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Basket Ball.
The Shirley High School basket ball team held an exhibition game in Odd Fellows' hall, Wednesday evening, and did good work. Over one hundred were present and every minute of the time was full of interest and enjoyment. In the boys' teams Russell Miner was the captain of team No. 1, and Clayton Wells was the captain of team No. 2.
Russell Miner's team won, making a score of 53 as against 15 for Clayton Wells' team.
Summary—goals in field, S. Wells 20, C. Wells 7, Badstuber 8, Hooper, C. Wells from free throw, Hooper, Pen-
cseau. Failures from free throw, Pencseau 2, Hooper 4, Fouis, S. Wells, Evans 2, Weeks 4, C. Wells. Referee, Shipley W. Ricker, Umpire, P. Holden, Scorer, Miss G. L. Conant, Timer, Arthur Holden. Time, 15 minute halves.
In the girls' teams Miss Eleanor Miner was captain of the Whites, and Miss Edna Harris was captain of the Reds. Miss Miner's team won, scoring 26 as against 18 for Miss Harris' team.
Summary—goals from field, Miner 6, Provost 7, Harris 7, Logue. Goals from free throw, Love, Carpenter. Failures from free throw, Love, Carpenter, Day 3, Fouis, Miner, Provost 2, Day 4, Wheeler 2, Wilbur 4, Harris 2, Logue, Referee, Shipley W. Ricker, Umpire, Miss E. M. Tewksbury, Scorer, Miss G. L. Conant, Timer, Arthur Holden. Time, 15 minute halves.
The boys' teams hope to arrange for a game with Clinton high school in the near future.

News Items.
All the heavy stock of Amos Parker, consisting of eight horses, teams, harnesses, etc., was sold by public auction, Thursday. Good prices were realized on everything sold.

The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Shirley Co-operative bank will be held at their rooms in Peasley's block next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

Herbert F. Taylor, superintendent of Industrial School for boys, addressed the brotherhood of the Leominster Congregational church, Tuesday evening, on the subject, "Industrial education."

Eugene Livermore, receiving clerk at the C. A. Edgarton Co., has returned to his duties after a week's absence on account of sickness. He spent a few days first of the week in Portland, Me. Mr. Livermore is recognized as one of the most accurate and painstaking clerks in the employ of the company.

Altruism.
The Altruists held their regular meeting, Thursday afternoon, opening at 2.30, Mrs. Hazen presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary. Report of the reciprocity meeting, held at Pepperell,

was given by Miss Grace M. Kilburn, who with the president, Mrs. Hazen, Mimes, Evans, Harlow, Baker and Cooper attended the meeting and reported a delightful time. Mrs. Cooper and Kilburn gave very fine papers on George Elliot and the negro. Music was interspersed between the papers, and an excellent lunch was served by the Pepperell ladies.

Mrs. Susan Barker of Ayer then addressed the meeting by giving an interesting account of Mrs. Brownlee's system of moral and civic training of children in schools; good thoughts awakened the child to higher powers, such thoughts made the character and led to lofty ideals. Let the child sit alone and think a good thought watching this thought through the day, they would grow into a healthy child. Mrs. Barker referred to words being selected in some schools for each month, such as love, kindness, courtesy, self-control and many other good words to be constantly before them in schools; they should also be taught reverence for law and order. The opinion of children should be recognized and a chance given them to exercise what they know. Boys and girls are bound together a great deal; "What should they talk about?"

The paper was given in Mrs. Barker's quite pleasant manner and was greatly enjoyed. A rising vote of thanks was given her at the close. Discussion followed the reading and many different thoughts were expressed on the subject.

Mrs. Merriman and Mrs. Kate E. Hazen attended the Fitchburg Woman's Club musical last week, and reported a first-class entertainment, greatly enjoyed by both. Mrs. Merriman also spoke of foriatri, being taught in the high school of Fitchburg, and one of the young Shirley boys taking up the course in order that he might enter the competition of being one of the boys the government intends sending to Germany for study. Other business matters were attended to and the meeting adjourned.

TOWNSEND.

Supt. E. L. Haynes went to Kennebunkport, Me., to attend the funeral of his wife's father, Mr. Fairchild, which was held Thursday. Mrs. Haynes was called to her father's bedside a few days ago. Mr. Fairchild recently made a visit here and was pleasantly remembered for his genial disposition. The family have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

The committee for the first Armistice gathering to be held at the Congregational vestry, Friday afternoon, and evening, December 24, have in preparation of this an interesting program. It is hoped all who can will be present.

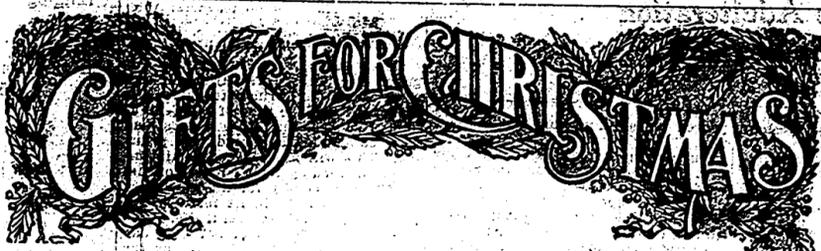
Useful Christmas Gifts

Just at this time of the year there's many a person who is wondering "what to give a man or boy for Christmas." A few Christmas suggestions:

Sweaters and Sweater Coats.....	50c. to \$2.00	Neckwear.....	25c. and 50c.
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Gloves of all Kinds.....	25c. to \$5.00		
Handkerchiefs, all Kinds, both Plain and Initial, from.....	5c. to 50c.		
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Men's Silk Initial Handkerchiefs.....	25c. and 50c. each
Men's Linen Handkerchiefs, 6 in a handsome Christmas Box.....	\$1.50 and \$2.50 Box
Men's Japanette Handkerchiefs, 6 in a handsome Christmas box.....	50c., 75c. and \$1.00 each
Men's Fancy Colored Silk Handkerchiefs.....	25c. and 50c. each
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Men's Mocha Gloves in squirrel linings.....	\$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00
Men's Mocha Gloves in Lamb wool linings.....	\$3.00 and \$3.50
Men's Working Gloves, lined or unlined.....	50c. and \$1.00
Men's Wool Gloves and Mittens.....	25c. and 50c.
Men's Fur Driving Gloves, Gauntlet.....	\$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00
Men's Heavy Driving Gloves, Gauntlet.....	\$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75
Boys' Wool Gloves and Mittens.....	25c. and 50c.
Boys' Mocha Gloves, lined.....	29c., 50c. and 75c.
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SUSPENDERS —All New Goods, in great variety of patterns—Each pair in a handsome Xmas box.....	25c. and 50c.	For Boys, made in Domet Flannel.....	50c.
Boys' Suspenders.....	15c. to 25c.	HOSIERY —For Men in plain and fancy colors and fancy embroidered. They come assorted colors, four and six pair in Xmas Box.....	\$1.00 and \$1.50 a Box
ARM BANDS —Fancy Arm Bands in a variety of Handsome Xmas Boxes.....	25c. and 50c.	MUFFLERS —Every Kind for every member of the Family. This includes the square, Silk Mufflers, Ways and Phoenix Scarf Mufflers.....	\$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00
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Men's Fur Caps.....	\$1.50, \$3.00, \$3.50
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Children's Umbrellas.....	50c. and 75c.

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Children's Coat Sweaters.....	50c., 98c. and \$1.50
Girls' Coat Sweaters.....	\$1.50 and \$2.00

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WESTFORD

Center.
Mrs. Helen Leighton's Westford friends much regretted to hear last week that she was detained from her teaching in Hollis by an attack of diphtheria. At Thanksgiving time, when a number of cases prevailed in our own town, Mrs. Leighton refrained from joining the relatives here, not wishing to take any risks on her daughter Frances' account, and now to have taken it herself seems most unfortunate.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sutherland and Mrs. S. B. Wright have been attending the sessions of the state grange at Springfield this week.

The library's legacy of \$1000, by the will of the late John M. Osgood, has been received by the town. The sum is slightly reduced by the inheritance tax. Earlier in the year \$150 was received in a similar way from the estate of Mrs. Jennie Reed Wilkins. The loyalty of these former residents and the substantial help to the library will be sincerely appreciated by the town.

A very attractive collection of photographs of Yellowstone park is to be at the library until December 23.

Social and Sale.

The Loyalty club of the Congregational church held a social and sale in the vestry last Thursday evening. This club is formed of girls in the Sunday school and was organized by Mrs. H. G. Osgood and Mrs. Marshall. Ill health has compelled Mrs. Osgood to give up her work with the class for the present, and Mrs. Lillian Lambert has most capably taken her place, and under hers and Mrs. Marshall's direction their first social was a most creditable success. There were sales tables for fancy and useful articles, food and candy.

Refreshments of cake and cocoa were served during the evening. An entertainment of song and duets were given by Adrith Carter, Elizabeth Kimbell, Ethel Richardson and Mabel Woodbury after which Henry Van Dyke's beautiful story of "The other wise man," was read by Miss Martha Taylor and illustrated with the stereopticon owned by the church. Arthur E. Day manipulated the slides. About twenty-three dollars were realized as a fund for the treasury of the club. The presentation to the vestry of a piano chair, a much needed article, is one of the uses planned for a part of this sum.

Banquet.

For seven consecutive seasons the social event in the Congregational church calendar for December has been the annual church banquet. This season's affair took place Tuesday evening of this week at the church and was carried out on the same general plan as its predecessor, although in no wise lacking in originality and interest for time rings many changes and the groups of people gathered at the long tables are never twice alike. Tuesday evening's gathering proved a real success with its good weather, large attendance, fine supper and list of good speakers.

People began to gather by half past six in the audience room, and at seven promptly formed in line and marched to the vestry, where an appetizing menu of chicken pie, mashed potato, squash, celery, rolls, coffee, pies, sherbet and fruit was spread. During the gathering of the guests Mrs. C. P. Marshall presided at the organ in her own skilful way. The decorations were in the Christmas colors of red and green. There were long runners of red through the center of the tables, with twigs of hemlock, and at regular intervals vases of brilliant poinsettias with greenery wreaths, stars, and hemlock branches were also used to advantage about the rooms.

After the supper had been faithfully attended to with its accompaniment of merry sociability the toastmaster, John P. Wright called to order and with his inherent keen wit and gift of quick repartee that have endeared previous gatherings introduced old friends with fresh messages as well as a number of new speakers. The program was not too long, each speaker keeping within the allotted time and the audience had no time to get tired, and many a hearty laugh should have

proved an antidote for any indigestion.

The good pastor of the church came first with one of his inimitable Scotch readings, entitled "On the craft."

The next speaker introduced was Rev. Allan C. Ferrin of the High Street church, Lowell. With his pleasing personality, this speaker brought felicitous greetings balanced with a few earnest thoughts on the constructive and destructive side of the building of human character.

The next speaker was also new to the audience, Miss Edith Lawrence of the academy teaching force, who gave a graceful and charming sketch on toasts and toastmasters from the ancient times to the present. This enjoyable number closed with a most original and pleasing acoustic on the name of the toastmaster of the evening, contributed by Miss Elizabeth Cushing. Mrs. Ada L. Webber of Littleton, always a welcome guest at our gatherings, next gave a solo rendered with her full musical voice and expressiveness.

Henry Smith, president of the Lowell board of trade was then introduced, and in the time allotted gave a thoughtful presentation of some of our modern economic conditions.

Miss Martha J. Taylor followed, the subject of her toast being "The farmer." This was given in Miss Taylor's happiest vein, and was a discriminating treatment of many phases of the lives of the dwellers in our rural communities.

W. Wheeler then responded to the toast, "Opportunity, a home." Logic and good sense characterized the treatment of the opportunities for livelihood and development of character the speaker saw right in our midst.

Music next interspersed the speakers, when John S. Greig gave a solo, and Principal Woodward of the academy closed the program with some thoughts on "School life," given with the insight of the experienced teacher.

At the beginning of the banquet Rev. B. H. Bailey invoked the divine blessing in his own impressive way and at its close the audience rose to their feet and sang with much heartiness a verse of "Auld Lang Syne," after which came social greetings and the gradual dispersing of the gathering.

The committee in charge of the program was Mr. Marshall and Charles O. Prescott. Those in charge of the supper were Mmes. Taylor, Knight, Wheeler, Whitney, Hartford and Misses Atwood, Leighton and Burnham. Decorations, Mmes. Greig, Hartford, Merritt and Woodward, and Misses Taylor, Grant, Burnham, Cushing and Lawrence.

About Town.

As the guest of W. W. Manning of Ayer, W. R. Taylor attended the banquet of the Wachusett tennis league, held Thursday evening at the Sterling Inn, Sterling.

The Fortnightly club is still a useful factor in the realm of the town nearest the north pole. If its contributions to society prove only the "Widow's mite," even this is much better as a lighting influence than a lighted candle "under a bushel." The next meeting will be held at the Wright schoolhouse, Friday evening, December 24. The exercises will be largely of a Christmas nature. Study the mood for a good time and bring it with you. This is safer than trusting the others to bring it about.

Mill pond skating at Brookside was the sport the rear day of last week, and open water close by. The next thing liable on the program may be mill pond drowning. History for warning is a failure. Grassy pond has ten acres of skating water two feet deep. You can't drown here unless you go in head first and are anxious to stay there.

Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher and family are spending purely pleasurable days in New York city. They will return in season to brighten Christmas days with home and village life. While absent Mr. and Mrs. Hill from Vermont, Mrs. Fletcher's father and mother, have been visiting at the Fletcher home on Oak Hill. Mr. Hill fell down stairs into the cellar, breaking his arm in two places.

John Adams Taylor is home from Miami university for the voices of Christmas time.

Mrs. Leonard Walker of Groton is spending these bright sunny days with the bright sunny people at the Walker homestead on Main street.

Mrs. F. W. Banister is ill with incompatibility of throat difficulty.

Plans are being matured for the Farmers' Institute to be held in Westford in January. Our own native townsman and academy graduate, George Albert Drew, has consented to give the morning address on "Orcharding." At present he has charge of a large estate in Greenwich, Conn. Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey has been engaged as toastmaster, which is evidence that there will be something stirring in wit, wisdom and anecdotes. In Mr. Trol-

the committee on institutes has engaged a reader of well-known ability, to produce amusement. For afternoon it is expected that Professor Ford of Amherst agricultural will give an address on "Corn," although the afternoon program is still uncertain in nature. While the date has not been fixed, it is hoped to have it as early as the second Wednesday, January 12.

Westford Academy.

The meeting of the trustees of the Westford academy was held at Boston last Saturday. The members present included Hon. John D. Long, Hingham, Rev. Edward A. Horton of Boston, Henry M. Wright of Quincy, J. Henry Fletcher of Belmont, J. Adams Bartlett of Chelmsford, Abiel J. Abbot, Geo. T. Day, Captain Sherman H. Fletcher, Walter C. Wright and Charles O. Prescott of Westford. The treasurer's report was read and accepted, showing the funds of the corporation wisely administered. The following officers were elected:

George T. Day, pres.; Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, vice-pres.; Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher, sec.; Abiel J. Abbot, treas.; George T. Day, auditor; John C. Abbot, Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher, George T. Day, standing committee; Rev. E. A. Horton, Abiel J. Abbot and Julian A. Cameron, committee on teachers; Abiel J. Abbot, Adams Bartlett, J. Henry Fletcher and Hon. Charles S. Hamlin, committee on loans and finance.

The standing committee, having engaged Mrs. George T. Day to prepare a catalogue of former teachers and students up to the time of the Centennial, reported that 2500 names had been catalogued and ready for printing. This will prove exceptionally interesting reading for all lovers of history and especially for all who knew Westford academy in its infancy, and in its honorable and useful life, in its preserver usefulness of our own day of added opportunities. Thanking the compiler in advance, we thank the safe manners, as a perusal of this history is likely to prove interesting and absorbing.

Forge Village.

Mrs. Courtney, mother of Mrs. Geo. E. Mountain, while going for milk, Friday morning, slipped on some ice on the railroad crossing and fell, breaking her wrist. Charles Fianagan, flagman for the Boston and Maine crossing, witnessed the accident and assisted her to her home close by, where Dr. W. H. Sherman set the broken bone. The accident is doubly painful to Mrs. Courtney on account of her age, which is eighty-four years.

Christmas exercises were held in Cameron school on Friday afternoon, December 17. The rooms were tastefully decorated in keeping with the season. The school will remain closed until December 27.

The annual Christmas tree will be held in Recreation hall, Monday evening, December 19, for the Sunday school children of St. Andrew's mission. A varied program has been arranged, and Santa Claus has already sent word that he will arrive promptly at 7.30. A cordial reception awaits him.

Miss Annie P. Keefe and Willis Keefe of Townsend Harbor were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Carmichael.

Rev. Thomas L. Fisher will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination in St. Luke's church, Malden, Sunday, December 19. Rev. Mr. Fisher began his ministry there, and also built the church. Rev. Thomas J. Crosby will conduct the evening service at St. Andrew's mission by exchange.

William Burnett has been confined to his home the past two weeks by illness. Dr. Cyril A. Blaney is attending him.

Death.

Henry Catchpole, with his son, John W., and daughter, Miss Emily, attended the funeral, Monday, at Worcester, of Westell C. Kirk, the fireman who was killed Friday by being caught under a wall.

Westell C. Kirk was the youngest of eight children of Mr. and Mrs. William Kirk, former residents, who were one of the earliest English families to settle here. Besides his aged parents, he leaves a wife and five small children, the youngest seven weeks old, four brothers, one of whom is driver for the fire wagon in Worcester, one a special police officer of Leominster, and three sisters. Deceased was thirty-four years old and appointed a permanent fireman a short time ago. Mrs. William Kirk, mother of deceased, is a sister of Henry Catchpole, and this is the first death to occur in that large family.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Banking Rooms on Monday, January 3, 1910, at ten o'clock, a. m., to choose a Board of Directors for the year ensuing, and act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

HENRY A. HILL, Cashier.

Townsend, Mass., Dec. 6, 1909. 3w14

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Thomas L. Motley, late of Groton, 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 Maria D. Park, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January, A. D. 1910, 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 in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine. 3w14 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

TO RENT.—House on Groton St., East Peppercorn; eight rooms; town water. Apply to JOE BERGEN, East Peppercorn, Mass. 1417

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- China**
Japanese Nut Sets (7 pieces) Cups and Saucers, 3 Piece Tea Sets, Pitchers, Bowls, Bric-a-Brac, etc. from 10c. to \$3.00.
German Chocolate Sets (7 pieces) Cups and Saucers, Mustache Cups, Salad Bowls, etc., from 15c. to \$2.75.
American Creamers and Sugar Bowls, Salad Bowls, Cake Plates, Chocolate Pots, etc., from 39c. to \$1.50.
- Animals**
Horses and Horses with Carts from 10c. to \$3.00.
Teddy Bears from 5c. to \$1.75.
Elephants, Lions, Monkeys and Giraffes from 10c. to \$1.00.
Dogs with Natural Hair at 50c.
Indestructible Japanese Straw Cats, Dogs, Toads, etc. 15c. and 25c.
- Toy Furnishings**
Tea Sets, China, etc., from 10c. to \$1.25.
Kitchen and Wash Sets from 10c. to \$1.50.
Bedsteads, Trunks and Ranges from 10c. to \$1.00.
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Road Carts, Buckboards, Sulkies, etc., from 10c. to \$2.25.
Hook and Ladders, Fire Engines from 10c. to \$2.50.
Trains from 10c. to \$1.50.
Penny, Nickel and Dime Combination Banks 75c. and \$1.00.
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Skates and Sleds from 50c. to \$3.75.
Foot Balls from 10c. to \$2.00.
Hockey Sticks and Balls from 5c. to 25c.
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SHIRLEY.

News Items. The Red Cross Christmas stamps are again issued, the proceeds of which are used for the prevention and cure of tuberculosis.

W. L. Allen of the Boston university law school spent last Saturday and Sunday at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen.

William Collyer of Boston spent last Sunday with his brother Harry in Shirley.

Mrs. A. A. Bronson spent a few days this week with relatives in Keene, N. H.

The public schools closed Friday of this week for a vacation of two weeks.

The King's daughters met Tuesday evening in the vestry of the Congregational church and spent the evening in the interests of the Sunday school, making decorations for the Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boucher of Leominster spent last Sunday at the home of Alexander Gionet.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lement of Leominster spent last Sunday at the home of J. E. Gionet.

The members of the Société l'Assomption are requested to be present at the regular meeting, Sunday, December 19, when officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

The regular meeting of the children of Mary was held last Sunday afternoon in St. Anthony's hall, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Bella Descoteaux, pres.; Alphonsine Lecuyer, vice-pres.; Clara Gionet, Mary Ann Cormier, Mary Hachi, Florida Gionet, ex. com.

Harry Collyer won the first prize, half a box of cigars, last Saturday evening, rolling the highest in a three-string contest at the local bowling alleys.

Mr. Collyer also won the first prize of two dollars a week previous in the Saturday night roll-off. These prizes are now given weekly by the proprietor of the alleys, Abel Morin, for the highest total pinfall in three strings.

The Universalist church Sunday school will observe Christmas with an entertainment and Christmas tree in the vestry, Friday evening, December 24th.

The Baptist church Sunday school will observe Christmas with a Christmas tree and entertainment in the church, Friday evening, December 24.

The annual concert and ball of the Shirley fire department was held in Odd Fellows' hall, last week Friday evening, and was attended by a large number of people including many from nearby towns. Broclemann Bros., the caterers, furnished refreshments. The concert was exceptionally fine. The grand march was led by Captain and Mrs. Charles Stebbins. The sum of \$135 was realized from the sale of tickets and the expenses were about \$80.

Miss Mary McFarland and Daniel Lynch of Lakeport, N. H., are guests for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Leopold.

The household goods of the late Adeliza R. Warner will be sold by auction on Saturday afternoon, December 18, at one o'clock. Melvin W. Longley, auctioneer.

Christmas Celebration.

Plans have been made for a very pretty observance of Christmas by the Congregational Sunday school. Mrs. Helen McCoy and Mrs. Alice L. Wright will conduct the entertainment features, and Mrs. Ruth Phelps and Mrs. Sarah Rugg will have charge of the decorations.

The festival will take place Friday evening, December 24. Two Christmas trees will be used and placed in the front of the vestry, one on the right and the other on the left.

Santa Claus will arrive shortly before eight o'clock and give his usual thrilling experience of his visit to Shirley, and a corps of assistants will help to distribute the gifts.

The Christmas tree entertainment will be followed by a Sunday school concert in the auditorium of the church, Sunday evening, December 26, and will be in charge of Miss Mary A. Park, who will be assisted by the teachers of the Sunday school and members of the choir, and from present indications gives promise of being one of the best Christmas concerts ever given in this church, as special attention will be given to the music and the training of the children who will sing and give recitations. The public is very cordially invited to both of these Christmas celebrations.

Fatal Accident.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gately were shocked first of the week to receive a telegram informing them of the death of their son-in-law, Joseph Stacy of New York city.

Mr. Stacy was an iron and structural worker, and with a number of fellow workmen was engaged in the erection of one of New York's sky scrapers, when one of the large iron girders that was being hoisted broke away from the cables and crashed on top of the men, killing instantly Mr. Stacy and some others, one workman having his head completely severed from his body.

The accident happened last Saturday evening after dark, the men working with the aid of electric lights.

Mr. Stacy was one of the most skilled workmen in his line, his duties requiring expert ability, besides being hazardous.

The body was taken to his old home in Canada for burial. He leaves besides other relatives a wife and three children.

Mr. Stacy was thirty-eight years of age and was known here in Shirley by some of the residents. The widow, formerly Miss Mamie Gately, is a native of Shirley and will know her.

Much sympathy was expressed throughout the town for Mrs. Stacy when the sad news became known, as both Mr. and Mrs. Stacy had the esteem of all who knew them.

Death.

That trouble and sorrow never come single handed seems to have been the rule in this case, as last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. James Gately were notified of the death of their nineteen months old granddaughter, Marion Suhlke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Suhlke of Leominster. The cause of death was heart trouble. Funeral and burial took place Wednesday.

The father, Mr. Suhlke, who is a traveling salesman, was coming home from Pittsburg, Penn., to attend the funeral of his little daughter and came near being killed, as the train he was hurrying home on was wrecked and a number injured.

The Churches.

Preaching at the First Parish church, Sunday, December 19, by Rev. George Willis Cooke. Hour, 11.15 a. m.

Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker will occupy his pulpit at the Universalist church, Sunday morning, December 19, at eleven o'clock. Regular meeting of the Y. P. C. U. in the evening at seven.

Rev. W. H. Desjardins will preach at the Baptist church, Sunday, December 19, at 10.45 a. m. and seven p. m.

The pulpit of the Congregational church will be occupied Sunday morning, December 19, by Rev. N. L. Jones of Boston, who will address the audience on the subject of Porto Rico. Mr. Jones has spent three years in Porto Rico, and consequently is fully conversant with conditions there. In the evening at seven o'clock Miss Home M. Calder, associate secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions, Boston, will deliver an address of more than ordinary interest. A good attendance is desired at both of these services, and the public are cordially invited to attend.

Center.

Mrs. G. E. Winslow has leased her place to H. C. Shenck. They are nice people and will be welcomed to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves are in attendance as delegates at the state grange session, held at Springfield this year, lasting three days of this week.

Henry Ware and family will spend the holiday week at their summer house, which has been remodeled inside, including hot and cold water, bathrooms, etc.; in fact, it is a city home in the country. We are glad to have such people come to our midst.

Orsamus W. Andrews has gone to the hospital at Fitchburg and will have an operation performed.

We regret to learn that our townsman, Fred R. Holden and wife, are to move to Shrewsbury, where he has a good business opening. Mrs. Holden is a native of the latter town.

Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Harlow, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Evans and Miss Kilburn of the Altrurian club with the president, Mrs. Hazen, attended Reciprocity day of the Pepperell club, December 7. Papers were read by Miss Van Dyke of Hollis, Miss Blood of Ayer, Mrs. Cooper and Miss Kilburn of Shirley, Mrs. Priest of Littleton sang; Miss Hutchinson, Pepperell, gave a piano solo and a double quartet sang. Dainty refreshments were served.

Grange.

Shirley grange held a regular meeting at Grange hall, Tuesday evening, December 7, and elected the following board of officers for 1910:

A. A. Adams, m.; Carl Thompson, o.; M. Alice Cummings, chap.; Mrs. N. R. Graves, r.; H. N. Brown, sec.; H. S. Clark, treas.; George Farmer, stew.; Robert Evans, asst. stew.; Miss Elsie Holden, lady asst. stew.; William Thompson, gate keeper; Mrs. Mable Thompson, Flora; Miss Ruth Graves, Ceres; Marion Holden, Pomona.

There was a good attendance, and at the close of the meeting refreshments and confectionery were furnished.

PEPPERELL.

East.

Mrs. O. A. Merrill and daughter Ruth returned Wednesday from several days' sojourn. They visited Arthur Merrill and family at South Braintree, H. E. Boynton and family, Watertown, and stopped at Lowell on their return, where Raymond Boynton, Mrs. Merrill's brother, is so ill.

George L. Lakin left Tuesday for Washington, N. H., in his team. He expects to be gone until after Christmas.

Boynton Merrill arrived home Wednesday from Mt. Hermon.

A meeting of the soliciting committee of the Nurse association will be held at Rev. D. R. Child's residence, Monday evening. The necessary circulars are out. Soon a solicitor will call on you. Pepperell needs every one to do their duty. Lend a hand.

Harry Lawrence shot another deer last Saturday while gunning at Hollis. It is by far the largest seen around here for a long time, and similar to the one he got a week previous, having antlers with nine prongs; but it was much heavier, weighing over three hundred pounds. His brother James also got one a few days previous.

The shoe factory was visited this week, and it would appear that the shoes they are turning out will fill the bill. You may take these shoes and soak them in water for a week and the claim is they will be just as dry inside as would be desired. Fourteen men were at work placing machines and getting everything in readiness for an early beginning.

Friday evening, December 24, there will be special exercises and recitals with Christmas tree at the M. E. Sunday school. The same evening the Congregational Sunday school have their annual Yule tide program of entertainment and cheer, including a tree.

Our town to the front, Pepperell in the lead, showing the way to an organization about 5000 granges strong. Such is the honor credited to a lady citizen of ours, as shown by the following, copied from the National grange official organ:

"The first purpose of the lecturer should be to arouse the thinking powers of the members, to make the program suggestive of worthy things beyond what it actually contains. Thus is the grange serving its members in more than the present moment by opening up avenues that lead to future thought. Of such suggestive programs which have come to the editor, it is hard to find a more striking original one than that of the Middlesex Worcester Pomona, No. 3, of Massachusetts. This lecturer is Mrs. L. E. Starr of Pepperell, and the program is certainly suggestive of advance thinking."

At the Christmas services in the Unitarian church on Sunday, December 19, Rev. D. R. Child will preach on "The search of the shepherds." The Sunday school will join in this obser-

ance, meeting for processional at quarter before eleven o'clock and singing carols as a part of the service. As Christmas is one of the greatest of church festivals, it is hoped that friends who are not with us regularly will endeavor to attend this special service.

Harry W. Trenholm has resigned his position as engineer at the Nashua River Paper Co.'s mill. He left for Fitchburg, Thursday morning, having accepted a similar position with Crocker-Burbank & Co. Mr. Trenholm has been in town about eighteen years, fourteen of which has been with the Nashua River Paper Co. He is also a member of the steamer company of the fire department. He will be missed personally, as well as professionally.

It pays to advertise if you do so with a paper that has the circulation that we have. The person who found the bag of grain mentioned in our last issue as lost, saw the notice in the Clarion-Advertiser, and returned it to its owner. If you want to reach the Clarion-Advertiser by telephone, call these numbers, 12-3, 102-2 or 77-2; if one is busy call the other. Cordial, courteous treatment will be extended by all our representatives.

Agriculture is acknowledged as the basis of prosperity. It amounts to about nine billion dollars annually. Our town is represented on this total, and by a greater amount than for many years. The entire acreage of corn here is far in excess of any previous year. With the ever-increasing advantages of up-to-date farming, the farmer can raise a large portion of his grain. The time for him to plan for next spring is through the winter months.

The jewelry store of George H. Bullock will be open evenings until Christmas.

Christmas Shopping.

This week's issue is the last opportunity you will have to read the advertisements and be guided in your Christmas shopping. Our merchants know we can draw your attention to their goods. You may be tempted to trade in some of the larger cities, but if you call at A. J. Saunders & Son and see their extensive stock, a regular department store, if you examine A. F. Parker's full line of Christmas specialties, W. A. Kemp's complete stock, Stenstream & Deloid's new lot of skates, etc., for the youngsters, Geo. H. Bullock's fine display of values, and the many other advantages told you in their advertisements, you will find good reason to do your trading with them. It means a neat saving in prices, carefree and wear and tear. Boost your own town, support its business interests. A special train will accommodate all traders from Groton and Ayer, Thursday evening, December 23, leaving Pepperell about eleven o'clock. These stores will be opened Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, Christmas week.

Centre.

On Thursday evening, what is called the clove supper, was given by the L. B. S. of the Congregational church, in the vestry, and an Odd Fellows' supper in the town hall at which a large delegation from Nashua were guests.

Mrs. John H. Lawrence's seventy-second birthday was remembered kindly by her friends, December 12.

Mr. Woodruff, the tenant on Chrales H. Jewett's farm, has raised two hundred bushels of potatoes and three hundred bushels of corn the past year.

Rev. R. W. Drawbridge attended the evangelistic meeting in Boston the first of this week.

The Misses Hubbard of Nashua were guests over Sunday of Rev. and Mrs. Dudley R. Child.

Mrs. Mary N. Winship, sister of Mrs. Royal Baldwin and Miss Sarah Nash, died at her home in North Chelmsford, December first, at the age of eighty-six years. Her remains were brought to Pepperell for interment in Wilton cemetery, December 3. She resided at North Pepperell during her early life. A son and daughter survive her.

Dandelion blossoms, verbena and rosemary have been picked in the open this week.

On Thursday, December 16, the flag of Prudence Wright chapter floated from its staff on the common to commemorate the anniversary of the Boston tea party, when Boston harbor was made the receptacle of a cargo of tea, December 16, 1773. The D. A. R. met at the home of Mrs. John O. Bennett for a tea party and made it a pleasant occasion.

The ladies of the social circle of the Unitarian church received last week the gift of seventy-one dollars from ladies who have been summer residents in town. The supper December 10 was in every respect fully up to the usual high standard, and was very well patronized. Christmas at grandpa's was the entertainment, which succeeded the supper given by the young folks and enjoyed by all. The articles left from Wednesday's sale were disposed of. One hundred and fifty dollars were realized for the total amount.

Mrs. Sarah J. Parker's seventy-seventh birthday anniversary, which occurred on December 17, was made a very pleasant occasion for her by neighbors and friends who assembled at her home bearing with them the wherewithal to make a good supper for her and fragments to gather for future use.

The society of the village aid are providing the needy with fuel and other things to make the winter comfortable for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Bancroft of Heald street, Mrs. L. E. Starr and Miss Bertha Farnsworth have attended the convention of the state grange in Springfield this week.

Miss Higgs of Fitchburg is staying with Mrs. Alfred Boynton this winter. Young Mr. Richardson, who is trying the cold-air cure for tuberculosis at the Bancroft farm, appears to be improving. He is a grandson of the late Dana Bancroft.

Le Roy Nutting, Jr., who sustained a broken arm and also put his wrist out of joint last month, is as comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

Mrs. Peter Reed is improving from the effects of the fever with which she was attacked during the fall.

Howard Shattuck has improved greatly and appears quite like his former self.

Lane Bros. Our Christmas Offerings. East Pepperell Mass. are ready. Every Department is Brim Full of CHOICE GOODS carefully selected. Below are mentioned some of the things in Our Store which make Handsome and Useful Gifts.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Christmas Suggestions. For the Boys and Girls we have a complete line of Cutlery, Skates, Sleds and Pole Sticks. See our display of Bissell's Carpet Sweepers. The most useful present for your wife. Necessities to prepare that Christmas dinner—Savory Roasters, Double Roasters, Bake Pans, Agate, Enamel and Tinware. Look in our windows and see what we have. Our prices are right. Plumbers, Heaters, Tinsmiths, Hardware and Kitchen Goods. LAWRENCE BLOCK. Stenstream & Deloid, R. R. Sq., East Pepperell

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GROTON.

Christmas Chitchee School.
The public schools of the lower grades enjoyed Christmas observances last week. The exercises rendered by the pupils at the Chitchee School last Friday afternoon were very pleasing, and showed much painstaking on the part of the teacher, Miss Elsie Shattuck and the children who took part. The school room was prettily decorated with wreaths, Christmas bells and pictures. The tree laden with its gifts and ornaments was an attractive feature of the occasion. After the program gifts were distributed by Masters Claude and Ray Farwell. Following this distribution came the serving of dainty refreshments to guests and pupils, the dishes with which the table was spread being loaned by the mothers of the pupils. Rev. G. M. Howe and Superintendent J. H. Manning made short addresses. The whole affair was very enjoyable and praiseworthy. Each guest bore away on leaving a Christmas card souvenir.

News Items.
W. A. Moore & Co. have their windows dressed gaily for the holiday season. Miss Helen Dodge is assisting in the store during the trade of the Christmas rush.

In the list of officers elected at the grange the names of William A. Sanderson, gate keeper, and Isabel Hawkes, Ceres, were omitted in the item last week.

The Intermediate school, Miss Kane teacher, had Christmas observance at her school room Friday afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Groton Historical society will be held on Tuesday evening, January 4.

Views of the southern coast of New England will be on exhibition at public library until December 27.

William A. Woods, Mrs. E. P. Woolley and Mrs. B. M. Brown attended the meeting of the state grange held at Springfield this week, returning Thursday night. They reported a most enjoyable time.

The Middlesex Rebekah lodge held a meeting Friday night. In the list of Rebekah officers given last week the name of Sarah J. Whiting as chaplain was omitted.

William Baker, West Groton, is making a good recovery from pneumonia.

Mrs. Carl Wagner and infant son left town this week for New York.

Leonard Augustus Jones, for ten years chief judge of the land court of Massachusetts and a noted writer on legal topics, died in Boston on Thursday, December 9. He was a native of Templeton, where he was born on January 13, 1832. He fitted for college at Lawrence academy, Groton, where he attended school in 1849. He graduated at Harvard college in the class of 1855, and at the Harvard law school in 1855.

The boys and girls in the deestrict skule will hold a barn dance in the town barn on new year eve. Seth Dewberry will be boss of the barn. Jed Peters will make the music.

Some time Sunday night some one entered the barn, at the residence of Edward J. Farnsworth, in the northwest part of the town, and stole the family horse, a red mare, about fifteen years old.

Mrs. Daniel Whalen was taken to the Clinton hospital last Saturday evening and operated on there that same night for appendicitis. The operation showed some other minor trouble, but at last accounts the patient was doing well, with every prospect of a prompt recovery.

The Book and Thimble club met last week Friday with Mrs. George H. Woods. Subject considered, "The present high cost of living and the cause of it."

The Congregational church has been invited to the council held on Thursday afternoon, dismissing Rev. F. B. Harrison as pastor of Congregational church at Townsend. M. P. Swallow has been chosen delegate with Deacon H. H. Gay, alternate. Rev. F. B. Harrison has accepted a call to Southington, Conn. In connection with this item may be mentioned the fact that Mrs. F. B. Harrison is the granddaughter of the late Deacon and Mrs. Alva Wright of Groton.

The lower grade of public schools closed on Friday, December 10. The grammar and high this week Friday for Christmas holiday vacation. All to reopen on Monday, January 3.

Among other interesting objects seen during a call this week at R. M. Erving's studio and workshop on Champney street, was a handsomely mounted tarpon undergoing some repairs. This huge game fish is about six feet in length, and to those who have never seen a tarpon is quite a curiosity. This particular specimen was caught off the Florida coast by a lady, and after being skinned was placed in the natural history collection at Groton School.

A. H. Messinger was home for a day or two a few weeks ago, leaving to travel and play temporarily with "The Bright Eyes Co.," though still under engagement with H. W. Savage's "Merry widow." On Tuesday of this week young Mr. Messinger, who is a specialist on the French horn, left Frankfort, Ill., to travel through the far-west, going to Seattle and other cities, playing with his old company, the H. W. Savage Merry Widow Co.

Albert F. Parkhurst has bought of the Alva Wright heirs the so-called Raddin place, in the easterly part of the town, and not far from the Dunstable line.

Mrs. M. C. Sawyer left Tuesday morning for a visit to her son, Ernest L. Sawyer and family at Winchendon.

Mr. Ledstone, formerly of Groton, was an over-Sunday visitor at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Daniel Graham.

The missionary concert on Alaska at the Baptist church, last Sunday evening, was attended by a fair-sized congregation.

Rev. H. A. Cornell preached acceptably last Sunday at the Congregational church from the text, "Jesus only." Mr. Cornell visited friends in Lowell on Monday and Tuesday.

The fourth in the season's course will be given on Tuesday evening, December 21, by Miss Mildred Sheldon Bass in her recital of "The Christmas carol," by Dickens. Recital at eight.

The Boynton cracker bakery on Elm street is shut down, not manufacturing for the present, but continues taking consignments from Westminster and other bakeries for the supply of routes and other customers.

Oxen in former years, so largely used by farmers, have of late become almost a curiosity in town. Z. Fitch, however, has always had a yoke or two, and now P. J. Benedict, one of our thrifty and younger farmers, has a yoke and likes their work much. They weigh 3900 pounds.

Preparations for Christmas festival observances at the different churches are being made.

The New England Homestead for week ending December 11, 1909, has for its leading article, "Essentials for orchard success." The article is illustrated by a picture in group of the prize winning fruit shown in barrels, boxes and plates, and also gives a very natural picture of the leading prize winner, G. S. Knapp. The list of first, second and third winning prizes by Mr. Knapp are given, making an aggregate of about \$300, as have been given previously in this column. The editor in this article gives an experience of our townsman in apple raising gathered from the editor's talk with him.

Resigned.
The entertainment committee have tendered their resignation to the District Nurse association in the following letter:

Groton, Nov. 1, 1909.
To the president of the District Nurse association, Groton:

It is with regret that we, the entertainment committee of your association, do hereby tender our resignation. Our two seasons' work together as a committee has been so harmonious and enjoyable, our financial success in contributing to the association \$576.45 from our entertainments, has been so gratifying that we almost hesitate to sever our connection with the work. But we feel that the time has come for others, equally interested in the cause, to contribute to its success by the inauguration of new thought and new blood.

In conclusion, we wish to express our pleasure in the compliment of our appointment and to extend our hearty thanks to the president of the association for her unfailing enthusiasm and support.

Arthur G. Kilbourn, Herbert B. Priest, Samuel Underhill, Roxana Sprague Southard, Fannie E. Woods.

This resignation has been accepted in a most gracious letter from the president of the association. In retiring from this work, the committee wishes to thank the Groton public for its generous patronage.

AYER.

At Groton.

Mrs. Warren H. Atwood held at her home on East Main street, Wednesday afternoon and evening, December 15, an exhibition of embroidery done by her pupils. Three rooms were used for the display, which included sofa pillows, center pieces, dollies, yokes and many other things. It was mostly in white, but some in colors. Mrs. Mary Hutchins, Mrs. A. D. Stroud, Mrs. Ruth Sherwin and Miss Edith Perry assisted in receiving the visitors. Mrs. Atwood has classes in Littleton and Ayer, and many from both towns availed themselves of the opportunity to see this fine exhibit.

Special Christmas exercises were held with Christmas trees in the schools below the fifth grade, Friday afternoon. The schools all closed Friday for the Christmas vacation. They open again on Tuesday, December 28.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker gave a paper on "The Brownlee system of child training," before the Altrurian club of Shirley, Thursday afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon was Children's day in the Woman's club. The entertainment was given by the musical magician, F. O. Harrel of Waltham.

A large number of little people, children of club members and their guests, greatly enjoyed the very fascinating program that was given. At the business meeting this vote was passed: Resolved, that in the death of Mrs. Elizabeth E. Low the Ayer Woman's club has lost a loyal and devoted charter member.

Death.
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Low died at her home on Washington street, Saturday morning, December 11, from the effects of a shock that she experienced November 24. She had been in failing health about two years. She was born in New Hampton, N. H., one of the five children of Jonathan and Martha (Copp) Dolloff, on March 8, 1827, and was in her eighty-third year. She married John Hoyt of Lowell, who died about fifty-three years ago. They had one son who died in infancy. On August 20, 1868, she married John Willis Low of New York city, a cousin of Seth Low, the noted mayor of New York.

Twenty-five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Low came to Ayer, where Mr. Low died twelve years ago.

Mrs. Low has been an active woman and a good worker in the various organizations with which she was connected. She was a member of the Unitarian parish, the social gathering, the Unitarian Woman's alliance and charter member of the Ayer Woman's club.

The funeral was held from the Unitarian church, Monday morning, December 13, Rev. Edwin Evans officiating. A quartet, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. George J. Burns, Mrs. Arthur Fenner and Mrs. J. W. Kittredge, sang, "Jesus, lover of my soul," "Somewhere the sun is shining," and "Rock of Ages." The bearers were Stanley L. Cotton, S. F. Farnsworth, Fred Hosmer and A. C. Perkins. The remains were taken to Lawrence and interment was in Mrs. Low's family lot in Bellevue cemetery.

There were beautiful floral tributes from the Woman's club and from the Alliance. The members of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance attended the funeral in a body.

Mrs. Low is survived by a sister, Mrs. Mahala Jenkins of Clinton, and a brother, David O. Dolloff of Madison, Ind.

Congregational.
The annual meeting of the Congregational society was held Monday evening at the church. Augustus Love-

joy was moderator. These officers and committees were elected:

Dr. B. H. Hopkins, clerk; Harry W. Winslow, collector; Charles H. Hardy, auditor; Dr. Hopkins, Percy Gordon and Augustus Lovejoy, prudential com.; Miss Clara E. Blood and Mrs. A. M. Sargent, church com.; Charles H. Hardy, supt. of Sunday school; Harry Evans, asst. supt. and Frank Mrs. Clara Richardson, Miss Minnie Evans and Miss Mary Johnson, soliciting com.; Ellis B. Hartow, Miss Rachel Osgood and Mrs. G. W. Shattuck, music com.; George L. Osgood and Harry Evans, com. on parsonage fund; Francis Lovejoy, deacon for two years.

Harry Evans was chosen deacon to take the place of his father, lately deceased, who served very faithfully many years in the office. Some unfinished business called for a postponement until Monday evening, December 20th.

District Court.

Timothy Hawk of Pepperell, for disturbing the peace at Pepperell, December 9, was on trial, December 10, found guilty and fined ten dollars.

John Collins of Worcester, for disturbing the peace at Groton, December 11, was in court, December 13, and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Lavoy of Nashua, for disturbing the peace at Ayer, December 14, was in court, December 15, and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Moving Pictures.

The big feature picture for Saturday evening is Sellig's great thrilling film, "The peasant prince." The peasant assumes the disguise of a prince to be near the lady he loves, is accepted by her and then torn from her for a short time by cruel fate, only to be restored as her lover when she understands it all. The story is one of those that appeal irresistibly to the audience, and so well is it staged and so interesting is it throughout that there is never any question about the satisfaction of those who see it. A good love story is always popular, and the capable company which develops this one has caught the spirit of the piece and interprets the author's thought with striking fidelity and with a dash which carries one along with it, almost unconscious that it is a picture and not an actual scene. The acting of the young artist is exceptionally good and it is fittingly supported by Pauline, the girl whom so many loved. The scenes are spirited, and even during the duel there is intense interest in the outcome. The ending is happy, showing that an artist may become wealthy and influential, though they are so many times represented differently. It will hold the interest of the audience from beginning to end.

The Wednesday evening pictures are to be omitted until after the holidays.

The Churches.

The service on Sunday, December 19, in the Unitarian church will be conducted by Rev. F. K. Gifford of Melrose. Sunday school at twelve.

Next Sunday at the Baptist church the pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas, will preach at 10 a. m. A Christmas Sunday school at twelve. Praise meeting at seven in the evening with short sermon on "The absent disciple." Special music by members of the choir.

Rev. H. A. Bridgman, managing editor of the Congregationalist, will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church, Sunday morning, and preach a sermon appropriate for Christmas concert the evening of December 21, at 7:30 p. m. The celebration of Christmas day will be on Christmas day at ten a. m.

In St. Andrew's Sunday, Rev. Thomas J. Crosby of St. Luke's, Malden, will conduct the services at ten and eleven a. m. Advent service on Monday at eight p. m. The Sunday school Christmas tree festival will occur in the church Christmas eve, Friday, at 4:30 p. m. The celebration of Christ's Nativity will be on Christmas day at ten a. m.

Edwin N. C. Barnes, who gave a song recital here a couple of months ago, has been given the conductorship of the Choral Union at West Acton. Mr. Barnes will have about forty voices with which to work. The union is taking up the Rose Maiden.

LITTLETON.

Woman's Club.
Last Monday afternoon a good number of the members of the Woman's club and their guests met in the Baptist vestry to hear Miss Mary E. Evans of Nashua speak on Dr. Grenfell's work.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Gertrude F. Sanderson and was prefaced by a piano solo, beautifully rendered by Miss Edith Marlon Sweet.

Mrs. Elizabeth Proctor was chosen delegate to a meeting soon to be held in the interest of pure food. The name of Mrs. Allura Stratton was proposed for membership, the same to be voted upon at the next meeting.

The speaker of the afternoon was delightfully introduced by Miss Sanderson and gave an illustrated lecture of marked interest and instruction. Miss Evans gave a vivid narration of her voyage to the Labrador coast a few summers ago in the interest of the Deep Sea Mission. By the aid of stereopticon she conducted her audience in imagination into the region of icebergs, the land of perpetual frosts, and the homes of the deep-sea fishermen.

During her brief season of three months on the Labrador coast, Miss Evans, in the capacity of district nurse and medical missionary, cared for 400 patients, only three of whom died, and conducted religious services for the families of fishermen and other inhabitants of the country. Owing to falling health, she was obliged to discontinue the work into which she entered so enthusiastically among a soul hungry and receptive people.

Her views of the country, the homes, the hospitals, the voyagers' shelters, esquimos, dogs, seals and other things characteristic of Labrador, beautifully supplemented her graphic account of the sights and experiences that entered her horizon during a short but fruitful service among a very appreciative people.

The vice-president extended to the able and interesting lecturer the appreciation of the club for her welcome contribution to their knowledge of the subject, and called for a rising vote of thanks to Dr. Godfrey for his service in throwing the views upon the canvas, a kindness many times repeated for the club.

Mrs. Alice J. Prouty concluded the program of the afternoon by most acceptably singing "The Furitan maid." The meeting scheduled for December 27 will be omitted.

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AYER.

News Items.

The annual communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons was held Monday evening and the following officers elected for the year 1910:
 R. H. Truitt, master; G. O. Fillebrown, s. w.; W. L. Probbin, w. l.; E. H. Bigelow, sec.; G. H. Bixby of West Groton, treas.; Frederick Whitney, trustee for three years; A. A. Fillebrown, proxy.
 These and the appointed officers will be installed at a special meeting, held January 3.

Benjamin M. Spaulding attended the reunion of the 32d regiment, Boston, December 11, at the American house, it being also the forty-seventh anniversary of the battle of Fredericksburg, in which the regiment took an active part. The 32d was rated as one of the three hundred fighting regiments of the civil war. Twenty-two members have been mustered out during the past year.

The George J. Burns Hook and Ladder Co. will give their annual bal masque in the town hall, Thursday evening, January 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Tuttle of Groton leave Ayer, Monday morning, December 20, for New York city and leave there on the steamer Mohawk for Jacksonville, Fla., and from there they will take trips on the St. John river, and if they like they will stay through the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Felch arrived safely at Jacksonville, and they are enjoying themselves in trips on the St. John river, visiting many places in that part of the sunny south.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will serve a baked-bean supper in the vestry, Tuesday, December 21, at six o'clock. There will also be a few aprons and fancy articles for sale.

All the schools close for the Christmas vacation on Friday of this week, and will reopen for the winter term on Tuesday, December 28.

Charles W. Milliken has accepted an engagement as trombonist with the Harry E. Brigham orchestra of Marlborough for the rest of the season, beginning January 1.

The Ayer Whist club met with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Phelps, Tuesday evening, and the winners of prizes were: Mrs. William Brown, first; Mrs. A. M. Phelps, second; George L. Osgood, first; W. W. Manning, second. The next meeting of the club will be with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Manning, December 28.

Calvin Blood has cut this fall two large oaks, very old, out on the Groton road that measures three feet across the stump, seventy-five years old, that cut three cords of wood. Calvin Blood has gathered for L. W. Phelps this week one thousand brown-tail and other moth nests, and nearly as many for Arthur Fenner and T. Frank Mulen. Through the influence of Calvin Blood the old well by the roadside on Washington street has been fitted out with new pump and platform, tub and dipper, where the weary traveler can quench his thirst.

A social dance will be given by the young people of the O. E. S., Tuesday evening, December 28, in Page hall. Wilson's singing orchestra of Fitchburg, five pieces.

The Civic gymnasium will open its basket ball season with a game Christmas afternoon, in the town hall, at 3.30. The game will be with the Fitchburg Y. M. C. A. Intermediates. The visiting team is a strong one, and is the Y. M. C. A. second team. The game should be close and interesting.

W. W. Manning, George L. Osgood, John M. Maloney and Harry Draper attended the annual banquet of the Wachuset tennis league at Sterling Inn, Sterling, Thursday evening. Francis G. Hayes of Pepperell and W. R. Taylor of Westford were also present.

Mrs. Harrington, who resides on Washington street, Saturday night of last week fell and broke her wrist.

Mildred Sanders left Thursday for Gloversville, N. Y., on a visit with friends in that place, and will remain over the Christmas holidays.

The vinegar plant of the Haynes-Piper Co. will not be rebuilt in Ayer. It is to be removed elsewhere. The remaining portion of the plant will be used as a barrel storage.

Edward Griffin, who resides with his son, Michael J. Griffin, East Main street, had a partial shock on Tuesday. He is about as usual.

Bartholomew McGrall of the Taylor house is confined to the house from illness.

All the stores of Ayer are amply supplied with goods suitable for Christmas gifts and for the holidays, and never before have such excellent useful and valuable goods been offered for the public inspection. The stores and store windows have been made very attractive and inviting by the Christmas decorations. Don't go out of town for your Christmas purchases when you have such an opportunity to make your purchases right here. Next week will come the rush, and out-of-town purchasers should come early and often.

The telephone wires from the pole near where the Fitchburg and Lowell electric start is to be laid in the ground, and several men are digging a two-foot trench for the wires.

An effort has been made to start a lodge of the Order of the Owls in town, and two meetings were held at the Ayer Inn, the first meeting Sunday afternoon, December 5, and the second meeting Sunday afternoon, December 12, but there were not a sufficient number at each meeting to warrant the establishing of the Owls here. Shirley is the next starting point for a lodge of that order, and then if any one wishes to become one of the Owls, all that they will have to do is to go to Shirley. There are already in Ayer somewhere in the vicinity of twenty-five organizations, some secret and some not, and nine or ten of them hold their meetings in the G. A. R. hall.

A Bold Hold-Up.

Five strapping fellows took the four o'clock electric car for Lowell on Thursday afternoon, after arriving here on the four o'clock electric car from Fitchburg. Henry Donahue was the conductor, and he had some trouble

with one of the fellows, who tendered a twenty-dollar bill to pay for two fares to North Chelmsford. As the conductor could not change the bill, James F. Culver, who was on his way to Lowell, helped him out by changing the twenty-dollar bill for him. Words passed between the conductor and the fellow of not a pleasant nature, and during the conversation the fellow said, "I will fix you young man."

On arrival of the electric at Merrimack Square, Mr. Culver was a little late to take the car for Lawrence, and had to wait for the next one. Before taking the next car he went into a restaurant nearby for a lunch, after which he stepped into the vestibule of the Lawrence car that was about to start, and was about to enter the car to take a seat, when the five fellows, who had been waiting for him, crowded about him, handling him not very gently and making considerable of an uproar. During the melee one of the fellows took from the right hand pocket of Mr. Culver's trousers the roll of bills they had caught sight of when he made the change for the conductor, and before he could give the alarm the fellows had scooped and taken with them the roll of bills, sixty-nine dollars in all. It was done quickly, not occupying in time over fifteen seconds. Mr. Culver, when the gang held him up, gave aloud alarm of his situation, but it was not heeded.

Fires.

The alarm that was pulled in at 10.45 Sunday was for a lively blaze in the dwelling house of a junk dealer named Slavian. Thomas Ryan pulled in an alarm from box seven on Pearl street, while P. H. Hooley pulled in an alarm from box eight, at the corner of Cambridge street, causing a commotion in the alarm system. Although the firemen made very good time in responding to the alarm, the fire had gained considerable headway, getting up the wall inside and then along the roof to the upper part of the building, driving the flames out of the door and windows, but after a half hour tussle the fire was finally under control, the all-out coming in about twelve o'clock noon. Louis Pelton, who is freight agent at the freight house, occupied the upper floors of six rooms, and a good lot of his furniture was injured, not alone by fire, but also by water. On an investigation made by A. A. Fillebrown, chief engineer, it was discovered that the fire started in the corner of the shed and it looked very much as if the corner had contained old rags, but Slavian claimed that he did not have any old rags in the room, but said that he had some clean clothes hanging on the walls. When asked if he had any insurance on his furniture, he said that he had it insured through William Russell of Shirley for \$700. When asked if he had \$700 worth of furniture in the house, he said that he had a feather bed which contained 500 pounds of feathers. Louis Pelton states that his furniture was insured for \$500.

The insurance on the building, owned by the estate of Harriet J. Reed, was \$767, insured by Arthur Fenner and was settled Tuesday.

The alarm of fire from box seven, Friday evening of last week, was for a grass fire near the Worcester and Nashua railroad track to Groton.

Supper and Entertainment.

Over one hundred people enjoyed the oyster supper served by the young people of the Unitarian church in their vestry, Tuesday night. Those in charge were: Nettie B. Roe, Avis Burns, Alice and Evelyn Sanderson, Hortense Butterfield, Lucy Wyman, Helen and Emma Kinney, who were assisted by Mrs. W. B. Cotton, Mrs. Franklin Lawton, Mrs. A. C. Perkins, and Mrs. George J. Burns. The musical entertainment included selections by the High School Mandolin club, Bertha Perry, Sophia Delano, Ethel Andrew and Mabel Sargent; trio, cornets and piano, Roger Lawrence, Howard Stone and Charles Mullin; duets, piano and violin, Ada Parker and N. La Prade; piano solos by Ada Parker and Pearl Carley; vocal solos by Ada Parker.

At the business meeting of the Unitarian gathering on Tuesday afternoon, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Emily Cotton, pres.; Mrs. Mary Beverly, vice-pres.; Mrs. Ida Perkins, sec. and treas.

The election of committees was postponed to the next meeting.

For other Ayer news see page four.

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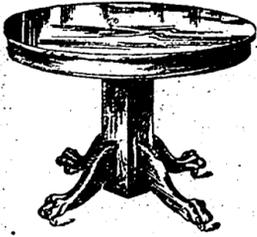
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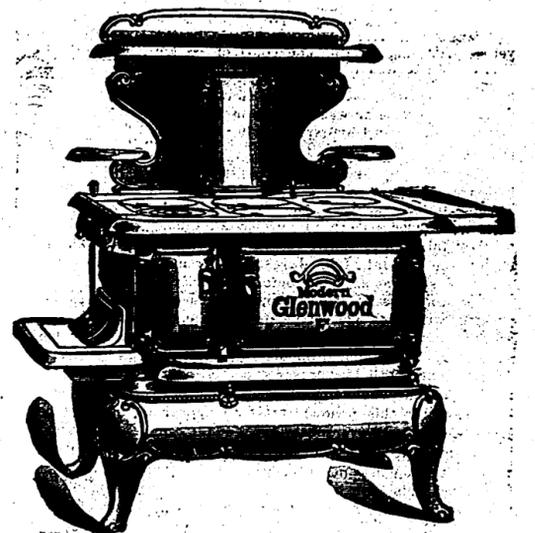
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TOWNSEND.

West.

One of Charles Patch's big white horses, which had long been a favorite of his female patrons, being safe and kind for a woman to drive, died at the stable one day last week from a violent attack of colic.

Mrs. A. J. Manchester has been quite ill at her home in Joslyville from an attack of pleurisy, and her niece, Miss Bessie Conway, who was visiting her home in Salem, has returned to assist in caring for her.

Miss Myrtle Adams, a teacher in the public schools in Waltham, has been a recent guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence.

While D. H. Damon of Ashby was driving from the Townsend quarry, his horse became frightened at the shrill whistle of an approaching train and bolted, clearing himself from the buggy and throwing Mr. Damon out against a telegraph pole, breaking his arm, and giving him several minor cuts and bruises. He succeeded in capturing his horse and drove to his home in Ashby, where his arm was cared for by Dr. Pope.

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kaddy of Cambridge, on Wednesday, December 3. Mrs. Kaddy is at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. William King, on the Fitchburg road.

The young people of the village are organizing a dramatic club and the first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Louise McElligott with about ten present, and steps are being taken toward presenting a drama in the near future.

The schools closed for their Christmas vacation on Friday afternoon, to commence the Monday after Christmas.

Harry Marr, aged thirty-three years, passed away after a brief illness of pneumonia at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Hapgood, Tuesday morning, and his body was removed at once to Sawyer's undertaking rooms in Fitchburg, on account of the ill health of Mrs. Hapgood. Mrs. Marr and little daughter returned to their home in Fitchburg at once, and the funeral was held Thursday afternoon. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved widow and little one, as well as for the mother, who arrived from her home in Nova Scotia, just a few hours after his death.

Charles R. Morgan met with a painful and serious accident at his home last Thursday afternoon, falling down a flight of stairs in his barn with a heavy box in his hands and breaking his arm. He was attended at once by Dr. Ely of this village and Dr. Lowell of Fitchburg, and is as comfortable as could be expected.

The L. L. A. S. entertainment and fair was one of the most successful for years, being well attended, and the sales tables well patronized. The farce "How the story grew" was well rendered by eight characters; an illustrated song, "Put on your old gray bonnet," given by James Dodds and Mrs. R. S. Ely, assisted by a chorus, was heartily enjoyed; and the cantata, "Adoration," directed by Miss Florence L. Austin of Cambridge, was a great success.

Mrs. B. M. Steele and Mrs. Edward Hutchinson from Dorchester and Lexington have been recent visitors at the home of their parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Cox.

The meeting of the L. L. S. C., which was to be held with Mrs. Ellen Pratt, has been postponed till after Christmas.

The Baptist pulpit will be occupied Sunday morning, December 19, by Rev. Victor Waehs of the Methodist church at the Center.

The Christmas tree and exercises of the Baptist Sunday school will be held in Seminary hall, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Craig have closed their house and gone to Troy, N. Y., for the holidays.

Albert Wilson has taken a position as engineer for the rug corporation for the winter.

Center.

The Monday club met this week with Mrs. Anne E. Fessenden and Mrs. Carrie M. Doane as hostesses. Mrs. Henry Hill of Southbridge, a guest of the club, entertained them with readings, and selections upon the piano by Miss Maud Hyde were also enjoyed together with a song by Mrs. Daisy Beckford. Dainty refreshments were served.

The fair and supper of the M. E. church, Wednesday afternoon and evening, was largely patronized. There was quite a large display of useful and fancy articles, many of which were quickly sold. The vestry was prettily decorated with streamers and paper flowers of various colors. A social time was enjoyed after the supper.

Schools will keep this Saturday here and then close for one week, which will enable the teachers to enjoy the whole of Christmas day at their various homes, as with this arrangement they need not return until the following Monday.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

The Hollis Woman's club met with Miss M. A. Hardy. Twenty ladies were in attendance. Current events were given by Mrs. Annie Coburn, besides others. A paper on "Lyden, the home of the Puritans" was given by Mrs. Bessie McInness. A paper on the "Industries of Holland," by Mrs. Mattie Hills.

Miss Copping of Stratham is spending a few weeks with Prof. and Mrs. F. W. Dudley. Miss Copping is the daughter of Rev. Bernard Copping, who was pastor of the Congregational church in Dunstable about twenty-eight years ago.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held a sociable in Grange hall, Wednesday evening.

There was an entertainment, consisting of a piano solo by Mrs. Harry Verder, and the family album shown by Miss Van Dyke. Amongst the pictures were her father and mother, sisters, husband, children, pastor and wife, deacon, and the handsomest girl in town. These pictures were real folks who represented the characteristics of each of them as she exhibited the pictures. There was an auction after the album.

LITTLETON.

Cooperative Banking.

The talk on cooperative banking in selectmen's room last week Wednesday night proved very interesting. J. L. Highland of Shirley told of the rapid growth of cooperative banks since the year 1877 when Governor Quincy petitioned the legislature for a charter, which was soon granted. At the present time there are 137 banks in this state with a capital of over \$50,000,000. Mr. Holland told how the working people all over the state are building their homes through the aid of these cooperative banks. He explained the meaning of shares, series, etc.; terms used in connection with the cooperative banking system.

Many Littleton people have taken out shares and others are contemplating taking out some in the fifth series which are now on sale. The latter closes January 6, 1910.

Well Presented.

The Arts and Crafts drama, "The Closet of Ellen," was presented in town hall last week Friday evening before a crowded house. The comedy, replete with entertaining scenes and situations, surprising problems and amusing solutions, claimed the intense interest of the audience from the opening scene to the conclusion. The cast, consisting of several old timers and not a few new figures, entered heartily into the several roles and presented a fine bit of clever acting. From the audience came frequent expressions of approval and well-earned applause.

The Cynthian orchestra rendered several fine selections that were received enthusiastically. The Ladies' quartet enjoyed their usual popularity, and Miss Miriam S. Carleton of Lynn generously contributed two beautiful solos, accompanied at the piano by Miss E. M. Sweet, an accomplished artist from Westford.

Between the acts a satisfactory patronage of the candy table helped swell the treasury.

To Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, director, is due a large share of the credit for the success of the entire affair. Net receipts amounted to nearly seventy-dollar dollars.

John A. Wright furnished conveyance for passengers attending the drama from the West End.

News Items.

The suspender factory is running on a 5 1/2 hour schedule, commencing at seven a. m. and closing at 5.30 p. m.

James Smith is expected home from the St. Louis convention today.

Percy Crane, who went west two months ago, is working in a suspender factory in Columbus, O., and writes letters expressive of satisfaction with his new quarters and employment.

Mrs. Boyd has recently returned home from a visit with friends in Wisconsin, where she spent the month of November.

The John Pierce farm, which has been reported sold to several different parties, has actually been purchased by a Mr. Worthen of Melrose, who expects to move here immediately. His family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Worthen and two sons, one of whom is married and has one child; all desirable additions to the town. The owner of the place will add modern improvements to the house, and in the spring erect a bungalow for the married son. Farming will not occupy the chief place in the interests of the newcomers.

Miss Emma Hutchinson is spending the winter with friends in Duxbury.

Mrs. Clement Kimball of South Orange, N. J., was an over-Sunday guest of her uncle, A. T. Kimball.

A. T. Kimball has improved his house by slating the roof.

Center.

Through the courtesy of Conant, Houghton & Co., the knights and ladies of King Neptune have a fine new place in which to pursue their study and practice in the Arts and Crafts movement, under the superintendence of Rev. C. A. Drummond. A room on the first floor in the new office building of the webbing factory, steam-heated and electric-lighted, has been placed at their disposal, free of charge. These young people, all in their early teens, are much interested in the work, and are being taught them by Mr. Drummond, and no greater kindness could be shown them than this same instruction in so many of the useful arts.

One hour a day shorter for working time at the webbing factory for the present, beginning the past week at seven a. m. to 5.30 p. m.

A holiday dance will be given by the Backlog club in the town hall on Wednesday evening, December 29. Music will be furnished by Harry E. Brigham's orchestra of Marlboro.

A Reception.

The town hall was not only adorned but fairly illuminated on Saturday afternoon last by the presence of about seventy-five of the little folks of the town, ranging in ages from five to fifteen years. About half of them were members of Mrs. C. R. White's juvenile dancing class and the other half consisted of children who wished they belonged to this same class, and wished with all their little hearts to, judging from their wistful glances towards the favored ones on the floor, and also by the ardor with which the bolder ones, inspired by the music, finally arose and timed to imitate the steps of the well-treasured ones.

The occasion was a reception given by Mrs. White to her class and their little friends. The invitation was also extended to the parents, and among the guests were several ladies from the towns of Harvard, Shirley, and Ayer, who were present by special invitation. No one could fail to note the excellence of the dancing, the almost perfect attention to the required time of each measure, and the observance of those little ceremonials of polite society which are never better learned than at the dancing school.

The favors distributed were paper caps, flags, fans and caricature prints. The matrons were Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. F. B. Priest. Refreshments, always acceptable to the little ones, were served to all present at conclusion of dancing. The servers were Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, Mrs. C. F. Johnson, Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb and Mrs. Murray.

The interest which is being shown towards these dancing classes must be a motive of encouragement for Mrs. White, in the direction of the complimentary ball which comes later in the season, and which is always considered a brilliant number on the social calendar.

About Town.

Special Christmas music at the Unitarian church morning service, December 19, at 10.45. The following selections will be given from "The Adoration":

Chorus, "O come all ye faithful." Baritone solo and chorus, "Behold: a virgin, reverent awe with solemn state." Chorus for women's voices with solo, "In reverent awe with solemn state." Chorus for men's voices, "Then sweeping thro' the arch of night." Chorus, "Softly the starlight." Chorus, "Glorious in the highest." Chorus, "Amen! Lord we bless thee." Response, soprano solo, "Antiphon, 'Hark! hark! my soul.'"

The Cynthian orchestra accompanied by the organ will give the voluntary and postlude.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items.

The December meeting of the Lend-Hand club was held with Mrs. Dickinson on Thursday afternoon and twelve ladies were present. The standing committee chosen for the months of January, February and March, Mrs. Frank Sargent, Mrs. Proctor and Mrs. Fred Payne. Educational committee for same time, Mrs. A. N. Hall, Mrs. James Kendall, Miss Francis Brown. The drama presented at the town hall on Friday evening of last week, under the auspices of the club, called out a full house. The parts were well taken and showed the result of good drilling. Robbins' orchestra furnished enlivening music. Parties from Tyngsborough, North Chelmsford and Peppercorn were present, and the floor was open to dancing until one o'clock.

Several of the townspeople attended the banquet of the Board of Trade of Lowell, tendered the State Board of Agriculture at Richardson's hotel, Wednesday evening, December 8. The speaking was especially interesting. Dr. David Snedden, our commissioner of education, making his first appearance in the state in this capacity. While there were good speakers, he was given the first place and held the close attention of all. A man of energy, experience and intelligence, he brings to his high position a love for education in its broadest sense.

The schools of the town will close on Friday, December 17, for two weeks.

HARVARD.

Center.

The Hunt club will hold a social dance in the town hall on Christmas night, December 25. Music by Superba orchestra of Lancaster.

An executor's sale by auction in Harvard of the estate of the late Patrick Desmond will take place on Monday afternoon, December 20, at 12.30. There will be sold the cows, hay, corn, carts and wagons and farming tools. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer.

A new year's eve dancing party, given by W. A. Dickson and R. M. Lindley, will be held in the town hall, on Friday evening, December 31. Music, Superba orchestra.

A club has been formed for the study of current events and the people of the times. It will be known as the Up-to-Date club, and the only condition of membership is an interest in the subject and a willingness to help. The first meeting will be held with Mrs. Ripley on the first Tuesday in January.

The children's Christmas social will be held in the town hall, Friday evening, December 24. There will be a tree, entertainment and light refreshments at 7.30.

The Christmas service will be held at the Unitarian church on Sunday, December 26.

Earl and Vance Murray arrived safely in San Francisco and report a pleasant trip.

Miss Marion Wright, who has been spending a few weeks at J. B. Harlow's, returns this week to her home in Natick.

Still River.

The Social Six met with Mrs. Warren Willard, Wednesday afternoon, and they have recently met with Mrs. W. B. Haskell.

The Tuesday club met with Mrs. Iraynes this week; next week they meet with Mrs. W. B. Haskell.

Miss Edith Dudley, who has greatly helped to entertain the Tuesday club by her music, is confined to her home with a sprained ankle, but is slowly getting better, and it is hoped that she will soon be about again.

Invitations have been received to the wedding of Austin Evans in New York on Christmas day. Austin was a resident of this village for several years in his boyhood days, when his father was pastor of the Baptist church.

Mrs. Smith of Lowell was the guest of her son, William H. Smith, one day this week.

Mrs. Herbert Whitney of Worcester was calling on some of her Still River friends Tuesday.

Mrs. A. H. Keyen has been visiting at Dr. Royal's in Harvard a few days this week.

The rain of Monday night helped some of the wells. Mrs. Richards reports over four feet in hers, and Abel Willard over eight feet in his; probably others were helped too.

Death.

Monday, John Neyland received notice of the death that morning of his son-in-law, John E. Bresnahan, at his home in Bellows Falls, Vt. Mr. Bresnahan has been sick with typhoid fever for two weeks, but on Sunday the fever turned and there was hopes of his recovery, but instead he failed rapidly and passed away. He leaves a wife, formerly Miss Kate Neyland, and a little daughter.

The funeral was in Bellows Falls, Wednesday, quite a number of his Still River friends attending. Mr. Bresnahan was a familiar figure in Still River, where he often visited at Mr. Neyland's. He was a very pleasant acquaintance and a devoted father and husband, and will be a great loss to his family.



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of Nathaniel C. Day, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased:

Whereas, John W. Parker, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the Twenty-eighth day of December, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this Fourth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

3w13 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

NOTICE.
The annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Ayer will be held at the Banking House in Ayer, Mass., on Monday, Jan. 10, 1910, at one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of acting upon the following business:

To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

HOBART E. MEAD, Cashier.
Ayer, Mass., Dec. 10, 1910. 4t13

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of CALVIN D. BLANCHARD, late of Harvard, 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 SAMUEL P. BLANCHARD, of Harvard, in said County of Worcester, without giving a surety on his bond:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the fourth day of January, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fifteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine.

3w14 JOHN W. MAWBEY, Register.

NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK
The annual meeting of the Corporation of this Bank will be held at its Banking House on Monday, the third day of January, 1910, at two o'clock p. m., for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

S. T. TUTTEN, Treasurer.
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WESTFORD.

Graniteville. The members of the Holy Name Society of St. Catherine's church held a very interesting meeting on last Sunday, after the 9:45 o'clock mass, and elected the following officers for the year 1910:

John F. Kavanaugh, pres.; J. A. Healy, treas.; James O'Brien, sec.; E. Wall, cor. sep.

The above officers will be duly installed at the next regular meeting.

Excellent skating has been enjoyed here during the early part of the week, and on Saturday and on Sunday large crowds assembled on the mill pond to indulge in this popular sport.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Prinn of this village on Thursday, December 9.

Owing to the present rush of business, the C. G. Sargent's Sons Corporation is now using the large building on Bridge street, formerly used as a blacksmith and wheelwright shop, to erect a part of their machinery.

Walter M. Phelps of Fort Warren has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Robinson in this village, for the past few days.

Phelps has served three years in the U. S. infantry, having been stationed at Plattsburg, N. Y., and Des Moines, Iowa, and was discharged in 1906 with the rank of corporal.

The Sunday school children both in the M. E. church and St. Catherine's of this village are now busy rehearsing for the Christmas tree exercises.

Judging from the present plans, it is thought that the exercises in both churches will be held on different nights, and this will enable all those who wish to attend both events.

The members of St. Catherine's Temperance society held a largely attended meeting in their rooms on Wednesday night. Considerable business of importance was transacted, and the following officers elected for the ensuing six months:

Thomas Hughes, pres.; A. R. Wall, vice-pres.; R. J. Hemen, fin. sec.; W. A. Wall, sec.; Edward Riney, Henry LeDuc, Omer LeDuc, trustees; Raymond Charlton, doorkeeper.

The society is now getting along finely and are planning on some pleasing entertainment to be given after the Christmas holidays.

The children in the first and second primary grades of the Sargent school held their Christmas tree exercises on Friday afternoon. This affair was in charge of the two teachers, Miss Mary A. Dunn and Miss Frances Bannister.

The program will be given later. Beginning next week all the schools in this village will close for the annual two weeks' Christmas vacation.

The schools will open again at the usual hour on Monday, January 3.

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Richard Wright leads the local hunters, capturing two doe, Tuesday. Andrew Marshall also brought in a 165-pound doe.

Charles Stickney of West Townsend and W. F. Rockwood have been guests of Elmer Wallace, participating in deer hunting.

C. R. Russell has been drawn as a petit juror to serve at the January term of court, to be held at Manchester.

A. A. Goss has been elected master of the Hillsborough County Pomona grange; Mrs. Laura Shattuck, chaplain; and Mrs. Jennie Goss, Ceres.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy and Miss Elizabeth Kennedy of Pepperell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett, Sunday.

At a meeting of Samaritan commandery, U. O. G. C., held at the citadel last week the following officers were elected: G. H. Nye, n. c.; C. H. Holcomb, v. n. c.; Mrs. S. E. French, f. k. r. and k. r.; Mrs. Christina Holcomb, w. p.; D. S. Pessenden, n. s.; Samuel Swett, treas.; Mrs. E. S. Swett, w. o. g.; Mrs. Ella Nye, w. i. g.

The officers of Brookline grange for 1910 have been elected and are as follows: W. J. Bailey, m.; E. R. Pierce, o.; Mrs. Edna Hall, sec.; James Gilman, stw.; Frank Gilman, a. a.; Mrs. Lucretia Martin, chap.; C. R. Russell, treas.; Mrs. H. P. Pierce, sec. A. T. Pierce, g. k.; Mrs. Bertha Gilman, Pomona; Mrs. D. R. Hall, Flora; Mrs. Hattie Slocumbe, Treas.; Mrs. F. Rockwood, lady assist.; Mrs. P. J. Randall, pianist.

The officers and committee of the Congregational brotherhood have been elected and are as follows: C. B. Valledge, pres.; A. A. Goss, vice-pres.; S. T. Marshall, sec.; P. L. Pierce, treas.; Rev. W. L. Noyes, teacher; membership and invitation committee, F. E. Gilman, chairman; H. E. Ball, C. G. Hardy, committee on religious work; H. A. Brown, chairman; Carl Clifford, L. J. Marshall, committee on benevolence and finance; C. E. Valledge, chairman; P. L. Pierce, Rev. W. S. Noyes, citizenship committee; A. A. Goss, chairman; Albert T. Pierce. The brotherhood will meet the first Friday in each month.

The following poem was read at the sixtieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Hartwell, December 6:

Forty-Niners. By Peter Corning Edwards. In eighteen hundred forty-nine, On seeking treasure here, On scolding the ore from out the mine By scores men westward went.

Mid California's mountains high. These people sought to find. The means by which to gratify The wish that filled the mind.

The object of their search was gold, And that they desired; These forty-niners' fearless, bold, With zeal were all afire.

Most trying hardships some endured, And many knew great need; While others ne'er enough secured To satisfy their greed.

Among them many never paid Attention to the laws; And for the same reason were afraid To help a worthy cause.

While many sturdy men went west, To tackle what might come, Still countless more, perhaps the best, Preferred to stay near home.

Among these latter was a man In fair New England bred; He came in search of gold to pan, He sought a maid to wed.

A righteous minded man was he, By the laws he lived; He made for laws so strong a plea, That laws on him relied.

He bought a house and placed inside Good laws to keep it straight; You ask what laws he thus applied? Lucinda Laws, his mate.

Her heart well knew the treasure rare, And not beneath the ground. A heart well fond of Laws, that's fine, Will love and justice mix; Of course the law, in forty-nine, What date? December six.

Full three score years, from then till now, As one they still abide, For reverential meen we bow Before the law, side by side.

For love and justice all these years Have been exemplified; By this fond pair, who but reverses This bridegroom and his bride.

Their children, relatives and friends, Rejoice with them today; To help them on life's way, To help them on life's way.

May love and justice e'er abide, A heart well joined to laws, To shed good cheer on every side, And bless each noble cause.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cox will spend Christmas with their son, Warren and family in Barre.

Last Sunday Hayward Hartwell came to take his mother, Mrs. Eliza Hartwell, to spend the winter with him in Somerville, as she has done for several years.

Sunday morning, December 19, will be a Christmas service, with special sermon at the Unitarian church, by the pastor with special music by the choir, assisted by the Cynthian orchestra.

Miss Anna M. Woodbine, a much-loved teacher here, was a week-end Sunday guest of Miss Cora W. Davis.

Miss Emma Byam of Chelmsford has made quite a visit here with her uncle, Charles P. Hartwell.

Mrs. Jennie Jacobs is in Somerville with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Hartwell and family, till after Christmas.

The Guild will be led by Karlton Priest, whose subject is "Christmas subjects and thoughts," Sunday evening, in the Unitarian vestry.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Land Court

To the inhabitants of the town of Roxboro, a municipal corporation located in the County of Middlesex, and said Commonwealth; Delette H. Hall, Edgar H. Hall, Ellen A. Wetherbee, Fannie E. Wetherbee, Susan A. Hall, Arthur F. Blanchard, Lewis W. Richardson, Herbert Hale, George W. Burroughs, Charles H. Burroughs, and Charlotte H. McClenathan of said Roxboro; J. Quincy Hayward of Woburn; Julia A. Wood, Emmie A. Wood and Grace W. Wood of Stowe, in said County of Middlesex, and to all whom it may concern:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Clara S. Woodward of Acton, in said County of Middlesex, to register and confirm her title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the southeasterly part of said Roxboro, bounded Northerly by land of Delette H. Hall and Edgar H. Hall, Ellen H. Wetherbee, Fannie E. Wetherbee and Susan A. Hall, George W. Burroughs and Arthur F. Blanchard, on the east by land of Charles H. Burroughs, on the South by land of said Charles H. Burroughs and land of Herbert Hale, and on the west by land of said Hale.

The above described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition, and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.

You are hereby cited to appear at the Land Court, to be held at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on the third day of January, A. D. 1910, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

And unless you appear at said Court at the time and place aforesaid your default will be recorded, and the said petition will be taken as confessed, and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, Charles Thornton Davis, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventh day of December, in the year nineteen hundred and nine.

Attest with seal of said Court. (Seal) CLARENCE C. SMITH, Recorder.

BOSTON AND NORTHERN ST. RY. CO. LOWELL DIVISION. TIME TABLE. Issued June 21, 1909. (Subject to change without notice.)

WEEK DAY TIME. Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell, for Boston via Tewksbury and Reading to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 8:45 p. m. Sundays—Same as week days. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 8:45 p. m. Sundays—7:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 8:15 p. m.

Boston via North Billerica, Billerica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester and Melrose to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—5:25, 6:25 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:55 p. m. (10:25 p. m. to Woburn only.) Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6:32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:32 p. m. Sundays—7:32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:32 p. m.

Lawrence—5:15, 6:15, 6:40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:40 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:40 p. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—6:20, 6:10, 6:50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:50 p. m. Sundays—7:20 a. m. then same as week days.

Nashua—6:15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:40 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:40 p. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Nashua—6:35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:35 p. m. Sundays—7:35 a. m. then same as week days.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5:18, 6:00, 6:55, 7:18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—5:40, 6:20, 6:57, 7:33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m. then 11:33 p. m. Sundays—9:03 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m. THOMAS LEBBS, Supt.

LOWELL and FITCHBURG STREET RAILWAY CO. Change of Time Beginning Monday, Oct. 12, 1908.

First car leaves Ayer for North Chelmsford and Lowell at 6:05 a. m., then five minutes past every hour up to and including 10:35 p. m., connecting with cars from Fitchburg and Leominster.

First car leaves Lowell for North Chelmsford, connecting for Westford, Fitchburg and Leominster at 5:18 a. m. The next car leaves Lowell at 6:23 a. m., then thirty-three minutes past every hour up to and including 9:33 p. m. The 10:32 p. m. and 10:48 p. m. cars will for Ayer, last car from North Chelmsford at 11:18 p. m. due at Ayer at 11:58 p. m. Sundays.

First car from Ayer 7:05 a. m.; last car from Ayer 10:05 p. m.; first car from Lowell 7:35 a. m.; last car from Lowell 9:35 p. m. for Ayer, Westford, Fitchburg and Leominster; last car from Lowell 10:32 p. m. for Ayer only, leaves North Chelmsford 11:05 p. m. due at Ayer at 11:50 p. m. L. H. CUSHING, Supt.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Otis Brigham, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and presented to said Court, for Probate, by Daniel W. Fletcher, 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 Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth day of December, A. D. 1909, 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 in some newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine. 3w13 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of Eugene F. Nutting, of Groton, in said County:

Whereas, Ida S. P. Nutting, conservator of the property of said Eugene F. Nutting, has presented for allowance, her account as such conservator. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the Twenty-Eighth day of December, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said conservator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same 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, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this Fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine. 3w13 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Saturday, December 18, 1909.

PEPPERELL.

East.
In a great many churches Sunday, December 19, will be recognized as peace Sunday. There will be special Christmas sermons by Revs. Child, Drawbridge and Wehr in their respective churches in the morning, and the evening at the Congregational and M. E. churches Sunday school concerts.

Our neighboring town friend, Groton, has its streets lighted with electricity. It is seen that their lights are about 150 feet apart. Ours are 300 feet apart, but our streets appear to be lighted about twice as strong and bright. A good share of the credit for this condition is due our electrician, E. A. Johnson, who has figured amperage and voltage to gain these pleasing results.

The other day Frank R. Bennett found eighteen pearls in one oyster. They were of good size and shape, but unluckily the oyster had been cooked before the stones were discovered.

The annual Christmas fair of the Ladies' society of the M. E. church was held in the vestry Wednesday. The afternoon and evening sales were very successful, in part due to the attractive arranging of the booths. The supper from six to 7.30 was well patronized and satisfying to all. The entertainment at eight o'clock was exceptionally well rendered, and a fittingly pleasing ending of the day's success. To the committee in charge much praise is due.

L. F. Darling has opened a new studio at Saunders' corner, over A. F. Parker's store and express office. Mr. Darling's work needs no boost by pen. He is a Pepperell boy whose work in his other studios has proved him a competent photographer. He merits your patronage. Read his advertisement.

Mrs. F. N. Parker is visiting friends at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Newcomb, agent of the state board of charity, was in town, Monday, on business. Chief Monteith piloted him around on his mission.

Tuesday afternoon some one while on a gunning trip shot two hens belonging to Charles M. Fuller, Tucker avenue. Mrs. Fuller heard the shots, and looking out of the window saw some one come out of the woods on the Shattuck land and take the birds. Later investigation proved the birds were only. This appears to be the prank of some over-anxious boy hunter.

L. F. Darling has had his studio connected by telephone, 64-4. Whipple and Towne's number has been changed to 104-2.

The annual clock supper in the vestry of the Congregational church, Thursday evening, was enjoyed by about two hundred and fifty. The special feature was chicken pie. Pastor Drawbridge had a cheerful welcome for all, and his personal attention to the end that all should be waited on, was recognized as typical hospitality.

A. H. Harris and J. W. Valancourt of the Boston and Maine here, attended the poultry show at Milford, N. H., last Monday. These gentlemen are both enthusiastic fanciers. Mr. Harris intends to enter some of his birds at the Manchester show the last of the month.

Henry W. Lakin, driver of the steamer team, is unable as yet to attend his regular work. The team is being driven by Charles Reed.

Miss Leonora Bradley left Wednesday for Cleveland, Ohio, to join Vaughn Glasser's St. Elmo Company. They lately gave very popular recitals at the Academy of Music in New York city. She will be with them for the season, which includes engagements at Columbus, Detroit and other large cities.

Mrs. A. H. Harris is quite ill at her home with pleurisy.

Town electrician Johnson states that he hopes all the necessary work will be completed by Tuesday, so that the lights of the covered bridge district will be re-lighted. This cannot be done with safety until all the other wires are taken away, and this cannot be completed any earlier.

We have had an extensive call for sample copies, which we are pleased to mail. All new subscribers can have two years for \$1.50.

Wm. H. Annis is able to be out again after being confined to the house with a severe cold.

The break and entry at the store of H. F. Jordan's is no longer a mystery. The police department have discovered who the guilty one is, and he knew it and got out of town, but will be apprehended in good season. A good share of the credit of this is due Officer Tarbell, who it will be remembered has always been able to make quick work of these local breaks.

The sale of Red Cross anti-tuberculosis stamps is about the average. We have advocated the extensive use of these during this holiday season. All our sample copies carry these stamps thus putting into practice that which we recommend to others.

Under auspices of Woman's club, Central hall, Tuesday afternoon, December 21, at 2.45 o'clock, a lecture by Mrs. Frazier; subject, Mexico and the Mexicans.

The annual firemen's ball is announced for January. Nevrs' famous regimental orchestra of Concord has been engaged.

It is a cheerful whistle that of the shoe shop, which adds its siren notes to the call to work and prosperity.

General Manager Smith of the Buffalo Leather Co. was at the shoe factory Thursday.

George F. Russell and W. T. Dole of the Champion International Paper Co., Lawrence, visited mill No. 1 here Thursday.

John Keegan of Bellamy's New London's store is assisting at the store here during the Christmas rush.

For other Pepperell news see page three.

L. O. O. F.

Beacon lodge added honorable glory to their enviable record of hospitality as well as fraternal efficiency on Thursday evening, when they exemplified the second degree on six candidates in Prescott hall. Over three hundred guests from other lodges were present, and after the work was accomplished a turkey supper was served with the aid of members of Acoma Rebekah lodge. A special train of five cars brought wearers of the three links from Nashua. They formed in line and marched to the town house two abreast. This line extended from Railroad square almost across the bridge. It was an attractive spectacle and inspired one with the true idea of fellowship. The success of this affair reflects credit to the town.

For their convenience the street lights were lighted from the time they left the center until they took the train at 12.30. Many came from Fitchburg, Ayer and Townsend in autos and teams.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. P. G. Favor, Mrs. Charles H. Tainter of Clinton, Conn., assistant secretary of the Congregational Church Building society, supplied the pulpit at the Congregational church last Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Tainter, during his secretaryship of twenty-one years, built 1600 churches, and Mrs. Tainter, who has worked with her distinguished husband, has raised money for over 700 parsonages. The story of their work in the middle west with headquarters at Chicago, was full of interest and inspiration, as she modestly related its outline from their resignation at the Milford, N. H., church twenty-five years ago to the time of Dr. Tainter's death in 1905.

Vigorous and zealous for the same good cause, Mrs. Tainter is continuing the work with headquarters now at Clinton, Conn., although not a little of her time is spent in Boston. She found here a most sympathetic and interested audience that will gladly welcome her whenever she is pleased to grant a renewal of the privilege.

The grade schools closed yesterday (Friday) afternoon for the Christmas recess of three weeks. The high school keeps one week more before having a vacation. Appropriate exercises were held in the various rooms, and a Christmas tree with remembrances were enjoyed by the children.

Thomas Moore is in possession of a beautiful fifty-horse power, six-cylinder, four-cylinder touring car. Mrs. Frank Dodge's sister, Mrs. Leighton, has been ill with diphtheria

in Hollis, N. H., and her school, was closed in consequence.

On the same evening A. E. Hopkins was also assaulted by a person bearing the same description.

What can be done for the protection of our people will be done, but the greatest precautions need be taken for safety on our streets after dark.

The librarian, for the coming month, will place in all books given to adults recommendation blanks; and it is hoped that patrons will freely use these blanks in recommending desirable books brought to their notice.

Subject of C. E. meeting tomorrow evening, "Our Christmas gifts."

Friday, December 24, from three to five p. m., Sunday school "Christmas party" in the vestry of the Unitarian church.

Assaulted.

Last Saturday, about midnight, as James Lawton, employe at the webbing factory, member of the Nashobah male quartet, and a much-respected citizen, was returning home, he was surprised by a would-be captor and thief, who darted out from behind a large tree in front of Mrs. Grace Lawrence's house. The thug, who is described as a tall man, carrying a bag, seized Mr. Lawton by the throat, but the victim, who is not wanting in brawn, brain or backbone, dealt the miscreant a blow in the face that stunned and prostrated the assailant. Mr. Lawton then hurried home, secured a revolver and returned to the scene of assault, but could find no trace of his satanic majesty.

Death.

Another dark shadow was cast over our little town when on Sunday evening last the sad news of Mrs. Henry F. Works' death was wired from the hospital in Boston, where she went so hopefully for an operation little less than two weeks ago.

Only the most encouraging developments had followed the operation, and without the slightest premonition a change came, and within five minutes of its first evidence body and spirit were severed. Death was attributed to embolism. On the following evening her remains were brought to Littleton, and from her late home the funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, Rev. P. G. Favor, her pastor, officiated at the service, offering consolation to the bereaved husband and son, and extolling the virtues of the deceased.

Mrs. Works, whose maiden name was Mabel Foss, was born May 30, 1857, in Abbot, Me.

She was married on August 18, 1885, to Henry F. Works, and shortly afterwards moved to Littleton, taking possession of the farm on Great road, formerly owned by B. S. Hager.

To them were born two children, Ethel Almara, who married Orrin French and passed away little more than a year ago after a long, hard struggle with tuberculosis, and a son, Henry, now a lad in his teens.

Mrs. Works has been a heroic sufferer for many years.

Devoted to the interests of her family and home, she has given freely and lovingly of her thought and service for the welfare of husband, children and grandchildren, and that not infrequently when her body was racked with pain.

Twelve years ago she underwent an operation similar to that recently performed, and upon recovery took up her duties with renewed vigor and zeal. Her affectionate care for Mrs. French through her long illness at the Works' home gave peculiar emphasis to the beauty and strength of her character. In the courage and cheer which she always displayed in the presence of the invalid daughter, she was ideal, in her self-sacrifice and devotion to her needs, she was an exemplary mother.

For the little orphaned grandsons she has supplied a mother's warm heart and tender care. To her husband and son her death brings an irreparable loss.

Among the neighbors Mrs. Works stood for the highest traits of womanhood.

At the Congregational church, where the family worshipped, she was a free and willing worker and a cheerful contributor. In home and church she will be greatly missed and deeply mourned.

In the silence of the evening shadows her body was laid to rest by the side of her beautiful daughter in Westlawn cemetery.

Flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Files from Everett; Mrs. L. Seavey, Everett; Mr. and Mrs. F. Kimball, Littleton; Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, Graniteville; Mrs. D. G. Wilson, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. W. Conant, Littleton; Littleton Grange; Mrs. Harold Foss, brother, Northboro; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Foss, brother, Portland, Me.; Mrs. D. G. Wilson, Lowell; Mrs. Edward Tuttle, Littleton; Samuel Butters, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Files, Everett; Mrs. L. Seavey, Everett; Mrs. Ball, Ayer.

Items of Interest.

According to an official report, the railways have spent this year in construction work in western Canada \$25,000,000, and in supplies and materials \$20,000,000. Next year's estimates of the three leading railways provide for an expenditure of \$75,000,000.

New Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of HARRISON D. EVANS, 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 HARRIET L. EVANS, of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fourth day of January, A. D. 1910, 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 sixteenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

3w14 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of IRVING J. WETHERBEE, late of Groton, 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 ERNEST E. COOPER of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, 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 fourth day of January, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH E. LOW, 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 JAMES M. DOLLOFF, 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 Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of January, A. D. 1910, 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 newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all our neighbors and friends for their kind assistance since the death of the dear wife and mother in doing the last rites to the departed. To the Littleton Grange for flowers; also to all for the many lovely floral designs and many kind words of sympathy.

HENRY F. WORKS AND SON.
Littleton, Mass., Dec. 16, 1909.

WANTED.—A Situation with old Lady or Gentleman by competent lady; best references. Address, Housekeeper, Public Spirit, Ayer, Mass. 1w14

EGGS FOR SALE. Mrs. Charles M. Raddin, Main Street, Groton, Mass. 1218