pine tree on Mt. Lebanon, also, was blown down. The tree was reserved by the owner when the neighboring trees on the woodlot were cut last winter. Many predicted that when the storm came, the tree would be the support of the trees around it, but all are sorry to miss the old landmark. The tree marked the highest point in Pepperell, as it overtopped its fellows by several feet. At the time of a survey made less than twenty years ago by state surveyors, a square iron post was set, about ten rods east of this tree, marking the highest point of land in Pepperell.

There were a few who witnessed the grand old giant being laid low. Through the blur of the blinding snow, when the storm was at its height, the tree was seen to waver, as though to assert itself against the blast, but finally to sink lower and lower, the roots being so wide-spread as to bear up a large area of rocks and earth.

Deaths. Mrs. Betsey B. Lawrence, widow of George I. Shattuck, died at her home, corner of Hollis and Brookline streets, on Friday, December 24. She died as she has chosen to live, alone. On the preceding Wednesday she was seen during the past year, however, on Friday evening her relative, Miss H. L. Lawrence, went to carry her a little and noticed her mother, who had found the house unfastened, but could get no response from the occupant. Alarmed, she summoned a neighbor and together they searched for her. They discovered Mrs. Lawrence lying on the floor. Although death had unmistakably already occurred, a physician was summoned. In his opinion death was due to a heart ailment, which probably taken place early that day.

Mrs. Lawrence was born on March 17, 1842, the oldest daughter of Silas and Mary (Wright) Page. She had resided near Page in the city of Nashua, N. H. Following the death of this first wife and also a second one, she moved to this town some years ago, where she resided with her oldest daughter, Betsey, came here also after a time to work in the shoe factory of D. H. Shattuck. Here she met and married her second husband, George I. Lawrence, about fifty years ago, moving to the farm owned jointly by George and his brother, Abel Lawrence, on the Nashua road. Mrs. Lawrence, about fifty years ago, moving to the farm owned jointly by George and his brother, Abel Lawrence, on the Nashua road.

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Miss Helen Lovejoy is spending the holidays at her home from New York where she is taking a violin course at the Institute of Musical Art of that city.

Mrs. Charles S. Parker expects to leave here next Monday to visit her son, Thomas Parker, and family at Hanover, N. H.

Mrs. Fred Ringdahl is entertaining her sister, Miss Hoyt, from Framingham, and friend, Miss Janet Wrickett, from New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Murphy and son, the Misses Fitzpatrick, and Joseph Drumm, all of Worcester, spent the holiday and Sunday with relatives in town.

Miss Vida Patch has given up her work as cutter girl in the paper mill for the winter to remain at home as Mrs. Patch is not in good health.

Miss Mary McPartlan from Shirley and Lizzie McPartlan from Boston spent the holidays at their home in town.

Frank Delano and daughter Eliza from Townsend were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George May on Wednesday.

Miss L. C. Canfield, a former district nurse in town, visited friends here over the holiday.

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