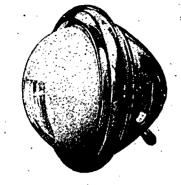
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> Miss Alice Carey of Harwood avenue spent Sunday with Leslie Joy of West Acton.

J. M. Hartwell took a large party of Littleton people to the fireman's annual ball in Westford Thursday night.

ceremony, using the single ring service, which he prefaced by reading "Togetherness," a beautiful and appropriate poem by William C. Gan-

nett.
The house was tastily decorated with evergreen and barberries. One room contained an abundance of wed-

ding gifts, silver, linen, pictures, gold

ding gifts, silver, linen, pictures, gold coin and greenbacks predominating. A reception followed the wedding and the bridal party was augmented by Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Speirs senior in the receiving line. The company of some over seventy-five persons, most of whom were Little the product of the company of the co

HARVARD

Rev. Harvey C. Merrill will deliver his first sermon as paster of the Uni-tarian church here on Sunday, Janu-ary 16. Mr. Merrill arrived with his

family on Wednesday and is now set

News Items.

tled at the parsonage.

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#### LITTLETON

Elmer W. Fletcher has been to the winter meeting of the N. E. Fox Hunters' association in New Bedford this

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb are both confined to the house with the influenza.

The Alliance will hold the regular sewing circle at the home of Mrs. O. J. Fairfield's next Friday afternoon.

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J. Fairfield's next Friday afternoon.
The scarlet fever scare is somewhat subsiding. To the present date no new cases have been reported. Edna Hartwell has been pretty sick, but is improving. Myra Dodge had a very light case. Dr. Simpson, of Lowell, was called by the local board of health to investigate, conditions, the funigated the men at Mr. Dodge's and requested them to board out, permiting them from that time to sell milk. The public were happy to see Mr. Dodge again and receive their daily supply of milk which had been shut off by order of the health commissioners. The public schools have been closed this week, but will reopen on Monday if conditions admit. The health board assure us that they have done and are doing all in their power for the good of the public.

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Miss May the men at Mr. Dodge's and requested the meeting of Groton Grange Tuesday evening when the installation of officers took place.

Miss Martha Wainwright has accepted the meating bays was united in marriage with Waiter Thorndike Speirs, of Boston.

As Miss Grace Needham played the introductory chords of Lohengrin's wedding march the ribbon children. Barbara Hibbard and Frederick Hostoner, entered the parlor on their pleas ant mission, and the bride, becoming-lowed in white crepe de chine with chantilly lace, and tulle veil caught up with orange blossoms, and arrying a shower bouquet of bride's erved by the hostess and a pleasant afternoon enjoyed.

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Mrs. John Murphy has been very ill at her home on Whitcomb avenue. Miss Hannah Dodge continues to gain, and it is hoped she may return from the hospital soon.

Many friends are inquiring for Miss who was burned at the fire on White, who was burned at the me on Wednesday. We are happy to report officially, that although the burns were quite extensive on face and neck. they are not deep.

The Webster and Dodge families at the Common have been visited by the prevailing epidemic.

From the Boston papers we quote the following item of interest to many Littleton friends: "Mrs. Carrie Le-land, of Auburndale, and recently of Littleton) has been appointed assist-Littleton) has been appointed assist-ant pastor of the Dane street Congre-gational church in Beverly. She will take up her duties the latter part of this month. She will act as associate pastor with Rev. Richard H. Bennett, pastor of the church. Mrs. Leland was formerly engaged in similar work in Pilgrim church of St. Louis."

five persons, most of whom were Littleton relatives and intimate friends, enjoyed a pleasant, informal social. Mrs. George Newcomb, assisted by a few close associates of the bride, served the refreshments.

At a timely opportunity Mr. and Mrs. Speirs bade the guests "good evening" and departed through showers of confetti for Ayer, where they started on their journey for Washington, D. C. Upon their return they will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Davis at the Center until the new house on King street is ready for occupancy. Mrs. C. K. Houghton and Mrs. W. E. Conant have been under subjection to grippy colds that have kept them housed a few days.

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Miss Julia Conant is up and dressed, but not yet in her normal strength. At the union meeting in the Congre-At the union meeting in the Congregational church on Sunday evening. Rev. J. C. Alvord will give an address on "Religious life in the Tyrol," illustrated by thirty stereopticon pictures. Mr. and Mrs. Alvord ascended the passes in this section where the Italian army is now fighting the Austrians.

The name of Harriet Elizabeth has been given to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson's Christmas baby. Miss Robinson's Christmas baby. Chandler, of Ayer, is with Mrs. Robin-

The Risemen's club had a good meeting on Wednesday evening. The following officers were all re-elected: Harry Knights, pres.; J. W. Ames. v. p.; Harry Hume, sec.; B. J. Jacobstreas; J. H. Remick ex. officer. The Grange will hold a costume party next Wednesday evening. A fine

party next Wednesday evening. A line will be imposed upon every member not dressed in the unusual. At nine o'clock the meeting will be opened to the public and dancing will follow with Miss Durkee, of West Acton, at

pointing J. A. Barry, Harvard, father of J. Fred Barry, as executor. The first intimation of a context over the settlement of the estate comes with the filling of the claim of appeal, there being no opposition to the allowance of the will and appointment of the executor when they came up for allowance in the probate court. The nephew is represented by counsel in the person of the Worcester law firm of Norman & Campbell, through which the claim of appeal was filed.

Prof. A. S. Richards is confined to his home with quinsy sore throat. During his enforced vacation Mrs. Egerley and Miss Sears are in charge at Bromfield.

Mrs. L. W. Hall is quite sick with pneumonia. She has a trained nurse caring for her.

A citizen's caucus will be held on Saturday evening. January 22, at the lower town hall at eight o'clock for the purpose of rominating officers to be elected at the annual town meeting to be held in February.

Still River.

Mrs. William W. Viles entertained the Birthday club last Saturday after-noon and all had a very pleasant time, Miss Katherine, Richardson, of West Acton, who was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Acton, who was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Viles, gave several vocal selections, Mrs. Mary Haskell accompanying on the plano. Sandwiches, cocoa, cake and ice cream was served. In the evening, after the guests had gone, Mrs. Viles and Miss Richardson called on the members of the club who were unable to be present. Miss Richardson sang a solo at the Baptist church last Sunday morning.

last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Jennie Willard is the latest known victim of the severe grippe

Erwin Walker, who has been work ing irr Worcester, has given up his job and is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Walker. Miss Davis, of Lowell, was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse over Sunday.

Arna W. Robinson has been ap-pointed meat inspector for the town of Harvard, and is kept quite busy in-specting the calves and pigs that are being killed.

#### SHIRLEY

News Item.
Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., installed officers on Thursday evening. The installing officers consisted of J. Gardiner Willey and suite of Pepperell. A collation was served and the evening pleasantly spent. The following is a list of the officers installed: Alvah B. Watton, n. g.; Arthur G. Dunn, v. g.; George W. Balch, sec.; George F. Buxton, treas.; Morton E. Lawrence, w.; John E. Beach, con.; F. H. Fowler, chap.; John E. Adams, r. s. s.; Roy Birchstead, l. s. s.; Harry H. Lynch, r. s. n. g.; Joseph McPherson, l. s. v. g.; George N. Hersom, r. s. v. g.; Horace C. Harris, r. s. v. g.; Sylvester Chesbrough, i. g.; James L. Holland, o. g. News Item.

night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Wright, with whom he had lived for the last five years. Death was due to old age, Fluneral services were held on Friday morning in Ashburnham, his former home, and the interment was in the cemetery of that town. Center.

Holland, o. g.

Nine members of Shirley Grange at-tended the installation of officers at Ayer Grange on Wednesday evening. The Matrons' Aid society will hold ts next meeting on Tuesday, January 5, with Mrs. C. E. Bradford. Impor-ant business is to be transacted and very member is requested to be pres

Leland Woods of Athol is enjoying a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Woods.

and escorted through the sitting-room to the parlor. Here they were met by the groom and his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Soulis, completed the bridal party.

Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield, pastor of the Unitarian church, performed the Frederick J. Piper, forest warden, has appointed the following deputies for 1916: Galen A. Proctor, John Donovan, Andrew J. Eaton, F. D. Parsons, Clarence L. Webster, Thomas J. Smith, Edgar E. Campbell, Rober senden and Adney W. Gray. Robert G. Fes

The board of fire engineers have re-organized for the coming year with these officers and members: Freder-ick J. Piper, chief; A. N. Fessenden, clerk' and treasurer; Adney W. Gray, 1st asst. at the Harbor; Clarence L. Webster, 1st asst. at West village; R. G. Fessenden, Dr. Henry B. Boynton, F. A. Greenleaf and R. A. Lancey, members on the board. The board of fire engineers have re

members on the board.

Wednesday evening, district deputy to the grand master, J. G. Willey and suite of Pepperell, installed the following officers into North Star lodge, I. O. O., F.: Frank A. Woods, n.g.; H. Raymond Thatcher, v.g.; Robert S. Misner, r.s.n.g.; Leon Z. Watkins, I.s.v.g.; Sanford Johnson, r.s.v.g.; Ivan Hiltz, I.s.v.g.; George A. Wilder, sec.; E. Alonzo Blood, treas.; Henry J. Miller, chap.; Frank B. Higgins, cond.; John E. Temple, ward.; Nilo Woods, r.s.s.; Russell Greeley, I.s.s.; Willard Gray, i.g.; Joseph W. French, o.g. At the close of the installation a collation was served and pleasing remarks made by visiting brothers and members of the home lodge.

The installation of the officers-elect.

house on King street is ready for oc-cupancy.

The bride, a Littleton girl, was edu-cated in the public schools of this town and took a course in a Boston library school. For several years past she served the public faithfully and efficiently as librarian, from which position she resigned at the close of the year 1915. Mr. Speirs is a well-known and esteemed Boston business merchant.

week the members of her Sunday chool class. An afternoon and eve-ning of pleasure was enjoyed with a countiful supper served by the hostess. New Advertisement.

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Austin Brooks passed away Tuesday

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#### GROTON

Miss Grace Blxby returned on Thursday from a two weeks' stay in Boston.
Several of the earlier scarlet fever cases are out of quarantine, none other in the family Having taken the disease. Latest cases reported are those of Forrest Sleeper and Alden Dudley.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington is suffering from a fall several weeks ago, having a lame and painful shoulder. Mrs. F. L. Blood has been quite ill with the grippe, but is now gaining. One of her little daughters was troubled with a bad throat at the

same time. Doris Green is ill with whooping cough and other cases are said to be among the children.

Several pupils have been kept from school by severe cases of indigestion. among them being Dorothy Thompson and Marjorie Carey.

Dorothy Bixby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bixby, was quite ill on Wednesday. The physician summoned pronounced it grippe, and she is low gaining.

In the list of prize winners at the Horticultural fair held in Boston as published recently in the Post, appeared the names of Madeline Parker, Richard Kezar, James Fallon, all of this village. this village.

The Improvement society will meet on Tuesday evening and an interesting meeting is expected with a short entertainment at the close. Let all who are interested try to be present and by their presence, if in no other way, help the cause along help the cause along.

help the cause along.

A pleasant family reunion occurred on Sunday when, four, brothers spent a day together, the first in three years, and the first in the years at the home of their aunt, Mrs. H. Spaulding. Farley Kilbourn, late of Idaho, arrived on Saturday afternoon, remaining until Tuesday. Coming on Saturday evening, the oldest brother. Rev. Albert Kilbourn of Enfield. N. H., spent the following day, leaving on Monday. Ralph of Albany and Ellery, late of New York city, made their appearance on Sunday morning, for the day only. Since childhood days, the brothers have often visited West Groton, but during the past ten years have been quite widely scattered.

The Ladies' Aid society held its an-

quite widely scattered.

The Ladies' Aid society held its annual meeting with Mrs. Spaulding on Thursday afternoon, and despite unfavorable weather conditions ten members and the pastor were present. All officers were re-elected — Mrs. Spaulding, pres.; Mrs. Charles Bixby, v. p.; Mrs. C. L. Roy, sec.; Mrs. Percy Briggs, sec.; Mrs. E. K. Harrington, treas.; Mrs. G. H. Bixby, Mrs. Albert Harrington, directors. The following committees were elected: Mrs. C. L. Roy, Mrs. W. M. Kimball, Mrs. F. E. Harrington, lookout; Mrs. L. G. Strand, Mrs. M. McCarley, social; Mrs. A. W. Lamb, Mrs. C. R. Dudley, Mrs. C. E. Bixby, entertainment; Mrs. W. M. Kimball, Christmas, Refreshments were served and another social afternoon was ended; another year of endeavor begun.

deavor begun. Mr. and Mrs. Murdock McCarley are rejoicing over the advent into their son's family of a little daughter—Norma Wilder McCarley. The Gun club served an oyster sup

per at its meeting on Friday evening of last week. Five members were voted upon and accepted. Cards fol-lowed the supper. The first prize, a pack of cards, was won by Harold Lincoln; consolation prize, Mr. Green. A name unintentionally omitted last week from the list of permanent of ficers in the Squannacook lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., is that of E. F. Sleeper,

An alarm was sounded early on Wednesday morning for a chimney fire at the McCormick place on Shirley hill. Large pieces of blazing soot fell upon the roof, which being frost cov-ered, refused to ignite and a disas-trous fire was thereby averted.

r.s.s.; Russell Greeley, l.s.s.; Willard Gray, i.g.; Joseph W. French, o.g. At the close of the installation a collation was served and pleasing remarks made by visiting brothers and members of the home lodge.

The installation of the officers-elect of E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge will be held this week Friday evening. It stalling officer, Mrs. Rockwood, and suite from Groton.

The Dorcas class met Thursday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage. Miss Emelle Lawrence in charge of the afternoon work and program.

Mrs. Lutie King entertained this week the members of her Sunday school class. An afternoon and evening of pleasure was enjoyed with a "How to work with others," a "get to-propulation of pleasure was enjoyed with a "How to work with others," a "get to-propulation of pleasure was enjoyed with a stalling.

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Egan was a passenger, and, believing they were to be torpedeed, passengers precipitated themselves into the sea, leading to a loss of fourteen children, seven women and four men.

"We are not murderers," said the

discovered, that to sink the is probably meant the death of mit those still on her, he allowed proceed.

This Austrian officer expression sufficient clearness his opinic those responsible for the Leg massacre.

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#### WESTFORD

Wallace Johnson started Wednes day of this week cutting ice on Burgess pond. The ice is between eleven twelve inches thick and of good

Miss Nellie Gill, of Boston, is the uest of her cousin, Mrs. J. Herbert guest of Eletcher.

Miss Hilda Isles, who has been ill, is improving and able to sit up a part of each day.

Mr. Foster, living in Mr. Seavey's tenement, is convalescent after a two-weeks' selge with the grippe, as is also J. Henry Colburn after a briefer stay

A hearty appreciation goes to Mr. Fickering for so efficiently repairing the town pump. When the drinking fountain is out of commission during the cold months the old pump fills a need and is a satisfaction to those who use it for their horses to find it in

J. H. Fletcher, postmaster, was in attendance this week at the annual meeting of the New England Fox Hunt club with banquet on Wednesday evening.

day evening.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Heywood took place from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth, Thursday afternoon of last week at two o'clock. There was a large gathering of sorrowing relatives, neighbors and friends present. Rev. L. H. Buckshorn conducted the services with wise words of sympathy and comfort closing with the reading of fort, closing with the reading of "Crossing the bar" and "The friend's burial." The floral tributes were produce and beautiful. The bearers were H. L. Wright, J. Herbert Fletcher, Alfred Tuttle and Edward Fisher. Interment was in the family local Fair. terment was in the family lot at Fair-

The new arrangement at the postoffice which J. H. Fletcher, postmaster, has been instrumental in securing
for its patrons whereby the morning
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hour earlier, is proving a much-liked
change. For many years the morning mail has arrived on the 8.10 down
train, but arrives on the 7.21 up train,
giving people their morning papers
and letters appreciably earlier in the
day. This arrangement gives Frank
C. Wright, R. F. D. carrier, a chance
to get his mail sorted and started on
the route much earlier in the day, and
with an extra long route this is much with an extra long route this is much of an advantage.

The annual meeting of the Boy Scouts was held at the Congregationarranged every two weeks throughout the winter.

At the close of the morning service last Sunday morning at the Congregational church the communion service was held. At the evening service ice was held. At the evening service Mr. Wallace gave an interesting account of the work of the late Anthony Comstock and his long aght against impure literature.

### Todmuck Club

Guest night in the Tadmuck club Forge Village. calendar took place on Tuesday evening at the Congregational church.

There was a large attendance of the members with their guests, about 175 sume his work on Monday.

Letter Delegar in the confined to his home by illness, was able to remember the confined to his home by illness. the evening was given by the Ladies' fering from pleurisy.

Germania orchestra, Miss Edith Chase, Mrs. Felix Leclerc i the evening was given by the Ladies' Germania orchestra, Miss Edith Chase, piano; Miss Florence Nix, violin, and Mrs. Gertrude Hutchinson, cornett also, Rev. Marion Franklin Ham, of Reading, gave readings out of the ordinary, called the Kinchen Stories of plantation life, told in dialect, and cleverly portraying the wit and wisdom, the pathos and humor in the life of one old southern negro. Mrs. J. William Basistants, served a dainty, but plentiful collation, Mrs. L. H. Buckshorn and Mrs. William C. Rondenbush presided at the coffee urns and the handsome table decorations were Mrs. Julian A Cameron's handiwork. The evening was one of delightful sociality and marks one more successful guest evening in the annals of the this at the home suffering from pleurisy. Mrs. Felix Lecler is confined to her home suffering from the gruppe.

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### Annual Church Meeting.

ship. Personal greeting cards for the church year from the pastor were at each plate, also nicely prepared responses for the roll call. These last were the work of Miss S. W. Loker. At the close of the meal the roll was called by the clerk with good response from those present and from absent members. A pleasant letter was read from the Misses Atwood written from Tampa, Fla. At the business meeting which followed in the vestry reports were given by the various officers. The financial conditions showed all collibs paid and a balance in the treasury.

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Officers chosen for the ensuing year were L. W. Wheeler, clerk; Miss L. B. Atwood, treas.; John P. Wright, asst. treas.; H. G. Osgood, col.; A. E. Day, H. G. Osgood, L. W. Wheeler, J. P. Wright, C. D. Colburn, trustees; J. W. Rafter, auditor; Miss L. B. Atwood, Miss S. W. Loker, A. E. Day, L. W. Wheeler, supply com.; H. G. Osgood, Sunday school supt.; C. D. Colburn, asst. supt.; Miss Anna Symmes, sec. asst. supt.; Miss Anna Symmes, sec.

It was voted that the treasurer re-new all expiring insurance polices, and that the use of the vestry be permitted for boys organizations at the discretion of Mr. Wallace and Mr. Roudenbush.

Rev. H. L. Buckshorn will exchange with Rev. L. L. Green, of Chelmsford, on Sunday.

At the vestry of the Village church in West Chelmsford next Wednesday evening the Ladies' Benevolent society will hold a social evening consisting

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The officers of Westford Grange were installed last week Thursday evening by Deputy George E. Averill, of Andover, assisted by Miss Burtt of the same town. The work was very well done. The following are the officers installed: Frank C. Wright, m.; Mrs. Chara Greig, o.; Charles Robey, lec.; Rev. David Wallace, chap.; Mrs. Aurilla Wright, sec.; Alonzo H. Sutherland, treas.; W. M. Wright, stew.; J. Willard Fletcher, asst. stew.; Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, I. a. s.; Mrs. Dalsy Colburn, Mrs. Ella May Wright, Mrs. Lillian Miller, Ceres, Flora and Pomona, respectively; Clyde Prescott, g. k.; W. J. Rafter, ex. com. Music for the installation was played in a clever style by Miss Grace Robinson. At the close of the installation lunch was served.

Middlesex North Pomona Grange

close of the installation lunch was served.

Middlesex North Pomona Grange installed its officers for 1916 in Lowell last week Friday by Charles M. Gardner, past master of the State Grange, assisted by Mrs. Chester Coburn of Dracut, Mrs. Lillian Snow of Tyngsboro and Miss Lunn of Lowell. The following officers were installed: Warren A. Sherburne, Tyngsboro, m.; Bert A. Cluff, Dracut, o.; George W. Trull, Tewksbury, Icc.; Mrs. Alice Coburn, Dracut, chap.; Mrs. Lulu Hutchins, Billerica, sec.; Norman L. Peavey, Dracut, treas.; Harry L. Dawson, Tewksbury, stew.; Mrs. Margaret Sarre, Lowell, l. a. s.; Mrs. Ella May Wright of Westford, Mrs. Sarah Buck of Wilmington, Mrs. Charles A. Wright of Billerica, Flora, Ceres and Pomona; Charles A. Wright, Billerica, ex. com. The lecturer announced that the much-pleaded for program would be one of the new fixtures of the Grange this year. It was voted to give ten dollars for the educational ald fund. aid fund.

S: W. Kenran, for the past year superintendent for George A. Drew at the Read farm, has resigned and mov-

ed from town. The registrars of voters will hold their first meeting prior to the town meeting at the selectmen's room on Wednesday evening, January 16.

Parkerville village folks and some other folks in that zone, after having been shook off the map for several months by the new shake-up in R. F. months by the new snake-up in R. r. D. business, are again back on the receiving line. We all ought to get into the much obliged line in that we have so genial and efficient a man to boost as congressman, John Jacob Rogers.

Albert E. Jenne, who died at his home in Chelmsford Center Monday evening from pneumonia, was well-known in Westford, haying for several erment was in the family lot at Fairlew cemetery.

Emory J. Whitney is reported gainng each day, although still confined
to his bed.

The new arrangement at the postffice which J. H. Fletcher, postmaser, has been instrumental in securing
or its patrons whereby the morning
hail is ready for delivery fully an

city, and by two daughters.

The Massachusetts College Extension school will wheel itself to the town hall on Monday at ten o'clock. The college management and the maragement on behalf of the town are anxious to have all taking this course to catch the early thoughts at the word "go," as it will be the foundation of what follows. This is an opportunity that should not be overlooked. The school will be in session January 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

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The question has been raised as to The annual meeting of the Boy Scouts was held at the Congregational church Friday evening of last week and the following officers elected: Otis Day, troop pres.; Artemas Griffin, George Perkins, patrol leaders; Charles Robey, treas. Meetings have been arranged every two weeks nassett we don't know; it probably happened between the tomahawk period and the water wheel period.

Bernard J. Flynn has sold his apple Prescott & Wright, to be delivered Boston market.

Mrs. Carlos D. Cushing, of Framingham, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. William B. Taylor, at the New Stony Brook on the Stony Brook road, Stony Brook district.

Mrs. Felix Leclerc is confined to her home suffering from the grippe.

Baby Wesley Farrel is ill with bron-chifts at the home of his grandmother. Mrs. Margaret Wilson

John Hobson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hobson, who has been working in New Bedford, has now accepted a The annual meeting of the Congregational church took place on Monday at the church. Dinner was served at noon and was most enjoyable in good viands, good cheer and good fellowship. Personal greeting cards for the Thursday. He returned to work is the congregation of the training of the congregation of the George Weaver, overseer of spin-ning in the mails of Abbot & Co. was moured while at work last week Thursday He returned to work the

Mrs. John E. Burnett and son Leonard were the guests Wednesday after-noon of Mrs Lester McLenna of Graniteville

### Extracts From a Letter.

The following is an extract copied from an English newspaper received last Thursday by John McNiff of Orchard street, and will be of much lo-

chard street, and will be of much lo-cal interest to residents:

James Cooper, a Burnley man who had served eight years in the Border regiment and had made his home in America, has recently been the central figure in a thrilling episode in the Dardenelles

Dardenelles.

He worked in a New Bedford mill, but the jubilation of the German, workmen over the sinking of British ships, so incensed him, that he called them "pigs" and left right away for England. He became a sargeant in his own regiment and while on a visit to his sister. Mrs. Evans. Marlborough to his sister. Mrs. Evans. Marlborough there she regularly attended St. Cathstreet. Burnley, he stated that his wife and child were to come over on the Lusitania. "If anything happens to that ship," he said, "I'll have my revenge."

With the sinking of that ship Mrs. I ll-fated vessel.

day for ten seconds without getting a bullet through it or near it."

Chelmsford, came as a severe shock to his many friends here. Mr. Callahan was a former resident of this village and well and favorably known. The deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family in their affliction. Miss Margaret Healy has recently rich for New Bedford, where she married Wr. Cooper. With her two months that ship," he said, "I'll have my revenge."

With the sinking of that ship Mrs. Ill-fated vessel.

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Cooper and child were drowned and Graniteville,

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Cooper and child were drowned and from that time Sergeant Cooper project from that time Sergeant Cooper project from the did it has been related by an afflect of the Border, regiment, who stated that Sergeant Cooper the other morning left his trench, covered the 129 year stated that steady double; arriving there he killed in turn five Turks and then set off back.

Granlteville,

The election of the officers of the day with the following results: John F. Kavanaugh, pres.; James O'Brien, fin. sec.; Albert R. Wall, rec. sec.; J. A. Héaly, treas. It was voted to hold the regular meetings of the society on the second Surday of every month after the first mass.

All the Turks nearby were so (x) cited that they exposed themselves over the trench to shoot Cooper and the sergeant's collegues "baxged" some more. The sergeant escaped untouched and the officer's comment was: "it was an extraordinary incident. No one can ordinarily put his hand over the top of the trench by day for ten seconds without getting a bullet through it or near it."

Mrs. Cooper, wife of Sergeant 5.

Mrs. John Donahue, with her little daughter, Ursula, of North Chelms-ford, have been recent visitors here. Mrs. Maria Wall visited with friend in Fitchburg recently

Mrs. Peter Healy left here for Chicago recently, where her mother lying critically ill. The members of Cameron circle, C

F. of A., held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening with a good at-Many from here attended the "gentlemen's night" given under the auspices of the Tadmuck club in West-ford Center on Tuesday night.

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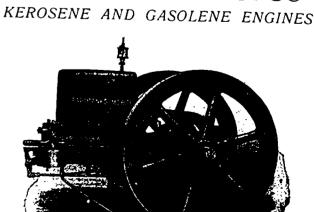
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#### HARVARD

News Items. At the Unitarian church on Sun-day the music will be given by a mixed quartet.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ordway of Leominster spent the week-end at the Crossways.

In the exhibit of the State Board of Agriculture given at Horticultural hall in Boston last week. Miss Dorothy West won first prize in white bread, \$3.00, and also the sweepstakes prize, a silver cup. This exhibit was given with the co-operation of the Massachusetts Agricultural college and the Granges throughout the state, and there was a large entry of exhibits sent in from all over Massachusetts. Miss West is very justly proud of her suecess. Miss Doris Davis won second prize in her exhibit of canned goods, \$2.00, for the best exhibit of six varieties.

Grange programs will be ready at the next meeting for distribution. The next meeting will be held on January 18. J. A. McLean, of the Quaker Oats 18. J. A. McLean, of the gularer Sac. Co., will speak on the subject of "Feeds and feeding." He was former-ly at the head of the Bureau of Ani-mal Industry at the Massachusetts Agricultural college, and will prove a very interesting speaker.

Miss Olive Rees, of Winchester, with her mother, Mrs. Rees, visited the week-end and over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Irving Morse.

and Mrs. Irving Morse.

Stowell W. Davis, one of the solid business farmers of this town, and a citizen of honorable repute, died at his home on West Bare hill Monday afternoon. Mr. Davis has been in declining health for about three years, but has been able to be about, though not able to attend to the management of the farm. Last week he suffered a severe shock, from which he did not rally. He was a man of integrity and one with whom the confidence of his rally. He was a man of integrity and one with whom the confidence of his townsmen was never abused. He has been honored with many of the executive offices of the town and always served with honor and credit to his trust. Although a man of very retiring ways, yet he was of a very pleasant disposition. He was 64 yrs. 7 mos. old. Funeral was held from his house on Thursday, Rev. H. B. Mason officiating. He leaves a wife and two children, Miss Blanche and Miss Edith Davis; also, a sister, Miss Susan A. Davis, all of this town.

Mrs. Emma L. Atherton announces

Davis, all of this town.

Mrs. Emma L. Atherton announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Helen S. Bailey, to Harold Robinson, of Keene, N. H., on Saturday, January S. at her home here in Harvard. Rev. Harvey C. Merrill, pastor of the Unitarian church, performed the ceremony. The house was decorated with evergreen and flowers for the occasion. Refreshments were served to the mosts of the young couple. Mrs. Robsion. Refreshments were served to the guests of the young couple. Mrs. Robinson has lived in Keene, N. H., for several years past, working as a graduate nurse, but was one of our town girls, receiving her education here. Her friends wish her good luck and prosperity in her new home life.

At the Woman's club meeting or January 17, Lester W. Feezer, of the State Board of Health, will give an il-State Board of Health, win give an in-lustrated lecture on "School hygiene." This meeting is open to parents of school children and will be held at the Congregational church auditorium at two o'clock in the afternoon.

two o'clock in the afternoon.

The grammar school are pleased to report that \$16.51 worth of Red Cross seals were sold by pupils in the different rooms. Grades 7-8 sold \$8.48 worth, Doris Davis of grade 7 selling the largest number, 99; Miss Rejd's room \$2.84, Raymond Chute of grade 5, the largest number, 99; Miss Oakes' room \$2.79, Waldo Hynes of grade 4 selling the largest number, 59; Miss Pond's room \$2.70. The following is the percentage of attendance for the different rooms for December: Miss Amsden's 93.59, Miss Cakes, 92.74. Miss Reid's 92.44, Mrs. Chaves' 86.59.

At the exhibit by the State Board of At the exhibit by the State Board of Agriculture at Horncultural hall Boston, last week, Doras Davis won a second prize in the canning contest. second prize in the canning contest.

See what Mr. Dadmun has booked ahead for the moving pictures. He gets the best. January 22, the feature, "A mother's confession," a drama, new, just out. January 29, the big feature comedy, "Her shattered idol." February 5, Charlie Chapman, in "Shanghaied" February 2, the new feature, "Just out of college," a five reel drama, by Frohman; had its first production at the Park theatre, Boston, the past week. We are to have the "Battle cry of peace," "Les Miserable" and "Birth of a nation" and dates of above will come later.

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Church Notes.

The service at the Congregational church on Sunday morning will be in charge of the pastor. The sermon will be expository in nature, the sixth of a series based on events described in the early chapter of Genesis. Music by a mixed quartet.

The bible school will meet as usual at twelve o'clock. The storms and cold weather have cut into the attendance recently, but every class is represented every Sunday.

The young people's meeting will be held in the church parlor as usual at seven o'clock on Sunday evening. The seven o'clock on Sunday evening, subject of the meeting is to be "W others," and Miss S. L. Jones has it in charge.

The Monday class will meet at the parsonage as usual next week.

### HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Archie Colburn has begun to dig his well this week. The last meeting of the Economic club was held with Mrs. William Gates. Miss Bates taught the ladies how to make cocoa and also first ald to the injured. There has been some

to the injured. There has been some talk of discontinuing the meetings, but they could not get a majority who wanted that and Miss Bates said if it was a question of entertainment she would rather go back the same day. George Ladd has all his ice drawn

On Wednesday evening the officers of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges will be installed at a joint meeting, after which an oyster supper will be served.

be served.

Only a few attended the social last week, caused no doubt, by some misunderstanding about its being postponed. The twenty-five or more who were present enjoyed a very pleasant

Arnold Coolan's sister is visiting at Mrs. Josie Maxwell's. At the annual finance meeting of the church Edson Hurd, Willis C. Hardy and Wilbert P. Farley were elected as finance committee.

On Monday afternoon the Philan-

thropic society held its annual meeting and the following officers were elected: Silas M. Spaulding, pres.; Henry A. Wilson, sec.; Miss Hattle Hayden, treas.; Silas M. Spaulding, George W. Ladd, Mr. Hayden, Henry Wilson and Edward A. Hills, directors,

Wison and Edward A. Hills, directors, At the regular meeting of the Laddles' Reading and Charitable society its was voted to give twenty-five dollars toward the church debt. It was also voted that the proceeds of the next church supper should go toward starting a library of text and reference books very much like that of the Pilgrim church, Nashua.

Mrs. Harvey Duncklee, who had a much better.

Miss Loraine Bell, who has been ill with diphtheria, is now out of quar-antine and was visited on Saturday by her grandmother, Mrs. Anna Bell, and aunt, Miss Sallie Bell.

Adelbert Messer, of Concord, Mass., spent the week-end with his father, George A. Messer. Miss Eunice Walsh was at home over Sunday from Groton.

At the Nashua poultry show William Sanders won five first prizes on Black Minorcas.

The Mutual Fire Insurance Com ne Mutual Fire Insurance Company have elected the following officers: Henry Wilson, pres.; Edwin H. Stratton, sec. and treas; Henry Wilson, Ralph E. Tenney, George A. Ladd, Silas M. Spaulding, George W. Woodin, Charles E. Hardy and Fred Willoughby, directors. Willoughby, directors.

There are nearly 7,000,000 white foreign-born males over the age of foreign-born males over the age of twenty-one years in the United States. About 400,000 of these are English and 600,000 irish. There are less than 600,000 French, about 800,000 Russian and 1,300,000 Germans.

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#### CAUCUS NOTICE

uested to meet in the Town Hall on the Twenty-second day of January 1916, at Eight o'clock P. M., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Town Officers to be voted for at the annual town election, February Seventh, 1916.

> CHARLES H. HASKELL BENJAMIN J. PRIEST, JOHN E. MAYNARD,

Selectmen of Harvard.

#### REGISTRATION NOTICE

The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall, Harvard, for the purpose of Registering Voters for the oming Town Election

Dates Saturday, January 22nd, from 7.30 to 9 o'clock P. M.

Saturday, January 29th, from o'clock noon to 10 o'clock P. M. CHARLES H. HASKELL. BENJAMIN J. PRIEST. JOHN E. MAYNARD, JAMES L. WHITNEY. Registrars of Voters

Registration of Voters



The Board of Registrars of Voter will be in session in the Selectmen' Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and con recting the list of voters.

Thursday, January 20, 7.30 to 9.3 P. M.

Saturday, January 29, 12 M. P. M.

Registration will close at 10 P M Saturday, January 29, and no name will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registering, or to correct :

clerical error or mistake. Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the Collector of Taxes to show that the have been assessed for the year 191;

Naturalized citizens wishing to reg ister must show their certificate of

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## A Strange Case of Trio

Story Told by a Red Cross ‡ Nurse.

By EILLEN BRENNAN

Soon after the breaking out of the great world's war I left my home to go abroad to engage in Red Cross work, spending nearly a year in that service. Shortly before returning for recuperation-for I was entirely incapacitated-I stopped one day to rest in the cottage of a peasant. The only occupant was a young woman about twenty-two years of age, whom I took for a maiden. She was dressed in what mourning she could afford, which was not much. She told me that she wore it for a lover.

Two photographs hung side by side on the wall. Each represented a fine looking young man in the uniform of a French soldier. One of the pictures was wreathed in flowers.

"Is that," I asked, pointing to the one decorated, "a picture of your

"Yes, madame." "And the other?"

"That is my husband." I looked at her surprised.

"I presume you married for some other reason than love?" "No, madame; I love my husband."

"And your lover?" "I love him, too, though he is dead." "I see. He died. You gave your

heart to another who lives. "No, madame. I married one lover giving him my heart. Then the other lover died, and I gave him my heart

"And was not your husband jealous?"

"No, madame; he loves Henri as much as I." Hearing a stamping on the floor be

hind, I turned and saw a man with a wooden support for a missing leg. "This is my husband," said the wo-

man. "He will tell you why we both love one who loved me. Tell her, Vic-She placed a chair in position for the

poor fellow, who had evidently not long been without his missing leg; arranged his underpinning so that it would give him the least discomfort, filled a pipe with tobacco and poured out a glass of red wine for him. Taking a sip of the wine, he looked at the picture that was decorated, evidently drinking to it. Then he told me the

"Henri and Clochette and I were brought up together, playmates and schoolmates. Henri and I were chums and loved each other, and when we grew to manhood we both loved Clochette, but neither knew that of the other. I did not suspect that Henri loved her, for he was a very undemonstrative man and did not tell his secrets. But I have believed since his death that he loved her from boyhood. Whether he suspected that I loved her

I do not know to this day, "One day I told Henri that Clochette was my betrothed. I fancied I saw a pallor stealing over his face, but it disappeared so soon that I thought little about it. Afterward Clochette told me that he had proposed to her the day before I asked her to be my wife. can now see what a shock my an-

nouncement must have been to him. "But neither of us could have Clo-chette then, for suddenly the war broke to the colors, going to the front in the same regiment. By this time I had learned that Henri had met with a great disappointment in losing Clochette, and I told him the day we were entrained for the front that in case I was killed it was my wish that he should marry Clochette; that I had expressed this wish to her and she had promised me she would accede to it.

"You see, madame, by this time I made it the interest of Henri that I should be killed. Had he been a villain he could have shot me in battle. and no one but himself would have known that he was a murderer. But I knew he was not that kind of man.

"Henri and I joined that army which extended southeastward through Belgium and along the border of France and were in the battles occurring while we were being driven back toward Paris. Then came the battle of the Marne and the subsequent fighting for the possession of Calais. During all this time neither Henri nor I received scratch. When later we were struck Henri received his death wound and I

lost my leg. "You remember, madame, when late in September, in the second year of the war, we and the British, after four weeks sending a storm of missiles against the German trenches, moved forward along the whole line. Well, in that movement, in which it seemed to us and our enemies as if the end of the world had come. Henri advanced with the rest, and, being not only in the same regiment, but in the same company, we were near together. Once the horrible surroundings, when I was stumbling over dead and wounded, the din of 10,000 thunderstorms beating on my cardrums, I caught sight of Henri. His eyes were momentarily fixed on me as if fearful that I would never come out of the

tempest alive. "We followed the retreating foe too fast for the rest of the line, and a number of us were cut off. Henri and was not a time for taking prisoners. since the world began.

the first place, the enemy, as well as ourselves, were war mad, and in the second there was no way of bringing prisoners behind the lines. It became evident that Henri and I must leave our hiding place and get back to our men or be shot down.

"But the changes were so rapid that before we could make up our minds to take our chances in night a gentle breeze from the southeast wafted a noxious cloud upon us that drove us down into the very bottom of the trench and held us there with our faces buried, our eyes closed, in the soil. Then the enemy charged upon our men, and down came the bodies of those who were shot while crossing the trench, burying us under a pile of dead and wounded.

"To be thus crushed was no better than to inhale a noxious gas, and, struggling against our covering, we reached a point where we could look about us. The gas had been blown to our own trenches and had been followed by a bayonet charge of the enemy, who had been thinned to nothingness by rapid fire guns. "'Let us run for it,' I said to my

chum. "'No,' replied Benri. 'We would never make our lines. Do you see the enemy tumbling into those trenches not a hundred yards from us? We would have to run the gantlet of their rifles. Let us stay where we are for the pres ent. Our men may push forward and cover us.'

"There was not now a living man in the trench where we were, though there were many dead. And yet I can-not be certain of this, for there was such a din that if there were wounded I could not hear them groan. It seem ed that Satan had brought hell with him to the air as well as on the land for, being exhausted. I lay down in the trench, and there above me I saw two aeroplanes carrying on the fight far above the heads of those murdering one another on the land. I dared not rise to get any other view, for above the trench missiles were flying so thick that not a spear of wheat would have been left standing if in the way.

"Presently the firing from our lines died down, and we heard orders given Red Wheat in the enemy's ranks indicating that they were about to make a charge We knew that we must go down in that rush if we remained where we were and we must get out. There was a possibility that we might reach our lines alive, though we could not hope to do so unhit.

"'Come,' said Henri; 'we must be off, Something tells me that I shall be Steelent Oats killed and that you will be saved. If I Hulled Oats can do anything to insure your being Alfalfa Meal spared to Clochette I shall die content. Meat Scraps

"He pushed me out of the trench, and we ran as swiftly as our legs would My Hens are Laying to Beat the Drum carry us toward our men. During that brief flight I was conscious that Henri was running directly behind me, cover ing me with his body. What could I do to prevent this? Nothing. To stop and protest would only have brough death to us both. I ran on till I came within a few yards of our lines; then one of my legs was knocked from under me, and I fell. I was conscious of being picked up and carried away, but

after that for some time knew nothing. "When I came back to consciousness I asked if Henri had escaped, I was told that he had protected me from the enemy's fire till just before I fell, when he was shot through the body. Then a surgeon came and amoutated my leg.

drinking to his memory.

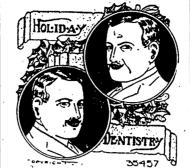
The episcde revealed to me how im perfect is language. There are no words to express how a woman can have a lover and a husband without reproach. And yet here was a case. left the couple not only with respect but with heartfelt sympathy and thank fulness that the poor mutilated soldier had such a woman to cheer him.

Incidents I saw during my ministry moved me more than this, for I took the last message of many a dying soldier, but no episode affected me in the same way. There was in the sacrifice as well as in the situation something unique. And who can tell how many such sacrifices worthy of angels have occurred in that war where the flend reigned supreme? Well may we won der how it can come about that the manhood of many nations is going down into the earth, and for what? Who knows?

The acquaintance I had formed, the story I had heard, seemed to me a fit climax to my ministrations to war victims. I left the couple with but one comfort-that if the man must go mutilated through life there was one to give him a happiness that perhans would balance his misfortune. In bidding them goodby I breathed a prayer for that "federation of the world" which will pass judgment on the nations' quarrels instead of leaving them I took refuge in a deserted trench. It to be settled as they have been settled 50

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surgeon came and amputated my leg.

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The sentence was not finished, for his wife put her arms around her husband and stopped the words with a kiss.

"Now, madame," said the wife, "you understand how it is possible for an honest woman to have a lover and a husband. How could I belp loving the man who gave his life that my dear husband might be returned to me?"

She brought out some simple cakes that she had made with her own hands and poured a glass of wine for each of us. We stood, about to quaff the wine, when both the husband and the wife turned to the picture of the man who had died that they might be happy with each other, and I joined them in drinking to his memory.

Tel. 24-3

Harvard, Mass.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs and wext ext of kin and a other person and to the person wext extend in the estate of SALWS LIZAMETH BAIR late of Groton in sext of kin and at other person wext extend to the heirs and of coton in the person wext extend to the heirs and deceased has been presented to said Count, for Probate, by LIVY ANN DODGE who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, and the cited to said County the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Count, for Probate, by LIVY ANN DODGE who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

And said petitioner is hereby di

thousand nine hundred and afteen. 3t17 W. E. ROGERS. Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscribers have been duly appointed administrators of the estate of SUSAN P. SHATTUCK late of Groton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and have taken upon themselves that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. is. persons having demands upon the

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to DAVID E. WESTON of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of January A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire First Judge of said Court, this it wenty eighth day of December in the year on thousand nine hundred and fittees.

3117 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

GEORGE H. B. TURNER, Publish JOHN H. TURNER, Editor

"The daily labors of the Bee, Awake my soul to industry; Who can observe the careful Ant, And not provide for future want?

Subscribers are urged to keep their subscriptions paid in advance.

Saturday, January 15, 1916.

#### GROTON

#### News Items.

. Miss Catherine B. Beatley, who taught at Lawrence academy last year and who has been teaching since then in Milton, has resigned from there and accepted the position of English teacher in the Newton Technical High

item somewhat delayed, overlooked from last week, is about the pleasant dinner party at Marshall Swallow's on Christmas day, which was Mrs. Marshall Swallow's birthday. was Mrs. Marshall Swallow's birthday. Five brothers were together at the parity, the guests being Arthur and family from Lynn, Myron and family of Groton, Herbert and family from Dunstable and Harry from Dunstable, thirteen in all. Another brother, George Swallow, of Gardner, was in town on Monday, calling on the family and on his brother Myron at the hospital.

Rowan Allan and one of his children ing Monday evening, to have the scar let fever.

Elmer Sawyer has been ill with a very bad cold, but at last reports was much better, expecting to get out soon. Miss Gladys Swallow, who had arniss Gladys Swallow, who had arranged to begin her duties as teacher in the commercial department of high school at Norwalk, Conn., the first week in January, was unable to go at that time, but went on Saturday, Jan-

The officers of Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., were installed on Monday even-

ing.

The families of Rowan Allen and are as we understand. Charles Mansur are, as we understand, the only families here who are in quarbecause of scarlet fever.

The Book and Thimble club met las week Friday afternoon with Mrs. Geo. H. Woods; subject for consideration, "Elbert Hubbard and his writings." The next meeting will be on the after-noon of Friday, January 21, with Mrs. Louis Clark.

The annual meeting of the Groton Historical society will be held in the lower town hall on Tuesday, January 18, at eight o'clock p. m.

The annual fireman's ball, given by the Engine and hose company No. 1 will be held in the town hall on Friday evening, January 21. Poole's orchestra of Boston will give a concert from eight till nine o'clock and furnish music for dancing from nine till two o'clock. During the evening a turkey supper will be served in the lower

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Berry at Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Berry attended last week Friday afternoon the funeral of her brother, John M. Moore, at Waltham. He was eighty-three years old. This death leaves Mrs. Berry the only surviving member of her father's family of eleven children. Mrs. Campbell and husband of Nephus week with her parents last Nashua went with her parents last attend the funeral of her

The family of Charles Mansur has been and is now passing through a sick time. First, Mr. Mansur came home from his work about two weeks ago feeling ill with what proved to be quinsy sore throat. Next Mrs. Mansur had it and then some of the children were taken ill. At present been and is now passing through a sick time. First, Mr. Mansur came home from his work about two weeks ago feeling ill with what proved to be quinsy sore throat. Next Mrs. Mansur had it and then some of the children were taken ill. At present the little girl Mabel is in a serious condition. Besides her very bad throat she was seized late last week with scarlet fever, the complication making a recovery more doubtful. At present week Friday, which upto this time of writing is not true. On the contrast, the little girl is reported much more comfortable.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth C (Williams), wife of Calvin Parker Lawrence, of Pepperell, passed through here to the Groton cemetery on Monday afternoon. There were many in Groton who heard of Mrs. Lawrence's death with regretful interest, for this was her native town and home until she matried Mr. Lawrence's Geath with regretful interest, for this was her native town and home until she matried Mr. Lawrence's Chercelevid her education in the public schools and Lawrence academy and was a member of the Baptist church, always attending when the laboration agont for the front rank of boys prepared to be their to be in the front rank of boys prepared on the outskirts of Pinehurst on the borow of a hill covered with little place on the outskirts of Pinehurst on the borow of a hill covered with little place on the outskirts of Pinehurst on the brow of a hill covered with little place on the outskirts of Pinehurst on the brow of a hill covered with little place on the outskirts of Pinehurst on the brow of a hill covered with little place on the outskirts of Pinehurst on the brow of a hill covered with little place on the outskirts of Pinehurst on the brow of a hill covered with little place on the outskirts of Pinehurst on the brow of a hill covered with little place on the outskirts of Pinehurst on the brow of a hill covered with little place on the outskirts of Pinehurst on the brow of a hill covered with little place on the outskirts of Power and about the lining of th

emy and was a member of the Baptist church, always attending when health and circumstances permitted. She was always very conscientious and faithful in what she did. She will be missed most by her old soldier; husband, who survives her, but is in poor health. Rev. B. E. Tucker of the Baptist church officiated at the funeral. George E. Lawrence, of this town, a nephew, also attended. Others from Groton would doubtless have attended but for the stormy day. emy and was a member of the Bap-

attended but for the stormy day.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona meets with Groton Grange on Thursday, January 29, in the town hall, at 10.30 in the morning. The installation of officers will take place in the forenoon. Charles M. Gardner, high priest of acter of the National Grange, heigh priest installing officers, with his assisting and there will be interesting imbers on the program besides the istallation exercises, all of which will open to the public. An invitation settended to all to be present.

extended to all to be present.

The next church social will be at the Congregational church on Thursday evening, January 20. Supper will be served at 6.30 in charge of Miss Vickery, chairman: entertainment at eight o'clock, in charge of Miss Mildred Brown and Mrs. Harold H.

Mrs. Dudley Moors, of Court street left last Saturday, going to attend the funeral of Samuel M. Felton in Detroit, Mich., who died on January 7, troit, Mich., who died on January 7, after a year's illness from Bright's disease. Mr. Felton was the husband of after a year's lines and the husband of Mrs. Clara L. Stone Felton, who is so pleasantly and well remembered here in her native town. She is a younger sister of Mrs. Moors and Mrs. Woolley, and also of Arthur Stone, formerly of this town. The funeral of Mr. Felton was held on Monday. The Detroit friends were very freely sympathetic

The January meeting of the Bird lub will be held in the lower town club will be held in the lower town hall on Monday evening, Jahuary 24, at eight o'clock. Clayton E. Stone, of the committee on birds of the State Grange, will come from Lunenburg to talk on "Experiences with birds during twenty-our years."

The next regular meeting of the W

though there was not a very large crowd out. The supper was pronouncthough there was not a very large crowd out. The supper was pronounced one of their very best, chicken pattles being a specialty. Mrs. Bailey was chairman. The entertainment was also excellent. An original story by Mr. Cressey was illustrated by familiar songs, such as "Maryland, my Maryland," "St. Patrick's day in the morning" and many others. Mrs. Cressey had charge of the entertainment.

The installation of the officers of The installation of the officers of Groton Grange was held on Tuesday evening. The installing officer was Past Master Tuttle of Acton, assisted by Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Tibbets, of Lexington. Refreshments in charge of Mrs. Lura Adams were served; 100 were present. The next meeting will be on January 25, when the first and second degrees will be conferred on a class of nine. The names of the ofclass of nine. The names of the of-ficers installed have already been giv-en in this column at the time of their election.

Clarence Howard Clark, Jr., of Philadelphia, husband of Mrs. Eleanor Motley Clark, died suddenly on Jan-uary 9 in Garnett, S. C., in the fifty-fifth year of his age. Mr. Clark had gone south on his annual hunting trip, where his death came upon him. Mrs. Lawrence Park, sister of Mrs. Clark, left home Tuesday morning for Philadelphia.

The Neighborhood club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Lizzie Clough, fifteen members and one guest being present. 'After the roll call and quotations the secretary's report and current events were given by Mrs. And the Creat Hungary with its people. na Gray. Hungary, with its people, customs and habits, was the subject for consideration. After the refreshments and club song the pleasant

meeting closed.

Attention is called to the exhibit now given in the window of the Moores Store Company. These articles are for the French hospitals and were made by the workers who meet for this surgical relief work at Mrs. C. A. Shaw's every Monday afternoon from two until four o'clock. A large attendance is urged.

George H. Blood of this town at-

George H. Blood of this town at-tended a meeting Wednesday of the annual reunion of the Junior Base-ball Players of Massachusetts, 1873, 1874, 1875 association. Mr. Blood beonged to the old Grotons.

The parents and teachers' meeting will be held at the high school imwill be held at the high sensol im-mediately after the close of the after-noon school session on Tuesday, Jan-uary 8. John A. Burton, principal of the high school, will be the speaker. It is hoped there will be a good attendance. The meeting is public—open and free to all.

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The Brown Loaf club met with Mrs.
Mosely Gilson on Wednesday afternoon, all but four members being
present. They had their usual good
social time and were most agreeably
entertained with a variety of musical
selections from Edison's latest phonograph with its Amberola diamond
records. Refreshments were served,
after which came the time for closing
and home going. and home going.

#### Clipping.

A recent number of the Pinchurst (N. C.) Outlook has the following:

Eric Parson, whose brother, Donald Parson, has long been known at Pinehurst, and who is in a fair way to be made famous by, his younger brother, who is at present one of the leading members on the Harvard leading members on the Harvard leading members on the Harvard football team, is a graduate of Groton School and of Harvard university. Since graduation he has been a master under Dr. Peabody at Groton and is presumably as well fitted for the task he has undertaken as any man can be. Groton is generally conceded to be in the front rank of love; treeto be in the front rank of boys' pre-

boys' time after class-room hours. The school will be open until May 20.

### Baptist Church.

There were more men present than women at the service on last Sunday

The subject for Sunday evening will be "Who will go to heaven?" The subject of the morning sermon will be "Christianity's best evidence."

The annual roll call of the church was held on Wednesday, January 5, he business meeting was held at ten in the morning. Dinner was served in the vestry at one o'clock under the able management of Frank Patterson. At the roll call in the afternoon many interesting and helpful messages were read from those who live at a distance and who were unable to be present. Rev. J. W. Brigham, of Dorchester was the guest of the day, and following the roll call he delivered an address on "Hints and helps in church work," which was enjoyed by all who were present.

### A Letter.

So many friends of the Groton col-umn of this paper express themselves as deeply interested in following the cruise of the Brooklyn to the Orient, and urgently asked for other letters, we here give the latest received. It was mailed at Colombo, Ceylon, on December 3, and reached Groton on January 8.

We are now about 800 miles from We are now about \$00 miles from the Island of Ceylon, ploughing our way through the Indian ocean. A look at the map will show you that we are in the torrid zone. We certainly appreciate that fact when standing at steaming watches. However, there is a strong breeze blowing all the time which makes things much better than they would be otherwise. It's lucky for me that I bought a folding cot while in Philadelphia, so that I can sleep out in the

fresh air. It is almost impossible to sleep below decks. R. C. will be held on Tuesday afternoon, January 18. It is hoped that
there will be a good attendance.
The social at the Unitarian church
The social at the Unitarian church
that week was most enjoyable, al-

ted to go ashore. It was a disappoint ment to us all, there was so much to see of interest in that neighborhood If we could have gotten liberty there we might have seen the pyramids, the we might have seen the pyramius, the Sphinx and other points of interest around Cairo and Alexandria; then across the way there is the Holy Land. This war certainly robbed us much pleasure.

The Egyptians are at present in a

state of revolt, having declared their independence about two weeks ago. suppose that was the reason of our not having liberty to go ashore and also that we coaled our own ship instead of having them do it for us. No doubt the black-hearted scoundreis would have stored some explosive in

it. They are very degenerate and crooked in their dealings, more especially so with "the infidels." It seems impossible for these Assatics and some Europeans, too, to do business on the

We left Port Said the following day.

pearing depots, at regular intervals pearing depots, at regular intervals. The other side—Arabia—or rather that portion of Turkey that borders on the canal, is patroled by Indian troops under command of English officers. At intervals there were armed camps for these soldiers, with trenches, barbed wire entanglements and forts or estudies made of concerts. These arms citadels made of concrete. These arm ed camps presented a picturesque ap-pearance situated in the desert, sur-rounded with means of defense, groups of camels and horses and the Indian troops in native costume. suppose they were glad to see us, as it served to break the monotony of camp-life in that barren land. They camp-life in that barren land. They rushed down to the water's edge and gave us a cheer, even to the "Hip, hip.

hurrah. In spite of precautions several pilots

In spite of precautions several pilots have been killed by Turkish sharpshooters. We hung several plates of steel three-eighths of an inch thick on that side of the bridge for protection of our pilot. I guess the Turks thought there was little chance of a lacky hit for they didn't fire.

We passed on into the Red sea, a long narrow body of water nearly 1500 miles in length. I tried to locate the exact spot where Moses passed over with the Children of Israel, but really didn't see any signs of them or the Egyptians. Somebody has said that remains of charlots and armor have been found recently at the bottom of een found recently at the bottom of

his sea.

This is called one of the hottest places for ships to sail over, but we were fortunate in having a cool time of the year for our journey, but even of the year for our journey, but even at that it was plenty warm—the water in the sea was eighty-eight degrees. We coaled ship again just before leaving the Red sea at an English coaling station on the Island of Périn. The Arabs coaled for us there. They The Arabs coaled for us there. They were all about the same size and color. were all about the same size and color, very dark skins, were about five feet tall and weigh I should judge 125 pounds. They seemed to me hardly removed from primitive savagery. The most of them were turbans, their only most of them wore turbans, their only other clothing a cloth about their loins, though a few had thin shirts. Poverty and misery seemed to be their common fate. Their wage is about fifteen cents per day. Can't tell you much about the Indian ocean as it

About Town.

The officers of John H. Worester W. R. C. were installed on Tue-day afternoon by Mrs. Addie Hale. The following officers were installed. Bessie W. McEnnis, pres. Angeline M. Muzzey, s. v.; Flora C. Hardy, j. v.; Clara M. Smith, treas.; Addie Hile. stc.; Nelhe L. Hardy, chap.; Kate C. Hurd, con.; Louise T. Locke, asst. con.; Mary G. MacMaster, press ccr., Florence C. Ladd, musician; Sarah E. Messer, Mary G. MacMaster, Susie Morrill, Eldora Wheeler, color hearers. All the officers were present jo ers. All the officers were present to be installed with the exception of the guard, assistant guard and patriote inspector.

Fred G. Muzzey has been il for the past week with the prevailing colds. Franklin Worcester has been all and

onfined to the house of late Mrs. Harvey Duncklee, "ho has been quite ill, has been able to sit up a little during the week and soems to be a little better.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond La.d are making their home this winter with Mrs. Lund's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stimson.

Miss Bates, who lectures to the Home Economics club, came to two on Tuesday afternoon and held her meeting at Mrs. William J. Gates'. Several ladies were present and listened to a most interesting talk on "First aid." Miss Bates demonstrated how to care for the sick, how to make beds for the sick, how to move them in bed, how to care for broken bones, and showed them how to put on bandand showed them how to put on hand-ages, etc. She also demonstrated sev-eral ways in which cocoa is used in the cooking line.

P. Leo McEnnis drove to Townsend on Wednesday evening and helped in-stall the officers of the North Star lodge of Odd Fellows in that town. Mrs. George W. Coburn, of East Hollis, has been quite poorly of late. She has been having considerable trouble with a finger which she burn-ed some time ago. It is hoped that she will soon be well again.

George A. Ladd filled his icehouse on Monday and Tuesday with a nice quality of ice from Silver lake, being twelve inches thick.

There are in Russia 5,189,401 Jews very nearly half of the total number in the world, which is estimated at in the way, which is estimated at 10.143,829; the next greatest number is in Austro-Hungary, 1,994,373, and the third greatest is in the United Strength of Oveters.

If a man, in proportion, had the strength of an oyster he could lift a locomotive with ease. With the muscles with which an oyster of good size holds its shell closed a weight of thirty-five pounds can be supported. A quired to force apart the shell of a twelve months. common mussel, and in the Mediterranean a clam exists that will support nearly 500 times its own weightequivalent to a 150 pound man supporting more than thirty-six tons. These interesting facts have been brought to light by a series of experiments and investigations conducted by Felix Plateau, a Belgian scientist. Dr. Plutcau has been measuring at the same time the strength of insects. Har-We left Port Said the following day. November 18, passing several English and French men-of-war, among them the implacable and Jeanne d'Arc. Both of these had seen active service in the Dardanelles. The Implacable had her foremast partly shot away. Old Glory was floating proudly from the gaff in our aftermast and their bands played "The Star Spangled Banner" as we passed them on our entrance to the Suez canal.

The canal is a olg Litch, connecting the Mediteranean and Red seas. There are only a few places in it where it is wide enough for two ships to pass. The country through which it runs is as you know, a desert—nothing but wastes of sand as far as the eye can reach. There is a railroad running along the African side with neat appearing depots, at regular intervals, The other side—Arabia—or rather nessed to a delicate weighing machine

who still recalls with relish some of his youthful adventures. "They called this creature the 'what is it,' and that night we all crowded into the opera house to see it. The curtain was down. Presently there was a rattle of chains behind the curtain and a scream. A man rushed out leaned over the footlights and started up the aisle, shout-

ing: "'Run for your lives! The 'what is it' is loose!

"We got out in a hurry. All of us who could not get to the door went through the windows. After the excitement had quieted somewhat we discovered that the two showmen who brought the 'what is it' to town had disappeared with the receipts. I remember that show better than any other I ever went to. Probably it was the best."-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### An Odd Experiment.

A strange and amusing experiment is described by G. Hugo in the Electrical Experimenter as follows:

Place a copper coin on a silver coin. The former should be at least threesixteenth inch smaller all around than the latter. A cent and a half dollar will do; an English balfpenny and a silver dollar will do better, because they are larger. On the copper coin place an ordinary earthworm and watch it try to crawl off. It cannot do it, for the instant its damp body, which is in contact with the copper, touches the silver it starts a current of electricity that gives it a shock. The shock makes the worm recoil. It tries again, but each time its head touches the silver it gets the shock and soon finds it is more comfortable to stay on the copper coin.

Of course the current thus produced is very slight, but it is quite enough for the worm.

Clever Ruse. Even more than a fee gratefully paid does a humorous physician enjoy an fee adroitly drawn from the hand of a reluctant payer. Sir Richard Jebb was once paid three guiness by a to expect five. Sir Richard dropped the coins on the carpet, when a servant of his satanic majesty, who, when the picked up and restored them-three work was completed, gave the monk a and only three. Instead of walking picture of himself for the frontispiece, off Sir Richard continued his search on the carpet.

his lordship, looking around. There must be two still on the floor," was the answer, "for I have Prague.—Pearson's Weekly, only three." The bint, of course, was taken, and the right sum was put down .- "Doctors and Patients."

Tireless Camels. An eastern legend has it that the camel was fashioned last by the Creator, and so it is held in very high esteem by the people of the east. Although a somewhat unshapely and perhaps bad tempered animal, the camel is an untiring worker. He will travel on for hour after hour without appearing distressed in any way and on this account has made a good name for himself.-London Answers.

### Finance.

"Hello, Bilkins. How well you look! All your worries gone up in smoke?" said Slithers joyously.

"Yes, Slithers," said Bilkins, "I've got a great load off my mind. I've just been able to borrow enough money to pay off all my debts." - New York

### Cutting Combs.

Combs are always cut out in pairs. The spaces left between the teeth of one comb serve to form the teeth of the other, so that in shaping one comb two are really made.

### Suspicious.

Friend-So this is one of your jokes, is it? Hà. ba. ha! Humorist (testily) -Well, what are you laughing at, anyhow? Isn't it a good one?-Passing

What Might Happen. He-Yes, I am still single. She-But you intend to marry some day, do you not? He-I do unless some woman changes my mind.-Judge.

#### Judgment Days. The world is full of judgment days. and into every assembly that a man

enters, in every action he attempts, he is gauged and stamped.-Emerson.

Perpetual Motion.

Several people have had a shot at making something that would go on forever, like Tennyson's brook. And these have not all been cranks. A mechanician, for instance, made a top, which was balanced on diamond tips weight of more than six pounds is rea and spun in a vacuum, which ran for

A Swiss watchmaker has invented an electric watch which will go for fifteen years without requiring to be rewound.

A watch and clock maker of Burton had in his possession an electric clock of his own making which has already gone twelve years and has never falled to record the time during that period, although it has never been wound. He claims that the mechanism will last fifty years and that he would not be surprised if the clock ran un interruptedly for a century.

Of course the possibilities of radioactivity are today only dimly known but they may yet revolutionize all our notions of motion and energy and put even electricity out of court.-Buffalo News.

#### Luck Laden.

An idle person chanced to see a wagon rolling slowly along Fulton street. Bad luck pursued it. At Broad way the driver sleepily tried to cross in disregard of the traffic policeman's ample and warning hand. His number was jotted down in the book of that recording angel and a summons was handed up. A few yards beyond and the horse, turning to avoid a hot chestnut peddler, went down in a heap. The pavement was slippery, and he must needs be unbarnessed in the shafts before he could rise. Another block, and somebody was digging a hole in the street to put in some kind of a main for somebody else. The off wheels of the wagon rolled too near, and the vehicle careened and slid into the excavation. It had to be unloaded laboriously by hand before it could be jacked up level again.

The wagon carried a load of 3,000 castoff horseshoes .- New York Post.

Putting the Blame on Noah. A tablet believed to be 4,000 or 5,000

years old and to antedate the book of Genesis by 1,000 years sets forth, according to the translation of Dr. Steven Langdon of Oxford university, England, that it was Noah and not Adam and Eve who brought about the fall of man. Noah was commanded not to cut of the cassia tree in the garden of paradise, the translation has it, and when he disobeyed the curse of ill health and an early death instead of a life span of 50,000 years like that of his ancestors, fell on him. According to Babylonian and Sumerian accounts the flood occurred about 35,000 years before Christ, and the period between that catastrophe and creation-432,000 years-was filled in by ten kings, so that each must have ruled something like 43,200 years. The comparatively short reigns of later kings is explained as being the result of Noah's sin in eat ing of the cassia tree.

### The Devil's Bible.

The devil's Bible is in the Royal Palace library of Stockholm, Sweden. It is a huge copy of the Scriptures, written upon 300 prepared asses' skins. One tradition declares that it took 500 years, or from the eighth to the thirteenth century, to make the copy, which is so large that it has a table to itself. Another tradition affirms nobleman from whom he had a right that the work was done in a single night by a monk with the assistance where, amid illuminated incaptations it is still to be seen; hence the name. "Are all the guineas found?" asked This marvelous manuscript was carried off by the Swedes during the thir-

### A Fable.

A woman once came to the cave of a sage who was renowned for his pro-

found analysis of her sex. "Master," said she, "let me sit at your feet awhile. I am but a woman -faulty and foolish and weak-but I would fain be the pupil of your learning and the disciple of your virtues." And the sage, secure in his wisdom

Then he laid himself down to sleep in the shade of a rock, out of the glare of the sun. When he wakened he was blindfolded and bound hand and foota prisoner to love.

consented.

He had protected himself against every feminine weapon except the most dangerous one-humility.-New York Evening Sun.

### The Fault of Ridicule.

There is no character, howsoever good and fine, but it can be destroyed by ridicule, howsoever poor and witless. Observe the ass, for instance, His character is about perfect, he is the choicest spirit among all the humbler animals, yet see what ridicule has brought him to. Instead of feeling complimented when we are called an ass we are left in doubt.—Mark Twain.

### Bean Ballots.

Black beans and white beans were used by the ancients in gathering the votes of the people for the election of magistrates. A white bean signified a "yea" and a black one a "nay." When a politician failed to get elected he literally had "spilled the beans."

### What Did It Mean?

A notice board in a Scottish kirk once bore, it is said, the following amazing sentence: "This church is licensed for the solemnegation of marriages."

One of the very best of all earthly possessions is self possession.-G. D. Prentice.

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### GROTON

West Groton Items. Roderick McDonald, who has been employed as a carpenter at the leatherboard mill, left town Wednesday... P. W. Kane visited relatives i Leominster last Saturday.

Allen Greenough, of Vose, has ac epted a position in Gardner. Mrs. Thomas Hines has been our Mrs. Floomas filmes has been confined to the house with a severe cold Mrs. Patrick Sullivan, of Pepperell is the week-end guest of her sister Mrs. Feter J. McGowan.

Miss Ruth Kane visited friends out of-town this week. Matthew Rolanson is soon to ente

he employ of Hollingsworth & Vosc Sea Foam John Riley has moved into one of T. Shepley's tenements Mrs. Bertha Mahew, from Wilton, L. H., is the guest of Mrs. Allen Stuffed Dates

Greenough H. E. Kemp expects to leave for Miss D. Donahue and brother,

Boston, were the week-end guests of Mgs. Andrew Taylor. Miss Irene McMahan, of Groton, is working at Mrs. Wilder Blood's.

### BOXBOROUGH

News Items. Mrs. Ralph Whitcomb and little sor came home from Clinton last Satur-

sickness and is teaching again. Miss Mabel Wetherbee, who substituted for her during her illness, is now substi-tuting in No. 3 school while the teach-

Miss Coulson, is away on accoun Mrs. Mary Pratt of South Acton a spending the week with her niece Mrs. Maria Whitcomb.

Hobert Brown is the sawyer a Wheeler's mill in Stow and Charles Hayward has a like position at Fletch Mrs. Samuel Moss spent the week end in Waltham.

Daniel Wetherbee is home from Worcester, recuperating from an attack of the grippe.

The old folks' dance at South Actor last week attracted quite a few from here who had a delightful time. Priends of Mr. and Mrs. David Tait our former neighbors, were sorry to learn of the death of their daughter Minnie at their home in Cambridge ast week. Death came as the resul

of an operation for appendicitis several months ago. Mr. Messirian, the young man who has occupied the pulpit at the Con-gregational church for several Sun-days, has been engaged until June.

#### New Advertisements CARD OF THANKS

We express, in this way, our appreciation of the beautiful flowers sent and also of every word or act of sympathy shown us by neighbors, friends and the Grange during our recent beautiful for the state of the stat

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be for sale until March. Buy now and
save 25 percent on spring prices. P.
H. BABCOCK, Harvard, Mass. H. BABCOCK, Am.

LOST—About January first, a Small White Dog, with long hair and bushy tall: on collar was "Carnzu Abbot, Westford." Send any information to A. J. ABBOT, Westford. Suitable re-

JOIN MY POST CARD EXCHANGE! Send now for our big list. Enrollment fee 10c. (sliver). Address, "MANAGER," Townsend, Mass. 1119\*

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"'Tis to the Pen and Press we mortals owe.

All we believe and almost all we know."

#### Saturday, January 15, 1916. AYER

#### News Items.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, January 17, at 7,30 o'clock. Work—Master Mason degree. Lunch.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter of Masons will be held on Tuesday evening, January 18, at 7.30 o'clock. Work—Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees

John Ryan, printer, formerly in the employ of Huntley S. Turner, was adjudged insane in the Fitchburg court last week and committed to the state hospital in Worcester.

The annual dance given under the direction of the high school senior class took place last week Friday eveing in the town hall. A very large attendance of local and out-of-town people were present and all had an enjoyable time. The senior class colors, green and white, were used to acoud advantage in decorating the hall. The reception began at eight o'clock, the members of the senior class presenting the invited guests to the matrons, Mrs. Ernest M. Gleason, wife of the principal of the high school, and Misses Laura S. Leavitt, Grace M. O'Neil and Miss Putney, all teachers in the school. The reception was followed by dancing, light refreshments being served at intermission. being served at intermission. Misses Esther McDonald and Ruth Strong and Richard McDonald and Philip Willis composed the decorating committee. The Union orchestra of Leominster furnished music.

"His crucible," in three parts, is the headliner this Saturday night at the noving picture show. "The black leopard" and "A sprig of shamrock" are two good ones. The other two are farce-comedies, full of fun, etnitled "Mr. Jar" and "Circumstantial evidence." Next Wednesday evening the famous play. "The prisoner of Zenda." in five parts, will be presented, featuring the renowned actor, James K. Hackett. This play has been attended by improved crowds all core the second of the control of the by immense crowds all over the counry and is justly regarded as a master-piece of dramatic art. There will, of course, be other pictures. The usual interesting Pathe Weekly will be a part of the program for Wednesday

of voters, prior to the annual town election, will take place in the select-men's room on Thursday evening, January 20, from 7.30 to 9.30.

The board of health has received notice from the Massachusetts State Department of Health, division of hygiene, that it will cause to be distributed books to mothers with young children containing suggestions as to how to properly care for the children, especially the younger ones. The reaespecially the younger ones. The reason the state department is taking this unusual, step is the tremendous increase in Infant mortality for the pass few years. The department says that a great many deaths of this kind can be prevented through proper care on the test of reaching the state of the stat the part of mothers for their children. The books are to be distributed gratis throughout the state. They are at-cractively compiled and furnish many valuable suggestions.

Frank E. McLellan has resigned his position as lineman with the Ayer Electric Light Company and returned to Leominster. His place is taken by Mr. Newton, from Leominster.

Among the new corporations which have received certificates of incorpora-

Miss Ruth Sleeper, of Brighton, isited Miss Ruth Huntington of Jashington street for the week-end and over Sunday.

The first National bank elected these officers last Monday: Howard B. White, pres.; Oliver K. Pierce, v. p.; Charles A. Normand, cashier; Howard B. White, Thomas L. Hazen, Daniel W. Fletcher, Hobart E. Mead, Oliver K. Pierce, Waldo Spaulding, directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy, Mrs. George G. Osgood and Miss Addie Harlow left Thursday evening on the Ratiow left Indicate the first of the R.32 train via Worcester for Orlando, Florida, where they will remain for a time. Later they intend to visit other points in the South.

These officers were chosen by the North Middlesex Savings bank Mon-

day, January 3:

Daniel W. Fletcher, pres.; Frank A. Patch. Charles F. Worcester, vice pres.; Edward A. Richardson, sec.; Sarah T. Tuten Treas.; Ralph L. Hastlings, asst. treas.; Daniel W. Fletcher, Oliver K. Pierce, Howard B. White. Peter Tarbell, Frank A. Patch. board of investment; William U. Sherwin, Howard Fuller, Edward A. Richardson, auditors; Daniel W. Fletcher, Thomas L. Hazen, Oliver K. Pierce, Peter Tarbell, William H. Annis, William U. Sherwin, Howard B. White. Frank A. Patch. Elisha D. Stone, Edhard K. Patch. Elisha D. Stone, Edhar day, January 3: Tarbell, William H. Annis, WilU. Sherwin, Howard B. White,
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Daniel G. Houghton, Howard Fuller, Arthur H. Turner, trustees.

Henry Hall has moved from the corge H. Hill house on Washington street to the upstairs tenement in the Smith house on East Main street. O. D. Fessenden of Brookline, N. H., has leased the cooper shop on East Main street, formerly occupied by Augustus Lovejoy and later by Sidney A. Weaver, and is now moving in stock, getting ready for business. Mr. Fessenden will commence the manufacture of apple barrels in the spring.

It was voted at the last meeting of the Unitarian Girl's club to observe the 22d of February with a dinner as has been the custom of the social gathering since that organization has lisbanded.

The regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held on Monday afternoon. Dinner at one o'clock in the banquet hall.

Austin Brooks died at the home of his daughter. Mrs. Lura J. Wright, in Pingreyville on Wednesday at the age of 82 rrs. 8 mos. 5 days. Death was caused by phthisis pulmonalis. Mr. Brooks was a native of South Ashburnham, where he was born on May 6, 1833. He came here to live with his daughter five years ago. For the past two years he has been in poor thealth and during the past year he has been confined to the bed the most of the time. Mr. Brooks leaves, besides this daughter. Mrs. Wright, two sons, Edward Brooks, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Frank Brooks, of Nashua, N. H.; a brother, Irving Brooks, of Rutland. Austin Brooks died at the home of a brother, Irving Brooks, of Rutland, Vt., and a sister, Mrs. S. A. Baker, of Ashburnham. The remains were taken to Ashburnham this week Friday, where services were held and where the interment took place.

The formation interesting to the mer A map of this section of the could will be posted on the wall with dot on it showing the resident each member of the Exchange.

Congestion of Freight Traffic.

Rev. Frank B. Crandall, minister of the Unitarian church, has secured a suite of rooms for his residence at Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Robinson's on Pleasant street. He will be at home after next Saturday.

The men of the Unitarian church will give on Friday evening, January 21, at 6.30 o'clock one of their famous four course suppers. The supper served by the men or May 21 last served by the men on May 21 last proved so popular that it was decided to reproduce the affair next Friday evening. It is hoped to have an orchestra play during the supper. Rev. Edwin A. Rumball, formerly minister of the Unitarian church in Rochester, N. Y., who is the efficiency expert of Y., who is the efficiency expert of American Unitarian association

the American Unitarian association and who will be visiting the parish at the time, will be its guest at the sup-per and will give a falk afterwards. The first meeting of the registrars has gone to the other leg and through has system. He is too weak to undergo another operation and there are no hopes of his recovery. Death is the question of only a few days.

The household effects in the house lately vacated by Col. Nickerson, known as the Moses place, so-called, and who was taken to a sanatorium at and who was taken to a sanatorium at Wellesley, have been disposed of at private sale. The articles offered for sale were disposed of to the person who offered the highest sum. The house was furnished with a very fine quality of furnishings and the purchasers bought at a much less price than the actual cost price.

At the Christian Science meeting in Dickinson's block Sunday morning at 10.36 the subject will be "Life." Sunday school at the same hour.

day school at the same hour.

On next Thursday evening the members of Ayer council, K. C., and friends, will be entertained by members of the order from Lowell, including William F. Thornton, d.d.g. Mr. Thornton is widely known as an entertainer and will give readings and songs. The other members of the bers of the order from Lowell, including William F. Thornton, d.d.g. Mr. Thornton is widely known as an entertainer and will give readings and songs. The other members of the party who will accompany him will give a fine program of vocal and instrumental music. This is the first of a series of entertainments arranged by George H. Wilson, the energetic lecturer of the council. A military whist party has been arranged for

a rapidly moving train at the railroad station on Thursday night with the usual result—the truck was demolished.

The condition of Jenness W. Brown remains about the same. He has had two brief intervals of consciousness since last Sunday.

evening to more than 100 people. The committee in charge was Mrs. J. A. McMillan, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mrs. S. J. Andrew, Mrs. J. M. Boutwell, Mrs. P. J. Potter, Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy. These were assisted in serving by Misses Maud Whitaker, Bertha Stone, Ethel Andrew, Maud Luddington, Miland Louges and Malon Merch.

Miss Pearl Carley. Home-made candy at Marion Farns-Washington street.

The following letters remained un-called for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending January 10: Chalmers Mfg. Co., Albert H. Gilbert, Hamilton & Butterfield, Francols Lemieux.

Contract Awarded.

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The Ayer Farmers' Co-operative Exchange has given the contract for its building at Flanagan's crossing to C. H. Hardy. Work is to begin at once, and it is hoped that the Exchange will be ready to do business by the middle of February. The lot on which the building is to be erected has a frontage of 100 feet on Central avenue, and 80 feet on the railroad. The building will be of substantial wooden construction, 40x70 feet, with a platform 10 feet wide running along the end of the building, next to the sidetrack, and a covered platform 5 feet wide of the building, next to the sidetrack, and a covered platform 8 feet wide running along the side next to the Old Groton road. An addition for the office will be built onto the northeast corner of the building. The height from floor to caves will be 10 feet; from floor to ridgepole, 14 feet. The from floor to ridgepole, 14 feet. The floor is designed to hold 1000 tons, thus making it possible to store a large amount of grain, fertilizer and other

amount of grain, fertilizer and other supplies.

Members of the Exchange will drive up to the platform on the Old Groton road side of the building for receiving the supplies purchased. A room in the office addition is to be reserved for the office addition is to be reserved for members. This will be made comfortable, with conveniences, and will be supplied with all the up-to-date farming bulletins and other sources of information interesting to the members. A map of this section of the country will be posted on the wall with a red date on it showing the residence of

Mrs. Charles Daniels, who has been at the City hospital, Boston, for the past three weeks, recovering from an aperation, is improving.

At the Baptist church Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "The pre-eminence of Jews." The Sunday school meets at twelve. Service of school meets at twelve service of school meets at twelve. Service of school meets at twelve service of school meets at twelve. Service of school meets at twelve service of school meets at twelve service of school meets at twelve. Service of school meets at twelve service of school meets at the preschool meets at the preschool meets at the preschool meets at the school meets at the preschool meets at the school meets at the school meets at the preschool meets at the plies which is being changed from its usual route to the Atlantic ports for shipment to Europe. There are not enough ships to carry the immense amount of freight across the water and as a consequence the freight keeps accumulating along the sidetracks of the different railroad systems. This, in time causes year services delays in

the different railroad systems. This, in time, causes very serious delays in the transportation of freight which more or less effects everyone.

At present, for want of sufficient vessels leaving New York, the goods usually sent from there are now sent through by way of Ayer to Portland, Me., and Boston, the two other most important scaports from which goods may be sent to Europe. As a result of the congestion many merchants in town are unable to get

their goods without great delays, and manufacturing plants are more or less

and who will be visiting the parish at the time, will be its guest at the supper and will give a talk afterwards.

From a letter we received we note that William Chisholm, who had his leg amputated at the hospital from the effects of mortification, was taken to his home in Bondville, Vt., Wednesday of last week and the disease has gone to the other leg and through his system. He is too weak to undergo another operation and there are the situation.

Plead Guilty.

James Gleason, Joseph P. McCarthy and James Hanfey pleaded guilty to breaking and entering at Ayer in the superior criminal court at Cambridge on Monday and were sentenced to lifteen months in the house of correction which is the minimum sentence provided for this crime by law.

McCarthy, in answer to the usual question of the court as to whether sentence should not be pronounced, made a strong plea for leniency for his two comrades, whom he claimed Monday evening Innurry 17 at each tent.

his two comrades, whom he claimed were innocent of any intentional wrong doing. McCarthy told the court that he wished to assume the entire blame for the crime as he was the instigator of the whole plot. The court, however, failed to accede to his request.

The three men were arrested near

there were the largest number of ar-rests ever recorded in the same time by the local police. The total num-ber of arrests for the year was 594. Of these the greatest number was for Martin E. Carrigan met with a very painful accident while at work at the tannery on Thursday morning, when his left hand was badly crushed by a hydraulic press which he was operating. He was taken to his home on Newton street, where he received medical attention and is resting comfortably.

Vagrancy, the number applying for lodging being 468. This winter the tannery or vagrants has decreased to a very small number. The reason given is that business is much better than that of a year ago and they have little difficulty in finding employment. The genuine hobo is now a rare personage in these parts, only a very few making their appearance here. The vagrancy, the number applying for sonage in these parts, only a very few making their appearance here. The vagrant season begins with the police about the first of October, when the grenings are too cool to sleep out

we brief intervals of consciousness since last Sunday.

The ladies of the Federated church gave the first supper in the vestry of the Congregational church Tuesday evening to more than 100 people. The committee in charge was Mrs. J. A. McMillan, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mrs. S. McMillan, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mrs. S. police station for the three months ending January 1 is but ninety-five. The arrests, other than vagrants, numbered 126, and cover many other

crimes, there being but a few of each

Officers Installed.

W. Rymes and a violin solo by Miss Jane Briggs, all of which were en-thusiastically received. Dancing fol-lowed the installation Lunch was lowed the installation. Lunch was served, consisting of coffee, sandwiches and lee cream, and was in charge of Fred A. Smith. A very pleasant social time followed, which was enjoyed by over 100 members of the order, including many from out-of-town. The following officers were installed: Willard G. White, m.; Kathlyn Ward, o.; Mrs. Mary Brooks, lee: Warren Winslow, stew.; James Boutwell, asst. stew.; Hiram Clark, chap.; Mrs. Nellie Winslow, treas.; Mrs. Margaret Rand, sec.; Linton Ward, g. k.; Mrs. Grace Rymes, Ceres; Mrs. Ida Boutwell, Pomona; Mrs. Carrie M. Williams. Flora; Hazel Murphy, l. a. s.; Fred A. Smith, ex. com.

#### War Horses.

Over a thousand horses are going through Ayer daily, en route from the West to France, Italy and England. An average of about three trains per day, of from a dozen to 18 cars each, each car containing about \$5000 worth of horse flesh, are being shipped over the Eitchburg division each day, the work being carried on quitty and exwork being carried on quietly and exwork being carried on quietly and expeditiously by the railroad company, which is said to have a contract for the transportation of 80.000 horses and that the number may eventually, be increased to a quarter of a million if the war continues after the completion of the present contract.

The horses are accepted by the road at Hotterdam and shipped to Watertown, where they are quartered at the remodeled stockyards in that town, where paddocks and shelters covering 28 acres of land have been erected and provide accommodations for 3000

provide accommodations for 3000 horses at one time. Almost daily shipments of the horses are scheduled from Boston, going to the countries whose agents purchased them where they are trained for army service and later sent to the front where, according to statistics, the average life of each horse after reaching the war zone will be about eight days.

It is reported that agents of the allies have already purchased 190,000 horses in this country and that the provide accommodations for

horses in this country and that the number will be more than doubled number will be more than doubled within the succeeding 12 months if the war continues beyond that time. As a result of the reports that England has temporarily suspended activities in the American horse market, it is thought that most of the horses now going through Ayer are destined for France and Italy, whose agents are said to be especially active.

Only the best grade of horses are accepted by the purchasing agents and no white or gray horses will be considered. The animals are given every care and kept in as perfect condition

sidered. The animals are given every care and kept in as perfect condition as possible, being fed and watered regularly, and inspected by veterinaries at frequent intervals-along the route from the West to the time of shipment. The horses are transported in regulation cars about 30 horses in a care and a dayton or more cars in a car, and a dozen or more cars in each train, each train also including a combination passenger coach for the crew which accompanies, each train. No chances are taken of encountering unexpected delays or of being held

up by freight blockades, each train up by freight blockades, each train being run as the second section of a passenger train schedules. The horses do not change cars from Chicago to Watertown and the cars are turned over to the Boston and Maine at Rotterdam, but seven or eight hours being required for the 200 mile trip over the Electhors divided the crimoly re-

Harbinger lodge, K. of P., and Harbinger Temple, P. S., will hold a joint public installation at their half on Monday evening, January 17, at eight o'clock. There will be drills by Fitchburg Company Uniform rank and the degree team of Alpine Temple, P. S., of Fitchburg, George M. Allen, of Worcester, deputy of the lodge, will bring with him a full suite of officers and Mrs. Minnie J. Sands, of Methuen, will be goodmanded by her official staff. It will be the most brilliant of the many splendid installations this organization has yet witnessed. It is made public to members and their families and guests. A fine and plentiful supper will be provided after the ceremony.

The following members are the following members and their following members are the church building was a specific following members.

### Unitarian Church Notes.

Sunday service—Divine worship at 0.45 a. m. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. rrandall, the minister. Subject, "Modernism." Church school at twelve m

tarian church of a quantity of solid walnut, the chancel woodwork from the old Gothic building owned by the Second church and situated at Copley Square. The Second church has also made a gift of fifty dollars toward the

improving. Forty-f with Mrs. Amy Wylle on Wednesday

The officers of Ayer Grange were installed by Frank Marston, of Melrose, deputy master of the State Grange, who was assisted by Miss Lillian Wright, of the local Grange, Wednesday evening. An entertainment followed the installation which included a plano solo by Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy, a vocal solo by Mrs. F.

Mrs. Alta H. Hollis, clerk; Mrs. Carriel Lowell, treas, and col; Warren L. Preble, supt, Sunday school; Herbert H. Pillman, asst. supt.; Mrs. Jennie Chaffin, sec.; Malcolm Johnson, Elilott Preble, Harold Pillman, Howard Preble, usbers; Herbert H. Pillman, Warren L. Preble, Francis Brown, prudential com.; Rev. J. W. Thomas, Warren L. Preble, Herbert H. Pillman, Mrs. Warren L. Preble, Herbert H. Pillman, Mrs. Warren L. Preble, Mrs. A. D. Scruton, standing com.; Miss Cora Brown, Mrs. A. D. Scruton, Mrs. A. D. Scruton, Mrs. Carrie Lowell, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mrs. Ala H. Hollis, music com.; Mrs. Carrie Lowell, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mrs. G. E. Felch, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mrs. G. E. Felch, Mrs. Ala H. Hollis, Miss Cora Brown, Mrs. G. E. Felch, Mrs. Ala H. Hollis, Mrs. Garrie Lowell, Mrs. Byron Murphy, visiting com., Mrs. Repbert H. Pillman, cradle roll; Mrs. Hollis, home dept. supt. Mrs. Felch and Mrs. George Hatch, visitors.

#### THE AYER FARMERS CO-OPER ATIVE EXCHANGE

The Ayer Farmers' Cooperative Ex the Ayer Farmers Cooperative Exchange has been organized in order to place before the people of the community a living example of the progressive idea—Cooperation.

We hear a great deal about this idea, but there are not many cases in

the east where it has been put to practhe east where it has been put to practical use. Yet there is need for a cooperative enterprise in every community, and it is this heed here which the
exchange, with a strong business organization based on the sound principles of mutual benefit, is now able
to fill.

How? Received it has a provinced.

How? Because it is an organization How? Because it is an organization incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and with substantial capital behind it. The cooperative laws are stringent and so drawn up as to thoroughly protect the rights of the stockholders in such the rights of the stockholders in such a company, and the exchange could not use the name "coöperative" in its business unless it was organized under these laws. Its warehouse is to be located at Flanagan's crossing, a central point, equally convenient to all in the community which it serves. The exchange will start the ball reliable to the community of the countries of the cou

The exchange will start the ball rolling by selling supplies to its members on the cooperative basis. The advantages of this are evident. It simply means that every member who buys from the exchange is to share in the profits accruing from the business. And remember, the larger the business, the larger the dividends.

Then will come the selling of the produce of its members. The former today is at the disadvantage of being forced to sell the bulk of his produce at low prices, and only through a

at low prices, and only through a thoroughly efficient business organization may he hope to relieve the situation. The producers of other communities have suffered, have organized and have thus solved their troubles. Here, then, for the exchange, lies the possibility of forther producers. then, for the exchange, lies the possi-bility of further usefulness. It will serve a rich agricultural community which needs only the stimulus of con-certed action to make it one of the best producing sections of Eastern Massachusetts. The railroad facilities are ideal for the purposes of market-ing, and, as soon as possible the exing, and, as soon as possible, the ex-change will erect a cold storage plant and other facilities for the proper handling of the community's produce. Furthermore, by cooperating with the farm bureau and the State Agri-

cultural college, the exchange will be in a position to keep its members posted on all improvements in farm methods, marketing conditions, etc.

We believe that we can help the community: We want to coöperate with excrepance toward markets. community; we want to cooperate with everyone toward making this section of the state a by-word among consumers and we want everyone to cooperate with us. We want all who are interested and who can use the exchange to join. The bigger the business, the quicker will be the results from which everyone will benefit. Help us to prove that "Conneration is not only a sound principle, but living fact.

Bowen Barker, Manager, Groton, January 10, 1916,

Among the new corporations with have received certificates of incorporation of the contract of

it used for worship is thus set apart of for sacred uses holy memories and holy associations so cluster about it, as the years pass, that a brooding spir-it of mystery and an atmosphere of The church has been most fortunate in securing Frank Harlow, tenor, for the choir. Mr. Harlow has been sincing in the First Universalist church in Shirley.

The Second church in Boston, where the minister was ordained for the service, has made a gift to the Unitarian church of a quantity of a gift. The church and its Mother. worship come to pervade it. There the veil between this world and the

The church edifice is, then, not only the House of God, but also the Gate of Heaven. Frank B. Crandall.

### Federated Church Services.

at 7.30 in the vestry

Federated Church Services.

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Sunday morning service at 10.45.

Rev. Dr. Dean, district superintendent of the M. E. church, will be present and preach the sermon. Sunday school at noon. Meeting of the C. E. society at noon. January 19.

Annual Meeting. Mid-week service Thursday evening

> The fourth quarterly conference of church will be held at 2.30 p. m., Jan

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ITEM OF INTEREST.

If you put money in a savings bank and forget about it long enough the sum will astonish you when the mat-ter comes to mind. Of course there are tables made that tell all about the are tables made that tell all about the way money will double and redouble at interest, but very few people remember these; it takes a real example to make them sit up and take notice. One of the real examples is reported now in the case of a woman who found a bankbook that showed that her husband put \$73 away in a savings bank in 1854. There will come her way now \$1620—and this is in New York state where the banks don't all pay four percent!

The Danish West Indies, comprising

The Danish West Indies, comprising the three islands, St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John, have an aggregate area of 138 square miles. The 28,000 inhabitants, most of whom are of the negro race, are engaged in the cultivation of sugar cane, cotton, fruit and vegetables. vegetables.

The number of sheep estimated to have been shorn last season in Australia and New Zealand was 109,692,-264, including lambs, which produced seven pounds and twelve ounces per head—including lambs—as against seven pounds for the previous season. New Advertisements.

### CARD OF THANKS

To our neighbors and friends who so kindly extended their sympathy and helped to sustain us in our recent be-reavement we extend our heartfelt

Nelson Root and Family. Ayer, Mass., Jan. 11, 1916.

TO RENT—A House with modern improvements, 10 rooms, on Third Street, Ayer. Inquire of HERBERT G. WHITNEY, East Main St., Ayer. 18tf MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF

## Personal Property

By virtue of a nower of sale con ained in a certain mortgage of per sonal property given by Daudelin & Cotton, Incorporated, to Elmer E. Duncklee, dated May 17, 1912 and recorded in the town clerk's office of the town of Ayer in records of mort gages of personal property, book 3, page 156, for breach of the conditions contained in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, be sold at public auction at the endering plant of Ayer Rendering Company, formerly Daudelin & Cot on, Incorporated, in said Ayer, on the easterly side of the road leading from Profon to Harvard and near Pine Meadows, so-called, on Monday, the seventh day of February, A. D. 1916, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon, the personal property described in said mortgage which is now in existence and not released from the lien thereof

2 two-horse sleighs, 1 pung, 1 one horse wagon, 1 set double parts of 1 single harness, 2 kettles,

screw press and 1 boiler. WILLIAM E. WHEELER, Assignee and holder of said mortgage Ayer, Jan. 13, 1916. . 3t19



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#### SHIRLEY

News Itoma The high school students are pre-paring to stage "Old Acre folks," a lrama in two acts, to be given in Odd Fellows' hall about the latter part of

Mrs. M. J. Johnson, of Dorchester. with son Milton, arrived Tuesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, for a visit.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade will be held in Engine hall this week Friday evening at eight o'clock. At this meeting the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.

Fred Holden, of Shrewsbury, a former resident, visited his parents last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden, at Elm cottage at the Center.

The school committee are prepar-ing to present plans for an up-to-date school building at the annual town meeting next month. The town ap-propriated the sum of \$250 at the last annual town meeting for that pur

Mrs. John M. Stevenson has been confined to her home with sickness for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Ernest Harris, in company with Ker daughter, Mrs. Shipley W. Ricker, of New York city, spent the week-end and Sunday with her daugh-ter, Mrs. Fremont W. Keyes, of Auburndale.

Miss Anna Lougee commenced on course at the Fitchburg Business college Monday.

The installation of the officers of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge has been postponed until January 28, owing to the illness of the district deputy president, Mrs. Grace E. Winstow, of Aver

At the Congregational Sunday school last Sunday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Miss Flora Shephard, sec.; Rodney Brown, treas.; Miss Gladys Annis, lib.; Miss Gladys Phelps, planist.

John Curry, sixteen years of age, an inmate at the Industrial school, who was injured in a coasting accident at the school last week Friday and rushed to the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, is doing nicely and will be returned to the school again the latter part of this week. His injuries were internal, but luckily not serious.

The annual meeting of the voters in the Shirley Village Water District will be held in Engine hall on Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock, when the fol-lowing business will be transacted afevening at 1.30 clock, when the forlowing business will be transacted after choosing a moderator: Election
of a clerk for one year; to hear and
act upon the report of the board of
water commissioners; to hear and act
upon the report of the auditor; to
elect by ballot a commissioner for the
term of three years; to choose an
auditor for 1916; to determine the
sum to be raised by taxation for the
year 1916; to fix a time for the payment thereof and to determine what
rate of interest, if any, shall be collected on overdue taxes; to act upon
the provisions of chapter 352. Acts of
1914, being "An Act relative to pensioning laborers in the employ of fire
districts and water districts"; to act
upon any other business which may
legally come before the meeting. legally come before the meeting.

legally come before the meeting.

The Congregational church will observe next week a week of prayer.
On Monday and Thursday evenings the pastor will conduct the services on Wednesday evening Rev. Joseph B. Kettle of Leominster, and Friday evening Rev. George A. Gordon of Lancaster. The meetings will open at 7.45 and will be held in the vestry. The meetings will be of interest to all and it is hoped a large number will and it is hoped a large number will attend all of the meetings.

The Ladies Aid of the Universalist church held their usual supper and entertainment on Wednesday evening which proved to be a pleasant time for all who attended.

Mrs. Ezekiel J. Wilson, with her two children, left town Thursdry morning for Rensselaer, N. Y. to join her husband, where they will make

their future home.

The special attraction next week in Shirley will be given in Oddfellow's hall Tuesday evening, under the auspices of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R. it is reported that Rajph I. Evans been located for the samples of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R. when Albert Leonard Squier, the well-known lecturer will appear and give his popular illustrated lecture on "South America." This lecture is particularly interesting just at this time when one of our local manufacturers is doing quite an export business with that country and the business relations in a general way between the two countries since the war is daily incontract between the store and manufacturers be voice and good command of large audi-guage and has lectured to large audi-guage a and has lectured to large audi

The Matron's Aid society held their The Matron's Aid society near regular meeting Tuesday with Mrs. Luther Holden at Elm cottage. Nine members were present and one visitor A dainty lunch was served and the afternoon of the most enjoyably spent. The ternoon most enjoyably spent. The next meeting will be held January 2 Mrs. Charles E. Bradford when full attendance is requested as of cers for the ensuing year will be elected.

elected.

The children's ball to be given in Oddfellows' hall next Friday evening promises to be one of the prettiest ever held. Many new dances and sketches will be introduced by the children and as usual Mrs. C. It White has left no stone unturned to make the event most beautiful and picturesque from'a social standpoint. The tickets are in the hands of Mrs. White's pupils and the children are taking great interest in the event taking great interest in the even which means that success is assured

A baked bean supper will be served the vestry of the Baptist church in the vestry of the Baptist church Saturday evening, January 15, from 5,30 to seven o'clock. of the Bantist church

5.30 to seven o clock.

The board of registrars will meet in Engine hall Wednesday, January 26 from seven to nine p. m., and also on Saturday, January 29, at the town house from twelve to ten p. m.

Miss Gladys Phelps is assisting in office of the Samson Cordage

Miss Rheta Lenox was confined to her home a few days the first of the week with sickness.

John A. Reynolds, cottage master a e Industrial school, fell on the ice e first of the week and broke his

Mrs. George Wells received word Tuesday of the death of her brother. Phinney Meader of Leominster.

Master Kenneth Clark has been home, ill with the grippe. Edwin Winterbottom went to Law

rence Wednesday to attend the fune ral of his brother-in-law, Albert Bow

Isaac Nelson, who has been home sick for the past two weeks, is again

able to be out. The Ladies' Circle of the Congrega It was a missionary

something worth while for others. She was so favorably impressed with an academy in Pomona that on her recent visit here she interested several Wonman's clubs who have promised to send a barrel now and then for the salar which are considered. which are conducted for the benefit of the school.

Brotherhood Meeting.

The brotherhood of the Congregaional church held its regular monthly tional church field its regular monthly meeting and supper in the church vestry Tuesday evening. Supper was served at 6.45. About forty sat down to a cold meat supper, served by the following committee: Oliver Balcom, Joseph McClellan, Willard Knowles, Lester James, assisted by Mrs. Oliver Ralcom, Mrs. Andrew Pholos and Mrs. Lester James, assisted by Mrs. Oliver Balcom, Mrs. Andrew Phelps and Mrs. Walter Knowles. Several new mem-bers were added to the roll of the Brotherhood. At the close of business the president, F. H. Fowler, announce ed the entertainment, which consist-ed of a program of recitals, vocal and lastrumental music by Rev. Samuel D. Ringrose and W. Gardner Stockwell of Fitchburg. The meeting being an open one, a large number of the townspeople were present and voiced their pleasure of the evening's entertainment. s were entertainment, which consisted of Miss readings, both humorous and sentiBrown, mental, by Mr. Ringrose, Also, Mr.
Stockwell, who proved himself an adept with the Swiss bells, auto harp and also rendered several yocal solos.

and also rendered several vocal solos, Mrs. Bessie Collyer, pianist.

At the close of the program Mr. Ringrose made an appeal to the audience for a free will offering, the proceeds to help to reduce the debt of the Highland Baptist church, of which he is the pastor. A number availed themselves of the pledge cards which Mr. Ringrose hopes to receive on or before April first, so that the mortgage may be burned on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church, which is April 28.

The Coopers International Union announce the following troogram for

The next meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening, January 18, is to be "Preparedness night." The following program is announced: Song, Grange; debate, Resolved, "That the best preparation for war is to prepare for peace." Everett Buxton and Miss Marguerite Sargent, affirm., Leser G. Holden and Miss Agnes Lynch. egative; current events.

### TOWNSEND

Tuesday afternoon Rev. A. L. Struthers and Mr. and Mrs. George L. Whitcomb attended the installation service of Rev. B. A. Willmott as pasour of the Congregational church.

Walnut avenue, Roxbury. The Townsend Brotherhood met in the social hall of the Methodist church Tuesday evening. In the abchirch luesday evening. In the absence of the speaker expected, Dr. Charlton entertained the audience with a stream of wit, humor and personal anecdotes. The Boy Scouts gave an exhibition of their ability to render first aid to the injured, the Oriental idea of serving bread and salt with

were present. It was a missionary meeting in charge of Mrs. Woodman and Mrs. S. Louise Butler. The prestdent of the circle, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, presided. Several letters were read from shut-ins thanking the circle for Christmas baskets. It was voted to hold a food sale next Tuesday afternoon in the church vestry at four o'clock.

An item in a local paper of Pomona, Tenn. mentions the recent visit of Mrs. F. H. (Conant) Washburn to this town. Shirley, and in fact all surrounding localities are always pleased to hear from Mrs. Washburn, who is doing such good work in Pomona. We never remember a time when Mrs. Washburn was not doing something worth while for others. She was so favorably impressed with an academy in Pomona that on her Rev. Albert S. Kilbourn, of Enfield

Dr. Ethel Rockwood entertained the first of the week two lady physicians from the Worcester Memorial hospi-tal. Dr. Rockwood and Miss Lizzie tal. Dr. Rockwood and Miss Lizzie Whitcomb are at present enjoying a several-weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Waterbury, Conn.

Dr. Charlton will give his most popular lecture, "Tales from the sea," under the auspices of the Epworth league in the social hall of the Methodist church on Tuesday evening, Janaars 126 uary 18.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon subject is "God in man." C. E. evening topic, "How to work with others." Leader, Mrs. Jennie Cartand.

Saturday, weather permitting, the Boy Scouts are to tramp the woods in a searching party under Dr. Charlton's ruidance.

Last Sunday's topic will be conthrough by the pastor at the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening. These sermons are of more than usual importance. They are up-to-date in thought and directly applied.

Members of the Monday club were pleasantly entertained on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. F. Worcester. The afternoon program was in charge of Mrs. Louise S. Tenney. An address of special merit was given on "The use and abuse of books"

anniversary of the church, which is April 28.

Center.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel held a very pleasant meeting on last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. E. Bradford. The next meeting of the 'Guild occurs on Saturday, January 22, and will be held with Miss Ethel M. Holden.

Charlie Longley of Millbury spent the week-end at the home of Mr. Charles Longley.

Mrs. Clinton Lovell of Henniker, N. H., was a guest over the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

Mrs. Laura Taylor with son Huber:

Mrs. Laura Taylor with son Huber:

Manna Bliss, hostesses.

The Coopers International Union announce the following program for their concert and ball to be held on Thursday evening, January 20, in Menorial hall: Music, Wilson's orchestra of Fitchburg, ten pieces: concert eight to nine o'clock, dancing nine to two. A turkey supper will be served during intermission. The floor will be in charge of Herbert F. Bowley, president of the union, assisted by Frank C. Parker, vice president, asst. floor director, and Harold Parker, Charles Fagan, Robert Misner, N. J. McGuire, Wallace Arline, John J. Morse, Henry Cowdry, Harry C. Feich, W. S. Spaulding, A. L. Dow, aids.

On Friday evening, January 28, a three-act computations.

Mrs. Laura Taylor with son Hubert and daughter Ruth has returned home after a two weeks' visit with friends in New York.

Miss From Vol. home after a two weeks' visit with friends in New York.

Miss Emma Hubbard of Fitchburg Normal school spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Farrar on Hazen road.

Miss Ruth M. Graves was taken with a sever attack of the grippe last week and was unable to return to Lancaster, where she has a position as school teacher. She is slowly improving, however, and expects to take upher work again, this week.

Malcolm Peabody of Groton of the control of the co

her work again, this week.

Malcoim Peabody of Groton of the Cambridge Theological school, conducted the service at Trimty chapel on Sunday afternoon. On next Sunday R. G. Dort of Groton School will again have charge of the service and the Sunday school classes which have been omitted for three weeks, will begin again. Service at 3.15. Sunday school meets directly after the service. It is reported that Ralph I. Evans is planning to move his saw mill back to Shirley from Francestown, N. H., where it has been located for the past year.

at his son's home in Weymouth, was decidedly incorrect. Mr. Carchia was only slightly injured by the shot and has fully recovered from the effects of it.

The Matrons' Aid society met this week at the home of the president, and her installing suite. Mrs. M. Bliss, Mrs. E. Seaver, Mrs. Luther E. Holden, instead of meeting with Mrs. C. E. Bradford, as had been announced.

The next meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening, January 18, is to be "Preparedness night." The following programs is announced:

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barge. Grange.

The Grange meeting on Monday evening was one of especial enjoymen and profit to the members present, the literary program being in charge of the local officers. Two piano selections were pleasingly rendered by Albert G. Seaver, followed by a reading by Mrs Flora Parker, entitled "The great specific—gold, the panacea for everything." Mrs. Winnifred Farrar on the parameter held on last Saturday aftermoon in the vestries. Henry B. Hildreth was chosen as moderator and the following officers elected for the clerk; T. James Harvey, treas; Albert G. Seaver, Mrs. B. H. Savage, Mrs. Vernal Barber, music com.; George L. Whitcomb, agent for rental of horse sheds; George L. Whitcomb, agent for rental of horse sheds; George L. Whitcomb, B. B. Bruce, flow. horse sheds; George L Whitcomb, H. B. Hildreth and W. E. Bruce, finance com.; Robert G Fessenden, William A. Russell, A. K. Tyler, executive board; Julian W. Eastman, executive bordicer.

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien and family attended the funeral of Mrs. O'Brien's father, C. B. Longley, held on Monday afternoon in Lunenburg.

Tuesday afternoon Rev. A. L.

The legturer-select Miss May Park-

The lecturer-elect, Miss May Park er, announced a particularly interest-ing and instructive program for 1916 as planned by the literary committee. Yearly reports were also given by the trange officers.

Attention is called to the next meeting, which will be the installation night, January 24. A full attendance of the members is desired.

West. The adjourned business meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brother-hood to perfect the organization will be held at the Baptist vestries Monday The Ladies Circle of the Congrega-lidea of serving bread and sait with nood to perfect the organization will tional church held a regular meeting luscious fruit drinks was decidedly be held at the Baptist vestries Monday Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Nel-novel. The whole was in charge of evening at the close of the open meeting. He W. Holbrook. Twenty-three ladies the pastor.



DEAFNESS—ITS CAUSE AND POSSIBLE CURES. The Most Common Kind, That Caused by Catarrh, May Be Helped and Sometimes Cured.

By DR. R. KENDRICK SMITH.

EARLY all cases of deafness are caused by nasal catarrh. Up to this time there has been no known cure for these cases. Osteopathy has recently revolutionized the treatment of this condition by demonstration. strating an entirely new method. Deaf-ness from other causes, however, is not benefited by osteopathy. There are many kinds of ear trouble interfering with hearing. Some recover spontaneously, others get progressively worse and many continue in a chronic state without change.

Hearing is produced by vibrations of the ear drum in response to sound waves striking upon it from without. You hear only when the drum is intact and at normal tension and freely venti-lated by air on both sides. The reader unacquainted with anatomy might eas ily be ignorant of the fact that air is as necessary on the inside of the ear drum as on the outside. One might connected with the throat by a littl air tube. This passage is lined with mucous membrane, which is continu-ous with that of the nose and throat. It has long been recognized that neg lected colds and sore throats and ca tarrhal conditions tend to produce chronic inflammation—hich spreads upwards into this little tube. This re-sults in a lessening of the size of the tube because of increased secretion, catarrhal discharge or swelling and thickening of the membrane. Sometimes this causes even a temporary or pro-longed closure of the tube.

#### A Complete Defeat.

The result of this is a complete dedrum; in other words, a change in tension of that organ which always restraighten the tube.

finger in the throat to break down the sists only of opening the mouth slowly
adhesions, enlarge the orifice and to the utmost limit against very firm
straighten the tube. sion of that organ which always restraighten the tube.

sults in some degree of impairment of Home treatment is of importance in should also be reversed, closing the hearing. This important passage is these cases, both as a preventive measing only an inch and a half long, but it is sure and to assist in cure. First in the front lower teeth with the hand.

Mervin Hodgman and Oscar Lover-ng, from this village, attended the

Owing to the extremely cold morning the services at the Baptist church

last Sunday were held in the vestries

Henry B. Hathaway conveyed

for the coming year.

few weeks' visit.

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the home of Mrs Charles ter last Monday afternoon.

ning

ing, from this village, attended poultry show in Boston this week.

Rev. Joseph MacKean will occupy his pulpit at the Beptist church on Sunday morning, taking for his subject, "What God requires of man." In the evening his subject will be "Is it best to know the truth." The Y. P. S. C. E. will be held at the usual hour in the vestry.

Seaver and daughter, Miss Alice Seaver and daughter and Seaver and Alice Seaver and Al

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent so-ciety held their regular monthly meet-ing at the home of Mrs Mervin Hodgman for an all-day session on Wedman for an all-day session on Wed-nesday. About fifteen were present at the dinner which was served at noon and at the business meeting the re-ports of the various committees were heard. The next meeting will be at the The prayer meeting committee of the Y. P. S. C. E. met with Miss Stella home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman.

Tucker on last week Friday evening and arranged the topics and leaders The board of engineers have called a special meeting of the Eclipse En-Monday evening. At the recent meet-ing at the Center Henry B. Boyntor and Clarence Webster were choser engineers for the end of town.

Oliver Clark, of the Center, was a guest of Carl B. Willard for the weekjolly sleighing party from the Center to Fitchburg on last week Friday eve-

Miss Janet Clark has been quite with the grippe this week.

At the guessing contest at I. P. Sherwin's store the shot gun was won by Henry B. Hathaway for guessing the nearest to the number of beans in a jar and Richard Rusk won a set W. A. Sheldon, clerk for W. A. Boutwell, with his family, spent Sunday with relatives in Fitchburg, and one of the children is remaining for a of dishes for guessing nearest the time clock would stop

Rev. Joseph MacKean delivered lecture on "The use and abuse of books," before the Monday club at the home of Mrs Charles F. Worces-The meeting of the Ladies' Studclass, which was postponed last Mon-day evening, will be held at the Bap-tist vestries on next Monday evening at eight o'clock with C. J. Ross, prin-cipal of the High school as speaker. Mrs. Herman L. Stickney is on the sick list, suffering from one of the

The Ladies' Mission circle will hold their regular monthly meeting next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Alice Seaver.

scalloped potatoes, fancy pies, coffee jelly and cream, rolls and coffee. At

the close of the supper the president, Henry B. Hathaway, presided over the meeting and a very enjoyable duct, "Swing song," was given by Mrs. Charles B. Stickney and Mrs. Ivers P.

Herman Clarke, of Worcester, spen the week-end at the home of his mother, Mrs. W. T. Cook. Brotherhood Banquet. The West Townsend Brotherhood Mrs. R. S. Ely is on the sick list. held a banquet at the Baptist vestries suffering from a severe attack of the on Wednesday evening, and in spite of the inclement weather the tables were well filled, about seventy partak-ing of the bountiful supper of ham.

urned from the Center, where she has een caring for a patient. The regular meeting of the Ladies

Mrs. William W. Webster has re

Louis Welch spent a few days last week visiting in Boston and vicinity.

Study club was an open meeting at the Baptist vestries on Monday even-ing, with an address by C. J. Ross, has, been postponed until further notice.

has been spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson, has resumed her teaching on the sick list at her home at Dr. R. S. Ely's, and unable to continue her teaching in Fitchburg this week,

is reported as improving.



position, thus changing its angle and at night or by tying up the lower jaw interfering with drainage. When the with a bandage over the head. If the Interfering with drainage. When the free flow of mucous is interrupted nasal passages are insufficient an the discharges retained change in character and become injurious. A little muscle which controls the opening and closing of the orifice is very often

ases is conducted without the use of an exercise simulating a yawn. feat of nature's scheme of equal air surgical instruments or medication and The illustration shows a simple expressure on the two sides of the ear drum; in other words, a change in ten-

tions draw the tube from its normal placing adhesive plaster over the lips angle of the jaw just below each ear,

osteopath can enlarge them.
Singing and forcible deep breathing are valuable aids in this direction. often Many people after adult life is attained attacked by these adhesions and its never open their mouths widely enough function interfered with.

The osteopathic treatment of these condition. This may be remedied by

only an inch and a half long but it is not perfectly straight. If it were, there might be less deafness. Realizing the angles of the tube, it is easy to see that a catarrhal inflammation may readly cause adhesions between the folds and interfere: the normal drainage or interfere: the normal drainage or linearing away from dust. Outdoor sleeping the interfere is the normal drainage or linearing away from dust. Outdoor sleeping the besion in the throat near the outlet resulting from sore throat; colds or catarrh, could easily, from their contractions draw the tube from its normal

to the call for speeches; C. J. Ross, principal of the high school; Mrs. Frank Boutelle, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary recontly formed; Mrs. Charles B. Stickney, vice president; Carl B. Willard and Rev. Joseph Mac-Kean closed that part of the program with several witty anecdotes. Anothmrs. William W. Webster has returned to the Center to care for Mrs. Rony Cowdrey, who is quite ill with the grippe.

At the recent business meeting of the Borral Service of Mrs. At the recent business meeting of the Bornard Rev. Joseph MacKean, at the bornard Rev. Joseph MacKean, at the following officers and committees were elected: Henry B. Hathaway, pres.; Warren Elliott, business meeting of Streter, treas.; Rev. Joseph MacKean, at the following officers and committees were elected: Henry B. Hathaway, pres.; Warren Elliott, business meeting of Mrs. Charles R. Morgan.

Miss Maud Hoison, from Reading B. Stickney and the affair closed successfully with the singing of "Ametical Carles Rev. Description of Mrs. Charles R. Morgan.

A great improvement has been Page's Block

Mrs. Lizzie Riordan' who has been confined to her bed with the grippe for the last two weeks, is able to sit up a little each day. Fred Rockwood's fowls are still

capturing the best prizes, receiving first and second at the Berwick, Me., poultry show. During the present week they are on exhibition at the Boston poultry show being held at Mechanics' building.

Freeman Wright captured a large cildcat in one of his traps last week. Mrs. Ralph Perkins, who has been ill for the past three weeks, is still confined to her bed.

Edward Pierce attended the Hillsporo County Pomona Grange in Pel-nam last week Wednesday. Christian Bedders has moved

amily back to Gloucester, where they formerly resided. Miss Ella Bewley visited friends epperell for a few days last week.

Silas Wheeler and his family enjoyed a sleighride to Milford last week Wednesday. Mrs. Kate Williamson, of Cam-bridge, Mass., was in town for a few days last week, visiting friends and

relatives.

Mrs. Ella Rockwood, who was ill a few weeks ago, and had recovered sufficiently to be out, has again been stricken and is very sick.

Willis Ball took a business trip to Pepperell one day last week. Rev. Charles Dockrill went to Nashua last week Wednesday and attended the funeral of Rev. Edward C. Strout. Mr. Strout had many friends

in this town, who were greatly

Mrs. Walter Fessenden was called to Worcester last week on account of the serious illness of her father, William Bailey, and of her sister, Mrs

Charles B. Stickney and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin, Miss Emma Adams, accompassion been spending the vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson, has resumed her teaching in Norwood.

Miss Helen Plummer, who has been on the sick list at her home at Dr. B. S. Ely's, and unable to continue the reaching in Fitchburg this week, is reported as improving.

Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, Mrs. G. A.

Charles B. Stickney and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin, Miss Emma Adams, accompanded to the properties of the president introduced Rev. Emanuel C. Charlton of the Methodist church at the Center, who delivered a most interesting address upon the topic, "New year's interesting experiences of his life as a sailor and also of a chaplain in Gioucester, and John Whitcomb was called to Keene young to make the proper investment of their time, life and fortune. At the

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#### LITTLETON

Registrars will be in the selectmen's room at the town hall on Monday, January 17, from seven p. m. to nine p. m. o'clock and saturday, 229, from twelve noon to ten p. m. o'clock and Saturday, January

The Alliance was well represented it the regular meeting held with Mrs. hanning Brown last week Friday afternoon. Music was furnished by Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Brown, violinist and pianist respectively. Miss Margaret played a composition of Prof. John C. Kelley's. Mrs. A. W. gave a review of Rev. A. M. Rhibang's book, "A far journey." The program was very interesting, instructive and entertaining.

J. Bertrice Blodgett, who resides it J. Bertrice Blodgett, who resides in the Willard Gibson tenement on Har-wood avenue, has hired the tenement in Mrs. Abbie Tuttle's house on Fos-ter street, but will not move there for a few months.

The dinner and the annual parish and church meetings at the Congretational vestry occur today. A large number of voters is desired.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield preached in Manchester, N. H., last Sunday and attended a meeting of the Unitarian conference in Lowell in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spear and baby have returned to their home on Mill street., after an absence of several

Mrs. Amelia Wakefield has been confined to her room with a heavy grippe cold.

January 19 the Baptist missionary society will meet with Mrs. Sarah Brown. Mrs. Henry and Miss Martin will have charge of the program which will center around Japan.

The public library was closed on Wednesday by the health board as a safeguard against the spreading of scarlet fever. If no new cases develop the library can be opened as usual today. velop the lit usual today.

Rev. A. Irvine Innes, of Boston, was the preacher at the Unitarian church last Sunday in place of the pastor, Rev. O. J. Fairfield. Mr. Innes is the writer of editorials dealing with the war for one of the Boston dailies, and in his talk to the bible class he gave a most interesting account of present day war conditions in bible lands.

The Alliance will meet for a sewing afternoon on Friday at the home of Mrs. O. J. Fairfield at the Unitarian parsonage. The winter meeting of the New England Associate Alliance the New England Associate Alliance comes on Thursday evening and af-ternoon in Boston at the Unitarian church in Jamaica Plain, the First Congregational society, of which Rev. Charles F. Dole is the minister.

The topic for the young people's meeting Sunday evening in the Unitarian vestry will be "Washington Irving." The hour of meeting will be six o'clock, so that all can go to the union meeting to be held at seven o'clock in the Congregational church

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Esther May Ramsdell to Kenneth Ray Eisnor, of Somerville, who has a position as clerk in the library at the State House, Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Eisnor will live in Somerville.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens went to Manchester, N. H., Wednesday, for a visit of a few days with old friends.

of a few days with old friends.

The Back Log club celebrates its Newtown night on Thursday evening of next week. This is an event that never fails to win public approval, and the program planned for this year gives promise of setting a new standard of excellence. A small admission will be charged, the entire proceeds of which will go to swell the funds for the purchase of Star Island of the Isles of Shoals for the summer gatherings of Unitarians and Congregationalists. The committee announce for the entertainment a farce. nounce for the entertainment a farce entitled "Per telephone." Music and a social hour are promised.

a social nour are promised.

At the last meeting of the Odd Ladies the following officers were installed by Deputy Mary Classon, of Leominster: Edith Sauler, p. n. g.; Nina Dennison, n. g.; Mary Thorpe, v. g.; Annie Turnbull, treas.; May McQuarrie, p. s.; Lena Lhones, c. l.; Lois Gregory, chap.

A serious fire was narrowly averted at the house of the Misses White at the Center on Wednesday. A kerosene heater, burning in the upstairs hall, caught fire and ignited some furniture nearby. All the doors were shut and the damage was thus confined to the hall. The prompt action of Miss The prompt action of Miss Sarah White and Alfred Haley, who fortunately were closeby, saved the spread of the flames. Miss White was burned about the face and head, necessitating the services of a physician. She is to be congratulated upon her form a more serious injury. escape from a more serious injury, and also that the property damage was comparatively small.

I. W. C.

At the Woman's club last Monday afternoon the president read several notices. Among the most important was that of the state federation meetings in Boston January 18, 19 and 20. The biennial meetings of the general federation will be held in New York from May 23 to June 2 inclusive. Massachusetts' headquarters will be at Hotel Belmont. On January 24 the first of a series of conferences for nature lovers will be held at Perkins hall on Boylston street, Boston.

Mrs. Sarah Watts' appointment to the Household Economics committee in place of Mrs. Fannie Woodbury, resigned, was announced, also Mrs. Hubbard's appointment to the chairman-

in place of Mrs. Fannie Woodbury, resigned, was announced, also Mrs. Hubbard's appointment to the chairmanship of that committee. The president read a poem and the secretary read reports of previous meetings which were accepted. Mrs. L. B. Miller of the personal service department in William Filene's store, Boston, was presented to the audience as a very instructive talk on "Our clothes," taking up the spending of money for clothes rather than the style side of the subject. As women now have a large share of the financial responsibility of the family formerly borne by men it becomes necessary, or at least advisable for the woman of the house to make up a financial budget to cover rent, food, clothing, investment and the higher life.

Mrs. Miller confined herself wholly to the subject of clothes, in the selection and buying of which she advocates a definite plan rather than the "hit or miss" methods of some women. By a process of illimination she places her without sense in subjection to common sense in the matter of clothes. The business woman should choose clothes that respond to cleansing, pressing, etc., and illiminate the sheer, dainty impracticable

cates a definite plan rather than the "hit or miss" methods of some wo-men. By a process of illimination she places her methetic sense in subjection to common sense in the matter of clothes. The business woman should choose clothes that respond to cleansing, pressing, etc., and illiminate the sheer, dainty impracticable dresses that simply gratify the methetic sense. Mrs. Miller is working out a scheme that meets her needs. The color scheme is selected with regard to fitness to her looks, the most becoming color having the preference and to the different tones of this color sheeme that meets her preference and to the different tones of this color sheeme is selected with regard to fitness to her looks, the most becoming color having the preference and to the different tones of this color sheeme is selected with regard to fitness to her looks, the most becoming color having the preference and to the different tones of this color sheeme is selected with regard to fitness to her looks, the most becoming color having the preference and to the different tones of this color of the southers. two at least. All outer garments ed.

are selected with reference to this

scheme.

The speaker gave valuable hints in selecting ready made underwear. it-lustrating well the difference between lustrating well the difference between the elaborate garment with frail tensil strength of threads and the less showy garment at same price, possessing greater durability. Stockings should be longer than the feet. Shoes and other garments affecting health should be chosen with much care. In the selection of the former it is of prime importance that the arch of the foot be supported.

Several wise suggressions were made and the audience was invited to ask questions. This ied to the discussion of some points in regard to dress that interested all ladies present and would have occupied them much longer the hour.

Mr. Harwood married Mrs. Abbie M. Mr. Harwood married Mrs. Abbie M. Howe in 1880. Nineteen years ago Mr. and Mrs. Harwood moved to Littleton and built an attractive home on Mill street. Here, as in other places where he had resided, he enjoyed the esteem of his townspeople and had a large circle of friends.

The deceased was a generous, kind-hearted man, naturally social and cheerful in disposition. In his deal-ngs he was the soul of honor and inegrity, and so merited the good name universally accorded to him.

universally accorded to him.

Funeral services were held at the home on Monday forenoon, his pastor, Rev. O. J. Fairfield, officiating, and Mrs. C. K. Houghton and Miss Elizabeth Houghton singing favorite selections. There was a profusion of very choice flowers. Interment was made in the Cambridge cemetery beside Mr. Harwood's first wife.

Mrs. P. M. Harwood will make her home for the present with her sister, Mrs. N. A. Taylor.

#### LUNENBURG

William F. Hills was drawn as furni at a special meeting of the selectmen on Wednesday, January 5. He is to serve on the grand jury.

Millard S. Sawyer, of Groton, past master of Middlesex-Worcester Po-moña and Groton Granges, installed the newly-elected officers of Lunen-burg Grange on last Wednesday evenling as follows, assisted by Mrs. Minnie Emerson: J. Philip Gilchrest, m.; Lewis Harrington, o.; Edith L. Smith, lec.; Leslie W. Eastman, stew.; George F. Blood, asst. stew.; Ethel Emerson, chap.; Edwin C. Smith, treas.; Arthur W. Blockwerd, and J. Charles and chap; Edwin C. Smith, treus.; Arthur W. Bockwood, sec.; Kendall Rockwood, g. k.; Hilda M. McIntyre, Ceres; Ruth Willard, Pomona; Sarah Rockwood, Flora; Edwin S. Marshall, ex. com. 3 yrs. Mrs. Loren Brown served as piamst. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Sawyer for his very line work, which was acceptable to all in attendance. Patreshrents were served of Refreshments were served, afance. Refreshments were served, after which there was promenading. Visitors were present from Fitchburg. Groton. Shirley and Wachusett Granges, many coming in sleighs.

Granges, many coming in sorigins.

Rev. Alfred Noon returned on Saturday from his trip to Danville, Ill.,
where he performed the marriage
ceremony for his son, J. E. Noon, and
Miss Lila M. Edwards. On Sunday
he occupied his pulpit in the Methodist church as usual and preached a
very interesting sormon. very interesting sermon.

Rev. James Chalmers is recovering from his severe attack of laryngitis and was able to fill the pulpit at the Congregational church last Sunday concregational church last Sunday morning. He was greeted by a large audience, who were very glad to see him again and to know that he was on the road to recovery. They were also interested to hear his report upon the raising of the church debt, and were highly gratified to learn that over \$409 bed, learn scalested. Contributions highly gratified to learn that over \$40 had been collected. Contribution varying from twenty-five cents to check for \$100 had been received also, a very pleasing bit of information was that a check for \$100 ha Contributions been given the treasurer for running

expenses. Much sympathy is felt throughou the whole community for Mrs. Lucina H. Peabody, who had the misfortune to fall on the ice last Saturday and break one of her wrists. She was conveyed to the Burbank hospital, where an N-ray examination was taken, after which the fracture was properly set and she was then taken to Mrs. Hois ington's sanitatium, where she will be is comfortable as possible under the

Jesse Hayden, of Worcester, visited with his uncle and cousins, Harvey Pauce and family and Mr. and Mrs George A. Paige this week.

The Missing 2.

The Mission class of the Congrega-tional church began the study of "The king's highway" on Tuesday of this

James S. Gilchrest has been re-appointed fire warden and moth super-intendent, as his work in that line has been very satisfactory.

Obituary.

Charles B. Longley, a veteran of the civil war, answered his last roll call on last week Friday, just as the clock tolled the midnight hour. On December 26 he caught a severe cold and his lungs, always very sensitive to sud-den changes of weather, combined with a week heart, asthma and other disabilities, were not strong enough to resist the terrible disease of pneumo-

His funeral was held in the lower town hall on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, and although a very stormy day, was attended by many relatives, friends and clitzens of the town. He was a member of Post 19, G. A. R., Fitchburg, of which a large delegation was present, and conducted a part of the service according to the ritual of their order. The pastor was fiev. Alfren Noon of the Methodist church, also a veteran and in onber of the Grand Army, and six of the ten surviving veterans of Lancaburg, and two contracts of his own company and the selection of the former it is of prime importance that the aich of the from the supported.

Several wise suggestions were made and the audience was invited to ask questions. This led to the disca stant interested all ladies presm and would have occupied them much longer had it not been for the lateness of the hour.

Death.

The death of P. Merrick Harwood another of our aged citizens. For many years health had been declining and a complication of diseases had caused a restlessness and disconfort at times quite unburdensome. The primary couse of death was hardening of the arteries and diseases incident to advanced age.

Mr. Harwood was born in Oxford, Mass., eighty-three years ago. He was married to Miss Louisa Pope, of Oxford, and to them were born four children, Irving, who died in childhood; Horace T. Harwood, of Boston, and Jennie E. Harwood, of Brooklyn. N. Y. His first wife died forty years ago. For about forty years Mr. Harwood was engaged in the jewelry business with Harwood Brothers. He was a charter member of Oasis Lodge of Odd Fellows and also a member of Townsend, a step-son, Harlan L. Burnell, Prederick Smith, Janjes S. Gilchrest and Oliver Smart.

Mr. Longley is survived by his wife. Mr. Longley is survived by his wife. Mr. Longley is survived by his wife. An adult man weighs on the average about 140 pounds six ounces, Out of this weight, his bones, numbering 240, account for about fourteen bs.

age about 140 pounds six ounces. Out of this weight, his bones, numbering 240, account for about fourteen lbs.

#### New Advertisements.

REPORT OF CONDITION of the Fownsend National Bank, at Townsend in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business on December 31, the

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Capital stock paid in	\$100,000,00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
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ing	100,000.00
Individual deposits subject	
to check	197.144.47
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eral Reserve Bank	7,000.00
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State of Massachusetts, County of Mid-dlesex, ss:

I. C. B. Willard, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. C. B. WILLARD, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me T James Harvey, Notary Public. Correct-Attest:

Henry A. Hill, Walter, F. Rockwood, J. W. Eastman, Directors

6	REPORT OF CONDITIO	N of the
	First National Bank, at A	yer in the
6	State of Massachusetts, at	the close
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ıl	to check	443,635,49
	Certificates of deposit due in	140,000.40
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٠.	less than 30 days	570.00
١	Certified checks	317.50
١ ا	Cashier's checks outstanding	704.00
٠	Postal savings deposits	8.372.26
Н	Total demand deposits	0.012.20
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\$676.036.4 State of Massachusetts, County of Mid-dlesex, ss:

I. Charles A. Normand, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly sweat that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. CHAS, A. NORMAND, Cashler, Subscribed and sworn to before m this 10th day of January, 1916. D. Chester Parsons, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest: Howard B. White, Oliver K. Pierce, Waldo Spauiding, D. W. Fletcher, Thomas L. Hazen, Hobart E. Mead, Directors.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPECIALTY FARMING IN NEW ENGLAND

The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company has prepared and is distributing through its Industrial Bureau an illustrated booklet showing the golden opportunities for improvement in yield. There are for specialty farming in southern New ideal opportunities in poultry farm-England. This booklet is prefaced ing. According to the figures from the with a resume of the agricultural sit- last United States census, the number uation in this section of the country. and contains three articles on the possibilities for agricultural development in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. One article is by William D. Hurd. Director of the Extension Service, Massachusetts Agricultural College, on the situation in Massachusetts, with particular reference to the agricultural products of that state. Another article is by Prof. George E. Adams, of the Rhode Island State College, on the agricultural possibilities of Rhode Island; and the third article is by Dr. C. D. Jarvis, of the Connecticut Agricultural College, on the opportuni ties in Connecticut. Consumption of Foodstuffs.

In the three southern New England states 92 per cent, of the population live in towns of 2,500 or over. Duc somewhat to this large urban popula tion this section of the country does not produce over 30 per cent. of the food products it consumes, according to estimates. New England produces 13 per cent, of the nation's industrial

wealth, and southern New England

produces 84.7 per cent, of the indus

trial wealth of New England. Where such a large proportion of the population is engaged in other pursoits than that of the production of food products, it is not surprising that the district is not considered as an important agricultural field, yet the very conditions that make southern New England the great industrial cen ter that it is, magnify the opportunities for agricultural expansion. This is particularly true of certain specialties in food products for which the land and climatic conditions are par-

ticularly adaptable. The educational and social advantages are unexcelled, and there are more and better transportation facilities, steam, electric and water, than



Raising Hogs In New England.

in any other part of the western world of the same area. Summed up, the manifold opportunities for the agriculturist in southern New England are. (1) cheap land, including buildings; (2) productive land, (3) plenty of moisture, (4) cheap lime, (5) long season, (6) ing a large consuming urban popula-tion, creating the best produce markets more than 5,000,000 persons comprisin the world; (7) markets within a few run of the best exporting points. hours of the most distant point of production, (9) state roads, hundreds of steam and electric freight and passenger trains each day, water transportation; (9) excellent banking facilities, (10) the best of educational and socia advantages.

Massachusetts Opportunities. In his article on Massachusetts Mr. Hurd presents some estimates, obtained from reliable sources, showing the difference between the amount of food products produced and consumed within the borders of the Common wealth of Massachusetts. In eggs and poultry 'he annual consumption amounts to about \$25,000,000, while the production is only \$5,000,000, or 20 per cent, of the amount consumed. There are thousands of acres of land adapted to poultry raising, particularly in the central and southeastern see tions of the state that can be pur chased at from \$10 to \$30 per acre.

"We produce about \$8,000,000 o vegetables annually," writes Mr. Hurd "and consume fully \$12,000,000. Hun creds of carloads of these products come from California and the South These are even brought here during the growing season in this region. It is not uncommon for market gardeners to receive from \$500 to \$1,000 at acre for their products. We are told that there are 140,000 acres of unimproved, yet improvable land, which are not yie'ding anything of value at the present time. Much of this land is admirably adapted to the growing of and used."

"The significant thing about Massaout, "is that none of our markets are 28,000,000 pounds yearly supplied with what they need, and dustrial life that has developed, con touthern New England.

erve our soft resources and make the most of our agricultural advantages." Possibilities in Rhode Island.

Professor Adams brings ont some very pertinent facts in his article on he possibilities for agricultural development in Rhode Island. This state is the most densely populated state in the nation, and as such offers unexcelled opportunities for marketing agricultural products. In common with other New England states, Rhode Island has a higher yield per acre of corn than any other section of the country, and yet there is a great field of fowls per capita in the country was 3.2, while in Rhode Island the number was only 0.75 of a fowl. Professor Adams states:

"At the present time there is no section of the country which offers a greater diversity of opportunity for the development of a profitable agricultural enterprise than does the state of Rhode Island. No other section of the country offers more diversified markets than are to be found within her borders. The manufacturing communitles which are always ready to consume the bulk of the crops at good



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prices prevent any large waste of produce while the wealthier portion of our population offers an excellent market for the highest grade goods which the farmers can produce.

"Rhode Island today has the best of markets near which are located cheap lands, which if properly developed will produce a wide diversity of farm products selling for a higher price per acre than the farm crops in any other section of the country."

Conditions In Connecticut.

In his article on Connecticut agriculture. Dr. Jarvis remarks that "it seems remarkable that it should be necessary to call attention to the agricultural op portunities of a section where American agriculture had its birth. Agriculture was a profitable industry in Connecticut long before the great grain and meat producing sections of the middle west and the great fruit growing sections of the Pacific coast were known. During the years following the Civil War and during the period of railway extension through the western sections, people were attracted by the cheap fertile lands. At that time there was a real attraction, but that condition no longer exists, for the free land has all been acquired and land values have risen to such an extent that settlers are now attracted to the east. The once fertile soils of the west are gradually becoming depleted of their natural fertility and the time has come when the western farmer must consider the matter of replenishing his soil The balance of favor is now swinging toward the east. The westerner finds it more difficult every year to compete with the eastern farmer, who is right

Connecticut has favorable climatic conditions and available lands. The average value per acre of farm land in 1916, according to the Census report was \$33.03. There is a population of over 1.000,000, and the transportation facilities of the great markets are unequaled in any section of the country. Connecticut is pre-eminently a fruit growing state. There are hundreds of successful fruit growers within her borders, and the excellence of the apples and peaches grown in this state is just beginning to receive due appre-



Dairy Short Horn Cattle.

iation from the consumer. Truck gardening and the raising of small fruits are two of the most profitable industries that have been developed; and enormous profits are being made per acre by those who have seen the oppor vegetables and should be developed tunity and have taken advantage of it. Tobacco is also one of the large crops and there are some 17,000 acres de chusetts agriculture," Mr. Hurd points voted to this crop alone yielding over

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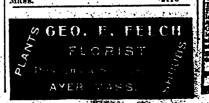
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described real estate to wit:

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situated in the easterly part of the Town of Pepperell in said County, on the southerly side of Leighton Street, and bounded northerly by said Street easterly by land of John Kendall, southerly by land of Anne Blood and westerly by a private way leading southerly from said Leighton Street. Being the same premises conveyed by Eugene H. Coughlin to Patrick J. Allen et al, by deed dated Sept. 22, 1910, recorded with South District Registry of Deeds

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Saturday, January 15, 1916.

#### PEPPERELL

News Items

Miss Adele Boynton returned to er studies in music at Mt. Ida school n last Sunday, being one of the last students tó leave us.

Mrs. Steven Dauphinee and daughter Gertrude, of Amesbury, were the guests of Mrs. Frank Hamilton at the Homestead over new year's, returning home last week.

home last week.

A peculiar incident occurred last week at the Burkinshaw pond, which W. E. Chapman has been at work upon in preparation for ice cutting the same as last year. On Friday noon, when they left the pond, everything was in readiness, if the weather continued cold, to commence harvesting ice ten to twelve inches thick on Monday. At some time between Friday noon and Saturday morning the gate at the dam at the lower part of the pond was raised, allowing the pond was raised, allowing the the pond was raised, allowing the water to drain out and leaving the ice in bad shape on the muddy bottom. The work was not a boy's job, as a good stout bar and considerable as a good stout bar and considerable muscle would have to be used before the gate could have been lifted. Mr. Chapman is at a loss to understand the motive which would prompt anyone to use him in this way, or seek to injure him. On Monday the pond seemed to be again filling and it is hoped that quite a quantity of the ice be floated and saved.

An enthusiastic audience gathered at Tarbell's Opera House on last week Thursday evening to witness the basketball game between the Hollis A. A. team and the Milford team. At the end of the second period there was a tie, the score standing 26 to 26. An extra five minutes was allowed, at end of which time the score stood to 26, in favor of the Milford 30 to 26, in favor of the Milford team. During the first period one of the Milford team received a bad cut on his cheek, causing him to present a gory spectacle to the audience and also those he encountered. At intermission first aid was applied and he was on the floor with the team at the was on the noor with the team as the beginning of the second period. The cut broke out again, however, causing him to retire, his substitute finishing the game. Dancing followed the game until a late hour, music being furnished by a Hollis pianist.

Mrs. Flint, of Rochester, N. Y., is a guest at the Homestead.

The Pepperell Card and Paper Company shut down Tuesday night in all the departments until further notice. Mrs. Sadie Clapp has been engaged for the present as housekeeper for Calvin Lawrence, and to assist in caring for him.

On last Saturday evening a surprise party was planned by the friends of Bernard Scott to celebrate his birth-Bernard Scott to cerebrate and any day, which was to occur on Sunday. The young man rather frustrated their intentions by walking out in the evening and meeting the party-makers as they were gathering near the home of Lyman Blood, where he lives. The party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Blood, about twenty bears ressent and it turned out a and Mrs. Rupert land, the surprise being present, and it turned out a very jolly affair if not the surprise planned. A series of games had been devised by Miss Lucy Blood, commencing with a "cobweb party," and mencing with a "cobweb party," and running through quite a list freshments of hot cocoa, cake and sandwiches were served, two his sandwiches were served, two mees birthday cakes being made servicially for the occasion. Mr. Scott for presented with a signet ring from his many friends, Miss Molly Frazer making the presentation, to which the recipient responded, expressing his

Amos Boulia is visiting her in Lebanon, N. H. rdiner Willey, deputy grand parents in Lebanon, N. H. J. Gardiner Willey, deputy grand master, and suite, went to Townsend on Wednesday evening to install the officers of North Star lodge, I. O. O.

Electric lights are being installed at residence of L. G. Robbins, High

very largely attended meeting of A very largely attended meeting.

the E. V. S. club was held with Mrs.

A. F. Parker on Wednesday afternoon. The subject was the plan of the continuance of the Service Extension school for women Mrs. Leon Richschool for women. Mrs. Leon Richardson gave a very clear, comprehensive talk on the different lines of the work, such as housekeeping in general, cooking, canning and hygiene It was instructive and entertaining, and the discussion which followed showed many to be interested. Mrs. Parker is to be the leader of the neighborhood class to be started in neignbornood class to be started in East Village and the work is to be commenced there soon. A chaing-dish lunch was served by the hostess t the close of the afternoon.

At the annual meeting of the First George T. Greenhalge, C. H. Miller, I. J. Rowell, A. P. Wright, T. F. Gra-ham, directors; H. F. Tarbell, cashier, chosen by directors.

The stock and fixtures of the late H. Mansfield'es drug store have en purchased by Fred H. Quimby of Malden, who took possession this

William Marshall, residing with his daughter, Mrs. Robert Sherwood, who has been in rather poor health of late, had the misfortune to fall in moving about his room, early Tuesday morn-ing and break his wrist. His recovery will be slower owing to his advanced

The Epworth league enjoyed the ospitality of Rev. and Mrs. William hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. William Beers at the Methodist parsonage on Friday evening of last week. There was an unusually large attendance. At the close of the business session the meeting was in charge of the socommittee. Miss Carrie Sylvester and aided by the hostess a fine program of music and games was enjoyed and the "social" proved all that the name should imply.

.The Ready Workers' circle of forenoon.

Acoma lodge met with Mrs. John with a wagon load of fire extinguish-Fredericks on Thursday evening last, ers and no special damage is reported several members being present and plans made for work for the coming ney and soon subdued.

months. Mrs. Ida Boynton is slowly recovering from an attack of grippe which has confined her to the house for the

The high school girls' basketball team went to Lunenburg on last week Friday evening for a game with the Lunenburg high school team, that team winning by a score of 13 to 3. For the Pepperell team Flora Boynton made one basket from the floor and Dorothy Dennen one on a foul. ton made one basket from the floor and Dorothy Dennen one on a foul The team was carried over by D. L. Child in his auto, accompanied by Mr. Whitmarsh, The substitutes and others went over in Durant's oarge.

The N. I. I. club are to hold a leap year party in Central hall on Friday evening, January 21. Music will be furnished by Sullivan's orchestra. two

Mrs. C. A. Dennen has been visit-ing her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Boyn-ton, in Watertown, for the past two

veeks Miss Della O'Neal, who has been assisting in the home of Mrs. Harris, has gone to work in the Champion card shop.

Edith Palmer slipped on the ice near her home on Hollis street last near her home on Hollis street last Saturday, receiving a badly cut knee. The wound required the attention of a physician, who took a few stitches in dressing it. The girls of the basket-ball team are mourning at being thus deprived of their "guard" at the game in Prescott hall this week Friday

vening.

The children of the Oak hill school with their teacher. Miss Flynn, and some of their young associates, enjoy ed a sleighride to town on Saturda afternoon through the kindness of Edmund Blood. About a dozen children enjoyed the moving picture show, followed by a ride to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blood, where the partook of a hot supper, and were then carried to their respective homes, making an afternoon of much enjoyment.

A sleighing party numbering thirty-eight were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wright and daughters, Misses Harriet and Ger-trude, on Friday evening of last week trude, on Friday evening of as week. They were relatives and their friends from Nashua. N. H., who arrived in a big, four-horse barge about eight o'clock. The guests assisted materially in the gayety of the evening, bringng with them the performers four-piece orchestra. Many others thoughtfully aided the hostess in a bountiful collation for so large a party. The evening was one of pleas-ure to all, and did not come to a close until the small hours Saturday morn-

ing. The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid society, combining business and a social, will be held on Wednesday af ternoon, January 19, at the home of the president, Mrs. Jerry Annis, High treet. All are cordially invited.

Robert Wright, who has been master mechanic at the Pepperell Card & Paper Company for fifteen years, has accepted a position as foreman with the new machine company who are to occupy the Chandler Planer plant in Ayer. This company is under the management of the Maxwell, Manning & Moore syndicate, who are conducting shops also in Worcester, Fitchburg and Cincinnati, Ohio.

The whist party held by the January and February committee of the Ladies' Social circle at Central hall on Thursday eevning of last week, was an exceedingly well planned social oc casion, although not largely attended as there were attractions of basket ball and other affairs the same even ball and other affairs the same even-ing. There were, however, several tables filled, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright winning first prizes; and E. L. Tarbell and Mrs. M. E. Reed the con-solations. Home-made candy was of-fered for sale and the committee served hot coffce with sandwiches, cake and wafers. The chairman of cake and wafers. The chairman of the January committee, Mrs. Bow-man, and the February committee, Mrs. Magit, are planning to hold an-other combined affair, probably Feb-rhary 22, although their plans are not perfected.

perfected.

The poplar trees on each side of the driveways leading to the public library have been cut down, seven trees on each side being taken. It is understood that it was the plan of the original loard of the Lawrence library trustees to plant these quickgrowing species and later to thin out, substituting a maple for every other substituting a maple for every other one, and ultimately to dispense with all the poplars. Within the past few seday evening to install the North Star lodge, I. O. O. 1 Thursday evening went to install the officers of Freige. there would be marked improvement by felling these trees as they have lately appeared to dwarf the height of the structure, which is of the low style of architecture.

The meeting of the Oak Hill Wo-man's club was postponed last week Wednesday, as many of the members were ill from the prevailing epidemic of grippe, or unable to attend other reasons. The meeting will held on Wednesday afternoon January 19, at 230 o'clock, probably at the home of Mrs. Otis Merrill The the home of Mrs. Otis Merrill. The subject to be taken up by the club will be the continuance of the work of the Extension School service and the manner of taking up this work will be outlined at this meeting.

Much sympathy is felt for the par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith, who reside so near Pepperell, in the loss of their youngest child, Robert At the annual meeting of the First They have a family of six and this National bank the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. A. Shattuck, pres.; C. H. Miller, vicepres.; A. A. Shattuck, H. F. Tarbell. George T. Greenhalge, C. H. Miller, I. J. Rowell, A. P. Wright, T. F. Gradill, a shift of the care of the property of the care of the They have a family of six and this physician's diagnosis, it was stood, was the new disease, acidesis, but according to later reports the symptoms may have changed. His death, after such a short illness, from this the shock to all his relatives, as in spite of his ill health he was a peculiarly bright, active little fellow, and very

> Oliver Thaver, formerly baggage master at the Boston and Maine tion, left town last Saturday fo bany, N. Y., where he has accep bany, N. Y., where he has accepted position in an orchestra at the To ney hotel för a few weeks. His w here is taken by Clifford Munson. His work

Mrs. Ernest Bartlett and two children returned to their home in Dorchester last Saturday, after an exents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bemis.

A still alarm for a chimney fire in the house occupied by James Lynch and family, near the Pine Orcheadquarters by telephone Saturday forenoon. Driver Lakin responded

A jolly party of fourteen of the young people of Oak hill had a sleigh ing party last week through the kind-ness of Edmund Blood, who furnish-ed the team. A drive of about two hours began at the home of Mr. Blood and ended at the home of the Misses Tucker on Heald street at about 8.30, where they stopped to enjoy a hot oyster supper. Many musical voices, where they stopped to enjoy a hot oyster supper. Many musical voices, with the addition of a musical cowbell, caused the residents along their route to be well aware of a sleighing party. A social evening, with music, followed the supper, the party breaking up for their return ride about midnight. The ride was voted a great success and similar parties will prob-ably be planned later.

Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson, Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson, who was called to her sister. Mrs. Branch, in Stratford, Conn., left her as soon as she was fairly out of danger and came to Milford, N. H., to be with her mother, Mrs. E. E. Woodward, who was critically ill with the same disease, pneumonia. Mrs. Woodward is now convalescent and Mrs. Cuthbertson returned home on Saturday pertson returned home on Saturday.

Herbert Raymond has been taking short vacation from his work as meat cutter at the store of P. J. Hayes. He went to Brockton last Sunday to visit his mother. Mrs. Susan-Raymond, who resides there with her daughter, and returned on Wednes-

George Shaw, who has been employed at the West Groton paper mills during the past few months, resumed his work on repairs at the Nashua River paper mill last week.

Charles Swasey has effected an adustment with the insurance companies since his recent fire and has been moving his goods into the building of E. E. Tarbell, near the corner of Main and Mill streets, last occupied by Shattuck as a garage. It seems very probable that Mr. Swasey's loss will not be as heavy as at first estimated. Much of the stock comprised in the hurried appraisal following the fire was still unpacked and escaped dam-age, and other articles are also in good condition.

Mrs. Sarah Lawrence has been confined to her bed at the home of her nephew. Charles Boynton, as the result of another fall on Wednesday of week. A physician and the dis-nurse have been in attendance, her condition is not considered last week. alarming.

Mrs. E. M. Comery, of Concord Junction, visited her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Marshall, last week.

Jasper Shattuck has been promoted at the Pepperell card shop to fill the place left vacant by the resignation of Robert Wright. Mrs. L. B. Henderson has been con-

fined to her home on Cottage street with an attack of the grippe. Mrs. M. E. Swasey returned Sat-urday from Winchendon, where she has been since Christmas.

George W. Pierce is slowly convalrheumatism, which has confined him to his home for the past five weeks. Mrs. Herrig came from Somerville to spend last Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. Arthur Elliott of Gardner spent the week-end and Sunday sister, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett. Lloyd Bancroft goes to Boston on londay to take a position with Mars-

ton's bakery. Mrs. Linville Shattuck has been spending a few days this week with relatives at Brookline, N. H.

Miss Louisa Tileston has been rather ill recently and under the care of physician.

Raymond Paull has had an attack f tonsilitis confining him to the house the past week.

the past week.

A meeting of the Neighborhood class of the Extension school to continue the work taker, up by the women last fall, was held at the home of Mrs. Leon Richardson on Tuesday afternoon. As the whole number of members, sixteen, could not be present, no special plans were made for future work. The subject taken up by the nine women who were present was "Bread," its making and baking was "Bread," its making and baking and all conditions such as temperatures and hours required. The subject will be continued at the next meeting, which is to be held in two weeks at the same place, this heing central for those of this class. Their work will no doubt be carried out along the lines prescribed in hooks recommended by Miss Comstock, who was "Bread," its making and baking was in charge of the recent school. She is expected to be here on January 29, and will address the classes.

Workmen for the Shirley Electric Light Company finished running the lines and setting poles this week from the residence of L. P. Blood on Townsend street to the new pimping station on Mason street.

C. M. Bolles is out again this week after an attack of the grippe, which confined him to his home last week. Miss Agnes Hayward entertained her sister, Miss Alice Hayward, the nurse, from Boston, the latter part of this week at Mrs. M. E. Reed's,

Por D I! Child has been one of be grippe victims and confined to his ome several days. He was missed at the W. C. T. U. reception, which he usually attends.

At the time of the recent visit of Mrs. Laura Herrig Kelley in town, over Sunday, she was called to Groton, is she has been previously, as violin at the special monthly vesper serv held at the Unitarian church. e neil at the tilitarian courch. See equently played here before her marage, and it is a pleasing testimonia her ability that she is still engaged Ithough living at a distance, at Tufts

ollege.

The four children in the family Mr. and Mrs. Frank Messer, Leighton street, have been seriously ill the past street, have been seriously in the passweek. The peculiar symptoms attending the disease, which affected the stomach, causing fever and intense nausea, gave rise at first to rumors have disease, acidosis. The of the new disease, acidosis. The ohysician called for the first child to he taken sick last week, pronounced the case as inflammation of the stom-ach, with complications, and the chil-dren are recovering under his treat-It seemed to be contagious to children as all four in the family had touch of it. Mrs. Messer was unable to care for them all during the height of their sickness, and her moth-er. Mrs. Murphy, who is assisting Mrs. John Fritzer, was with her several days to help nurse them.

J. J. Montieth was in town on Mon day, returning to Lowell on Tuesday The Champion card shop was

down a few days of this week, owing to the non-arrival of one of the neces-

A. H. Harris was in Boston wed-nesday to attend the poultry show. He was an exhibitor with his usual good success, being awarded first prize on his White Plymouth Rock cock. The hen exhibited by him also receivconsiderable attention from the judges, their decision finally being made in favor of another bird, although the choice was declared difficult. Mr. Harris is already taking orders for fancy settings at a price which rather exceeds the market price of forty center decree.

will come to maturity in fruit. On a former occasion the blossoms were iny a frost. The tree is a good, specimen, about three feet jured by a frost.

George H. Stewart and Earl M. Stewart were called to Lynn on Tues-day to attend the funeral of a cousin who died very suddenly from pneumonia.

Miss Jessle Flynn, teacher at Oak has been a victim of the grippe. Her sister, Miss Florence, sub-ted for her a few days. It was stituted for her a few days. I

Mrs. Walter Dodge and little son. Charles Willis, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kimball, last week from Groton. Thomas Murray was obliged to give

up his fish route one or two days this week on account of the prevailing grippe cold. Mrs. Charles Card, who is in rather poor health, has been prostrated with the epidemic cold and confined to her

W. C. T. U. Annual Gathering.

An event which is looked forward to and planned for the whole year, the holiday reception of the W. C. T. U. to the residents at the almshouse, occurred on Tuesday afternoon, January 11. It would be difficult to tell whether the pleasure of the givers or the recipients is the greater. The affair was planned for the eleven people who are now at the farm, and included the family of the superintendent, Mr. Christian, his wife and mother, and the little twenty-two months old child, whom they intend to adopt as their own daughter. There was a very large gathering of the members and guests of the union, fifteen being carried in Durant's barge.

A greeting from the W. C. T. U. and a cordial welcome was given by the the recipients is the greater The af-

a cordial welcome was given by the president of the union, Mrs. N. W. Appresident of the union, Mrs. A. W. Appleton. Rev. Mr. Beers, in a brief address, made allusion to the "yuletide spirit" and did justice to the theme. Hymns were sung by the entire company, both before and after this address. pany, both before and after this address. Appropriate selections of scripture were read by Rev. Mr. Lewis. There was a solo rendered by Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson and Mrs. W. H. Beers gave a humorous reading, "Dinner of the Ruggles' family," which was finely rendered and well received by the audience, giving fust a little touch of the read of th pure fun to the program. At the con-clusion E. F. Harmon offered a most touching prayer, recounting the nu-merous blessings of the past year to merous

all assembled.

The distribution of gifts followed

The distribution of gitts followed, and these were varied and numerous. The superintendent and family were also thoughtfully remembered.

There was an abundance of refreshments, which all enjoyed together as the afternoon drew to a close, consisting of sandwiches, cake, fruit and wafers which were brought by friends and wanter of the union and sarved. and members of the union and served with hot coffee. Many little souvenirs were left behind the visitors to cheer the whole year for those at the farm.

The pastor, Rev. J. B. Lewis, will preach at the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10.45. In the evening, at seven o'clock, he will give a stereopticon lecture, entitled "Buddhism, the religion of the pessimists," three slides, showing places in India, there slides, showing places in India, Scouts troop the two circles of Camp-Japan and China. This lecture will be repeated on Monday evening, at be repeated on Mone 7.45 in Oak hill hall.

The Forward club held a business meeting and social at the Congrega-tional parsonage on Friday evening of last week. The following officers were Sydney S. Tower, pres.; Kenchosen: Sydney S. Tower, pres.; Ken-neth S. Durant, v. p.; Anna Peabody, sec.; Flora Boynton, treas.; Miss Mar-tha Swinerton, Guy Rouse, Miss Clara M. Shattuck, advisory board. Lead-ers for the next social, Miss Gertrude Carter, Zilpha Woodworth and Raymond Hildreth. After the business ments, with music and games.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach or the theme, "Life and religion." Ir the evening, at seven o'clock, his subject will be " Law in action.

At the Epworth league service a x o'clock the leader will be the pas-or. The subject will be "Evangels" the home land," dealing with home

On this week Saturday evening, it accordance with the agreement con-cerning the contest in the Sunda-school, the "Reds," the losers in the contest, are to give an entertainment to the "Blues," who were the winners The entertainment commences at 7.30

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Oak Hill Improvement society with elec-tion of officers took place at their hall on Boynton street on Thursday even-ing of last week. About lifty mem-bers and invited guests partook of a bountiful New England supper which was provided by the ladies, and served under the direction of Mrs. Edmund Blood and Mrs. Rupert Blood mund Blood and Mrs. Rupert Blood.
Rollcall followed and election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: Rupert Blood,
pres.; M. E. Gaskill, v. p.; Carl Lawrence, sec.; Eugéne Fletcher, treas,
B. A. Keith, E. S. Blood, H. W. Shattuck, Thomas Stone, E. F. Fletcher tuck, Thomas Stone, E. F. Fletcher and Lewis Parker, directors: George H. Stewart, L. C. Blood and H. F. Hobart, trustees. The committee ap-pointed for February were Mrs. Ivan Parker, E. S. Blood and Elmer Rice.

One of the prettiest features of the evening was the acknowledgement of the society to their planist, Miss Irma Keith, of their appreciation of her kindness and ability. This was accom-plished by the presentation of a very

Installation.

The installation of the officers of The installation of the officers of Acoma Rebekah lodge occurred on Tuesday evening, January 11, at the L.O.O.F. hall. The installing officers were from the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge, Townsend and were Mrs. cuit. Mr. Harris is already taking orders for fancy settings at a price which rather exceeds the market price of forty cents a dozen.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Greenhalge from Pawtucket, R. l., were at the Page farm over the weck-end and Sunday, Mrs. Greenhalge remaining with her mother, Mrs. Page, during this week. Mrs. Page also has the companionship of Mrs. Anna Nutting through the winter.

Mrs. John Martin attended the Grange installation at Ayer on Wednesday.

An orange tree in full bloom is one of the novelties among our New England flowers and many have called to see it at the home of the owner, Mrs. Willis Kimball, River street. The blossoms are very fragrant and it is hoped will come to maturity in fruit. On a former occasion the blossoms were intended the grange of The tree is a good.

panner bearers: Mrs. Louise Lunt. Mrs. Winifred Johnson and Mrs. Susi Mrs. Elia Farley, Mrs. May Smalley Mrs. Elia Farley, Mrs. May Smalley Mrs. Elizabeth Handley, parapherna lia com.; Mrs. Adda Upson, Mrs. Idella Annis and L. A. Johnson, fin. com.; Miss Helen M. Robbins, pianist; L. G.

Miss Helen M. Robbins, pianist; L. G. Robbins, degree master; Miss Lydia Waite, trustee; Mrs. Effie Robbins and Mrs. Gertrude Tarbell, representatives to Rebekah Assembly in Boston:
Visitors were present from Middlesex lodge of Groton. Olive Branch lodge of Nashua, N. H., Custus Morum lodge of Milford, N. H., Germania lodge of Clinton and E. A. Spaulding lodge of Townsend, a party of about twenty-five coming from the last named.

At the conclusion of the installation several vistiors made brief addresses The retiring noble grand, Miss Lydia Waite, was presented with the past noble grand collar by Mrs. Susic Dort in a few well-chosen words, and re-sponded in her usual graceful manner. Following this a supper was served in the banquet hall to a large comin the banquet half to a jarge com-pany, the supper consisting of cold meats, salads and relishes, with hot scalloped potato, rolls, many fancy dishes, pies, cake, fruit and coffee. The supper committee were Mrs. May Davis, chairman, Mrs. Farley, Smalley, Mrs. Fredericks and Mrs. Handley, which insures the excellence of the supper and service.

About Town.

The Woman's club will meet at Saunders' hall on Tuesday afternoon, January 18. There will be a lecture: January 18. There will be a subject, "How to be happy," Ralph E. Conner.

D. A. R.

The January meeting of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., was held on Thursday of last week, the 153rd an-niversary of the wedding of George and Martha Washington, at the home of Mrs. Edward L. Tarbell, who was chairman of the hostesses of the afchairman of the hostesses of the at-ternoon, the others being Mrs. Austin R. Paull and Mrs. Mary E. Swasey. The meeting was opened with the usual ritual exercises, the regent, Mrs. Harriette A. S. Phelps, presiding. After the various reports were given

After the various reports were given the principal business of the afternoon was the election of the delegate and alternates for the continental congress to be held in Washington, D. C. In April. Mrs. Nathaniel W. Appleton April. Mrs. Nathaniel W. Appleton was chosen to aftend as the second delegate with the regent as first delethe recent's alternate Mrs Edgate; the regent's alternate, Mrs. Ed--ward L. Tarbell; the delegate's alter-nate, Mrs. John B. Lewis; Miss Annah P. Blood, Mrs. George T. Greenhalge, Mrs. George B. Page, Mrs. George V. Herrig, Mrs. T. Carlysle Kelley, Mrs. I Austin R. Paull, Mrs. Nellie M. R. Gutterson, Mrs. Walter H. Drury sub-

on Sunday, February 20, to the Boy Scouts troop the two circles of Camp-fire Girls and the Knights of King Arthur, with the members of the G. Some discussion occurred the lowering and raising of the staff of the liberty pole and finally was voted that the regent and vice gent arrange to have an article about he matter put in the town warrant

next March It being the date for payment of It being the date for payment of the annual dues, Miss Lawrence, the treasurer, was kept busy at her task of receiving them and issuing receipts. The historian's January item was about the strange disappearance and eventual finding of Martha Washing-

After the usual flag salute and a deightful program of music and read-ings, refreshments were served by the hostesses during the social hour, closing a pleasant and entertaining after-

Death.

Elizabeth (Williams) Law Mrs. rence, wife of Calvin Lawrence, died it their home on Mt. Lebanon street on Saturday, January 8. The deceasnative of Groton the daugh She was in her seventy-She was formerly a seam-'illiams. ixth year. in Groton and is well remempered there. She became the wife of Calvin Lawrence, of this town, on June 10, 1899, and during all these years, and particularly since his dis-case has rendered him nearly helpless, has been a faithful, conscien-tious companion. Her decease seems particularly sad, as Mr. Lawrence, who was her senior by some years, is especially in need of kindly care. Mrs. Lawrence has exerted herself

in every way, many times beyond ner strength, and at her advanced age it was impossible for her to continue was impossible for her to continue. She was taken ill on January I, just one week before her death. Her physician, Dr. Priest, of Ayer, was summoned. Her state seemed at first the result of a shock, but as it later developed was more in the nature of a complete prostration. She became un-conscious and never railied percepti-bly, growing weaker until the end

She is survived by one sister. Mrs. George Ireland, of West who was present on Monday afternoon at the funeral services which were held at the home at two o'clock. Mrs Lawrence was a member of the Bap-tist church of Groton and Rev. B. E.

gine house, the state fire police, local engineers and manager of the fruit store being present.

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| A. H. Harris was in Boston Wednesday to attend the poultry show. He was an exhibitor with his usual good success help awarded first prize to the Groton church and the proposition of the church, conducted the service in a kindly sympathetic manner. In the course of his remarks he read a letter from the deceased which he received shortly after his return to the Groton church this pleasant remembrance. deceased which he received shortly after his return to the Groton church pastorate, in which she expressed her pleasure at the thought that the church had once more resumed wor

wish for the prosperity of the society. The service was attended by her neighbors and friends, Mr. Wetherbee of Ayer, a comrade of Mr. Lawrence and an old-time friend, also being transmit Mean of the society. přesent. Floral offerings present. Floral offerings included flowers from the W. R. C., of Groton, showing their respect and esteem for the deceased as the wife of a member of the E. S. Clark post of that town. Burial was in the Williams' family lot in Groton.

New Advertisements. REPORT OF CONDITION of the First National Bank of Pepperell at East Pepperell in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business on December 31, 1915. Resources

Resources

Loans and discounts \$125,508.31
Overdrafts, unsecured ... 10.33
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) ... 50,000.00

Bonds other than
U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits ... \$7,339.60
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged ... 141,292.57
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank ... \$3,600.00
Less amount unpaid 1,800.00
Value of banking house (if unencumbered) ... 13,825.00
Furniture and fixtures ... 1,400.00
Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank ... 7,000.00
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities ... 26,435.86
Outside checks and other cash items ... \$116.97
Fractional currency, nickels. and cents ... \$134.95
Notes of other national banks ... 435.06

banks 435.00 1.913.96 oin and certificates Legal-tender notes 8,625.0 Redemption fund with Treasurer and due U.S. Treasurer 2.500.00 Total \$391,337.48 Linbilities Capital stock paid in...
Surplus fund ....
Surplus fund ....
Undivided profits .\$12,955,55
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid ... 2,526,98
Circulating notes outstanding ...
Due to banks and bankers
Dividends unpaid ... \$50,000.00 10,409.47 49 200 . 00 6,884 . 67 4 . 00 100,004.63

Total demand deposits

Total demand deposits

\$177,839.34 20.13 75,650, 30 Total deposits .....
Other time deposits .....
Total of time deposits \$57,000,00 \$7,000.00

Total \$991,337.49
State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss.

I, H. F. Tarbell, Cashier of the abovenamed bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and bellef.

H. F. TARBELL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworm to before me Subscribed and sworn to before me his 12th day of January, 1916, George G. Tarbell, Notary Public.

George G. Taroch,
Correct—Attest:
Alta A. Shattuck,
Arthur P. Wright,
Charles H. Miller,
Directors.

\$391,337.4

#### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed giv. chair thickly with it. Rub with a en by Dandelin & Cotton, Incorposition of flannel, using fresh, clean brat rated, to Elmer E. Duncklee, dated when the first lot is dirty. A good May 18, 1912 and recorded with Middiesex So. Dist. Deeds, book 2784, page process, and it can be applied to bro 396, for breach of the conditions con- cade as well as to tapestry. A simple tained in said mortgage and for the way in which to clean mahogany tables

lows, namely: A certain parcel of land stuated in said Ayer on the casterly side of the road leading from Groton to Harvard and near Pine Meadows, so-called, bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stake and stones a the northwesterly corner of the premises at said road at a corner of land formerly of Ephraim Sawtelle; thence easterly on said Sawtelle land thirty (39) rods to land of Edward A Richardson; thence southerly on said Richardson's land about eleven rods to land formerly of Silas Nutting thence westerly on said Nutting land thirty-four (34) rods to a stake and stones at said road; thence northerly on said road about nine rods to the place of beginning.

o the grantor by J. R. Philias Daudein et als by deed dated February 22 1911 and recorded with Middlese South District Deeds, book 3586, pag Said premises are conveyed sub ject to a right of way over an old cart path along the northerly thereof to land of Edward A. Rich ardson as reserved in the deed of sai Richardson to said said Daudelin e ils dated November 25, 1910 and r corded with said deeds in book 3586 page 55.

The premises will be sold subject to any unpaid taxes

WILLIAM E. WHEELER. ssignee and holder of said mortgage Ayer, Jan. 13, 1916.

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#### \*\*\* ♦ HOW TO MAKE WHOLESOME CANDY FOR CHILDREN AT HOME.

Maple Sugar Fudge.-Two cupfuls of maple sugar, two-thirds of a cupful of cream, a pinch of sait. Boil without stirring after the sugar is dissolved and when a soft ball can be formed in cold @ water. Take it from the fire and let it stand till partly cool; then heat till it begins to thicken. Pour into pan and when cool cut in cubes. You can use milk or part milk and part cream instead of all cream. If milk is used add a large tablespoonful of butter.

Peanut Candy.-Let boil two cupfuls of sugar, one-half cupful of water. Then add one-half tenspoonful of cream of tartar dissolved in a little cold water. Cook until it is brittle in water; @ then add butter the size of an English walnut. Cook a few of Pour over the shelled minutes. nuts and spread in a buttered.

dish.Coc Cocoanut Taffy.-Two cupfuls of granulated sugar and one-half or grandated sugar and one-nate
 cupful of cold water, boiled un til it will harden when dropped in water. Then add one cupful of prepared cocoanut and one teaspoonful of lemon extract. Pour in buttered tins and mark into squares before it is hard.

#### THE STATE EMBLEMS.

How to Know Our States by Their Official Flowers.

Alabama-Goldenrod. Alaska-Forget-me-not. Arkansas-Apple blossom. California-Golden poppy. Colorad -- Columbine Connecticut-Mountain laurel. Delaware-Peach blossom. Florida -- Orange blossom. Idaho-Syringa. Illinois - Vlolet. lown-Goldenrod Kansas-Sunflower. Kentucky-Goldenrod. Louisiana-Magnolia. Maine-Pine cone and tassel. Maryland-Black eyed Susan. Michigan-Apple blossom. Minnesota Joccasin; Mississippi—Magnolla. Missouri—Goldenrod. Montana-Bitter root. Nebraska-Goldenrod. New Mexico-Cactus. New York-Goldenrod. North Dakota-Wild rose. Ohio-Red carnation. Oklahoma-Mistletoe. Oregon-Oregon grape. Rhode Island-Violet. South Dakota-Anemone pateus. Texas-Blue bonnet. Vermont-Red clover. Washington-Rhododendron. Wisconsin-Violet. Wyoming-Gentian

How to Clean Certain Household Articles Easily and Effectively.

Chairs upholstered with tapestry can easily be cleaned with bran. Make the bran hot in the oven and cover the chair thickly with it. brushing at the end will complete the Guiterson, Mrs. Walter H. Drury subalternates,

Several letters of importance from
national committees were read by the
regent and placed in the hands of the
patriotic education committee to be
acted upon later. It was voted to extend invitations to attend the D. A. II;
services in the Congregational church in a very weak solution of nitric acid and water. When the ink disappears rub the marks at once with cold water and finally polish with olive oil. To

> rises to the surface mop it up with blotting paper. To clean chimneys or globes for lamps, gas or electric lights hold them for a moment in the steam from a boiling kettle, rub dry with a clean cloth

take ink stains out of carnets or tap-

estry, apply unboiled milk. As the ink

and polish with soft newspaper. How and When to Serve Salads In the

Best Way. A salad should always be served immediately after the meat course and before the dessert. If you are having an informal meal-as, for instance, a supper-serve the salad with the first course and have the dessert for second course. When saind is served as a separate course allow an extra fork smaller than the dinner fork, for each person. The salads may be put on the plates (dessert size) in the kitch en and placed before each guest, or the salad may be tastefully arranged in a bowl and placed before the hostess to serve or offered by the waitress to each guest to help herself on the plate first placed before her. In this case a fork and spoon should be provided.

How to Dress Your Neck Without Pressure. There is a doctor who waged a war

against tight collars when they were in fashion, and if they come back to fashion, which seems likely, it is well to remember his arguments. He at tributes many alarming symptoms to the collar that binds the neck too close The trouble does not lie in the fact that the pressure on the windnipe is toc severe. This pressure, to be sure, is not a good thing. But the neck, it seems, has many highly organized sensitive nerves, which do their best to notify their owner that they are be ing badly treated by causing the thynus gland and the thyroid, which is the great stabilizer of the human body, to fail to excrete properly.