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H. J. Marshall, of Stow, has spent a week at Douglas Whitcomb's. a week at Douglas Whitcomb's.

Miss Fannie and Gertrude Sanderson attended the funeral of Mr. Baxter in Milton on Monday. The deceased is survived by his wife and three children, Miss Orissa Baxter, of Hartford, Conn., Mrs. Hurd and Jesse Baxter, of Milton; also, a grand-

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McNiff's little Mr. and Mrs. Raiph McNils little daughter was christened Barbara at St. Anne's church a week ago last Sunday. The little miss wore a handsome dress, which had been worn by the father, all his brothers and sisters and a few cousins on like occasions, sixteen times in all.

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Rev. Chester A. Drummond, of the First Unitarian church, Somerville, and formerly of Littleton, leader in a movement to provide a Christmas for all in Somerville, presided at a recent meeting to arrange for a Christmas tree brilliantly illuminated in Central Park, hymns by the Unitarian church chimes, clarion notes from trumpeters in the church belfries, singing of carols by public school children in groups at hospitals and homes of shut-ins all over the city, directed by James P. McVey, the lighting of public buildings at Central Hill and residences in the main thoroughfares, and chief of all, a Christmas pageant to be presented under the direction of Rev. C. A. Drummond.

On Monday evening the Woman's

row escape last week. She was out riding Barbara Priest's new pony, and called at Hazel Murray's. As she sat on his back in Dr. Murray's yard the pony attempted to unsaddle Ruth, and pony attempted to unsaddle Ruth, and after repeated attempts succeeded, and then ran, dragging the young lady as far as Walter Speirs' residence, when Dr. Murray, who followed in close pursuit, seized the vicious animal by the tail, was kicked in the chest, but managed to free the plucky girl and rescue her. Dr. and Mrs. Murray cared for her bruises and lacerations, after which she was taken home, where she remained very quiet until the middle of this week, when she returned to school.

Thomas Blodgett has recently put up a monument for C. V. Flagg in Westlawn cemetery and placed mark-ers for other parties.

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A very jolly social event of the week was the household shower given to Miss Grace Needham at her home on King street in anticipation of fostivities to come. Miss Needham, who is one of the popular young ladies of the town, and a most accommodating bookkeeper and clerk in the Conant Company store at the Common, was very agreeably surprised and greeted her friends cordially, accepting their gifts with grace and thanks.

Mrs. Falrfield's uncle and aunt, who

Mrs. Fairfield's uncle and aunt, who make their home with her much of the time, hope to spend the winter months in Florida. A large party going south will leave about the third of December, and in the company will be Mr. and Mrs. G. Henry Barker,

to Newton to dine with the Ralph Conants. J. W. Ames and family spend the holiday with Mr. Ames' mother in Melrose. The A. F. Bradiees will be with Mrs. Bradiee's sister in Milton. F. S. Kimball and family will dine at G. H. Kimball's. G. H. Cash and Ivo Russell entertain a number of out-of-town relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Works expect to have a large family reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Prouty open their home to their daughters, Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Hartwell, the Henry Topham family now living in Boston.

The whist party and social entertainment at C. J. McEnnis' residence last Saturday proved a success in every respect. There was a good number in attendance and everybody was pleasantly entertained. The profits were also satisfactory.

Mrs. M. We Leahy has been housed with a severe call.

All pupils will be requested upon re-turning to school after the vacation to present a certificate from a physician showing that they have been vacci-nated or a certificate of exemption from vaccination from a physician in compliance with the law.

Supt. P. H. Hill attended the convention of New England school superintendents in Boston on Friday.

Several teachers meetings are planned for this season. Such meet

she had learned of Birly Sunday from personal observation in his audience. Miss Marion Whitcomb spent the week-end at Wellesley college, being entertained by former classmates, and attended the play given by the "Barn Swallows."

The trees set out on Lactart street by direction of the State Highway 'ommission, have been taken up and planted in some loam for the winter.

planted in some loam for the winter. Mrs. Shepard fell down the stairs in Conant Company's store at the Common last week and has been confined to her room ever since. She strained the ligaments in one shoulder. Recovery is slow, but constant.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Prescott have been recent guests of their mother, Mrs. John H. Kimball.

The elementary schools closed yesterday for a week of vacation, and will open for the winter term the next Monday after Thanksgiving. The high school will be closed for Thanksgiving recess from next Wednesday afternoon until the following Monday. Mrs. Richardson, living at F. D Kelley's, King street, will go out dress making or take work home.

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The festivities of the Back-Log club opened last week Thursday evening with the annual banquet at which a good number sat down. After a very toothsome supper, the new president, Albert E. Shedd, extended greetings, introduced a few matters of business, and presented the toastmaster, Mrs. Foster H. Dole, who graced the office in her very acceptable service. Responses to toasts were given as follows: "Appreciation of literature," Miss! Dorothy Chequer; "The border patrol." Jonathan Harwood; "Influences toward agricultural education," Marshall C. Pratt; "Let's take a spin." Charles E. Fay; "The church," Rev. Louis H. Buckshorn. All who took part helped make the evening a brilliant social event in the club calendar which opens auspiciously for 1916-17. Itev, J. C. Alvord preached on "Impressions of Billy Sunday" last Sunday morning. Mrs. Perley D. Smith rendered a very pleasing solo. In the evening Miss Florence Wilcox, leader, presented the subject, "Christianity, the hope of our country."

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On Sunday evening Miss Miriam Co-nant will take charge of the service on Thanksgiving at the Congregational church. Mr. Hill and Mrs. H. F. Works will speak and special music

Memorial Service.

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Mrs. Amelia Wakefield attended the beautiful memorial service for her brother, Dr. L. L. Conant, in Central church, Worcester, last. Sunday afternoon, Between two and three hundred people came from all parts of the state to attend the service. Students of Worcester Polytechnic institute, of which the professor was a faculty member and for two years acting president, attended in a body.

Four brief addresses were given, which were particularly impressive, because spoken by men who were long his intimate friends and who in their separate fields of work have become widely known to the outside world. Clifton H. Dwinnell, vice president of the First National bank of Boston, member of the class of '94, the first class with which Prof. Conant was associated, told of the professor's power in winning to him the men he was teaching, referring to his justice and unfailing kindness and holding him up as an example in honesty and steadfastness of purpose for younger men to follow.

Prof. Z. W. Coombs, who spoke on behalf of the faculty, said that Prof. Conant's death was a severe loss, not only because of his wisdom, but because of the love and respect in which he was held by his fellow-faculty brothers.

Homer P. Lewis, superintendent of schools in Worcester, with whom Dr.

he was held by his fell-w-faculty brothers.

Homer P. Lewis, superintendent of schools in Worcester, with whom Dr. Conant was associated on the school board for ten years, spoke briefly in culogy of his late friend, telling of his work in behalf of the city schools, and his constant labor for better conditions. He was followed by Hon. Charles G. Washburn, president of the board of trustees at Worcester Polytechnic, who spoke in behalf of that institution. institution.

Institution.

The service was under direction of Rev. Dr. Sheperd Knapp, pastor of the church of which Dr. Conant was so long a communicant. Music was furnished by the church choir with a favorite selection of Dr. Conant's sung by George C. Martin.

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Planned for this season. Such meetings have been held in Graniteville and Acton recently.

The Thursday evening meeting at the Congregational church last week was very interesting. The subject under discussion was "Immigration—what America is doing for the people who immigrate here." Mrs. Alvord gave a report of the W. B. M. meetings in Northampton, and told what she had learned of Billy Sunday from personal observation in his audience. The exposition; then to Los Angeles warren, or Manchester, N. H. Hoteling and appreciative audience by the charming presentation of her lecture, "A foreign trip at home." She carried her eager audience from Boston to Chicago on to St. Paul, over the Canadian Rockles to Scattle, Portland, San Francisco, to the exposition; then to Los Angeles and other points of interest on the Pacific coast, returning home through the Panama canal a day, before the slide, giving glimpses of the country through which she passed, unusual experiences and observations by the way, and selecting characteristic wonders of individual cities, natural, scenes, etc., making an entertainment of compelling interest and receiving an enthusiastic applause from the very attentive listeners.

Mrs. L. A. Hager and J. W. Dodds, in excellent voice, gave additional delicht by their splendid musical program, a duct and a solo, the latter by any any arready by the green and a solo, the green and a solo, the second Mr. Dodds, well supported by the ac companist, Mrs. Houghton.

BOXBOROUGH

Those who worked so faithfully for the church fair are pleased at finding about seventy dollars as the result of their layors. The proceeds would undoubtedly have been larger if the snowstorm had been delayed a little longer.

Francis H. Dean enjoyed meeting his old comrades at the reunion in Boston which he attended this week. At the meeting of the West Acton Woman's club on Monday Mrs. Geo, Baker, president of the Concord Woman's club, gave at interesting talk on the Jacob A. Riis Settlement in New York, with which she was connected for six years. Vocal solos by Mrs. Weeks and piano solos by Miss Lois Moore-completed a very pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. R. Y. Nelson went to Kendal Green on Tuesday for a few days' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Henry A. Lawrence. During her absence Mr. Nelson makes his headquarters with his son Arthur.

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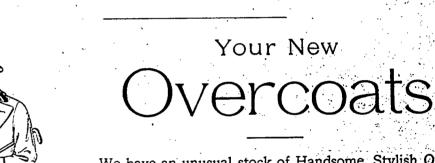
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On Monday evening the Woman's club will hold its annual guest evening entertainment. The directors have been very fortunate in securing as entertainment. The drectors have been very fortunate in securing as entertainment. The following Thanksgiving notes who will give a musicale with inclidents in life abroad with French, Russian, Italian, and German organ selections. Mr. Pollard has spent several years in study and teaching in foreign countries and a very attractive program is anticipated. Tickets can be procured from Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Parker, Miss Sanderson or at the Congregational church doors on the evening of the entertainment.

Ruth Hardy had a frightful experience in her painful accident and nar-





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ternoon, they did not realize that she knew she was to undergo another serious operation. The operation was performed the following day at her home by Dr. Martin. of Lowell, assisted by her family physician. Mrs. Day is resting as comfortably as can be expected and the sympathy of a wide circle of friends go out to her and to Mr. Day, and the hope for a restoration to health.

The use of the drinking fountain at the west end of the common has been discontinued during the freezing weather, and the old town pump at the town house will be the depend-

the town house will be the dependence until warmer weather.

J. S. Nathans, who has been sick for many weeks at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. S. Colburn, was removed to the hospital this week.

Mrs. Kendall Wright suffered a stroke of paralysis at the home of her son, Perley E. Wright, last Saturday. Mrs. Alice Lambert is assisting in the care of Mrs. Wright.

The Tadmuck reading circle met at the home of Mrs. Edwin E. Amesbury on Thursday afternoon of this week.

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On last week Friday afternoon, at the town hall, there were interesting patriotic exercises when siik American flags were presented to the four rooms in the William E. Frost school. The meeting was under the direction of the W. R. C. of this district, and George Hosley, who has served as past commander of the national G. A. R., made the presentation in behalf of the W. R. C. The children, under the direction of their teachers, were heard in songs and recitations, and the affair was most interesting to visiting parents and teachers.

Miss Katie Sullivan continues seri-

Miss Katie Sullivan continues seriously ill at her home on Boston road. Miss Hazel Hartford will again as ume charge of the pipe organ at the ongregational church this winter.

The Tadmuck club is fortunate in securing Mrs. Perley E. Wright to act as its treasurer to take the place of Mrs. Bert Walker, who is removing from town for the winter.

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Rev. Howard A. Lincoln will occupy his new pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday morning and will speak again in the evening. Mr. Lincoln's household goods will arrive during the week and he, with Mrs. Lincoln, will start housekeeping at the freshly renovated parsonage. Rev. Chalmers P. Dyke, of Andover, formerly of the Highland church in Lowall occupied the pulpit last Sunday.

A reception to welcome Rev. and A reception to welcome tev. and Fisher was formerly year of St. Andrew's and his old friends here will the Congregational church on Wednesday evening, December 13, and will be in charge of Mrs. J. E. Knight.

Mrs. Phonsic Isles, Mrs. S. L. Taylor and Mrs. Frank Banister.

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Tadmuck Club.

Presidents' day at the Tadmuck club on Tuesday afternoon at the Congregational church proved a very pleasant and successful gathering way a good attendance of th embership present and many out-of-

town guests.
The president, Miss Alice Howard, presided, and extended gracious wel-come. The names of Misses Mary and come. The names of Misses Mary and Winnifred Green were proposed for membership. Pleasant greetings were brought by representatives from the clubs in Groton, Pepperell and the Middlesex Woman's club of Lowell. Mrs. J. Harry Poole, of Brockton, and organizing secretary of the General Federation of Woman's clubs, was the speaker of the afternoon and gave an ernest address, presenting the scope and work of the General Federation and the desirability of affiliation by every club with its larger work.

Mrs. Turner Carlisle Kelly, of Tufts college, gave pleasure to all in the rendering of her skillful violin solos. A nicely appointed club tea and so-

The Berry family have left the employ of the Drew-Read farm and moved towards Boston. A family with five children, loved by everybody, we are sorry to lose. As a testimony to their appreciation a farewell reception was tendered them at the home of the Sargents, and in behalf of those present and many absent, Houghton G. Osgood presented them with a remembrance. membrance.

Some folks have not got their potatoes dug yet. Sharpen the crowbar and pickaxe-\$2.00 per bushel ought to do a lot of hard picking.

Graniteville. Miss Mabel Loftus, of Lowell, has been a recent guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Gower

The little son recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Charlton was chris-tened Joseph Francis in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning.

H. J. Healy is taking a few days' acation and during his absence the store will be in charge of F. G. Sullivan.

J. E. York has recently returned from a business trip to Philadelphia, The mill pond has been frozen over during the recent cold spell, but it would be well for the youngsters to keep away and forget about skating for the present, and until the ice is

Stronger.

Sunday was a red letter day in the M. E. church. With the exception of the Epworth league, which was ably led by George Wilson, K. S. Hiraide, the Billy Sunday of Japan, had the day's program. At the morning service he addressed a good-sized audience on "Why I became a christian." In the afternoon his subject was "Why I became a preacher." At the even-

Work on the new foundry now being erected on Bridge street by the C. G. Sargent's Sons, is now progressing rapidly. With fair weather it is ex-pected that the building will be entire-

Forge Village.

Philip Tajker, of Norwood, who served as a corporal of Company M. 9th Regiment, while ion duty at the Mexican border, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fenninore Motion or

Rev. Thomas I. Fisher, of Leominster, will conduct the services at St. Andrew's mission on Sunday, Mr. Fisher was formerly vicar of St. Andrew's and his old friends here will

Mis Mary E. Doran, of Bradford street, sailed on the SS, St. Paul from New York for Liverpool on last week Friday Mrs. Doran will make her home in the future in Keighley, Eng-land, where she formerly resided.

A very pleasant party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Kel-ley last week Friday evening in honor ley last week Friday evening in honor of the birthday anniversary of their son Thomas. During the evening Mr May was presented with a gold watch the presentation speech being made by his younger brother, John. The by his younger brother, John. The evening was spent in games and music after which a bountiful supper was served. Plates were laid for forty and all enjoyed a thoroughly good time. The party broke up at midnight all wishing young Mr. May many happy returns of his natal day.

Mrs. John E. Burnett spent Thursday in Clinton.

mings.

Mr. Gale began his activities with the band on Decoration day, 1887, at the age of eleven years, playing the old snare drum which Dr. Smith brought home from the war. Mr. Gale I became a preacher." At the evening service he addressed an unusually large crowd on "Buddhism and christianity." His heart-stirring message and unusual methods gripped the people and at each of the services he held them during sermons over an hour in length. A campaign is on to raise \$900 for the vestry renovation and it is hoped to have the money all pledged within a week.

Many people from this village attended presidents' day at the Tadmuck club in Westford on Tuesday afternoon.

Work on the new foundry now be-We do not know whether case cop-nomen arose from the fact that it takes considerable "wind" to play trombone, or whether some wit thought a real gale should be windy. Mr. Gale followed in his father's foot-

the freshly renovated particles of Chalmers P. Dyke, of Andover, formerly of the Highland church in Lowell, occupied the pulpt last Sunday morning, and at the evening service Miss Sarah W. Loker conducted the meeting. This was preceded by the Y. P. S. C. E. inecting and afterward a good group of young people went to Graniteville to hear the special speaker there, called the Billy Sunday of Japan.

The Boy Scouts, with much energy and enterprise, also a push cart, are collecting newspapers and other waste papers from all the households that have it to donate. The proceeds go to swell the treasury of their organization.

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On October I they serenaded Michael Denahy. The records say, "Drum head got broken." Accounts differ as to cause of this great castatrophe. Some say that a rock was thrown through it, but others maintain that Mr. Luce, in excess of en-

thus sam burst a hole in it with the stick. This will remain one of the mooted points of history.

There were democratic and republican rallies in the fall. The band on these occasions used to match all over town and bearly to the Groton School town and nearly to the Groon School.
Light was furnished by torches worn
in the musicians' caps. On one of
these parades James Bywater's hat
got affire and his dancing around
frantically for a few moments trying
to extinguish it is amusinally told us.

(To be continued.)

Clipping:

Archie H. Messenger, a native of this place, has a studio in New Bed-ford, where he teaches two bands and an orchestra, and also plays in the Nev an orcnestra, and also plays in the New Bedford theatre orchestra. The fol-lowing is taken from the New Bedford Sunday Times, written by the music critic of that paper, recently published: A most unusual instrument in New organizing secretary of the General Federation of Womans clubs, was the speaker of the afternoon and gave an enest address, presenting the scope and the desirability of affiliation by every club with its larger work.

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be were like pudding. Fred Daie, who played snare drum on this engage, ment, says he'll "bet they marched twenty miles through the slush." Most of the band members wore rubtures and tied them on with the roots. Charles Shattuck, however, wore rubtures and tied them on with march.

In June, 1887, George Blood again as usual in Littleton and Groton on Decoration day, and for the cattle show in the fall. Besides these engagements, they played by invitation at the home of Benjamin Darling on June 21, at Norman Shattuck's on June 29, and gave several open-air concerts through the summer.

In December, 1887, N. D. Shattuck was made leader and George Blood again dividend was declared, \$100 being the weekly through the winter. In March a dividend was declared, \$100 being divided among the active members. Throughout May the band played at a dividend was declared, \$100 being divided among the active members. Throughout May the band played at a dividend was declared of three, consisting of Amos Ames, Ulysses Barrows and James Bywater, was chosen to draw up a constitution and 8ct of by-laws. They did so, and these weres probably signed by all the members. Throughout May the band played at the first of the last of men receiving their share of a dividend declared in December, 1888, two new names appear there of a dividend declared in December, 1888, two new names appear those of Fred Gale and Oren Cummings.

Mr. Gale began his activities with the band on Decoration day, 1887, at the pand on Decoration and set of the Musch and Haram Johnson. Among the band on Decoration and set of the first and the casted with men possessing the cratterial ability of William Jennings Bryan and Hiram Johnson. Among the standard played and the casted with men possessing the cratterial ability of William Jennings Bryan and Hiram Johnson.

evening. America has produced many brilliant women speakers, but few who can be classed with men possessing the oratorical ability of William Jennings Bryan and Hiram Johnson. Among Bryan and Hiram Johnson. Among these few stand Anna Tillinghast, endowed by nature with a voice of wonderful strength and clearness, he oratory thrills; her personality charms, her logic convinces. The lyccum was founded eighty-seven years ago, to have such, speakers heard upon its platform, and a crowded house should greet her. Her subject will be "The cyclops of America." a discussion of the problems of representative government, wages, child-labor, divorce, etc., with suggested remedies.

The union Thanksgiving service will

The union Thanksgiving service will be held this year at the First Congre-gational Unitarian church on Thursgational Uniarian church on Thursday morning at 10.45, the usual church hour. The sermon will be preached by Rev. H. L. Caulkins of the Baptist church. The year has brought unusual experiences; if we have anything for which to be thankful, let us come and bring car guests and voice our praise in the service in which the whole town is asked to join.

The Allia car will meet next Friday.

whole town is asked to join.

The Alliance will meet next Friday afternoon at the Unitarian vestry for its December meeting. The speaker will be Rev A. R. Hussey, of Lowell, who recently came into this conference from Paltimore, and who will be gladly heare. Music will be furnished by Miss Marcia Wilcox. Invitation is extended to all Thanksgiving guests who may be in town, as well as all others interested. The hour of meeting is at 2.30 o'clock.

Nashobah Jodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., celebrated the eleventh anniversary last Saturday night when fifty memers of Nashobah lodge and Squannanok lodge of West Groton sat down cook lodge of West Groton sat down to a good bean supper with the usual side dishes. After supper the com-pany repaired to the lodge room and spent the remainder of the evening in a social match game of pitch. Nashobah vs. Sqaunnacook. When time was called at eleven o'clock the official was catten at eleven o clock the omenations correct declared the West Greaton brothers the winners by three points. The escore was so close that the Littleton brothers thought a recount was necessary, however, the official score stands West Groton 39 Littleton 37, Everyone reported a good time and another anniversary is anxiously awaited.

Miss Matter Whitcomb attended "Tech" night at the Colonial theatte to see Julia Senderson in "Sybil" last week

Miss Miriam Conant was one of the company of people that enjoyed seeing "A blot in the escutcheon," played at the Browning club in Hotel Vendome Tuesday. Mrr. Mabelle Mason Fickett of Con

cord, N. H., was a recent guest of Miss Emma E. Tenney and called on other littleton friends Some changes in the Boston and Maine passenger train schedule will be oted in the new time tables that go

Miss Ruth Morris, of Wellesley, was a Sunday guest of the Misses Sander-son on Sunday.

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TOBASCO S PREPARES

Mrs. George M. Lovejoy, of Hart-ford, Conn., spent most of last week at her mother's in Littleton Center. William James Healy, of Littleton, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Hines, of Mattapan, were married at the Church of the Angelas in Mattapan on Wedof the Angelas in Mattapan on Wednesday, November 15. Daniel Healy, brother of the groom, was best man, and Miss Winnifred Hines, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hines. Upon their return from a wedding trip to New York and other places, Mr. and Mrs. Healy will reside at 959 Morton street, Mattapan.

Healy will resistrect, Mattapan. Katharine Josephine Callar, and Thomas Charles Gallacher were nur-ried by West Acton on Thursday, No-yember 16

·Mrs. Paul I. Brown spent the first three days of this week with her coasin. Mrr. Samuel Hetcher, in Spencer.

The Back-Log club will hold in thirty-fifth annual Thanksgiving con-cert and dance at the town hali on Thursday night, November 30, Mack Thursday, night, November 30, Abelic will be 'furnished by the Waltham Watch Company band or hestra, s.x pieces. Cencert from 8 to 845, fellowed by grand march. Dancing that til one o'clock. The concert program, will consist of the following spections:

March—Hungarian Overture—Romantique K Cornet solo—Concert Polka George F, Brigden Intermezzo—Russe Selections from "Katinka" Hartwell hose company concert and ball at town hall, Ayer, Thanksgiving night. Poole's celebrated orchestra.

Wedding.

Frank Edson Merriam, for twelve Frank Edson Merriam, for twe've years chief clerk in the registry department of the Fitchburg postoffice, was quietly married Wednesday noon at one o'clock to Miss Nellie Frances Wright, a teacher in the Hodgdon school in West Somerville, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Edward W. Stone, Littleton. Rev. W. McAlleste instance of the bride's nome of the orige's sister, Mrs. Edward W. Stone, Littleton. Rev. W. C. McAllester, pastor of the Baptist church in Westminster, performed the double ring ceremony. There were no attendants, and only the relatives and the immediate friends of the conand the immediate friends of the con-tracting parties were present. Fol-lowing the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Meritam left on a brief wedding tour of New England, and upon their re-turn will make their home in Fitch-

Mr. Merriam is a graduate of West-Mr. Merriam is a graduate of West-minster high school and attended Cushing academy in Ashburnham for one year. He has been connected with the Fitchburg postoffice for twelve years, and for the greater part of that time he has also been interof that time he has also been interested in musical ventures. Mrs. Merriam received her education at the Littleton thigh school and at the Fitchburg State Normal school. She taught in New Bedford for several years before going to West Somerville.

A girlish prank, inspired by some verses that have reached her, takes her to the cold garret of the poet who is sacrificing everything in the way of creature comforts for the fame he is sure eventually will be his. He is proud and never would be patronized by a girl of wealth, so his visitor passer herself off as the companion of the rich girl she really is.

Charmingly the romance works its first see that in the and both force.

self out so that in the end both fame and money come to the poet, who finds out the identity of his visitor, and both discover that they are absolutely nec-essary to each other's happiness. The same cast that appeared at the Hudson Theatre, New York, last reason, including Shelley Hull, Phoche Ester, Frank Bacon, Reginald Mayor.

endore Babcock, Berton Churchill, arles Lane, Percival T. Moore, Hu-; Wilke and Louise Rial will inter-; this delightful comedy in Boston

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of REBECCA F. RICHARDSON ate of Hollis in the County of Hills borough and State of New Hampshite, deceased.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kincreditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY L. BROWN
late of Ayer in said County, deceased,
intestate.
Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter
of administration on the estate of said
deceased to FRANKLIN FREEMAN of
Leominster in the County of Worcester or to some other suitable person.

which, under the direction of Oliver Morosco is now at the Wilbur Theatre in Boston.

This dainty comedy from the pen of Edward Childs Carpenter, is as refreshing as a day in spring, yet full of life, love and laughter. It is perfectly staged and the cast is the same as appeared in the New York run.

Marjorie Caner, the principal charter in the play, is a girl with wealthy parents. During her babyhood the parents separate and the girl returns to the faiher she has never known, only to find a cold, taciturn men of big business with whom she can find nothing in common.

Michard Geceased to Franklin Freeman of County of Worcester or to some other suitable person. You are hereby cifed to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County. Of Middlesex, on the eleventh day of December A. D. 1916, 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 Turner's Hublic Spirit, a newapaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, Winess, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first Judge of said Court, this twenty-first Judge of said Court, the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first Judge of said Court, this twenty-first Judge of said Court, the foreneon to show cause, if any you have, why the same hereby client to be held at Cambridge in said Court, to show cause, if any you have, why the same hereby client to be held at Cambridge in said Court, to show cause, if any you have, why the same hereby client to be one devented and so the problem of the problem of the problem of the problem of the problem.

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To the heirs at law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of ALBERT A. POLLARD late of Harvard in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by FRANK A. POLLARD who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the twelfth day of December A. D. 1916, at hine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-second and nine hundred and sixteen.

State Income Tax

Do you understand the new state Income tax law? You are running the risk of severe penaltics if you disregard its provisions.

disregard its provisions.

In this column there will appear each week an article explaining the things you should know about it. These articles are written under the direction of the Tax Commissioner. Questions will be gladly answered by mail or in this column if addressed to the State Income Tax Attorney, State House, Boston. If reply by mail is desired enclose postage. No attention will be paid to questions on any other subject. Mention newspaper in which you read this. So far as possible the state will furnish speakers to explain this law to any organization on request. Save these articles for future reference.

JOSEPH E. PERRY, State Income Tax Attorney.

OPENING GUNS

MASSACHUSETTS TURNS PEDA GOGUE-EXPLAINS NEW LAW.

(First Article)

Massachusetts has turned school

Such a flood of enquiries about the new state income tax law poured into the Tax Commissioner's office that something had to be done. Business men, farmers, widows and trustees, church clubs, boards of trade, and others all want to know whether and how the new tax law hits them Even a glee club applied for a speaker to explain the law.

The demands were so insistent that they had to be met. In addition to its other activities, the State turn-

state. Subject to conflict of dates speakers will be gladly furnished on application to any gathering of citizens in the state. In order that the appropriation may be made to go as far as possible, it is hoped that organizations will be willing to pay the actual travelling expenses and hotel expenses, if any, of the speakers, but even this will be paid by the Commonwealth whenever the local organizations are unable to do so, as It is expected that the present cost will be more than saved by informing the public and reducing friction and

costly administration later on. Applications for speakers should be addressed to Joseph E. Perry, Income Tax Attorney, State House, Boston, and should state the name of the organization, probable attendance at the tax meeting, date preferred with alternative date in case of conflict. and the name of the person with whom correspondence should be conwhom correspondence should be conducted. So far as is practicable, meetings are being thrown open to the public so that this branch of the the public so that this branch of the service may reach the largest num-

night hour getting expert counsel as to the bearing of the law on their own particular cases.

Instruction Booklet.

An indexed copy of the law has been issued and a booklet of instructions and explanations is on the press. Either or both will be mailed on application.

Newspapers.

It is expected that a series of articles will be run in every newspaper in the state explaining the law and, if practicable a question and answer department will be simflarly conducted.

'Ignorance of the law" is no excuse, and it is intended that there shall be no excuse for ignorance. COMPULSORY.

Returns under the new law are compulsory, and there are extremely severe penalties in case of omitted or fraudulent returns. One of the chief evils of the present tax system is that the taxpayer has been under little or no compulsion to make a return of his taxable property. Nearly sixty per cent of all the assessable wealth of the state has consisted of intangible property— 1. e., stocks, bonds and other paper evidences of ownership-and it has been so easy to conceal that it is estimated that five billions (five thousand millions) of such property has escaped taxation. Only about one-tenth of this class of property has paid any taxes. Necessarily on Monday. real estate and other property which could not be concealed has months, 30 days, son of William H. had to bear an excessive burden of taxation. To remedy that evil and obtain full disclosure of all taxable property, each taxable inhabitant is from now on compelled to file a sworn tax return. The secrecy of these returns is absolutely assured. Detailed instructions as to when, where and by whom such returns had at must be filed will appear later in this -14-4. must be filed will appear later in this

MOST IMPORTANT.

If you have an income above \$2000. from all sources, or if you have any income however small from taxable sources you must make the required

SHIRLEY.

Yews Items. Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman spent a few days the first of the week at the home of Mr. Brockelman's par-

Ing was held in Marblehead. Mrs. Allen also read a paper, "History of the D. A. R. movement." The John Glover chapter was founded by Mrs. G. A. (Vose) Potter, formerly of Fitchburg, and well-known in Shirley.

James Cook, who has just returned from Mexico, has started to work for G. M. Ballou. He will reside with his aunt, Mrs. Laura Ballou.

George H. Page, of Leominster, has been given the contract for repairing William H. Brown's barn, which was partially destroyed by fire about a week avo.

The concert at the Baptist church last Saturday evening was most en-loyable a pleasing program being ren-

to its other activities, the State turned schoolmaster, tutor, lecturer, and entertainer. A publicity department was organized and the Commonwealth was scoured for its leading tax experts. Many of these men consented to address boards of trade, church clubs, granges, and other gatherings—all without compensation—so that, with the men in the tax department, there are more than a score of men ready to explain the new law to gatherings of citizens.

*Free Speakers.

Already, addresses have been scheduled in many sections of the state. Subject to conflict of dates the following in the cast: and Miss Flora Shepard. A reading by Mrs. Helen McCoy and Victola Selections concluded the alpha Past Noble Center.

The Grands' association on last week Friday afternoon at their lodge rooms in Odd Fellows' hall. A brief business session was held by the past grands which was followed by a brief program of mere tainment, consisting 'of a farce entitled "The minister's mistake," with the following in the cast: And Miss Flora Shepard. A reading by Mrs. Helen McCoy and Victola Selections concluded the entertainment. At 4.30 o'clock a chicken diment. A brief business session was held by the past grands which was followed by a brief program of the cast: Alex Brief program of the constitution of the constitution of the chicken. The Grands association on last week Friday afternoon at their lodge rooms in Odd Fellows' hall. A brief business session was held by the past grands which was followed by a brief program of the cast: Alex Brief program of the cast: Alex Brief program of the cast: Alex Brief pro scena and saiss ressile Dadmun. About thirty-five sat down to the festive board and the afternoon as a whole proved one of delightful memories for Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge and their guests.

At the motion picture show on Monlay evening the feature picture will be the great play "The second in com-mand," featuring the most popular screen stars, Francis X. Bushman and feverly Bayne. Other pictures of in-terest will be shown.

Hartwell hose company concert and oall at town hall, Ayer, Thanksgiving night. Poole's celebrated orchestra. Eddle Buckheim, of the Holiday

House, a sixteen-year-old student in the Lancaster high school, that a fine buck weighing 200 pounds Tuesday. There will be no session of the danc-There will be no session of the danc-ing classes this Saturday at Old Fel-lows' hall. Mrs. White will resume aer dancing class lessons at the usual hour on Saturday, December 2. Pu-pils will please take notice.

The Baptist church society is plan-ing to hold a fair in the church on December 6.

the First Parish Unitarian churches versalist church, will lead the devo-tional exercises and offer prayer. A community spirit is looked for at this

service. Little Helen Dadmun reached her deventh birthday on Wednesday, and n view of that fact Helen gave a party o a few of her friends at her home of to a few of her friends at her home on Center road. Games were played and refreshments served. She was the recipient of many pretty and useful presents. Those present were Millie Parker, Louise Doherty, Ethel and Doris Knowles, Walter Dadmun and lelen Dadmun.

Rev. George D. Kirkpatrick, of Cambridge, who has served two years as a missionary in China, and is now spending a year at the Theological school in Cambridge, has consented to become a candidate for the pastorate of the Congregational chusch and will of the Congregational church and will or the Congregational church and while occupy the pulpit Sunday morning, December 3. Mr. Kirkpatrick is a young man of good address and magnetic personality, and gives every promise of being one of the bright lights of the pulpit at no distant day. good attendance is requested for December 3.

Edward H. Harlow, d.d.g.m., of Leominster, will pay an official visit on Monday evening to J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W.

There will be a union Thanksgiving There will be a union Thanksgiving service at the Universalist church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. There will be no morning service at the Baptist and Congregational churches. Evening services at the two churches. Evening service latter churches as usual. Mrs. G. M. Ballou is entertaining

her aunt. Mrs. Hollis Robbins, of Lit-Ralph Thompson, of North Shirley, shot and killed a deer in Lunenburg

burg, and burial was in the family lot at the Village cemetery, Shirley. Mrs. Phebe Wilson is a former well-known and respected resident of this town.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., holds its regular meeting on next Tuesday evening with Mrs. Herbert E. Lawence, Center road. A good attendance is requested.

There was a large number at the giving Sunday and it is hoped that woman's club meeting with Mrs. Alear week Friday after-bert Smith Mst. Woman's club meeting with Mrs. Alear week Friday after-bert Smith Mst. Woman's club meeting with Mrs. Alear week Friday after-bert to attend the merning servery person in town will make a special effort to attend the merning servery.

Leominster road, just above the residence of Adolphus Bastien, was the scene of an automobile accident last Saturday afternoon when a horse running wild crashed into the four-pas-

at the home of Mr. Brockelman's purches in Lancaster. Mr. Brockelman spent his time hunting and trying to bag a deer.

Mrs. Minnie L. Allen, formerly regent of Old Shirley chapter, was a guest last week Friday of Brig. Gen. Glover chapter of Lynn. The meeting was held in Marblehead. Mrs. Allen also read a paper, "History of lists which are compacted in the fell to the ground. The occupants of the car were T. F. Killelea, James Allen also read a paper, "History of lists who are congred in building the car." inster, who are engaged in building the new house of Charles A. McCarthy

Benjamin road.

The three men were returning to homes in Leominster at about 4.45 and had just turned the bend on The meeting of the Boy Scouts in the old schoolhouse on Church street last week Friday evening was much cajoyed. Supper was served and gamer played. The officers elected for the ensuing year are Edward M. Davis, scoutmaster; George Hooper, patrol leader; James Doberty, assistant; Howard Knowles, scribe.

homes in Leominster at above and he broke now in Leominster at above and he broke now in Leominster at above and he broke now in Leominster at above and he broke loose from the steepers and he broke loose from the team, and just as he reached from the team, and just as he reached the main roadway crashed into the

auto.

Mr. Killelea received the force of the horse's body in the stomach and he was rendered unconscious and was taken into the house of Mr. Bastien, taken into the house of Mr. Bastien, where a doctor responded to a hurry cail. After treatment the man was able later in the evening to return to his home in Leominster. The other two occupants of the car escaped with a severe shaking up.

The accident was caused by the fact that the car was raing at a good clip.

soyable a pleasing program being rendered.

Misses Leona Lee and Rosa Buckheim spent the week-end and over Sunday with Mrs. Ernest W. Walker at her home in North Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Maylin are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter weighing six pounds, born last week Friday.

Edmund B. Winterbottom arrived home on Wednesday from a week's visit at the home of relatives in Ware.

Mary A. Livermore Relabely Lodge.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will meet on Saturday afternoon of this week at the home of Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

Rev. Sherrard Billings, of Groton School, conducted the service at Trinity chapel on last Sunday after-noon. On Sunday, November 26, Rev. Grover Harrison, of Groton School. will have charge of the service at 3.15. Mirlam Earles, of Fitchburg, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

The next meeting of the Matrons' Aid society will be held on Tuesday afternoon. November 28, at the home of Mrs. Horace C. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sweetser and family, who formerly had charge of the Mary Anna Home, are reported to have sold out and moved from Northfield, where they have been for the past year, to Cambridge.

The Sewing Guild will hold a whist party at the home of Mrs. Charles K. Bolton on Center road, Saturday evelants of the composition of the past year. The will be the series of the club will be read.

Samuel K. Brown, aged seventy

The Sewing Guild will hold a whist party at the home of Mrs. Charles K. Bolton on Center road, Saturday evening, December 2. This will be the first of the parties which the Guild is planning to hold every two weeks.

LUNENBURG

News Items.

Rev. John Campbell, Jr., a post-graduate student at Andover seminary, occupied the pulpit in the Congrega-tional church last Sunday morning and service may reach the largest number of people in the most economical and helpful way.

At the meetings already held the subject has proved so interesting that groups of questioners have frequently lingered till near the midnight hour getting expert counsel as to the bearing of the law on their ter the close of this seminary year. He has been invited to come here again on Sunday and it is safe to say that he will be greeted by as large an audience as last Sunday, and probably larger.

The fall meeting of the district union of Epworth leagues will be held at the Methodist church on Monday evening, November 27. Good speakers will be in attendance.

The open season for deer began or Monday morning and many hunters were seen on their way to the woods. They came by almost every conceivable mode of conveyance—on foot, by teams, autor, cycles and cars. Some came by cars on Sunday evening, reaching the happy hunting grounds in time to fire the first shot on Monday

Hattle D. Stone tent, D. of V., held a meeting in the lower town hall on Tuesday evening in consequence of which basketball practice was postponed until a more convenient season. poned until a more convenient season. A social and business conference of the school teachers in town was held at the home of Mrs. Ralph M. Bickford on last Saturday evening. The school committee were the guests. Mrs. Fred C. Cross and Rev. Edward B. Saunders attended, but George P. Grant, Jr., was quite ill at his home and unable to be present. Resolutions of sympathy and expressions of kind wishes of the teachers and hope for vishes of the teachers and hope for Mr. Grant's rapid recovery were sent to Mrs. Grant. Matters pertaining to school interest were discussed, practi-cal suggestions made and adopted during the conference at which Principal

J. A. Harwood presided. Ice cream and cake were served and a very pleas-

ant social hour followed the business A special town meeting has been appointed for December 1, and the warrant contains four articles to be voted upon. It is hoped there will be a large attendance of voters. One is to see if the town will appropriate \$650 for the deficiency in the school department.

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barty at the home of Mrs. Charles K. Bolton on Center road, Saturday evening, December 2. This will be the first of the parties which the Guild is planning to hold every two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clark are planning to move from Hinsdale, N. H., to Springfield, where Mr. Clark is now employed. Mrs. Clark was formerly Miss Ruth M. Graves, of this town.

The First Parish church at the Center will be closed Sunday, November 26, to give those who attend this church an opportunity to attend the union Thanksgiving service at the Universalist church Sunday morning at deven o'clock. Services as usual Sunday, December 3.

LUNENBURG

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Congregational church are to have a supper, entertainment and sale in the vestry on Friday, December 8. A good program will be presented.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Mrs. A. E. Lawrence is in West Ac ton caring for Mrs. Frank Priest, who is quite sick, and Miss Mary Hager is attending Mrs. Arthur Whitcomb, who has an attack of neuritis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Richardson now living in their new and attractive bungalow which they built near the old home. The old home has been re-paired and is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Richardson.

Miss Mabel Lawrence spent a day a home the first of the week.

Mrs. Hibbert Graves went to Ber wick, N. S., last week to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Catherine Russell. She returned on Friday Ina Wetherbee, who attends Brom field school, and has been driving up daily, will board with Mrs. Harlow the rest of the year. Lucy Wetherbee has left school for the present on account

of ill health. Augustine Wetherbee finishes his work on apples here this week and intends to return to Warner, N. H., on Monday. The sprain which he sustained when he first came has caused him much discomfort, but did not prevent him from getting around after a few days.

Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister; subject, "Thanksgiving—its true significance." Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock. The pastor will talk on "The truth about Billy Sunday's campaign."

The annual church fair under th The annual church fair under the auspices of the Ladies' Ald society was held on last week Friday evening at the town hall. In spite of the stormy weather over 100 people gathered around the tables, and with full-fledgaround the tables, and with inter-ted, and many other good things besides to eat. Following the supper a busy sale went on from various and nicely decorated tables, while a good number also visited the Turkish booth and were served with delicious Turkish pastry, Turkish delights, nuts and the celebrated Turkish coffee. Later, the program of the entertainment for the night was announced by Mrs. G. W. Burroughs, the president of the so-

the home of Mrs. Mary Martin, Fichburg, and burial was in the family lot
at the Village cemetery, Shirley. Mrs.
Phoebe Wilson is a former well-known
and respected resident of this town.
Ralph S. Wheeler, tax collector, has
had a telephone installed in his home
—14-4.
Mrs. M. J. Johnson, with son Milton,
has arrived at the home of her parcents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles,
Lancaster road, to remain until after
Thanksgiving day.

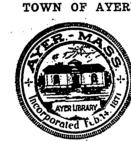
Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., holds
its regular meeting on next Tuesday

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ice in order to join in a great and worthy fellowship in offering our words and prayers of Thanksgiving.

CLEAR BAD SKIN FROM WITHIN Pimply, muddy complexions are due to impurities in the blood. Clear up the skin by taking Dr. King's New Life Pilis. Their mild laxative qualities remove the poisons from the system and brighten the eye. A full, free non-griping bowel movement in the morning is the reward of a dose of Dr. King's New Life Pilis the night before. At your Druggist, 25c.

New Advertisements



All persons having bills against the fown of Ayer are required to present them to the respective departments incurring the same for approval and o file them after such approval with the Board of Selectmen on or before December 1, 1916.

JOHN D. CARNEY. DOUGLAS C. SMITH, LYMAN K. CLARK. Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF CONDITION of the First National Bank, at Ayer in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business on November 17, 1916.

Resources

15,000.00 35,000.00

134,309:25 3,750.00

Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis.....\$1,757.39
Net amount due from approved reserve cities. \$2,190.35
Fractional currency, nickets and cents 93,947.75

41.90 banks
Lawful reserve in vault and
with Federat Reserve
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Redemption fund with U. S.
Treasurer and due from
U. S. Treasurer 66.586.45

Total \$810,224.53 Liabilities | Limbilities | Capital stock paid in ... \$75,000.00 | Surplus fund ... \$50,000.00 | Undivided profits ... \$41,620.85 | Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid ... 5,806.80 | Circulating notes outstanding ... | 19,700.00 | Net amount due to banks and bankers ... | 40,898.27 | Individual ... | 40,898.27 | Individual ... | 40,898.27 | Individual ... | 565,992.24 |

565,992.24 Certificates
less than 30 days
Certified checks
Cashier's checks outstanding
Postal savings deposits
Total demand deposits
\$588,812.21

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I. Charles A. Normand, Cashler of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS, A. NORMAND, Cashler.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of November, 1916. Lyman K. Clark, Notary Public. Correct-Attest: Howard B. White, Daniel W. Fletcher, Oliver K. Plerce, Directors.

orders.

demand.

These Tremendous Advantages—

E. O. PROCTOR, Dealer

The Willys-Overland Company, Toledo, Ohio

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Half the Cost

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These are tremendous advantages over any-

And they make it hard for us to keep up with

The factory has never yet caught up with the

You ought to own one of these cars—nothing

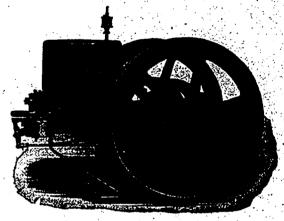
else so big and fine for the money.

Come in and order yours now.

anywhere near as low a price.

thing to be had in other cars that sell for

KEROSENE AND GASOLENE ENGINES



Call and Look Them Over-Get Prices

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PLUMBER

AYER, MASS

Touraine The Coffee Good Coffee was never in such demand as it is today. The intelligent business man insists on it and his family appreciates it. It is probably for this reason that LA TOURAINE is so popular in so many good families. 1,000.00 Fresh roasted and fresh ground for your coffee pot or percolator.



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GEORGE H. B. TURNER, Publish JOHN H. TURNER, Editor Subscribers are urged to keep their subscriptions paid in advance.

The daily labors of the Bee, Awales my soul to industry; Who can observe the careful An And not provide for future wan

Saturday, November 25, 1916.

GROTON

News Items.

The surgeons at St. Elizabeth hospital, Boston, expect to save the life of Walter Wolf, nineteen, a student at the Lawrence academy, who sustained a fracture of the spine, near the base of the brain, while playing in a football game against the Huntington school last Saturday. It is said at the hospital that while the young man's neck is broken, the spinal cord has not been severed or injured. His neck was immediately placed in a plaster cast and heroic measures are being taken to prevent death. The accident happened at the Volkmann school field in Allston. Wolf lives in Jersey City. fracture of the spine, near the base

Mrs. Walter Powers is preparing to Mrs. Walter Powers is preparing to close their house here and go to Boston for the winter.

The Reading club met with Miss Ethel Bruce on Wednesday afternoon.

Tuesday morning was the coldest of the season so far. Thermometers showed 17 degrees above zero, and varying in different localities.

Envelopes have been distributed among the members and other attendants at the Congregational church for the annual Thanksgiving offering. It is hoped that every member of the congregation will present a thank of the congregation of the congregation will present a thank of the congregation. fering for blessings received the past

James F. Wilson, who has spent the summer and fall with his rela-tive, Mrs. Fanny Sampson, and others in the family, left this week for his home in Chicago.

The union Thanksgiving service will The union Thanksgiving service will be held on Sanday evening, November 26, at the Congregational church. The exercises will be in charge of Rev. Charles B. Ames of the First Parish Unitarian church. Rev. B. E. Tucker will deliver the sermon. Besides the singing of hymns by the congregation there will be special selections by the Congregational choir, the first, "Blessing, honor, glory and power," by the ladies' chorus, and the 'second selection. "Praise the Lord O Jerusalem." by the full choir. These arrangements were made necessary by the extensive made necessary by the extensive Boy Scouts. repairs being made on the First Parish meeting-house.

The Sunday school connected with The Sunday school connected with the Congregational church voted last Sunday to present a silver offering on Sunday morning for the City Mission of Boston, under direction of Dr. Waldron, who for many years has been

Clesson Currier left town on last week Thursday. Miss Lois Wright, who is running the restaurant, is hav-

ing good success. The deer season opened on Monday The deer season opened of Monay morning. Not many are sighted and it would seem that they were getting scarcein this vicinity. George William Woods, however, got one Monday afternoon—a large doc.

Rev. G. M. Howe, as guest of Ben-jamin F. Brown, of Fitchburg, motor-ed to Amherst last week Friday to at-tend the dedication of the Delta Upsi-lon fraternity's new house. Mr. Brown and Mr. Howe were both members of ociety during their college career. the society during their college career.
After the impressive dedication exercises twelve new members were initiated by Prof. Genung of the college, after which a fine banquet was served.
This banquet was enjoyed by 100

the usual routine of exercises.

At the Baptist church Sunday morning at 10.30, the subject of the sermon will be "The friendships of Jesus." Sunday school at twelve. At seven o'clock in the evening a union Thanksgiving service will be held at the Congregational church. The subject of the sermon, by Itev. B. E. Tucker, will be "In everything give thanks." Regular prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

Hartwell hose company concert and ball at town hall. Ayer, Thanksgiving night. Poole's celebrated orchestra.

night. Poole's celebrated orchestra.

The Groton Branch Alliance will hold their annual fair in town hall on Thursday afternoon, December 7. Doors open at 2.30. There will be different tables, such as fancy toy, household articles, aprons, cake, candy, etc. There will be a supper in the lower town hall at 6.30 o'clock. At eight o'clock there will be given in the main town hall the moving picture show of "Silas Marner," by famous artists.

tists.

Mrs. Marion N. Torrey, Mrs. Lella
Nutting and Mrs. William J. Putnam
of the Woman's club attended the
meeting of the Tadmuck club in Westford on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Aitken have gone to Shirley, where he has a po-sition at the Boys' Industrial school. William B. Gale got a buck deer on Wednesday morning. It weighed 140

Bird seed can now be obtained of the president, Rev. C. B. Adams. It will also be on sale at the meetings of

Mrs. Charles H. Gerrish and Mrs. M. F. Warner, going together, left town Wednesday for a short stay with friends in New York city.

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The relatives and former neighbors in Groton were surprised to hear of the death of Andrew Fletcher which occurred at his home in Milford, N. H., at midnight on Monday, November 13. On Friday, November 10, he was seized with a paralytic shock, and never recovered from its effects. He was a native of Hollis, N. H., and was seventy-one years old. Mr. Fletcher lived for several years on the H. C. Corey place on the Martin's pond road, which is now owned and occupied by Charles R. Earle. After leaving Groton Mr. Fletcher moved to Milford, N. H., where, retiring from business, he looked after his property interests. He was a brother of the late Dr. Samuel Fletcher, of Pepperell, His relatives in Groton are the Blood and Tortey families. He is survived by his later and two marked duranters see page two.

We acknowledge the following addi-tional subscribers to the Groton Cor-net band:

John H. Robbins..... Hon. Grafton D. Cushing..... Carl W. Strand Previously acknowledged

May we dispel any fears that those May we dispet any fears that those who have not yet subscribed might entertain, to the effect that enough money has probably already been raised, by the information that the above sum would not quite pay for the one item of the uniforms that it is hoped o purchase and which, as has already noted are sadly needed. If those been noted are sadiy needed. It those who have not yet answered our message will each send but one dollar each it will be most gratefully received and is urgently needed. And we are not idly awaiting subscriptions.

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A committee is hard at work 'urranging a series of entertainments and concerts which is to serve the double purpose of keeping the band in good trim during the winter months and of helping to swell the fund for the additional expense under which we are now laboring to make the organization and unstructured to make tion an up-to-date one.

Amos L. Ames. George H. Blood, Almon L. Call.
Thomas F. Donahue, Jr.,
Charles G. Shattuck,
Band Committee.

Groton Military Training School.

The drill of the provisional company n Wednesday evening was entirely on Wednesday evening was entirely taken up with preparations for the ceremonies to be observed at the concert and ball on next Wednesday. There was an attendance of sixty. It was voted to hold an extra drill on Monday evening to make final preparations.

rations.

The W. R. C. the Special Aid society and Mrs. John Lawrence have presented to the provisional company a state flag, with pike, belt and case. The formal presentation of both the national and state colors will be made at the ball. The presentation and the ceremonies will commence promptly

at eight.

Present indications point to a large attendance on November 29. The proceeds are to be used altogether for the ourchase of Krag rifles to equip the purchase of Krag rifles to equip the company. The program is to be as follows: 8.00, presentation of colors; 8.15, assembly, forming company line; 8.20, escort of the color; 8.35, evening parade; 8.45, company dismissed; 8.45-9.15, military concert; 9.15-11.00, dancing; 11.00-11.30, supper; 11.30-1.00, dancing.

The members of Troop I. Boy Scouts, held their regular meeting on last Saturday evening. Following the opening exercises the evening was devoted to a review of the tests required for a second-class scout as follows: First aid, which includes general directions for first aid, fractures, faintrections for first aid, fractures.

waldron, who for many years has been its head.

Richard, the youngest son of Milo Harrington, has been sick, pneumonia being feared, but is now better.

Clesson Currier left town on last week Thursday. Miss Lois Wright, knowledge of signalling, and to be able to send and receive a message, how to fell a tree and cut a log, fire-making, cooking two potatoes and a quarter pound of meat, and the sixteen points of the compass, tracking and scout page.

Seven boys took the test on Satur-Seven boys took the test on Saturday, afternoon known as scout pace, which calls for ability to go a mile in twelve minutes, 50 steps walking and 50 steps running. The boy who does it in less than twelve minutes fails as well as the boy who takes more than twelve minutes. After some practice all of the boys passed the test.

Wendell Cook has now completed where the content of th

all of the tests required for a second-

Revolutionary Soldiers.

ted by Prof. Genung of the college, after which a fine banquet was served. This banquet was enjoyed by 100 members, past and present.

Mrs. Nathaniel Anderson, Jr., who has been ill for some time, is considered not so well as she has been.

Mrs. Alice Moors is visiting this week in Quincy.

The current events department of the Woman's club met with Mrs. Mary Hill Lewis on Wednesday afternoon.

There was a regular meeting of the Woman's club met with men in the accounts. There was a regular meeting of the Woman's club met with Mrs. Mary Hill Lewis on Wednesday afternoon with the usual routine of exercises.

At the Baptist church Sunday morn—

The following roster of the Groton

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West Groton.

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West Groton.

Alfred Hill, is reported ill and in a physician's care this week.

Mrs. Melzar Farnsworth of Shirley visited her daughter. Mrs. Melzar Farnsworth of Shirley duplicates, and three pair stockings. Paid by order 3f OS-OD-.

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Urn and Willow Tree. MONUMENTAL TRIBUTE. Samuel Rockwood son of Elisha Rockwood and

Elisha Rockwood and
Elizabeth, his wife,
Was born at Groton Decem. 6,
1754, and died suddenly May 29,
1804; for a course of years he
sustained the office of Deacon
in the Church, and was honored
with many posts of civil trust,
the duties of which
He discharged with great prudence

de discussions and fidelity.

In his character and uncor was conspicuous an uncommor semblage Of the mildest and most useful virtues

At his death Among survivors who knew him There were none but friends All united in depioring his loss.

Rockwood lived in the house which was burned on right side of road between Red Bridge and West Groton, known as Rockwood place.

He was married by Rev. Daniel Chaplain January 19, 1786 to Lucy, daughter of Nathan and Mary Hubbard.

Gardner Rockwood is a descendent

Gardner, Rockwood is a descendent of Samuel Rockwood.

of Samuel Rockwood.

Nathaniel Russell, Groton. List or men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Holden's Co.; Col. Jonathan Reed's (6th Middlesex Co.) regt. as returned to Brig. Gen. Prescot, cott, residence Groton; enlisted for town of Groton; joined Capt. Maxwell's Co.; Col. John Bailey's regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from Jan. 1, 1777 to June 23, 1777; enlistment three years; also Private. 1st Co.; Col. John Bailey's regt., reported, died June 21, 1777; daiso, Capt. Hugh Maxwell's (1st) Co.; also, Capt. Hugh Maxwell's (1st) Co.; was formerly well-known here as Miss Sidney Harrington. Relatives I also, Capt. Hugh Maxwell's (1st) Co.; was formerly well-known here as Miss Sidney Harrington. Relatives I also, Capt. Hugh Maxwell's (1st) Co.; was formerly well-known here as Miss Sidney Harrington. Relatives I Glynn's mother, Mrs. A. L. Harring-Co.

Russell seat order to selectmen of Groton dated May ye 28, 1777; Please to pay my Hon'd Father what was allowed for a blanket for he found me one, etc. April 14, 1777. Nathaniel Russell received from Town 261 also rec'd 18s. for blanket also to pay my Father, Epriam Russell 201 bounty for my engaging in the Continental Service during the war as 1 am this day obliged to March and can not Wait to Receive it my Self and you will oblige your most obedient and Very humble se't.

Dated April ye 4th 1777.

Obediah Jenkins, Groton, private

Obediah Jenkins, Groton, private Capt. Henry Farwell's Co. of minutemen. Col. William Prescott's regt. which marched in the alarm of April 19, 1775. Service six days; also Capt. Henry Farwell's (1st) Co., Col. William Prescott's (10th) regt. Company returned (probably Oct. 1775); also order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Sewall's Joint, Nov. 16, 1775; also, overcoat dated Groton, March 10, 1776, rendered by said Jenkins of articles lost by his son. Nov. 16, 1775; also, overcoat dated Groton, March 10, 1776, rendered by said Jenkins of articles lost by his son. Jonathan Jenkins, who was killed in battle of Charlestown, June 17, 1775; amount allowed in council June 29, 1776; "Jenkine, Obediah, Groton, List of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Holden's Co. 6th Middlesex Co. regt. as returned by Col. Jonathan Reed to Brig. Gen. Prescott; residence Groton, engaged for town of Groton! term, 8 months, expire Jan. 10, 1778; also, Private, Capt. Sylvanus Smith's Co., Col. Timothy Bigelow's regt.; muster roll for Jan:—Aug. 1778. Sworn to in camp at Stillwater; enlisted May 45, 1777 at camp near Gulf; reported on furlough; also same Co. and Regt. Muster roll for Feb. 1778, dated Valley Forge, reported on furlough also same Co. and Regt. Muster roll for Feb. 1778, dated Valley Forge; reported on furlough also same Co. and Regt. Muster roll for Feb. 1778, dated Valley Forge; reported on furlough also same Co. and Regt. Muster roll for Feb. 1778, dated Valley Forge; reported on furlough also same Co. and Regt. Muster roll for Feb. 1778, dated Valley Forge; reported on furlough also same Co. and Regt. Muster roll for Grenville, N. H. Thursday afternoon and were pleasantly entertained at the home of Edgar Campbell; Townsend hill, and Calby, said of Mrs. Clark, of Fall River, has been a guest this week at the home of Edgar Campbell; Townsend hill, and calling on other hill friends. She has also been the week-end guest of Mrs.

rep. 1778, dated Valley Forge; reported as having been neglected in last muster roll through mistake; also reported discharged Jan. 10, 1778.

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Page 118—Out of town stock Obediah Jenkins 10 B. 5F. 34 Pan.
Page 120—To Selectmen of Groton
Dr.—To a Gun delivered by their order for Obediah Jenkins to Carry into

der for Obediah Jenkins to Carry into the Colony army—f1-16-0. April 19th, 1775—This gun was bor-rowed of John Stone and delivered to Obediah Jenkins and carried by said Jenkins' son Jonathan into the Battle

of Bunker Hill The said Jonathan being then killed the said Gun lost, the money was paid by the State of the Massachusetts Bay to the Town of Groton and paid by selectmen to John Stone.

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Rec'd of Obediah Jenkins one pr.
of stockings, Groton, April 14th 1778.

This list made May 4, 1778—Obediah Jenkins 1—stockings paid by order £1-43-00. This seems a large sum paid for 1 pr. stockings there are sev-

winam Fresont's regiment of anniquemen who marched from Groton ye 19th of April, 1775; travel 70 miles; time of service given in Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Levolutionary War as 9 days. Groton during the Revolution as 19 days.

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The following roster of the Groton Artillery company is found in the Massachusetts Register for the year 1788:

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enjoying a week's sport in hunting.
The Ladies' Aid society passed a very enjoyable afternoon on Thursday, through the kind hospitality of Mrs. Carl Strand. Fourteen members and the pastor were present. Guests of the afternoon were Mrs. Humphrey. Miss Katherine Spaulding, Miss Nickerson and Dorothy Bixby. Though rain poured without all was follity within. Refreshments, appetizing and daintily served, preceded the formal closing and adjournment of the meeting.

Improvement Society.

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The hall was will filled on Tuesday evening at the receiver har meeting of the Improvement society. F. L. Blood as chairman of the bird committee presented the following program: Piano solo, Miss Ruth Bixby: vocal solo, Miss Susie Hill, who responded to an encore; readings by Mrs. Carl Strand: a bird talk by S. W. Sturgis of Groton and vocal solos by Dr. A. G. Kilbourn. Mr. Sturgis gave a brief but very interesting sketch of Audubon's life, emphasizing as the dominant traits of the great naturalist's character his enthusiasm, his wonderful perserverance and painstaking attention to detail and most pronounced of all his indomitable pluck and steadiness of purpose, which overcoming many obstacles and discouragements brought him the world's recognition as its foremost ornithologist.

Mr. Sturgis exhibited a large number of bird plates, reproductions in

Mr. Sturgis exhibited a large number of bird plates, reproductions in color of the original Audubon paintings. These are very rare and extremely valuable. They were made doubly interesting by the speaker's comments and explanations.

A surprise party is generally an interesting event and one that occurred in Ayer on Wednesday evening was particularly so to a number from this village, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Glynn. Mrs. Glynn was formerly well-known here as Miss Sidney Harrington. Relatives from West Groton attending were Mrs. Glynn's mother, Mrs. A. L. Harring-like the many in the Golden.

Mrs. George Holden.

At the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening the election of officers for 1917 was held with the following result: A. G. Dunn, mr.; H. C. Harris, o.; E. E. Wilkins, s.; William Freeman, a.s.; Mrs. Mabel E. Graves, chap.; Miss Carrie G. Bradford, treas.; mine.

ton, of Brighton, was present with Mrs. Harrington and their eldest son, Richard.

The Immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Glynn consists of three daughters, and the others, with their husbands and children, completed the family gram was in charge of Mrs. Minnie L. Allen. The hostess, Mrs. Hazen, served refreshments at the close of the meeting, which adjourned for four weeks, the winter schedule of month-light and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. John Guthrie and little son, all of Ayer, other guests were Mrs. Anna. Colby, sister of Mr. Glynn, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Whitcomb and Miss Beatrice Harrington of Ayer. Four generations were represented. There were beautiful gifts of silver, cut glass, linen and cut flowers; also, silver coins. References and contest money must be in the hands of the contest money must be in the hands of the correspondence.

HARVARD

News Items.

Mrs. Clark, of Fall River, has been a guest this week at the home of Edgar Campbell. Townsend hill, and calling on other hill friends. She has also been the west-and guest of Mrs. also been the week-end guest of Mrs Warren Truell at the Center. Monday evening will be potato night at the Grange. The winner of the po-tato planting contest from potatoes given out last spring will talk on "How

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in Massachusetts solution.
In Revolution:
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page 761, Obediah Jenkins, private—
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Brown's Company in the colony service Col. Josiah Whitney's Regiment.
Page 77—Obediah Genkins (Jenkins)—Groton, miles 70—1m.—three
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Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Charlton will him to spend Thanksgiving with their son. Hev. Allen S. Charlton, in Newport, R. I. Mr. Charlton will deliver a lecture at the naval training school on Thanksgiving evening. On Monday evening, December 4, he will address the United Brotherhoods of Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Goodwin have closed their home here and will spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Morgan in Leominster.

It is expected that the painting and It is expected that the painting and papering of Odd Fellows' hall by Cooper and Brown, the general renovating and laying of a linoleum carpet will be completed in readiness for the Odd Fellows' neighborhood meeting next Tuesday evening when the North Star lodge will entertain the members from the Groton lodge, Bearton lodge of Pennerell and Fredoming. con lodge of Pepperell and Fredonian lodge of Shirley. This is the second of these gatherings held for promot-

and financial assistance of the people of Townsend, the proceeds to be used to pay running expenses of the band.

SHIRLEY

ing on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. ida Hazen, Harvard road.

The following have installed tele-phones in their homes: Ralph S. Wheeler, 14-4; Mrs. Lucy J. Merri-man, 19-3; Frank Lawton, 35-4; Percy Mackaye, 35-3; Mrs. F. Mac-kaye, 35-2; Mrs. Mabel Wright, 12-3; Brookside boarding house, pay station, 3641

The Village Camp-fire Girls will hold a sale of home-made candy in the grammar school building on Mon-day afternoon at 3,30 o'clock.

The Shirley Hospital Board held a meeting Thursday evening in the Engine hall. How to raise funds was the topic discussed, when it was voted to secure the services of ex-Gov. David I. Walsh, of Fitchburg, to give an address in Odd Fellows' hall on the sub-I. Walsh, of Fitchburg, to give an ad-dress in Odd Fellows' hall on the sub-ject. "The Philippines and the yellow peril," in the near future. Mr. Walsh has promised in a communication to the chairman, Dr. Charles J. Peirce, to reserve a date for the above ad-

Altrurian Meeting.

Miss Mary E. Dickinson of Boston of the Public Health committee for the Federation entertained the memof the Public Health Committee for the Federation entertained the members of the Altrurian club by giving a very interesting talk on "Public health." Thursday afternoon at the vestry of the Universalist church. Miss Dickinson spoke very earnestly on the Massachusetts Girls' Health League and on the care of young bables. Many questions were asked and discussed with much interest. A rising vote of thanks was given here. Notice was given of the Federation annual conference of Arts committee to be held in Boston December 7. Invitations were sent from the Groton Woman's club for the president and two members to attend their neighborhood meeting to be held Friday afternoon. Mrs. Laura Richards will be noon. Mrs. Laura Richards will be e speaker. Meeting adjourned for

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Derby and small daughter of North Leominster rpent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Holden.

News Items.

Friends of Joseph Savage, one of our town boys now residing in Lakeville, will be interested to know that he has bought himself a 200-acre farm in Randolph, Vt., and will take possession at once. His father, William H. Savage, will go with him, as will also the two boys, Richard and Alden. The second son, Orrin Savage, has a fine position in Boston and will remain with his business there.

Mrs. H. C. Merrill, with the boys. Friends of Joseph Savage, one of

Mrs. H. C. Merrill, with the boys, are visiting her parents in Springfield for a few days. Mr. Merrill will join them next week.

The marriage of Benjamin S. Keyes o Miss Mildred E. Tooker will be demnized on Saturday of this week solennized on Saturday of this week, the event taking place at the home of the bride on Oak hill. Mr. and Mrs. Keyes will make their home on the Tooker farm, Mr. Keyes having leased it for two years. The boys, George of the translation of the boys of the boys of the two years. it for two years. The boys, George and Harold Tooker, are going to work in a Boston garage.

Mrs. S. Augusta Hosmer returned last week from her visit with her daughter in LaGrange, Ill. Her visit was shortened by the illness of her six ter, Mrs. Emma Sawyer.

The community was shocked on Wednesday to learn of the sudden death of Rev. John Boyle, the parish priest of the catholic people here. His kindly ministrations and friendly solicitude to his people have endeared him to all who came in contact with him. He was a strong advocate of temperance and a worker always for the good of the communities in which he was interested. He was a resident of Lancaster and had charge of the Lancaster and Harvard parishes, conducting services here on Sunday mornings at nine o'clock. Funeral services The community was ducting services here on Sunday mornings at nine o'clock. Funeral services were held this week Friday and many

from here attended the last service Miss Catherine Hazard visited this week with her brother Walter in Box ton, and during her stay there had the pleasure of hearing Billy Sunday and also attended a recital given by Ro-land Hayes, the colored tenor, in Jordan hall.

The Nashaway Camp-fire Girls wil have charge of the refreshments at the firemen's ball on Thanksgiving night. Music by the Salem Cadet orchestra, six pieces.

Thanksgiving Sunday will, be ob served with an appropriate sermon by served with an appropriate Service with a service with an appropriate service with an appropriate service with a service with s to be taken, and containers for and provisions will be distributed those who have not already receive those who have not arready received them. At the C. E. prayer meeting. "The grace of gratitude" will be the subject, with Miss Dyar as leader.

Still River.

Mr. Hutcherson took a party to Bos-on to hear Billy Sunday, Wednesday, in his auto.

Mrs. W. A. Beadle returned home on Wednesday from her visit with her father in Hardwick, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. George Eaves, of Henniker, N. H., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hutcherson the first of the

Mrs. George Stone, of Hudson, was this week.

F. W. Bateman and sister were visi-tors in Boston on Tuesday. John Bigelow quite seriously injur-ed his knee by stepping into the feed hole in his barn scaffold recently, but

The Baptist society netted about seventy-five dollars from the Federated fair held at the town hall in Harvard last week. is now making good recovery.

A large number from here attended the Warner lecture in the town hall on Wednesday evening to hear L. B. Wickersham give his lecture, "Chick-ens come home to roost," and were well repaid, for Mr. Wickersham is a very pleasing lecturer and brings home important lessons in a manner that cannot fail to make a good im-pression.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Zinc production of the United States luring 1915 amounted to 560,000 tons. European bacteriologists think they have discovered the bacillus of whoop

ing cough. Elephants have only eight teeth two above and two below on each side, big yellow molars as wide as a man's hand.

The war has increased the majority of women and girls in the British Isles at least to 2,100,000, and the end is

not yet.

On the farms of Denmark in 1915
the average wage paid to men was
\$121 a year and \$72 to women.

Among the Chinese a particular
species of dog is said to be reared for
the table. It is a small dog of a greyhound shape with a muzzle much more
clongated than in terriers. The flesh
of black dogs is preferred to that of
animals of any other color on account
of the greater amount of nutriment the
black dogs are supposed to possess.

Sentember of this year will mark

black dogs are supposed to possess.

September of this year will mark the 250th anniversary of the great fire of London. It began September 2, 1666, in a baker's shop in Pudding lane and destroyed, in the space of four days, 88 churches, the city gates, the Royal Exchange, Guildhall and many other public buildings, besides 13,2000 dwelling houses.

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Kate-Out visiting papa's gold

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Groton, Mass., Nov. 11, 1916.

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"'Tis to the Pen and Press we mortals owe.
All we believe and almost all we know."

Saturllay, November 25, 1916.

AYER

Preaching in the Liaptist church on Funday morning by the pastor at 10.45. Sanday school at twelve. At seven in the evening there will be a union Franksgiving service, when all the pastors will take part, Rev. Frank B. Candall preaching the sermon.

Over 5000 Thanksgiving postcards at 10 cents a dozen will be found at the store of George S. Poullus & Co. A. A. Jenkins, of Milford, a former esident of Ayer, was in town on Mon-ay. Mr. Jenkins has been a deputy

shellf for many years.
The stone bridge over which the Pitchburg division tracks are laid, near Sculley's crossing, has been widened on either side to permit the laying of two spur tracks on the north and scuth sides of the present tracks. The Sculley's crossing.

on either side to permit the two spur tracks on the north american seath sides of the present tracks. The extensions are of coment with bank walls on each side of the brook. The track on the north side of the bridge is nearly completed and has been used for storing freight cars to relieve the congestion in the railroad yards. Both tracks will run to a point a short distandard. The gift was given in memory of his sister, Mrs. Lillian Ober, where the Nashua river. It is expected that the name of Middlesex chapter, west Medford. It was a great surprise to the members present and in the name of the chapter by Mrs. Lillian Ober, which is tracks in being used to set off in the name of the chapter by Mrs. Lillian Ober, where the Mashua river. It is expected that the name of the chapter by Mrs. Lillian Ober, which is tracks in being used to set off in the name of the chapter by Mrs. Lillian Ober, which is tracks in being used to set off in the name of the chapter by Mrs. Lillian Ober, which is the members present and in the name of the chapter by the composition of the chapter of the ch them in the yards.

The funeral of John Skerritt wa The funeral of John Skerritt was held on Sunday afternoon with services at St. Mary's church at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. Thomas P. McGinn. Division 7, A. O. H.; of which the deceased was for many years a member, attended the funeral in a body. The bearers were James Curran, Michael J. Pender, William J. Mullin, James P., Donahue, Thomas McCarthy and Thomas Donahue. The burial took place in St. Mary's cemetry, where Rev. T. P. McGinn performed the committal services.

The funeral of Charles H. Kennison took place on last week Friday afternoon at two o'clock from the home of his brother, John L. Kennison. Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist cauren, a personal friend of the deceased, performed the services. The bearers were, Harrison E. Evans, Harry R. Draper, Harry H. Lynch and George C. Peterson, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow and Mrs. Daisy G. Beckford sang "Abide with me" and "In the sweet bye and bye." Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

At the twenty-eighth annual con-ert and ball of the Hartwell hose, company on Thanksgiving might, for le's celebrated orchestra of Boston cill give the following program at the oncert in the town hall:

March—The Co-ed | Nerture—Concert | Entre Acte—Humoreske | Lvorak | Shades of Night | Friedland | Musical Comedy—So Long | Letty | Carroll |

Finale-Popular Airs 1916 The annual meeting of the Benevolent society of the Federated harch was held on Friday afternoon

ing the past season in Harvard On Thanksgiving morning there will a service of holy communion at St.

Andrew's church at 9.30. Miss Chapman received \$95, and the Society for American Preparedness, with the addition of the candy fund, received the sum of \$105.78, official figures, from "The Cameron pride," staged by the society in the town hall last week.

Born on November 18, a daughter t. Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Going, of Nashua. N. H. Mrs. Going was formerly Miss Bessie James, of this town.

The C. E. will hold an entertainment and sociable at 7.30 this Friday evening in the Federated church ves-

to which everyone is invited. These officers of Ayer Grange we These officers of Ayer Grange were elected at the regular meeting on Wednesday evening for the ensuing year: mesday evening for the ensuing year:
Miss Kathlyn Ward, m.; Warren A.
Winslow, o.; Mrs. Jennie Leahy, lec.:
Mrs. Margaret Rand, sec.; Mrs. A. M.
Winslow, treas.; James Boutwell,
stew.; John B. Washburn, asst. stew.;
Wesley Little, g. k.; Hiram Clark,
chap.; Mrs. J. M. Boutwell, Ceres; Mrs.
G. K. Brooks, Flora; Mrs. Emma

G. K. Brooks, Flora; Mrs. Emma Wood, Pomona; Miss Alice Leahy, I. a. s.; Berton Williams, ex. com., 3 yrs. A hox lunch and social hour took place after the meeting.

after the meeting.

The infant daughter of Mr, and Mrs.
Holden C. Harlow, who died on Monday, was interred on Tuesday at Woodlawn cemetery. Rev. Vaughn Dabney, of Durham, N. H., a former pastor of the Congregational church here, performed the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miner have re-turned to their home in Harvard after a visit with her mother, Mrs. James H.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Royal Cheney have returned from their wedding journey and are now living at Fitchburg. Mrs. Chency is best known by her maiden name, Miss Mona Taft Kittredge, formerly of Ayer.

Mrs. John Ross has been visiting er daughter, Mrs. John Deans, Jr., in

Robert Ross, son of Mrs. Christine H. Ross, is at the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, for treatment for his leg, which has troubled him for several months.

several months.

A fire which broke out in the kitchen of the tenement occupied by Harry Farnsworth, in the Pholps house on Shirley street, caused much excitement in the neighborhood on Wednesday evening. An alarm from box 25 brought the fire department quickly to the edene. In the meantime the fire was kept under control by the assistance of neighbors. A fire extin-

guisher removed all danger of the fire where it looked bad for a time. The

lamage was slight. damage was slight.

Mr. Strong will take as the subject of his sermion at the Federated church Sunday morning at 10.45, "The new responsibility." There will be special music. Sunday school will meet at noon. Meeting of the C. E. society at six in the evening. In the evening, at seven o'clock, a union Thanksgiving meeting will be held at the Baptist church.

The next meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held in the vestry of the Baptist church on Friday afternoon, December 1, at 2.30 o'clock. Through the State W. C. T. U., the Ayer union has received an invitation to hear Billy Sunday on the afternoon of December 5. Further information will be given at the meeting on become be given at the meeting on Decem-

Joseph E. Langevin, proprietor of he Taylor House, is seriously sick at his brother's home in Pierrepoint Manor, N. Y., where he went on a vacation a few weeks ago. Mrs. Lange vin has been in charge of the hote during her husband's absence.

"Clover farm." a farce-comedy in firee acts, will be presented by Ayer Grange on Monday evening. Novem-er 27. The play promises to be one of the best presented here this sea-son, and it is said, surpasses all formr attempts of this organization in this The play will be staged in Page

There will be a meeting of the ex ccutive board of the Woman's club, at the home of the president, Mrs. Dickerman, on Friday evening. December 1, at 7.30 o'clock.

At the Movies. "The quitter of supreme agenting the

Words, after which the members said a was held in the Banquet hall, many enjoying a game of whist, followed by a lunch served by Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Sawyer and commit-

Mr. and Mrs. Chauvin announce the marriage of their daughter Ida May, to Philip John Mischler, of New York, on Wednesday, November 1, in Chel sea, who is spending a few days with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Mischler will be at home after December 1, at 1025 Avenue A. East, New York city. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Goddard on Monday after-noon—Edwin Arthur.

Among those getting deer during Among those getting deer during the week are David Rynn, Harry Waternian and Howard Downing. The animals were killed on and near the Harvard line on what is known as the "plains." The open season closes the "plains." The oper

A horse and carriage belonging to A horse and catalogs.

E. A. Whitney, in charge of Ernest Flagg, got into a slight mix-up on Main street Monday. While the driver was in George H. Brown's store making a purchase the horse took a notion that he wanted to go back to the stable and did so, leaving the carriage on the street. The whiffle-tree was broken, which was the only damage done.

Henry A. Goodrich, one of Fitch-

burg's prominent citizens, and a formburgs prominent citizens, and a former business man of Ayer, celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday Wednesday. Mr. Goodrich conducted a clothing store in Spaulding's block, which is now owned by George B. Turner, Main treet, in this town.

Charles T. Perry died at the Gro-ton hospital on Thursday night from the effects of a shock which he sus-November 17, and the following officers were elected: Miss Blanche L. Livingston, press; Mrs. Edith D. Johnson, St.C.; Mrs. Emma J. Osgood, treas; Mrs. Lillian A. Harlow, chairman be ard of directors; Miss Bernice Stoples, Mrs. Edith B. Hassam, Mrs. Christina Traquair, Mrs. Jennie Leahy, Miss Blanche L. Livingston, program com; Nina B. Lovejoy, press correspondent.

Charles T. Perry died at the Gro-lon hospital on Thursday night from the active of a shock which he sussimed three weeks ago. He was sixty-lone years of age and had been a resident of directors; Miss Bernice by trade. But little is known of him or his family, aside from the fact that to be living in Boston. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from the undertaking pondent.

Miss Mabel Puffer has opened her house here for the winter, after spending the past season in Harrory.

Will be need on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from the undertaking room of Hugh M. Foster on East Main street. The interment will take place in Woodlawn cometers.

week and is now doing business at his harness shop on Central avenue.

Rubert M. Green, who has been employed for the past few years at the local office of the National Express Company, goes to Boston on December 1, where he has accepted a posiion with the same company.

tion with the same company.

The body of Carl Antino, of Harvard, was brought here Wednesday for interment. Services were held in St. Mary's church and interment was in St. Mary's cemetery. Antino's death occurred at the Burbank hospital in Fitchburg, where for forty-three days he was confined with his neck broken. His case was a puzzle to the physicians who marvelled at the man's vitality. The injury was caused by a fall from an apple tree in Harvard while Antino was picking apples.

Ralph Eaton, of Freeport, Ill., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gorham K.

Stephen Slau and his wife, Sadie Stephen Slau and his wife, saute Slau, appeared at the criminal session of the superior court in Cambridge on Thursday to answer to seven com-plaints of assault and battery on Hyman Fish, a former tailor of Ayer, now doing business in Maynard. The now doing business in Maynard. The three complaints against Mrs. Slau were quashed, and Stephen Slau, fol-lowing pleas of not guilty on four counts, was set at liberty by contribut-ing ten dollars to the court for the ex-penses of the case. Chief Beatty represented the government. Mr. and Mrs. Slau were found guilty in the local court several weeks ago and were fined, the total amount being forty dollars. They appealed.

Mrs. B. T. Larrabee, who is convalescing from an operation for gall stones at the Clinton hospital, is geting along well.

The following letters remained un-called for at the postoffice for the week ending November 20: Miss Gertrude Lockwood, W. S. Jewett, Ralph P. Hotis, Saville & Sommes.

Silver Wedding.

Wednesday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward. A. Glynn on East Main street was the scene of a very pleasant gathering arranged as a surprise to Mrs. Glynn. Edward A. Glynn and Sydney A. Harrington were married in West Groton twenty-five

and near came to spend the evening and congratulate them on their silver wedding anniversary. There were choice gifts of silverware, silver coins, cut glass, linen and a bouquet of carnation pinks presented to the happy couple. The time was happily spent. Several musical selections were given by rome of the young ladies present and ice cream and cake were served during the evening.

Guests present were Mrs. Augusta J. Harrington of West Groton, Mrs. Edward Colby of Whitinsville, Mr. and Mrs. Aden L. Fuller, Irving and Ronald Fuller of Bellows Falls, Yt., Mr. and Mrs. William Williamson, Albert L. Trefethen of East Walpole, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. A. Frank Cottrell, Jr., Francis L. Trefethen, Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Harrington, Evadne W. Harrington, Homer Harrington, all of West Groton, Mr. and Mrs. Blridge Kidder, Glen and Rodney Kidder, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Whitcomb. Beatrice M. Harrington, all of this town. Four generations of the family were pres-Mrs. John C. Guthrie, John Mr. and de, Jr., Marguerite Glynn, Mr. and Mrs, Lester Whitcomb, Beatrice M. Mrs. Lester Whitcomb. Beatrice M. Harrington, all of this down. Four generations of the family were present, Mrs. Augusta Harrington, greatgrandmother, Mrs. Glynn, grandmother. Mrs. Kidder, Glen and Rodney

Kidder. As these silver wedding guests departed they all expressed the wish that they might meet again to cele-brate the golden wedding in the days

At the Movies.

"The quitter," a Metro wonderplay of supreme appeal in five acts, presenting the gifted dramatic star. Lionel Barrymore, and the magnetic young actress. Marguerite Skirvin, is the feature picture for this Saturday evening's motion picture show. Mr. Barrymore's wonderful versatility finds its fullest expression in this feature picture. On next Wednesday evening picture. On next Wednesday evening picture. On next Wednesday evening comes the incomparable Emlly Stevens, supported by that splendid actor, Frank Mills, in "The wheel of the law," a play that shows the damage the comparable evidence can do. "The shielding shadow?' the eighth episode shielding shadow," the eighth episode of the great serial of that name, will also be shown. There will be special shows Thanksgiving day, afternoon and evening, entitled "Forbidden fruit," in five parts; also other attractions, giving a full two-hours', show. Because of the length of the program, effective will hear a three shows the same of the length of the program. sternoon show will begin at three 'clock,'and the evening show at eight.

A two-seated Ford automobile, op-erated by Rodney B. Swift, of Leom-inster, accompanied by a girl com-panion, crashed into the rear of a panion, crashed into the team driven by Anthony Groton on the state road last Satur day evening at five o'clock, a short distance north of the New Method Laundry building on Park street, breaking a wheel of the wagon. Con-tinuing, the machine ran across the road, smashing the highway fence, and road, smashing the highway fence, and finally was brought to a stop when the automobile struck a telephone pole, splitting it in the center to a point four feet above the ground. In splic of the harm done by the automobile, it was but little damaged. The people who figured in the accident escaped injury.

five feet of it. In endeavoring to avoid a collision he turned his mathine to the left with the result as above stated. Swift admitted that the amps on his automobile were out of forder and were not lighted. He said he intended to have them just in order order and were not lighted. He said he intended to have them put in order when he arrived in Ayer. The wagon when he arrived in Ayer. The wagen was put out of commission and was taken to Cleary's blacksmith shop for repairs. Swift regretted the accident very much, and has offered to pay all

damages.

Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V. observed veterans night Thursday (vesing. In spite of the very storm) weather there was a fine time. The invited guests were the members of George S. Boutwell post. G. A. R. A collation was served.

L. K. Barker, who has spent several ents.

last ents.
It his The bride was beautifully gowned in The bride was beautifully gowned in a dress of white Dutchess satin, covered with silver point lace, and carried a bridal bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid wore a handsome gown of blue Georgette crepe, trimmed with pink, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Frank Birringer, of Detroit, second as bost page. roses. Frank Birr served as best man.

served as best man.

The different rooms were bedecked with varieties of roses and chrysanthemums, and a large wedding bell, supported by white streamers, hung over the center of the breakfast table. and with the bridal party and guests and with the bright party and guests at table a flashlight photograph was taken of the dining-room. Toasts and recitations were offered by all present and a heautiful poem composed and rendered by the guest of honor, J. L. McElrain, of Coshocton, Ohio, is deem-McElrain, of Coshocton, Ohio, is deemed well worthy of more than mere consideration. The poem was dedicated
to the friendship of the Canning family to Mr. McElrain while he was in
Ayer and entitled "The little grey
home in the east." Master Joseph
Daly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael
Daly, of Toledo, was the honored mas-

Daly, of Toledo, was the honored mas-cot of the event.

During the afternoon songs and musical selections were well given by the bride, bridesmaid and Miss Doro-thy Meyers, planists; Paul M. Chap-man and Frank Birringer, singers, and

man and Frank Birringer, singers, and Richard Lynch, of Brooklyn, N. Y., mandolinist, Only immediate members of family and friends were present and everyone will look back to a grand, joyful day.

Other guests not previously mentioned were Miss Loretta MacDonald, sister of Mrs. Canning; Mrs. Mercing, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Chapman and son Roy, Mrs. Oliver Meyers and Miss Mollie Healey, all of Toledo, and Thomas Gray, of Coshocton, Ohio.

It was evening before the couple

was evening before the couple It was evening before the couple managed to slip away for their wed-ding trip to Detroit, Mich., and Wind-sor, Canada. Guests saw to it that the couple missed a few trains and other tricks and devices were resorted to as a reminder of their wedding day. They will be at home after January 10 at 460 Jefferson avenue, Detroit

Address on Income Tax.

years ago, so their relatives from far Trade and invited guests Tuesday evespreading. The fire caught in the ceil- and near came to spend the evening ning on the new income tax law, which income tax law income tax law, which income tax law income tax law, which income tax law income tax law income tax law, which income tax law income

It differs from the federal income tax in that it taxes only income from certain sources and not from all sources, and it has only flat rates instead of progressive rates which in-crease with the size of the taxed in-It differs also in the details of tis deductions and its administration but in adopting the calendar year as the taxable period and in the forms of returns required and in all other ways, it follows the federal system so but in adopting the calendar year as the taxable period and in the forms of returns required and in all other ways, it follows the federal system so far as is possible so as to cause the minimum of additional inconvenience life that his companion had his cash.

to the taxpayer.

The new law was designed to correct certain evils which have developed in the present system. The rate of taxation is uniform throughout the state, thereby removing the chief incoherence, as far as evasion of taxes is coherence, for the wealthy people to colonize in a few towns with low tax rates. The new law is to be administered by the state in a centralized manner insuring uniformity of assessment and collection, and removing the pos sibility of understandings between lo simily of understandings between lo-cal assessors and wealthy residents which have usually resulted in gross undervaluations and inequality of jus-tice. The new rates compare favor-ably with those of surrounding states and should check the alarming enigration of capital from the state. new law substitutes just and reasonnew law substitutes just and reasonable taxation in place of previous confiscation. It puts a premium on honesty instead of deceit. It provides for compulsory returns and backs up that provision by severe penalties and by obtaining information at the source. of obtaining information at the source, it abandons April first as the sole test of taxable citizenship and taxability. Instead, the tax is measured by the income received during the entire calendar year next preceding, and makes taxable every person who is an in-habitant of Massachusetts at any time during the first half of the year.

Most general interest is attached to the tax of one and one-half percent on the excess above two thousand dollars of the net income derived from professions, employments, trade and business. The law provides in detail the method by which such net income half he computed and requires. shall be computed and requires a re-turn to be made by each person, whose gross income exceeds two thousand dollars even though by exemptions and leductions the net may be reduced be-ow the taxable limit. For those with dependents the exemption may be as

thigh as three thousand dollars.

The same rate of tax is applied to income from annuities.

A tax of three percent is imposed on the profits from the sale of securities with directions for determining

the amount of the profit. A tax rate of six percent is levied of A tax rate of six percent is levied of the income from bonds, shares in cor-porations and partnerships, money at interest and other debts due the tax payer with exceptions which may be stated broadly by saying that no such income is taxable from sources which heretofore have from sources which hereforore have been non-taxable, except in the case of partnerships having transfer-able shares. Under some conditions, a small exemption may be obtained as to income from annuities and as to in-

The following has been received concerning the wedding of Miss Eva Canning, formerly of this town, who was brought up in this town and attended the public schools here.

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Chief inverse sentences in the years. come from annuities and as to income taxed at the six percent rate.
Partnerships, minors, estates of decoased persons and in general all persons or organizations receiving taxable
income are taxable, and all are entitled
Union Fair Plans Completed.

Chief interest centers in the requireent that returns must be made with-

ment that returns must be made within the first two months of the year,
namely, on or before March first. In
case of persons becoming inhabitants
after March first, or by reason of absence, etc., being unable to make the
return, other provisions apply.

Returns may be made at the State
House or to the Income Tax Assessor
or deputies in the district where the
inhabant lives. The division into districts, the names and office addresses
of the assessors and deputies will be
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announced later. Blanks for the returns will be available later on application to the tax commissioner or any
of his deputies.

Returns as to real estate and tangible personal property should be made
to the assessors of each city or town
the sections and if a transport fails as heretofore, and if a taxpayer fails as heretofore, and it a taxpayer tails to make such return he will be obliged, in addition to his state tax, to pay locally not less than he paid last year.

Tax bills will be sent out and the tax payable October 15, 1917. The proceeds will be distributed back to the various cities and towns and the later of the proceed to guidentied to the various cities and towns and the later of the proceed to guidentied to guidenties of the process.

er are guaranteed to suffer no loss o The new tax is expected to reach nearly five billions of property which has heretofore escaped taxation, to produce more revenue, and to be administered at a cost of less than one percent of the revenue produced.

District Court.

The continued case of James Hunt, of Pepperell, who is charged with assault with intent to commit murder on his wife, was heard last Saturday morning. John M. Maloney, associate

morning. John M. Maloney, associate justice, presided.

Henry B. Woods, of Popperell, an eye-witness of the assault, was called to testify for the government. He said that he saw Hunt on the morning of the assault before the latter made of the assaut before the lawer made the attack on his (Hunt's) wife, who is known as Mary Ann Hunt, other-wise called Mary Ann Woods. Witness spoke to Hunt, who went to the house nearby, where he met the woman on the steps. After some talk between Hunt and the woman, Hunt struck her twice on the back of the head with a hammer such as is used by brick na-sons. The witness, took a pitchfork and rushed to the scene of the trouble and rushed to the scene of the trouber to prevent any further blows being struck. He then called up the police on the telephone. Chief Smith and Officer A. A. Lawrence came to the scene of the assault and arrested Hunt after a hard struggle.

Dr. F. W. Loveloy, of Pepperell, who attacked the injured woman said.

Joseph E. Perry, the attorney for the State Tax Commission, spoke before the members of the Board of the head which the had evidently entertainment on Friday evening. The

received while her back was turned. wound has healed, the other has The doctor said he could not as yet positively state whether or not the

yet positively state whether or not the injuries would prove fatal.

The court found probable cause and ordered Hunt to be held for trial at the next session of the superior criminal court, which begins the first Monday of January at Cambridge. The original bail of \$1000 was set pending the trial before the higher court. Hunt was unable to furnish bail and was committed to the East Cambridge jail to await trial. Lyman K. Clark, of Ayer, appeared as counsel for the defendant.

The case of Thomas Dowling, who was charged with larceny, which was continued from Monday morning in order that he might have time to prepare a defence, was called Wednesday norning. The complainant, Timothy 'rowley, of Groton, who with Dow. ling occupied the same room at the Globe hotel, had the latter arrested on a charge of separating him from five dollars while Crowley was asleep.

Crowley told Judge Atwood that he

was employed by the Boston and Maine railroad, having charge of the lights on the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division from Groton to in his pocketbook, the person responsible for the disappearance of the money considerately pockethook and 15 cents. Before re-tiring Crowley asked Dowling to call him when the latter grose in the

In answer to Atty. John D. Carne who appeared for the defendant, the complainant admitted that the room which the pair occupied was unlocked all night, which would give anyone an opportunity of committing the theft. Judge Atwood said that he could not find the defendant guilty flimsy evidence and ordered his dis

The next case called was an unusually interesting one. The defendant, J. H. Heilman, was haled into court by Chief Riley of Shirley on a court by Chief Riley of Shirley on a charge of vagrancy in that town Tues-day. Hellman, who had lost one leg-below the knee, was reported to the chief as soliciting funds from people in Shirley, the money to be used in buying an artificial limb. Hellman had with him a large bag containing medicine which he offered to furnish those from whom he asked aid, with the understanding that they might pay or not as they saw fit. He had in the understanding that they might pay or not as they saw fit. He had in his possession when arrested a sub-scription paper containing sixty names from places other than Shirley, each of the persons whose names appeared on the paper having paid one dollar each. All the amounts were marked

vard university for awhile, taking courses in organic and morganic courses in organic and morganic chemistry. He said he was born in Maine and was of German descent and could speak several languages. To demonstrate his ability as a linguist he reciled off quite a little German and Greek for the benefit of the court.

He said that he had lost his leg

through a tubercular trouble on that member. Later, his lungs became affected by tubérculosis, from which he entirely recovered. After these misfortunes he set about to find a cure for this disease and he claims to have for this disease and he claims to have succeeded in doing so. He showed an instrument which he claims was invented by him which is used as an atomizer, the difference between his invention and the ordinary atomizer, being that the remedy is forced into the system by a small hand pump, instead of by the usual method. Heliman would tell but little of his life except that already stated.

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He told Chief Riley, according to the latter's testimony, that he had a wife and three children living in Concord. Inquiries of Chief Craig of that town showed the story was untruc Heilman's dress and manner indicated refinement

He said he had but 10 cents left and He said he had but 10 cents left and owed \$175. In spite of his financial straits and misfortune he said that he had reason to be thankful and had no doubt of his ability to "get along." The court ordered his discharge.

Plans have now been perfected for the union church fair to be held on December 6, 7 and 8 at the town hall. The fair last year was so great a moral and financial success that efforts are being made to break last year's record. The elaborate preparations give the promise that this year's Church Notes.

fair will eclipse the last.

The following officers are in charge of the fair: Mrs. Herbert G. Whitney, pres.; Mrs. Austin Peters. v. p.; Mrs. William Leahy, sec.; Mrs. Albert C. Perkins and George H. Hill. reasurers.

The sales will be held both after-

noon and evening except on the last day when the big entertainment is held. There will be seven tables, in charge of the following persons: Food table—Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, chairman. Mrs. Charles Briggs, Mrs. George Cole, Mrs. Ellis Harlow, Mrs. Harvey Huntington, Mrs. F. C. Johnson, Mrs. F. W. Lowell, Mrs. S. H.

roctor.

Fancy work table—Mrs. James Bout-eil, chairman; Mrs. Herbert L. Farns-corth, Mrs. Harry E. Fisher, Mrs. Wil-siton M. Ford, Mrs. Alta Hollis, Mrs. L. A. Pollard, Mrs. George Sanderson,

liston M. Ford, Mrs. Alta Hollis. Mrs. H. A. Potlard, Mrs. George Sanderson. Mrs. J. W. Thomas.
Apron table—Mrs. Otis Kittredge. chairman, Mrs. Jennie Chaffin, Mrs. W. H. Dudley, Mrs. Elmer E. Duncklee, Mrs. E. P. Hutchins. Mrs. Louis La-Pointe, Mrs. William Sargent, Mrs. Henry Waterman.
Candy table—Mrs. Frank Bennett, chairman, Mrs. Fred Allison, Mrs. W. J. Carkin, Miss Blanche Livingston, Mrs. Byron Murphy, Mrs. Robert F. Murphy, Mrs. Robert F. Murphy, Mrs. Philip Potter, Mrs. Herbert H. Proctor.
Mystery table—Miss Ruth Peters, chairman, Misses Eva Chandler, Marion Farnsworth, Lucile Hollis, Amy Nixon, Lucy Smith.
Popcorn table—Dudley Whitney, chairman, Willard Carman, Roger Johnson, Fred Huntington.
Flower table—Mrs. Austin Peters, chairman, Misses Bertha Cole, Doris Fletcher, Mrs. E. B. James, Misses Ruth Strong, Clara Thomas, Mrs. Warren Winslow, Miss Lillian Wright.
Refreshments will be served in a

Refreshments will be served in a tea-room in charge of Mrs. Lucius C. Fairchild, chairman, Miss Ellinor Clark, Mrs. James McDonald, Mrs. Horbert Pillman, Mrs. Warren Preble, Mrs. William Boynolds Mrs. Fairand

Mrs. William Reynolds, Mrs. Edward Sawyer, Mrs. Berton Williams and Miss Madolin Whitney.

The decorations as planned will be even more beautiful than those of last year. The national colors will be used throughout. The following committee in the process. Mrs. Gerham Brooks. is in charge: Mrs. Gorham Brooks, chairman, Mrs. Arthur Downing, Mrs. George O. Fillebrown, Miss Mary Johnron, Miss Dorothy Peters, Mrs. F. Vern Pillman, Warren Preble, Mrs. F. E. Sanders, Mrs. W. W. Sprague, Herbart Pillman

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following committee is in charge Mrs. W. Edward Murphy, chairman, Eli W. Carley, Ernest Gleason, Mrs. Alta Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Normand, Miss Clara Thomas, W. E. Murphy.

The entertainment committee ha been courageous enough to undertake been courageous enough to undertake the engagement of a high-priced com-pany. The program will be given by the Percy F. Baker Concert company of Boston. The company includes Percy F. Enker, baritone; Miss Mar-guerite Fearson Mess, violinist, and the well-known Nina Bearse Wilbur, reader and impersonator. A detailed

Inquest. .

The inquest on the death of the un identified man, supposed to be Charles Palochuk, caused by a railroad train near what is known as the Lactart factory, half a mile west of the Littleton station, on November 10, took place in the district court-room on Thursday morning.
P. J. McNiff, for seven years a gate

tender at the station crossing in Little-ton, was the first witness called. He saw the man who was killed walking on the inner side of the east bound track near the old Lactart factory. He was going in the direction of Boston. The place where he first saw the man was about half a mile west of Littleton station. There is a long piece of straight track on either side of the point where the accident happened. Witness said the next thing he saw was the victim being struck by ar east bound train, which he learned shortly afterward to be passenger train No. 514, due to leave Ayer for Boston at 11.02 a. m. The body was thrown onto the west bound track. Later it was taken to the baggage-room at Littleton station, where the remains were viewed by Dr. Frank S. Bulkeley, of

Aver, medical examiner.

Charles Isham, the engineer of the train that caused the accident said the train was ten minutes late leaving Aver on the morning of November 10.

He was probably going at the rate of the minutes per hour when the accident fifty miles per hour when the accident happened. Although there is a long tretch of straight track on either side of the place where the fatality oc-curred, he said he did not see anyone on the track. The train was stopped at littleton by the conductor, but the witness did not know anything of the ccident until the train reached Wa!

Charles W. McLane, the fireman or train 514, did not see anyone on the track and had no knowledge of the accident until informed later.

At the conclusion of the testimony

Sunday services—(10.45). Regular offices, litany, and sermon. Music: Prelude, "Song of praise," Himmel: "Seven-fold amen," Stainer; "Venite." Boyce; "Te deum," Stainford; offertory anthem, "O Lord, how manifold," Barnby; postlude, "Nature's praise o God." Beethoven. Preacher, Rev Frank B. Crandall, the minister; ject, "The complete thankegivi Church school at twelve.

(7.00)—Union service at the First Baptist church; preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall; subject, "A festival for all people.' A postponed meeting of the Girls club was held with Mrs. H. B. Pries

on Wednesday evening. The church school held its monthly party and supper in the vestry on las week Friday evening.

The new furnace was in operation for the first time last Sunday and gave complete satisfaction. On Sunday the preacher will show what more is needed at Thanksgiving time besides mere giving of thanks.

Christian Science Society of Ayer. Service every Sunday morning a 10.30. Subject for Sunday, November 26, "Ancient and modern necromancy alias mesmerism and hypnotism de

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CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE BEGINS

Officials of Roads Prepared to Advocate Federal Incorporation, Supervision of Securities and Extension of Authority of Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, Nov. 20.-Ten members of Congress, live Senators and five members of the House of Representatives, began here today an inquiry into the subject of public control and supervision of railroads that may lead to the revolutionizing of the whole scheme of governmental regulation of the country's transportation lines. Incidentally the committee is to look into the question of government ownership of railways, telephone and telegraph lines

and express companies. The members of the committee which will conduct this important investigation are Senator Newlands of Nevada, chairman; Senators Robinson of Arkansas. Underwood of Alabama Cummins of Iowa and Brandegee of Connecticut, and Representatives Ad: amson of Georgia, Sims of Tennessee Cullop of Indiana, Esch of Wisconsin and Hamilton of Michigan. The in quiry was recommended by President Wilson in his message to Congress in December of last year. He described as its purpose to determine what could be done "for bettering the conditions under which the railroads are operated and for making them more useful serv ants of the country as a whole."

Prominent Men as Witnesses.

In order to obtain the views of all interests affected by the operations of the transportation lines the committee. has invited prominent shippers, bankers, representatives of commercial organizations, railway executives, economists and others to appear before them.

The first to be heard are railroad commissioners of various states who began their evidence today. Their testimony is directed chiefly to oppos ing any enlargement of the federal authority over commerce that would detract from the powers now exercised by state bodies. They will be followed shortly by officials of railway labor organizations who are expected to register their opposition to the increase of governmental authority over wages

and conditions of labor. Chief interest in the hearings centers in the proposals that will be put forward by representatives of the railroads, for it is reported that they will advocate an extension of federal authority over rates and securities to the practical exclusion of state control of these matters. It is understood also that they will go on record in favor of federal incorporation of all railroad lines.

Legislative Program of Railroads.

From an authoritative source is obtained the following outline of the legislative program which the railroads will ask the committee to consider in its investigation: They will endeavor to demonstrate to the commission that one of the principal defects in the present system of railroad regulation is the lack of coordination resulting from simultaneous and conflicting regulation by the federal government and by the 48 states. They will, therefore. ask that entire governmental control of the rates and practices of interstate carriers, except purely local matters, be placed in the hands of a federal hody so that interstate traffic may be regulated without reference to state lines, leaving to the state commissions jurisdiction only over local matters and local public utilities. As a part of this plan, a compulsory system of federal incorporation is to be recommended. accompanied by federal supervision of railroad stock and bond issues.

A reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission will be asked. in order to enable the commission properly to exercise its increased powers. It is also proposed that the preparation and prosecution of cases against the railroads shall be delegated to some other agency of the government, possibly the Department of Justice, so that the commission may devote its energies to its administrative functions.

With the commission thus relieved of some of its present duties and equipped to handle its business more prompt ly, the railroads will urge that the pe riod during which the commission may now suspend proposed increases in rates be reduced from ten months to 60 days, with provision for reparation to be paid to the shippers if the advance shall be declared unreasonable.

They will also ask that the commission be given the power to prescribe minimum as well as maximum rates so that in meeting complaints of dis-crimination the commission may order the advance of a rate which it consid-

One of the most important recommendations for which the railroads will ask favorable consideration is that the commission be specifically authorized to take into account in rate regulation the effect of rates upon total earnings in the light of ex-

While the Newlands Committee is required, under the resolution creating it, to submit a report by January 2 mext, it is not anticipated that the Committee will have come anywhere near completing its labors then.

HARVARD

News Items. The first music study class in con-nection with the Woman's club was held at the home of Mrs. George F. Proposed by President to Better Condition of Carriers.

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Cobb on Thursday afternoon, November 9. An account of the life of Bach was given by Mrs. Cobb. who also played a selection from "The Passion Choral." The rest of the Bach program consisted of a song. "Ave Maria." by Miss Elvira Scorgie; prelude by Mrs. Webber: song. "The passion according to St. Matthew."

Miss Elvira Scorgie, after which refreshments, served by the hostess, concluded a very enjoyable afternoon. A Handel and Haydn program is being planned for the next meeting of the study class.

The annual concert and ball given on Thursday afternoon, Novem

The annual concert and ball given by the members of the chemical company is to be given on Thursday evening. November 30, music to be furnished by the Salem Cadet orchestra, six pieces. The concert, from eight to nine, will include a cornet solo and a trombone solo, and will be well worth hearing. Dancing until ten o'clock. The proceeds of this affair goes into the treasury of the company for incidental expenses of the chemical and ladder trucks. The public have in the past given hearty support to the fire department efforts and the boys are looking for continued sup-The annual concert and ball given

oys are looking for continued sup-ort. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bryant are ecciving congratulations on the birth f a boy born on Monday, November

Miss Ina Wetherbee of Boxborough is staying with Mrs. John Harlow for the winter, attending Bromfield school.

school.

Harvard was privileged to hear L.
B. Wickersham on Wednesday evening in his wonderful lecture on "Chickens come home to roost." This was Mr. Wickersham's second visit to our lecture course and he was given a cordial reception. He held his hearers for two hours with his wonderful way of driving his ideas home.

Miss Annie Kerley is on the sick ist. She has a nurse caring for her and is getting along very comfortably. and is getting along very comfortably.

Carl Antino died at the Fitchburg hospital on Monday. Funeral services were held on Wednesday and burial was in St. Mary's cemetery. Ayer. Antino fell from an apple tree on October 9 at the farm of P. H. Babcock, breaking the fifth vertebrae and inally resulting in his death this week. For forty-three days the man had lain on his cot, paralyzed, a puzzle to the medical fraternity who visited the institution. At times he would appear to be gaining and would rally but his strength and constitution was appear to be gaining and would rany but his strength and constitution was being undermined steadily until death ensued. At the hospital Dr. Curtis H. Jennings took X-ray photographs and the broken vertebrae was found. Since then the case has received ex-pert attention from Dr. W. A. Mc-Ausland a consulting surgeon at the

Ausland, a consulting surgeon at the cospital. The deceased leaves a widw and three children. Miss Kirby, of Sturbridge, spoke to Harvard Grangers on Tuesday evening in place of Mrs. Ladd, the state lecturer, who was to have been present. Miss Kirby was a very bright and at-

ractive speaker. Rev. H. C. Merrill will conduct the service at the Unitarian church on Sunday and will take for his subject. "Life and times of our forefathers." This is to be a Thanksgiving service. Hev. H. B. Mason will preach the norning lesson at the Congregational church. Sunday school at twelve. C. church.

E. service at seven o'clock. On Friday evening, December 1, the ladies of the Unitarian church will hold the first of their winter sociables. Mrs. George T. Gale has charge of the suppers which will be served at six and seven o'clock. Miss Helen Stone is in charge of the entertainment.

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"The dead alive," a five-act drama, featuring Marguerite Courtot, a story of love, thrill and mystery, will be the feature of the motion picture show this Saturday evening. Another great play, "A bird of prey," will be the feature of the program next week Saturday. The Weeklies are fine; something new every week and better.

Hartwell hose company concert and ball at town hall, Ayer, Thanksgiving night. Poole's celebrated orchestra.

The Federated fair given on Thursday and Friday of last week by the churches of the town is counted as a very successful affair, although untiall bills are in it is not safe to say just what the financial net proceeds will be. Socially, it was a success and all the committees from the churches worked unitedly to make the fair the best ever.

The supper was in charge of A. F. Ripley and was well patronized. The various tables also report good sales. The play, "Kentucky belle," given at the close of the two days, was warmly supported. The parts were exceptionally well placed and all won credit for their work.

Miss Harriet Thayer and Miss Josephine Baker, as the two young lasely and the close of the two young lasely and makes as the right to all the benefits of earth, in "Every man has the right to himself—to own and develop and assert

Miss Harriet Thayer and Miss Josephine Baker, as the two young ladies in the plot, played at their best. Donald Hill, new to Harvard audiences, in the hero part, won admiration for his sincerity as the lovers. Miss F. J. Amsden, as the maiden aunt, certainly never did better, and Harold Whittemore, as the southern colonel and suitor to both Isabel and Aunt Maria, carried off the honors of the evening for the best impersonation. Arthur T. West and Alice M. Cleaves carried the parts as colored servants in the house, adding the touch of southern comedy and genuineness to the story. The male quartet, Gus Schultz, Oscar Schultz, Bert Cleaves and Arthur West, added much to the finish of the acts, and in the second act the solo by Miss Josephine Baker, with the chorus of girls and the clog dancing by Robert Chester as special features, were very much enjoyed. Miss Vera Willard played the part of the nurse, and Miss Doris Houghton as the mother, both young ladies showing by their work the re-"Single Tax is a system for equaliz-"

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H. W. C.

"Federation Snapshots" was the subject of the last regular meeting of the Harvard Woman's club on Monday, November 20. Mrs. J. Edward Plimpton of Walpole, a director in the State Federation of Women's clubs and also a member of the committee on industrial and social conditions, was the principal speaker. She gave a report of the blennial convention of the General Federation of Women's clubs held in New York last May. She made real the vastness of the seventh regiment armory where the large meeting was held and the multitudes who filled it, as well as the difficulty of hearing in this auditorium built to absorb rather than reflect sound. The thoughts she passed on were those that had most interested her; the subject which she made most prominent was that of social service, it having been the dominant note of the biennial, and mentioned many ways in

which women could be of service socially. She said we must first enrich
our lives before we can enrich other
lives and closed by reciting two appeating little poems dealing with
harsh labor conditions.

Mrs. J. Frank Sprague, a delegate
from the Harvard Woman's club to
the meeting of the State Federation
held at Lynn, June 15 and 16, followed
with a report of the business side of
the meeting. She brought out the
great pains taken that all the proceedings of this meeting should be conducted strictly according to parliamentary law and the educational advantages derived therefrom by those mentary law and the educational advantages derived therefrom by those present. She commended the work of the various special committees in providing for the comfort and convenience of the large gathering and in furthering the despatch of the business.

ness.

Mrs. Henry B. Mason, delegate, gave a report of the fall meeting held in Franklin, October 30. She told of the work being done in the line of social service and quoted from the address of the principal speaker. John former minister from Barrett, former minister from the United States to Argentina, on "Pan-Americanism," who predicted that the time would-come when the women of Washington and New York would meet the women of South America in conference. Mrs. Mason called on Mrs. toutse H. Putnam, who was also present at the Franklin meeting, and she gave a brief report of the second part of Mr. Barrett's address, which dealt with his recent experience in the trenches and in London during a Zeptally with elin raid.

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The president, Mrs. George F. Cobb, had prepared a paper on "The social side of the State Federation meeting in Lynn." but because of the press of other matters was unable to give it.

Mrs. Gertrude Hitz Godfrey furnishments

ed music for the afternoon, giving three selections on the piano. three selections on the plano.

The next regular meeting of the club, on December 4, will be a musicale by Professor and Mrs. John C. Kelley. The public will be admitted by the payment of a small admission fee. There will be a special meeting of the club on Saturday afternoon. November 25, at 2,20 o'clock, to respice the report of the Explanae comgoive the report of the Exchange com-mittee and take such action thereon as the club may desire. The Exchange committee will serve tea.

Single Tax Theory.

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The following is taken from the Boston American of November 19:

The single tax is the "one way out" for war-swept and enormously tax-burdened Europe, when the fires of war have died out, says Fiske Warren of Boston and Harvard. It will be the only means by which the people of Europe will be able to face both devastation and over-whelming war debt.

Mr. Warren hopes that Andorra, the hidden republic in the Pyrennes mountains, where the single tax will be put to the test, may be an object

be put to the test, may be an object lesson to Europe and the world, and to sever the chains of the ancient, worn out and unfair system of taxation, With this view Mrs. Fiske Warren.

wife of the noted single tax advocate, is in full accord, and in the town of

wife of the noted single tax advocate, is in full accord, and in the town of Harvard the Warren family is urging and living as near as possible in all that the single tax theory represents. In common with other single-taxers, Mr. and Mrs. Warren believe that the earth and fullness thereof belongs to no one particular man or civilization of men; but to all mankind both now and hereafter.

"For every dollar which the rich man has and does not need," says Mr. Warren, "there is a poor man who earned the dollar and needs it, but has been deprived of it."

This and many other existing social and governmental wrongs the single-taxers are laboring communally to overcome in the various enclaves already established: Fairhope, Ala.; Arden, Del.; Tahanto, Harvard; Free Acres, N. J.; Halidon, Westbrook, Mc. Of these and one other. Mr. Warren has been promoter and organizer of three; Tahanto, Halidon and the latest one, "Sant Jordi," or St. George, as it will be known, located in the tiny republic of Andorra.

Andorra was chosen as the location for the new experiment because it is

public of Andorra.

Andorra was chosen as the location for the new experiment because it is the only country outside the war zone which enjoys comparative freedom from taxation and has free trade.

"Tariff." says Mr. Warren, "is wrong because it helps a few who do not need helping and hinders those who

ate.
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for every villager over fifteen years of age not a legal voter elsewhere. All affairs of the community are legislated upon by the community as a whole. All the single tax colonies, or as

All the single tax colonies, of as they are more correctly called, enclaves, are incorporated. Fairhope is the largest with 3900 acres; Tahanto, with 514, is second; Arden has 162; Free acres, 70, and Halidon, 172. The newest member of the group, Sant Jordi, has only 25 acres—but you must keen in mind that there are but 175 Jordi, has only 25 acres—but you must keep in mind that there are but 175 squares miles in the entire republic where it is located. The corporation never sells any of this land.

A. A. Fillebrown, auctioneer, will sell the Joseph N. Provencher place on Wil-liams street on Monday afternoon, No-vember 27 at two o'clock.

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Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction all the stock of D. C. Fletcher, Littleton, on Friday morning, December 1, at ten o'clock. Also, hay, wagons, farming tools, furniture: etc. of Edgar W. Osborn, West Acton, on Monday morning, November 27, at 9.30 o'clock.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of LUCY J. HODGE late of Littlejon in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds, as the law directs.

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

SAUKOPED B. HUBBARD Adm.

SANFORD B. HUBBARD, Adm. Littleton, Mass., Nov. 18, 1916.

SANFORD B. HUBBARD. Adm.
Littleton, Mass.. Nov. 18, 1916.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To all persons who are or may become interested in the estate hereinafter mentioned, held in trust under the will of ELIZA I. PARKER late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex and to all persons whose issue not now in being may become so interested.

Whereas, LYMAN K. CLARK trustee under said will has presented to said Court his petition praying that he may be authorized to self, either at public or private sale, certain real estate held by him as such trustee situated in Leominster in the County of Worcester and particularly described in said petition, for the reasons therein set forth.

You are breeby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of November A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petrioner is ordered to serve this citetion by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the sets fonteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charies J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

sand nine hundred and sixteen.

2110 F. M. ESTY. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin,
creditors, and al other persons interested in the estate of HENRY A.
PAIKER, late of Pepperell, in said
County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presected
to said Court to grant a letter of
administration on the estate of said
deceased to FREDERIC H. PARKER
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
twenty-seventh day of November A.D.
1916 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 Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to
be one day, at least, before said Court,
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,
First Judge of said Court, this ninth
day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

2110 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

and nine hundred and sixteen.

2119 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of GEORGE WASHINGTON STUART late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said court for probate, by FLORA M. STUART who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to her, or to some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined to accept the trust.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of November A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire
First Judge of said Court, this seventi
day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.
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A Puzzling Case

Setting a Detective to Catch a Detective.

By ETHEL HOLMES

They say a woman can't keep a secret. I can testify to the fact that one woman I have known could keep a secret so well that she guided me, a detective with a reputation for shrewdness, to the detection of the real criminul, I having been set upon her to expose her. And this she did without revealing to me the fact that she knew him to be the man I should have been

One day I was directed by my chief to call upon the president of the Third National bank. I did so, and he said

"Mr. Williams, we have a woman it our employ whom we suspect of embezzling our funds. The case is a sin gular one, and I must give it to you so far as it has already developed. There is a mystery connected with it which is very puzzling.

"We had in our employ a man whom we esteemed very highly. One day he failed to turn up at the usual time for the day's work. His wife was telephoned to know if he was ill. She replied that she was about to telephone the bank for information concerning him. He had not come home the day before nor during the night. She was terribly worried for fear that some thing had happened to him.

"The person among our employees who had last seen the man-Walter Pixley-said that Pixley had, told him that he was going to see a man who owed him a hundred dollars. He had hurried away from the bank to catch his creditor at his office before the close of business hours. We learned from Mrs. Pixley the name of the debtor and sent a man to him for in-formation concerning her husband. The party said that Pixley had visited his office in company with a veiled wo man, who had waited for him without. The money had been paid him, and he had been seen to go away with

"This information communicated to Mrs. Pixley threw her into hysterics.

"The next phase of the case was the report of one of our bookkeepers that funds were missing from the bank. My informant, Mr. Carter, told me that he had suspected Pixley for some time. and as soon as Pixley disappeared Carter had made an examination of certain books kept by Pixley and had fallen upon proof that he was a defaulter. Carter is an expert ac I have always had great faith in him. He brought me his proofs of Pixley's guilt, which I examined. and, although Pixley had been doing all he could to render the accounts confusing, Carter convinced me that he

was a defaulter.
"Now I come to the third act of the drama. Mrs. Pixley, who had undoubtedly been deserted by her husband for another woman, came to me and begged for some employment in the bank. She claimed that as a girl she had attended a commercial college and had studied bookkeeping. I pitied her and gave her the position made vacant by her husband.

"The end of my story and the point at which I wish you to take it up is a report this morning from Carter that more funds are being taken from the bank and that he suspects Mrs. Pixley of being the thief. You see from what I have told you that the case is a very complicated one. While I do not propose to lay out a course of action for you. I would suggest that you watch Mrs. Pixley. This of course you cannot do in the bank. You can only do it outside of the bank."

I confessed to the president that the matter did look rather puzzling. Had Pixley not deserted his wife for another woman I would have suspected that Mr. and Mrs. Pixley were in league to rob the bank. And yet, Pixley having done so, it did not seem likely that Mrs. Pixley would work on the same ground as he. I told the president that would first find out something about Mrs. Pixley. When I had done that I would proceed to the next step in the

I sent a party to Mrs. Pixley's hom to sell her something, to draw her into conversation and to ask her at what institution she had studied bookkeeping. My emissary returned to me with the information that Mrs. Pixley had looked at the questioner concerned, but bad given the Merton Business college as the place where she had received instruction. I at once went to the Merton college and asked to see a record of the students. The maiden name of Mrs. Pixley'did not appear as having been a pupil there, and Mr. Merton declared that at the time Mrs. Pixley claimed to have been there he did not

receive women students. So far so good. I had nailed Mrs. Pixley in a lie. This tended to confirm me in considering her as guilty. But why she should steal from the same bank as her husband was a puzzle. The only reason I could think of was that she was enabled through sympathy to secure a place there, which she

could not do elsewhere. Another complication bothered me. Mrs. Pixley was reported by her fellow employees to be a pretty good bookkreper. She must have received some

training in this respect, but why should she had studied?

she had studied?

I made no progress after nailing the lie upon Mrs. Pixley and at last determined to make her acquaintance and by pretending as a friend, or to be smitten with her, to get the secret from her. Under pretense of being a bank examiner I became familiar with the employees, she among the number. I treated her with deference and sympathy. One day when she was leaving the bank after business hours I joined her and walked with her. Passing a live of the second progress of the summary of the same familiar with the properties of the second properties. The concert given in Memorial hail by the Nevin quartet of Fitchburg, accompanied by a reader. The concert program was varied and each number warmly encored. Each voice possess, blending beautifully. The reader captivated her audience by her pleasing personalitions. In closing, the leautiful operetta, "A trip back to your child-hood" was given, the artists appearing in "ye olden time" costume while singher and walked with her. Passing a restaurant, I told her that I was going in to take a lonely dinner. Would she help me out with her company? She consented, and, selecting a table in a the management of the N.ssequassick (Capparish Capparish). corner where we could converse without being overheard by others, we dined together.

I commiserated with her at having such a husband, expressing wonder that any man should desert so charmwoman. She seemed to feel very bitterly toward him, but, of course, if she were a thief as well as he, it might be a part of her game to feign this. I asked her if she suspected who was the woman with whom her husband had gone away, and she said she felt sure of the person. I got nothing out of her, but was impressed with the belief that there was a good deal in her, whether for good or for evil, though I did not feel that it was for evil. After dinner I escorted her to her home and left her at the door, at the same time receiving an invitation to call upon her.

Despite all my efforts I found nothing to implicate Mrs. Pixley, and there was no evidence at the bank to prove that she was purloining its funds. though the president had put Carter on the watch for this. After a time Carter said that, whatever was her way of taking money, it was so subtle that it was beyond his penetration. However, the cash on hand was constantly deficient, and Carter suggest-ed that Mrs. Pixley be simply discharged without any reason being given her. The president communicated this to me, and I suggested that he put the matter off. I had become convinced that Mrs. Pixley had a secret. was steadily gaining her confidence, and I hoped in time she would let out something. To this he assented.

A couple of days after this I received a note from Mrs. Pixley, as fol-

Dear Mr. Detective—You are on the wrong track in shadowing me. Conceal yourself under the steps leading up to the bank tomorrow night (or, rather, the next morning) at 1 o'clock and wait till come.

M. D. P.

I cannot tell why, but I was not so much astonished at this as might be expected. I was certainly rejoiced, because I knew important developments were to come. At the appointed time went to the bank and waited in the shadow of the steps. Ten minutes later Mrs. Pixley went up the steps, I joined her. She tapped at the door, and it was opened by the watchman. We went in behind the counters. Mrs. Pixley opened a safe, took out some heavy account book, which I laid on a high desk for her.

"How is it that you can come here at such a time and open this safe?" I

"The watchman is in my secret. am allowed the combination of this safe, which contains only books,"

And here began the revelation. I am omething of an accountant, this being one reason why I was put on the job. Mrs. Pixley spent two hours with me over a set of books, showing me that Carterhad manipulated them to conceal certain peculations. And the entries bearing upon them were so dovetailed into certain entries in a set of books that had been kept by her husband as to make it appear that Pixley was the defaulter. And I could not see how Pixley could have shown that he was nnocent in the matter. I looked aside

it Mrs. Pixley and asked: "How about the woman with whom

your husband decamped?" "I was the veiled woman who went with him to collect the money owed him, but I didn't go away with him. One day he discovered how Mr. Carter. to conceal his peculations, had manipulated these books. He came home so broken down that I, fearing he would make a poor showing under an investigation, concocted this plan whereby I might have an opportunity to study out the problem for him. The watchman, Callahan, has always been my husband's friend and at the risk of osing his job has admitted me here at dead of night. I have had an expert accountant with me at times, and together we have unraveled this conspiracy and can make a showing such as I have given you.'

"Where did you get your knowledge of bookkeeping?

"I studied it after my husband left. The person you sent to find out about that caught me unawares. But at the time I did not know she came from

"Mrs. Pixley," I said admiringly, taking from under my coat my badge of office and handing it to her, "I resign in your favor. If I am worth \$10 a day as a detective you are worth a hundred."

As we left the bank I handed a twenty dollar bill to Callahan, but he declined to accept it. The next morning I called on the bank's president and was obliged to confess that my work had been done by the woman he had sent me to watch. Carter's books were examined without his knowledge Pixley was summoned home by his wife and put in Carter's place. Mrs. Pixley was given five shares of the stock of the bank, worth \$8,500, and her husband is as chipper as before he

was lugubrious. No. sir, I don't believe that a woman is any more liable to divulge a secret than a man, especially when it becomes her interest to keep it. At any rate, such is my experience

TOWNSEND

'amu-tire Girls.

W. F. Rockwood has returned from his hunting trip in Warren, N. H. Mr. Rockwood was in company with Mr. Kemp, of Peppereli.

The many friends of Miss Ina Wilder are glad to know that she has gained so rapidly from her operation for appendicitis two weeks ago at the Memorial hospital, Nashua, as to be able o return to her home here last Sat-

Mrs. Blanche Wheeler, of Boston, was the Sunday guest of her mother, Mrs. Charles Hildreth, Mr. and Mrs. T. James Harvey and son Howard spent the week-end and over Sunday with relatives in Water-

On Monday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock the little folk of the Wide-awake club held a very interesting meeting with Mrs. A. L. Struthers at the Congrega-tional parsonage; subject, "Children of Guam."

of Guam."

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Howard and little daughter Caroline, who have been visiting Mr. Howard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Howard, left Monday morning on their homeward journey to Walalua, Hawali. "It is regretted their stay in town could not have been longer, but Mr. Howard, who is a chemist on a sugar plantation, must return at the grinding season, which begins the first of December. Enroute they will visit Mr. and Mrs. David Howard in Wilkinsburg, Pa. Their many friends wish them a safe journey to their home in the islands of the sea.

The, union community Christmas

The sunion community Christmas tree committee, consisting of representatives from the Methodist, Congregational and Catholic churches met on Monday evening in Memorial hall and formulated plans for a community tree this venture of the sun as last ty tree this year, the same as last year. Supt. Herman C. Knight was chosen president; T. James Harvey, treasurer; the secretary to be chosen later a second meeting to be held next week.

The Congregational church people are holding special weekly cottage prayer meetings during the Billy Sunprayer meetings during the Billy Sunday campaign, the third of these meetings being held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mis. Angle Lang with a good attendance. The pastor, Rev. A. L. Struthers, gave a very helpful talk on the beautiful glory chapter in the bible, a very sacred chapter for all onenées with Christ, regardless of denominational name. Billy Sunday's Rodheaver songs were sung on the Victrola, the company joining in the chorus. The next cottage meeting will be held at the parsonage.

On Wednesday evening an excellent apper was served in the Congrega-ional vestry under the auspices of the E. Society. After the supper the members told in poetry and in other teresting ways the various vocation they persued to earn their fifty cents for calendar and piano fund. Quite a sum was realized by this amique

Mrs. William Snow, from Brilige

water, is a guest at the home of her aunt. Miss. Clara Warren, and Mrs. Flockford, from Boston, a former resi-dent here, is also visiting at her home. Mrs. S. E. Waite and friend, from Itham, visited at the home of Mr. Mrs. G. A. Seaver last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Townsend and auto-party from Boston, and E. W. Senver, of the Center, were guests at Squani-cook Inn last Sunday W. Z. Sherwin, who was success-ally operated upon at the Burbank tospital last week Friday, is reported

hospital last week Friday, is repoi as comfortable as can be expected Mrs. Ethel Welch had charge of the books at the reading-room on last Sat-urday, as both the custodian and the first assistant, Mrs. Alexander Reed, were compelled to be absent.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, of Stevens' hill, return to Webster to take their former positions in a shoe manu-factory for the winter, and Mr. and Mrs. Colby will move from their home at the Bennett place in Josselynville to the Hamilton farm for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, who have been boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman for several months, have returned to their home in Walpole. Mr. Brown has had charge of the repairs at the schoolwhich are now completed.

Mrs. Ellen Pratt left the first of the week for Orange, N. J., where she was called by the sad news of the death of

The Ladies' Literary and Social Cir The Ladies Literary and Social Circle held a very interesting meeting on Friday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. Josephine Boynton. Miss M. A. Taft being the hostess. Seven members were present and the topic of the afternoon was "Thanksgiving." many interesting selections being read upon the subject as well as current events. At the close of the program refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell have moved from Josselynville into the Wyeth house on Bow street at the Center, where Mr. Russell will be employed.

Mrs. Roy Brown is quite ill at he home on Bridge street.

ets. \$592.65, consisting children due amounting to \$400.00. Miss Doris Tenney is on the sick list, suffering from an attack of ton-

The Ladies' Study club, which post-The Ladies Study Club, which post-poned their regular meeting from Monday evening, will meet at the reading-room on Friday evening with the topic, "Our national parks," by Mrs. George Adams and Mrs. Joephine Boynton.

Mrs. E. J. Lees, who has just re-urned from a visit to Boston, is the list from our village to have heard

Mrs. Colby is quite iil and they will not move this winter to the Hamilton farm on Stevens, hill, but Amos Jod-ery will close his house and take his family up there for the winter.

Mrs. Roy Brown, who has been seri-ously ill at her home, is improving under the care of Miss Moulton from

he Center. Rev. Joseph MacKean will preach a Thankzgiving sermon Sunday morn-ing on the topic "The family and the home the strong foundation of our nome the kirong foundation of our commonwealth," and in the evening his subject will be "The ox and the ass as religious teachers." The Y. P. S. C. E. topic will be "The grace of gratitude," a Thanksgiving topic, led by Mrs. Fred A. Fatch.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent so-ciety held their annual fair at Semi-nary hall on Wednesday evening and the large and enthusiastic audience and ready sale of goods proved the affair to be a success socially and finan-cially. The tables and booths were cially. The tables and booths were tastefully decorated with pale pink and green entwined with tinsel, and the home-made candies in charge of Misses Gladys. Hawson and Miss Marion Boutelle met with a ready sale. The fancy table was in charge of Mrs. Frank Hamilton, and aprons sale. The fancy table was in charge of Mrs. Frank Hamilton, and aprons in charge of Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, while on the opposite side of the hall Mrs. D. O. Evans and Mrs. John Clark, assisted by Miss Clara Hosley, had a beautiful and attractive display of fruit and vegetables. Ice-cream and cake were in great demand and were sold by Mrs. Tucker and daughter Stella, assisted by Fred A. Smith and Mrs. Herman Lawrence.

The entertainment, in charge of Mrs. Albert H. Wilson and Mrs. Joseph MacKean, consisted of a presentation of the little play, "Aunt Dinah's quilting party," which was well given and heartily applauded, and several selections by the West Townsend orchestra.

HOLLIS, N H.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Almond Wheeler, George and Miss Emma L. Van Dyke and Mrs. James Hills started for Florida last Saturday morning, where they expect to remain for the winter.

The chimney at the Libby place burned out last week. The people who have bought the place, went up with two loads of goods. They had unloaded one and built a fire, and zoon found the chimney was on fire. They telephoned for the fire department and the fire was soon extinguish. ment and the fire was soon extinguish

ment and the fire was soon extinguished without doing any damage.

The Y. W. S. C. met on last week Friday afternoon with Miss Lillian Lovefoy. The next meeting will be held the first week in December with Mrs. Raymond Merrill.

At the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Albert C. Wetmore, m.; 'Arnold Coolen, o.; Mrs. Walter Flanders, lec.; Rev. Robert M. French, chap.: Nelson Parkhurst, stew.; Charles Verence et al., Butter Planders, leaves the stew. lec.; Rev. Robert M. French, chap.; Nelson Parkhurst, stew.; Charles Keyes, asst. stew.; Raymond Lovejoy. g. k.; Mrs. Addie L. Hale, sec.; Maud A. Hale; treas.; Mrs. Albert C. Wetmore, Ceres; Mrs. Nelle Lougee, Pomona; Miss Hazel O. Marshall, Flora; Miss Edith V. Stickney, l. a. s.; Harold E. Hardy, member ex. com. 3 yrs., and a director for the Hillsboro County Farmore; association. After the meet-Farmers' association. After the meet-ing popcorn and apples were served.

Harvey Powers is at home from Tufts college for a short time. Hervey Guething spent the week-end at home.

On last week Friday all schools at the center, except the high school, were closed for visiting day for the

Mrs. Anna Bell spent the week-end with her granddaughter, Miss Loraine Bell, in Thompsonville, Conn.

At the Wednesday evening prayer meeting Mr. and Mrs. Merrill and Miss Hazel Lougee favored the gathering with special music, mandolin, violin and plano.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldorus Shattuck, re-Mr. and Mrs. Endorus Snattuck, re-ently married, are receiving the con-gratulations and good wishes of their many friends, all wishing them many years of happiness. On last Saturday evening many of their Brookline friends quietly got together, and marching down in a body gave them a serenade. Mr. Shattuck was equal to the occasion, however, and after a short speech invited them into the house, where they received a welcome and treat all around.

Mrs. Hattie Pierce was the guest of Mrs. Jewett, of Pepperell, last week

Mrs. Mary Cox entertained Mrs. L. V. Heyer and Mr. and Mrs. George Cady at supper on last week Wednesday evening.

The selectmen have had a new as-bertos moving picture machine booth erected in the balcony of the new town

Frank Willoby was a visitor in Bos-on on last week Friday. Mrs. Isabel Ray, of Somerville, Mass., is a guest for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Camp-

The Misses Marian Stiles and May Pierce were home from Nashua over

the week-end Mrs. Harry Powers was a visitor in Pepperell on last week Friday.

Charles Howard had his right arm broken last week Friday while leading a cow by a rope on his place in North Brookline. The accident happened when the cow took a sudden turn around a post, catching the arm in some way between the rope and the

Mrs. George Standley was the guest of Mrs. James Hill, of Pepperell, last week Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb, accompanied by Mrs. Whitcomb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Person, of Gardner, Mass., spent last Sunday and Monday in Boston. On Sunday they attended a meeting at the Billy Sunday

Mrs. Roy Brown is quite in at her home on Bridge street.

W. Arthur Boutwell, merchant, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court on Tuesday with liabilities, \$3499.52; assets, \$552.65, consisting chiefly of debts due amounting to \$400.00. DOCTORS AT CLUB RATES.

DOCTORS AT CLUB RATES.

Ninety-seven percent of the people do not receive efficient medical treatment today, according to Dr. Richard C. Cabot, who spoke recently at the Evans Memorial, Boston, on "How to secure better medical service for less money." His plan involves the employment of doctors at club rates—the patient to seek the ádvice of one or more specialists, about the way in which a reader puts in his card at the library and takes out one or more books to suit his needs or taste.

Dr. Cabot said that there is more surgery today than ever and that some of it is justified, but that much of it is

of it is justified, but that much of it is not. "When it comes to a surgeon to decide whether to operate, and there's \$500 in the balance, human nature

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frequently comes to the rescue; and there are cases apparently of appendiciti for revenue only.

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"The solution for the problem of
the 97 percent seems to be the formation of various cooperative societies
for medical treatment. Each of a
hundred members, say, might pay
five dollars a year and get the services
of a group of specialists. These cooperative bodies should be of people
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the same ideas on medicine: They
should find out how much medical
treatment they are likely to need in
a year, and how many doctors they a year, and how many doctors the are able to hire on a cooperative

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West Townsend, Mass., November 8, 1916

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, as. Probate Court.
To JEANETTE BEACH the next of kin and all other persons interested in ALFRED R. BEACH of Shilley in said. County of Middlesex, minot.

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fifth day of December A. D. 1918, at nine oclock in the foreioon, to show cause, if any you have, why a guardian should not be appointed.

And said petitioner is hereby dirented to give public noise thereon to the next of kin of said minor, and others interested, by publishing the olitation once in pach week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit; as newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire fore said Court.

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Saturday, November 25, 1916.

PEPPERELL

News Items.

Miss Eleanor Hildreth came from North Chelmsford to attend the Odd Fellows' ball and was entertained at the home of Miss Doris Durant, remaining over Sunday.

Miss Ellen Miller, Park street, visit-d friends in Wilton, N. H., last week and over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey and little daughter, of Fitchburg, were week-end visitors at the home of Mrs. H. A. Park street.

Miss Hope Davisson, the Boston cacher, who has a summer home on Fownsend street, spent the week-end

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dennen spent he week-end at the home of his brother, Dr. Horace Dennen, at Peters Ashley L. Wilson, formerly a resi-

dent here, came from Lawrence last week Friday to attend the Odd Fel-lows' ball. He was the guest of Raymond Paull.

S. Thompson Blood, of Concord Junction, was in town over Sunday with his mother, Mrs. L. P. Blood, and sister, Miss Margaret.

Mrs. Elizabeth Deware went to Lynn last week, where she will make an extended visit with her daughters, Mrs. George G. Willett and Mrs. Ed-ward Ham (Miss Alice Deware).

Miner Allen and family recently moved here from Lubec, Me., into one of Tarbell's cottages on Mill street. Miss Ethel Wells came from Pea-body to spend the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. Winn, at Hovey's

The members of Beacon lodge are planning to accept the invitation of the North Star lodge. Townsend, to meet the members of the Groton and meet the members of the Groton and Shirley lodges there on the evening of November 28. This will be the second in the series of social meetings planned by the four lodges, the first having been held in Groton a few weeks ago. L. A. Johnson is committee on transportation.

Mrs. H. E. Frost, who has been under the care of Mrs. Parker, the nurse, for a short time past, went to a sanatorium in Worcester on Friday of last week for treatment.

The names of Mrs. George Tucker, Mrs. P. J. McDonald and Miss Hazel Thompson, the members of Prescott Grange who took the fifth degree recently at the Pomona in North Leominster, were inadvertently omitted from out list. from out list.

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A young Scotch collie dog belonging to Mr. McDonald on Mill street, was struck by the Mills' auto milk aruck early last Saturday morning and so badly injured it had to be shot. No blame is attached to the operator of the truck, who did his best to avoid hitting the dog that jumped directly at the front wheel, which evidently passed over 'his forward quarters. Chief Smith, who seems to be the man whom people send for when they are in any difficulty, was notified and he referred the case to Constable A. A. Lawrence, as officer for the Society for Prevention of Crucity to Animals. The dog was removed from the end of the bridge where the accident happened, and humanely treated and put out of his suffering by Mr. Lawrence.

Mrs. John Rodler has been enter-

Mrs. John Rodier has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Mabel (Frost)
Sarre, of Proctorsville, Vt., with her
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Mrs. J. E. Lewis returned last week from the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions held in Northampton. Following her attendance there she spent a day in Huntington, where Mr. Lewis formerly preached, and two days in Springfield, before returning home. efore returning home.

Frederic N. Williams, who has been spending a week or more at his bungalow on Shipley hill, returned to York last week.

Miss Edith Gerrish, of Worcester, has been the guest of Mrs. Louise W. Lawrence a part of the week.

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The party of hunters who went with Wendell Lovejoy as far as Twin Mountain, N. H., last week, returned on Friday with two smail doe which were shot by Dr. Moulton and Fred Bennett. The party, who went by train to Warren, N. H., earlier, consisting of W. A. Kemp, Frank Bennett and Robert Coy, came back without any game.

Wes George F. Durgin returned

Mrs. George F. Durgin returned ist week from her visit to Ipswich. Mrs. Nellie Harrison left town on Tuesday for Saybrook, Conn., and her sister, Miss Annie Smith, went to New York on Wednesday to spend the win-ter with her sister, Mrs. Amy Wood-

The J. E. B. Jewett timber lot on Break-neck hill has been purchased by the Fessendens of Townsend, and will be cut this winter and hauled to that will at that place.

Mrs. C. F. Bird is suffering from neuritis, which has troubled her more or less for the past eight years. News of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Dunbar, now residents in Fitchburg, on November 16, was recently received by friends here. He

to be called Roger McKenzie. Frank Whitney sustained minor injuries on last Saturday by falling from a stepladder at his home at East Village, while engaged in putting on double windows. The doctor pronounced no bones broken, although he had received a bad shaking up.

Miss Rose Alden spent Tuesday of this week in Lowell with her sister, Mrs. Hardy.

Fred O. Parker returned last week from St. Joseph's hospital, where he went about two weeks ago for treat-ment for trouble with his tooth and low.

The Misses Tucker at Heald's pond entertained over Sunday Mrs. Guerrier and Miss Harriet Keay, from the Boston office of the Riverside Press of Cambridge.

Cambridge.

Miss Eleanor Lawrence, of Park street, spent the week-end with her cousin, Mrs. Sarah Patch, who is somewhat troubled with rheumatism this cold weather.

Miss Ida E. Shattuck returned home last Saturday from Boston. She went to Concord on Monday to see her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Shattuck, who closed their home at the reformatory on Tuesday and went to Rutland to commence his duties as superintendent of the prison camp to Rutiand to commence his duties as superintendent of the prison camp and hospitals. Their quarters there were already furnished, steam-heated and electric lighted and ready to occupy. Mr. Shattuck is making good recovery from his recent injuries by the secilarity he accident.

Twin daughters were born to Henry Twin daughters were born to rien's and Eliza (Trumbull) Welton on Sunday. November 19, at their home at East Village, thereby increasing their family to six children, with the oldest only about seven years.

Joseph Davis, Nashua street, returned last week from a visit at the home of his father-in-law, Patrick Tully, of Beachmont.

Miss Georgianna Maynard, book-keeper at the Acme Paper & Box Company, is boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shattuck, Main street.

At the district court in Ayer the case of James Hunt on the charge of case of James Hunt on the charge of assault with muderous intent on the woman who had been known as his wife, came up for trial on last Saturday. Hunt was bound over in the sum of \$1000 bonds for his appearance before the grand jury sometime in January. Failing to secure bail he was committed to Cambridge fail. The recovery of his victim, which seems probable at present, will go far toward mitigating his sentence.

Mrs. M. A. Porthill returned to her

Mrs. M. A. Porthill returned to her home in Providence, R. I., last Sunday after a visit of some days at the Baker homestead. West street, where her child is staying in the care of

A blaze in the gun cotton room at the Nashua River Paper Company shortly after ten o'clock Wednesday night, got quite a start and caused night, got quite a start and caused enough excitement so that some one blew the mill whistle for an alarm. Prompt action on the part of those employed in that department kept the liames from breaking out, and no great amount of damage was done to the building. Two more whistles soon sounded for the "all out" for the soon sounded for fire department. Mrs. Matilda Campbell moved into

Mrs. Matilda Campbell moved into the Bancroft house on Heald street, with her two granddaughters. Mon-day. Supt. George Campbell, of Shir-ley, her son, was with her on Sunday and Monday to assist in moving from his summer home on the hill, and see-ling her and his nieces established in ing her and his nieces established in their new home for the winter. Mrs. W. E. Corey, of Brookline, N.

Mrs. W. E. Corey, of Brookline, N. H., visited in town on Wednesday to see her uncle, Calvin Lawrence. Mrs. Bessie Allen was also a guest with Mrs. Julia Lawrence for the day.

A complete surprise was given Miss Irene Boulia on Wednesday evening at her home on Pleasant street. A party of about thirty of her friends and associates at the shop met together and gave her a tin shower in view of her approaching marriage to Leo of her approaching marriage to Leo Russell, of Lawrence. The evening of her approaching marriage with the Russell, of Lawrence. The evening was well chosen as he happened to be in town, to be included in the festivities. There was an endless variety of articles of tin which will no doubt prove useful in the days to come. Mrs. their mill at that place.

Walter Bosworth spent the wecker of in Brockton, and on his return Monday his small niece, Madeline Bosworth, accompanied him home. She list to visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Chick, of Franklin street, until Thanksgiving, when her parents and older sister are expected here.

Mrs. C. F. Ried is suffering from the light of the articles of tin which will no double prove useful in the days to come. Mrs Boulia was admitted into the secret

Russell Shattuck, of Worcester, pent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Shattuck, Maple street.

Announcement has been received of the marriage of Bernice DeRochn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred De-Rochn, formerly of this place, to Frank M. Brainerd, of Lawrence. It occurred in that city on Sunday, No vember 12.

vember 12.

Open season for deer called out many hunters Monday morning, but up to this time of writing no luck is reported. Charles Fuller and Ernest Hartwell camped in East Groton, but returned Wednesday night. They heard the rumor that a deer had been shot in that vicinity by a young West fellow, but nothing authentic.

Lemuel Loomis, a resident of Hol-lis, N. H., moved into town this week into the Gouble house on the Nashua road opposite the woodlot where Sar-telle is operating his mill.

Mrs. Burnett Moseley (Miss Rayetta Bornon) spent the week-end it Bornon spent the woolds where spent the least the spent to the fall the spent the spent to the fall the spent to the spent to the fall the spent to the spent to the fall the spent to the spent to the fall the spent to the spent the spent to the spent to

Mrs. E. H. Bliss was a Boston shop-per and visitor on Wednesday of this week.

Calvin Lawrence, who has been Calvin Lawrence, who has been in failing health for some time, has lain in a semi-conscious condition since Monday morning. He apparently is free from suffering and lies quietly in a heavy sleep, from which his nurse, Mrs. Julia Lawrence, is obliged to rouse him to give him nourishment. Mrs. Lawrence's daughter, Mrs. Tarbell, is now staying with her, although the attending physician did not expect any sudden change.

The amounts collected at the Main

pect any sudden change.

The amounts collected at the Main street school for the "Children of America's fund," for the children in the war countries, has been increased to \$12.36. The children of all the to \$12.50. The emitter of an the grades in the building contributed, treasurers from the three higher grades being appointed treasurers for he same.

Mrs. John Marshall, the nurse, was Mrs. John Marshall, the nurse, was called to Dunstable on Thursday even-ing of last week to attend an elderly lady, Mrs. Fitch, who was threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. Fannie Lawrence returned last week Friday from a visit with friends at Swampscott and at Lynn with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Martha Newhall, who is bed-ridden from rheumatism.

Mrs. Cora Tilton came to visit her mother, Mrs. Ellery Davis, last week. She was in Boston and attended the opening meeting held by Rev. William Sunday at his tabernacle.

Rodier and Mrs. Sarre went to Wavarley for the day to see their father, who are liable to come next season. A new piazza across the front of the about a dozen of his little schoolmates at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Howard N. Strople, foreman for the Shirley Electric Company, moved here on Monday with his family and will ball at town hall, Ayer, Thanksgiving afternoon, November 17. The occapy the Jewett cottage, Just off might. Poole's celebrated orchestra. verner Bancroft, the young man and cake, candy and popeorn was presumering from the shooting accident while hunting week before last, was brought back home from St. Joseph's hospital on Sunday afternoon. The immediate danger that of infection table to the accompaniment of a

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Prescott Grange to make arrangements for a public apple packing demonstration, report that on Tuesday afternoon, November 28, they have secured John Hardy of Littleton give the same at Grange hall at two o'clock. Mr. Hardy is inspector on the State Board of Agriculture and has had wide experience both in this state and in Connecticut. His own orchards in Littleton are adjacent to the large Drew-Munson orchards, the latter alhaving large orchards in Connecti

cut. Mr. Hardy is thoroughly profi-cient in demonstrating the new law governing the grading, packing and proper marking of apples in barrels or boxes and is qualified to answer any questions regarding same. Everyone interested in fruit growing is sure to be benefitted and all interested are in-vited to come to this open meeting whether men or women. The com-mittee are making a canvass for the necessary number, twenty-five, to bear Mr. Hardy is thoroughly prof necessary number, twenty-five, to bear the slight expense of this demonstraion and are making efforts gathering to meet Mr. Hardy.

Odd Fellows' Ball.

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The concert and ball held at Prescott hall on Friday evening, November 17, by Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., if not the largest in point of attendance was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion socially. The committee in charge were J. E. Andrews, floor director, the noble grand of the order, assistant, William Reed, vice grand; aids, the past grands, Louis Shattuck, J. Gardiner Willey and Neil McWilliams, and Roy Sylvester, Edward L. J. Gardiner Willey and Keil Storilliams, and Roy Sylvester, Edward L. Tarbell and Russell Wright. There were a few out-of-town guests, but the unpleasant weather and traveling no doubt prevented many from accepting the storilliant of the sto the invitations. Newell's orchestra, from Marlboro, furnished music for the occasion, and their concert prothe occasion, and their concert program, from eight to nine o'clock, was

enjoyed as usual.

The grand march was formed about nine o'clock, led by Jonas E. Andrews, noble grand, and his daughter-in-law, About twenty-five couples partici-

H. About twenty-nee couples by ated.

At intermission a turkey supper was served in the lower hail by the members of Acoma Rebekah lodge. Mrs. Kate Dunlap acted as chairman of the supper committee and assisted by several of the ladies of the order served a most excellent menu. The march to the supper room was led by Mr. Andrews, with the hoble grand of Acoma lodge. Miss Ethel Kemp. Dancing was afterward enjoyed until after midnight. There were many charming costumes among the lady dancers making a brilliant scene.

with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Attrioge and Raymond Paull in the cast.

Tuesday night—Charles Early, of Nashua, black-face comedian; Mr. Perry, from Lowell, in eccentric dancing and songs; Mr. Brown, of Lowell, the man who eats the plano; sketch given by Mrs. James E. Attridge and Russell P. Wright. Extra talent after the program.

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The entertainment committee are John T. Sullivan, Joseph Attridge, Dr. McGrail, Thomas Drummey, H. D. Sullivan, Arthur Nalette, John Attridge, John Coffey, Joseph and Frank Tierney, Joseph Sullivan and Thomas Allen. The committee on soliciting have succeeded admirably, several articles of good value having been added to the long list of last week. The committee, Miss Margaret Barry, Miss Annie Allen, Mrs. P. W. Flynn, Mrs. Joseph Davis, Mrs. John Sliney, Miss Helen Haggerty, Miss, Elizabeth Tierney, Miss Lena Thompson, Miss Mary Sullivan, Miss Madeline Leary, Miss Mary Lynch and Miss Neille Sullivan, tike and been well met.

There was a slight error concerning the doll for which the two young ladies, Miss Haggerty and Miss Lasen, are contesting, and which has only been put on exhibit this week in Drummey's window. The doll in Quimby's window was donated by Mrs. E. S. Grenache and is included in the articles on which votes are received. The voting books on many of the other articles are making a good showing. There is no apparent reason, at this date, why this bazaar should not be a great success.

Deaths.

Mr. Fletcher is survived by a wife; two daughters, Mrs. Wright of Somerville, and Mrs. Morrison of Yonkers, N. Y.; also, by the two sisters Mrs. Blood and Mrs. Boynton, first mentioned. He was born in Hollis, N. H., and out of a family of thirteen children is the last male member. His brother, Dr. Fletcher, of this town, was the next to him in point of age, the deceased being seventy-one years

of age.

Mr. Fletcher, with two of his brothers, served through the civil war, enlisting in the Illinois cavairy, in which tate he was then residing. He also served under Gen, Custer in the west. His brother Charles served in a New Hampshire regiment, and Dr. Fletch er enlisted with a Massachusetts com-pany as field or assistant surgeon, gaining the reputation at the close of the war of the foremost surgeon in

he state. Mr. Fletcher has lived in Somerville Mr. Fletcher has fived in somerwine and Groton, moving from the latter place to Milford, N. H., about four years ago, on his retirement from business. He is well-known here in town from his frequent visits and his annual attendance at the reunion of the Fletcher family.

William Gleason, who has been cared for at the town farm the past few weeks, being in failing health, died there on Tuesday forenoon of diabetes, aged sixty-five years. The deceased was the son of James and Eleanor (O'Rourke) Gleason, who came to this country from Ireland and settled on a little farm near the Townsend line, not far from the old Warner place. He was one of a family of nine children, who were reared here. William, as well as his other brothers, having been employed by Walter Warner for months at a time. Mr. Gleason has also worked at Town-William Gleason, who has beer walter Warner for months at a time.
Mr. Gleason has also worked at Townsend and at various places around town, being a familiar and well-known figure on the streets. He was never married and the only members never married and the only members of his family to survive him are two sisters, Mrs. Lucy O'Brien of Roxbury and Mrs. James Breen of this town. His last brother Joseph died in January. 1915, also of kidney trouble. The remains were brought to the home of his sister. Mrs. Breen, and services were held at St. Joseph's Shavest of Thursday at nine o'Cleck.

home of his sister, Ars. Breen, and services were held at St. Joseph's church on Thursday at nine o'clock, Rev. Fr. Barry celebrating the high mass of requiem. Buriai was in the family olt at St. Joseph's cemetery.

Hearing at Town House.

A hearing was appointed by the selectmen of the town on Tuesday evening, November 21, to allow a consideration of various complaints which had been made against Chief to the Smith. It was generally in of Police Smith. It was generally understood that at the time of his appointment he was given the instruction to maintain law and order on our
streets. This, it was universally conceded, he has succeeded in accomplishing. He has been prompt in action and efficient whenever called upon. The meeting was presided over by
Frederic H. Parker, chairman of the
board of selectmen, who, showed good
judgment and excellent comprehenslon of the nature of the meeting in
his decisions during the proceedings. of Police Smith. It was generally un-

sion of the nature of the meeting in his decisions during the proceedings.

There was a very good representative gathering of about 150, including more than thirty women. The complaints brought against the chief were in nearly every case from those interested in arrests he had been called upon to make for drunkenness, disturbance, of violation of the law.

One of the chief complainants was Lohn E. Masters, who has been con-One of the chief complainants was John E. Masters, who has been conducting a boarding house at the place on Groton street, commonly known as the "Hole in the wall." A disturbance occurred here on the evening of October of the care coming up for trial in er 6, the case coming up for trial

ber 6, the case coming up for trial in the district court October 7. Masters was charged with being drunk and a Polish boarder was also implicated in the row and was arrested. On Tuesday evening John D. Car-ney of Ayer presented himself as counsel for Mr. Masters and afterward alled the names of all the complaincalled the names of all the complaints from his list. He also asked Chairman Parker if they should be sworn in and was told that the object of the meeting was for a free hearing, rather than a district court room.

rather than a district court room.

Masters' plea was that he was not drunk, although the statement of the obysician who attended him about the time the disturbance was over would be of a different nature. His Polish boarder was also brought in, making the complaint of the larceny of a dolor watch at the time of his arrest. lar watch at the time of his arrest, which it was answered by the officers which it was answered by the officers as not being on his person when he was searched by Constable Lawrence at the station after his arrest. He claimed he needed an interpreter and a Polish-American child was brought claimed he needed an interpreter and a l'olish-American child was brought in, who was very ready in answering questions, sometimes without referring the point to the man, which seemed to be the effect of good coaching. A statement was made by a foreman at the mill where the Polander was employed that he had always received his orders there in plain English and was able to understand without the aid of an interpreter.

Mr. Carney called the names of the several others who had been interested directly or indirectly in arrests made by the chief and who were making the charges against him.

R. Ernest Tarbell gave a detailed account of an arrest witnessed by him and several others were brought into the discussion. Undue violence was charged, not taking into consideration the fact that the qualifications of a

the fact that the qualifications of a good police officer are not precisely those of a Sunday school superintend-ent, if the officer keeps ahead of the Several persons in the audience

Several persons in the audience were brought into some of the discussions, for and against. If the personal feeling on some points was at times too prominent the meeting was kept orderly by the chairman. Selectman Willey was brought into one of the discussions, but afterward apolothe discussions, but afterward apolo-gized to the audience concerning cer-tain plain remarks. Selectman Miller, who served the board as clerk, occu-pled his place among the other mem-bers at the front of the hall, but did not give expression to his sentiments. One member of the audience asked that a vote be taken to get the atti-tude of the meeting, but this was set aside by the chairman, the right of decision, after the hearing being in his judgment, reserved for the board of selectmen.

Mrs. M. A. Drumm visited in Worcester over the week-end at the hone of her aunt, Mrs. M. J. Dooling.

The electrician at the papermill in Mr. Jelly's place, a Mr. Allen, is planting to occupy the Hall cottage near the Fitchburg depot with his family.

Mrs. Edmund Blood was called to Thetford, Vt., on Friday of last week, by the death of an uncle. She returned on Monday.

Leo Thayer, who has been filling a position in an orchestra in Worcester, has been at his home in town a part of this week.

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account of his summer in France beaccount of his summer in France be-fore a representative gathering of men at the Congregational vestry on Mon-day night. He held attention through-out the evening as he told of war ex-periences, his visit to the front, work in hospitals and work for the blind and crippled. He was assigned to du-ties at the American Clearing House brother. Dr. Fletcher, of this town, was the next to him in point of age, the deceased being seventy-one years of age.

Mr. Fletcher, with two of his brothers, served through the civil war, enlisting in the Illinois cavalry, in which ing was held to effect a more perma-nent organization.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning the pastor will speak on "Evolution and the monkey." The Federation service will be held in this church at seven o'clock p. m.

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The annual meeting of the First
Parish Men's club was held in the
vestry on Tuesday evening, November
21. At seven o'clock an oyster supper
was served by the ladies' committee
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Voted, to serve an oyster supper at the next annual meeting of the club. Voted, to appoint a committee of three to look into the possibility of establishing a reading room at Railroad square for men and boys.

The business session was then adjourned to listen to the address of the cycning by Dr. Fernald, resident physician at the Concord Reformatory. His subject, "Social and economic aspects of mental defect," was one with which he showed himseif thoroughly conversant and his lecture was comprehensive and enlightening. It was illustrated by a number of charts made up from his eight years' experience among the men at the Reformatory. Dr. Fernald had the attention oric among the men at the recommendation. Dr. Fernald had the attention of his audience during the hour or more that he spoke. He paid tribute to the Peppereil men who were holding official positions at the Reformatory

tory.

On Friday evening, November 24, at 7.45, the workers in the three Sunday schools will meet at the Unitarian vestry. Rev. A. W. Bailey, of Boston, educational secretary for New England, will speak on "What makes the difference?" followed by an open parliament for questions and discussions

At the Methodist church Sunday At the Methodist church Sunday morning the pastor's topic will be The coming peace." There will be no Epworth League meeting or preaching in the evening as this church unites in the Federation service at the Unitarian church at seven o'clock. Sunday school will be held at noon as usual and the Junfor the program of three o'clock. League service at three o'clock.

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BEATING NATURE.

Although it is well known that the best sliage is made from the & ♦ large crops of mature corn, it is ♦ equally well known that good silage can be made from imma- & ture corn or that which has suffered during the summer from \diamond dry winds. In other words, regardless of the season, the silo \diamond insures prosperity. So well is this known that farmers who @ have used the silo are putting • up a second or a third. This is ♦ ample proof that the one who ♦ has not yet erected a silo on his ♦ farm should not further delay it.
 ♦ It may be that some sllos are better than others, but they are all good, and any silo is better than no silo. Therefore the question to be decided is not that of determining what kind of a sile should be built this fall. but that of deciding absolutely and definitely to build a silo and take full advantage of a good crop of corn or be 'prepared & against the adversity of a poor & crop, if that is what nature has ♦ determined to give-Kimball's ♦ Dairy Farmer.

FIGHTING THE HESSIAN FLY.

Late Planting on Fly Free Date Has

Proved Successful. That the Hessian fly can be successfully controlled by practical methods has been demonstrated in Harvey county, Kan. Under the leadership of F. P. Lane, county agent for the Harvey county farm bureau, a large number of farmers were organized last sum-

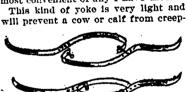
mer and fall to fight the fly. Methods of control advocated by Mr. Lane were those devised and recommended by the department of entomology in the Kansas State Agricultural college-to thoroughly prepare the seed bed, destroy the volunteer wheat and plant on or about the fly free date, which in Harvey county is Oct. 8 or 9. A large per cent of the wheat acreage of the county was planted according to these directions, although the weather conditions hindered the work considerably.

A representative of the college de-partment of entomology visited a number of wheatfields in the county before harvesting began. In nearly every case where the crop was planted according to the methods advocated there was practically no fly injury. A few fields that were planted before the fly free date or in which no effort was made to destroy the volunteer wheat were all badly infested and the yield reduced. In some cases where late sown fields adjoined stubble fields or early sown fields considerable injury was noted, showing the necessity of co-operation in the control of the fly.

An experiment was carried out on the farm of Frank Lawton, near Newton, to show the value of planting wheat on or about the fly free date. A plot of wheat was planted each week, beginning Sept. 20 and continuing until Oct. 25. The plots planted on Sept. 20, Sept. 27 and Oct. 4 were almost entirely destroyed by the fly. Those plots planted after Oct. 4 came through with little or no fly injury and a good yield.

Adjustable Cow Yoke.

Here is a cow yoke that will fit either a cow or calf, as it is adjustable, writes F. E. Howe in the Farm and Fireside. I made mine from discarded buggy tires and after trying several of these yokes have found them the miont of any I have used.



ing through fences. The sketch shows

the construction. To make the cow yoke fit a calf remove the bolts, slide the parts along so the opening is smaller and replace the bolts in the proper holes. Have the tops and bottoms of the yokes bent forward to prevent the cows bumping their knees on them.

Sometimes the yoke may be apparently tight, but if a cow catches it on some brush she may turn it the other side up. That is the reason for having the top as well as the bottom bent forward so the ends are interchangeable.

SOME HORSE SENSE.

Unless the farm horses have a chance for proper rest at night they soon become weak and lose weight. A jaded team can never do a profita-

During the hot months the work horses should spend the nights in the pasture near the stable. Before they are released at night they should have eaten their regular

ble day's work.

ration and been cleaned and brushed from head to heels. anything that adds to the comfort of the work team and helps to keep it in condition puts cash in the owner's pocket and adds credit to his account.

Many horses are made quite nervous by any unusual noise or confusion about the barn, and this affects their eating. Food will not digest so well, Try to have everything as quiet and regular as usual at mealtime.

The horse has a small stomach. To keep it stuffed all the time is bad in every way. Feed a good fair ration three times a day and so prevent indi-