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About Town.

The portrait of Charles K. Bolton, Librarian of Boston Athenaeum, who has a summer home in this town, was included in an exhibition at the Boston Art Museum last week. The exhibition consisted of about thirty-five canvases by Fred Demmler, a Pittsburgh artist, who was killed in Belgium during the last week of the war. These paintings are part of a more complete collection of Demmler's work, which was assembled this fall in a memorial exhibition in the Carnegie Institute. Demmler studied at the Boston Museum school and frequently came here to paint the portraits of New England people. The Boston Art Museum asked the loan of the paintings for exhibition.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Smith, Lancaster road, spent the holiday in Boston.

Miss A. M. Holden went to Concord to spend Christmas with her brother and family.

Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman was in town on Sunday. She was intending to spend Christmas with her sister and friends in Worcester.

Chaplain Purdy is preaching short but vigorous sermons every Sunday at the Universalist church. Mrs. Purdy is of great assistance in the choir.

Considerable complaint has been heard about the heating of the grammar school during the last cold spell. It would seem that a temperature of fifty-two degrees was hardly a safe one for pupils or teachers. In fact frequent marching has had to be resorted to. This of course takes time from the school work.

Center.

A community Christmas meeting was held in the town hall on Christmas afternoon with a good number present. The affair was under the management of the committee who had the Forum meetings in charge last summer. The meeting opened with the singing of Christmas carols and this was followed by a song by some of the school children, and a reading of one of Myra Kelley's East Side Christmas stories by Miss Vera Bradford. Rev. Howard A. Bridgman gave a short talk on the spirit of Christmas, which was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Eleanor Longley.

Chaplain George Driver then gave a stereoscopic lecture on Palestine. The illustrations for the lecture were personally collected by Mr. Driver during a year spent in Palestine, and proved to be very interesting. The meeting closed with remarks by Rev. S. F. Goodheart, pastor of the Congregational church at the village.

E. J. Miller, who has been suffering from broken ribs, has recovered sufficiently to be out again.

News has been received of the death of William H. White, son of the late William and Susan (Greene) White, who was born at Woodsville. He was forty-five years of age and death was due to heart trouble. At the time of his death Mr. White resided in Butte, Mont., where he was employed as department superintendent of a printing company in that city.

New Year's Greetings

Our thoughts go out at this HOLIDAY SEASON to each of our friends; to wish you prosperity in your undertakings and extend to you our best wishes for a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**, with the hope that pleasant relations will continue through many and many a successful year.

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TOWNSEND

Center.

Misses Miriam Adams and Hazel Copp assistant high school teachers, are spending their vacation at their respective homes in Brunswick, Me., and Nashua, N. H.

Louis Shaul, of Hartford, Conn., has been a recent guest at F. M. Warren's.

Miss Louise Whitcomb, who is in training for a nurse at a Cambridge hospital, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitcomb.

Miss Helen Higgins, teacher in Everett, and Miss Gertrude Higgins, student in Framingham, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Higgins.

Miss Carrie Walker, of Townsend hill, attended a meeting of the Z. Z. S. club held at the home of Mrs. Roy A. Upham, Friday evening, in Fitchburg. A delightful luncheon was served by the hostess, the table decorations and favors being especially attractive. An original poem giving a history of the club since its organization in 1906 was read by Miss Walker and a special feature of the evening was the presentation of a cut glass sugar and cream set to Mrs. N. Howard Pease, an honor guest, who was recently married. Miss Walker was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pease while in Fitchburg.

The school board have voted to raise the salary of the teachers on the basis of \$200 a year, the same to take effect the first of January. The high school session is to reopen Monday, December 29. The grade schools a week later.

Mr. and Mrs. George Upham of Elm Lane farm left Wednesday for Malden, where they will spend the Christmas season at the home of their son, Frank Upham. Christmas day festivities will also include the observance of the 5th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Upham.

Geo. F. Brown

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BOYS' and YOUTHS'—New Styles	\$5.00 to \$18.00

The sad news has been received by Mrs. John J. Piper of the sudden death from heart trouble of her only brother, William H. White, aged 45 years, at Butte, Montana, where he was employed as department superintendent at the McKee Printing Company of that city. Mr. White was born at Woods Village, Shirley, and was the son of the late William and Susan (Greene) White. He came to Townsend in his childhood and attended our public schools and when a young lad he was employed as clerk in the C. W. Hildreth store. He was well known in town as a man of quiet unassuming manner. Besides his wife he is survived by one son, William H. White, Jr., of Butte, and Mrs. Piper of this town.

Rev. A. L. Struthers was the officiating clergyman at a wedding held Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Beck at Mason N. H. He was assisted in the ceremony by Charles B. Goodwin, Justice, and by contracting parties were Charles Beck and Miss Mary Seaver. The simple ring service was used and the couple were attended by the brother of the groom and sister of the bride. The happy couple will reside for the present with the groom's parents at Mason.

Inter-Grading Meeting.

At the December meeting of the Parent-Teacher association Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren gave an interesting paper on "The intrinsic value of story-telling," emphasizing the importance of the kind of story telling that would leave the right impression on the mind of the child. Following her Mrs. Clara Craig read several Indian legends and Supt. Herman Knight gave a talk on Joel Chandler Harris (Uncle Remus) and in closing Mr. Knight read one of his stories. Mr. Knight announced the prizes on the bird scrap books made by the school children, which were judged by Miss Abbie Churchill of the Fitchburg Normal school and were based on the following merits: Artistic arrangement of covers, originality, nature study and composition. The prizes were bird books.

Prizes awarded as follows: Group 1—grades VI, VII and VIII: first prize, Mamie Johnson and Lillian Swicker, both receiving the book "Birds in literature," by Mrs. Abbie Churchill; 2d prize, Alice LaFountain; "Bird guide," by Chester A. Reed; 3d prize, Florence Higgins. "The travels of birds," by F. Chapman, honorable mention, Hester Russell received "The bird calendar," by C. M. Weed.

Group 2—grades III, IV and V—1st prize, Pearl Russell, "The Burgess bird book"; 2d prize, Oxel Johnson; "Bird guide"; 3d prize, Gertrude Meade. "Our winter birds"; honorable mention, Omar Dickson received the "Bird calendar."

Group 3—First and second grade pupils at West Townsend received prizes.

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In an interview at the offices of the American Relief Administration European Children's Fund, at 115 Broadway...



HERBERT C. HOOVER

or post, except such as are working under the limited arrangements set up by the American Relief Administration soon after the armistice...

TRUTH ABOUT SHANTUNG

There is much confusion of thought, says the Boston Herald, regarding the principal subject of controversy between China and Japan at the peace conference...

There is not a frontier in Europe," he continued, "where there is not economic friction. They can't even reconstruct transportation until the treaty is ratified."

AMENDMENTS WOULD DEFEAT TREATY

We unite in opposing and condemning the recommendations both as to textual amendments and as to proposed reservations...

Worry is Twin of Fear.

Worry is a homeopathic or attenuated dose of fear, and fear as all know, is a powerful depressant of the circulation and nervous system...

LITTLETON

News Items. The Alliance social for the young people has been changed from January 2, as scheduled in the calendar...

The annual church meeting of the Unitarian church will be held in the vestry on Monday evening, December 29.

Steps were taken at the close of the Sunday morning service at the Common to organize a series of young men and young ladies for practical social and educational purposes.

The W. H. Tenney's attended the funeral of Mrs. Tenney's sister-in-law, Mrs. Elliot P. Lane, in Boston, Wednesday.

Principal and Mrs. W. P. Harris will make their new home in the Shadwell house, the lower tenement of which is occupied by C. W. Hunt, station agent.

Mrs. Henry S. Brown has been spending two weeks with her daughter's family in Newton.

At a meeting of the Congregational parish held in the vestry on Monday evening, a unanimous vote was given to Rev. Gail Cleland...

W. E. Conant and H. W. Conant have been housed with heavy colds.

The Hope of Resurrection. "Hope springs eternal in the human breast" Nothing proves the above more conclusively than the persistently hopeful attitude of the friends and servants of the late lamented John Barleycorn.

Just how an amendment to the constitution passed strictly according to the rules laid down by the constitution itself can be found unconstitutional...

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. The funeral of Hiram A. Glover, who died at his home on December 13, after a lingering illness...

A large barn is being erected on the old Claggett place on Pine hill to replace the one burned there two years or more ago.

Miss Ruth Goodwin is enjoying a three-weeks' vacation from her school duties at Colby academy, New London, and has been visiting her sister, Mrs. George F. Hills.

Miss Ellen Clark is home from Northfield seminary for a ten-days' vacation.

Miss Elizabeth Worcester is home from Wellesley for a three-weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Charles E. Hardy returned home from Concord last week after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Percy Foster, for three weeks.

The Woman's club will meet in the ladies' parlor on Wednesday of next week. The program will be a Pinarum celebration. There will be music, and tea will be served.

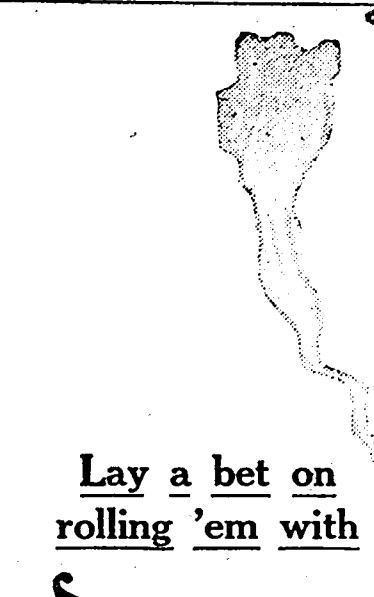
The grammar school held a Christmas party last week Thursday evening. The two teachers, Misses Gilbooley and Parquar, having it in charge. There was a fine program carried out consisting of a farce, "A Mixup in Santa Claus Land..."

The junior girls of the high school class will give a leap year dance at the town hall on New Year's night.

Hollis, N. H. Mrs. M. Y. M. C. A. at basket ball last week by the score of 19 to 11. It was a very exciting and notable game.

Christ, the nations' King, was the theme carried out in the Christmas concert given by the Sunday school last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eames were Christmas guests of her sister in Newton.



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meeting, followed by a Christmas sermon by the pastor, Rev. R. M. French. The annual church meeting will be held in Grange hall on Thursday, January 1.

Mrs. George Cady has returned from her visit to Washington, D. C. On her way home she visited Capt. Warren Barnaby and family in Philadelphia, and Miss Lenora Bradley in New York.

The Christmas services held at the Congregational church last Sunday were much enjoyed by all, especially the solo by Mrs. Ferguson. The children's concert will be given on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Edna Hall, Mrs. Della Hall, Miss Blanche Hall and Mrs. Estelle Hughes were recent visitors in Nashua.

The South Brookline Sunday school class of the past week on account of the weather, will not meet until after Christmas.

Mrs. George Hobart, of Manchester, has been the guest of his mother, Mrs. Mary Hobart.

Miss Frances Farnsworth is at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mabel Hammond, Groton, for a few weeks.

Mr. Minnie Holcomb has returned to her home after spending a few weeks in Groton at the home of Mrs. Mabel Hammond.

Dr. C. H. Holcomb was in Nashua on last week Friday at St. Joseph's hospital. He reports the serious operation of Mrs. Robert Copeland, of Townsend hill, as very successful.

Advertisement for Prince Albert cigarettes, including an image of a pack and a man's face. Text: Lay a bet on rolling 'em with PRINCE ALBERT the national joy smoke

Advertisement for Yates' Garage, including a logo of a car and text: ORDER NOW YATES' GARAGE

Advertisement for United States Grain Corporation Standard Pure Wheat Flour, including a logo of a grain eagle and text: Grain Corporation Standard Pure Wheat Flour now available

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GROTON

invited to attend and members are urged to pay their dues to date as soon as possible at the request of headquarters in Boston. The N. E. M. P. A. has done good work the past year...

Charles Dodge, of the Groton Inn, had a slight shock last Sunday, from which he is recovering. The Grange met on Tuesday evening and elected officers to fill vacancies...



EDMUND L. BLOOD

the children having a royal good time and Santa remembered them all. Miss Marion Poole, who taught in the Groton High school in 1917-18, was married at her home in Hudson on Saturday, December 20...

Mrs. Chapman were on their way to Groton at the time and the accident occurred when Mr. Chapman stopped by the roadside to investigate some trouble with his car...

L. Wright, the Christmas program being rendered: "Joy bells," Miss How's and Miss Park's classes; recitation, Josephine Kahan and Genevieve Coddington; song, "The first Noel"...

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