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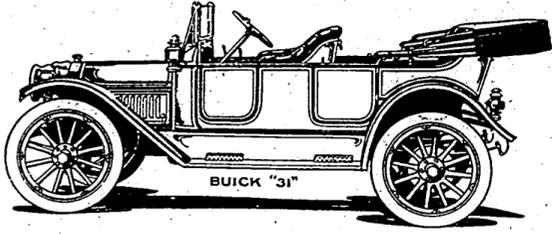
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LITTLETON.

News Items.

Esther Ramsdell has spent her Christmas vacation in Somerville, visiting street commissioner Prichard and family.

Nathan Taylor has recently been appointed justice of the peace.

Margaret Conant is visiting Rev. and Mrs. Paul Favor in Somerville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Robbins have returned from East Orange, N. J., after a week spent with Littleton relatives.

Norman Bonnell and Edna Hartwell were in Boston recently to play at a recital given by the pupils of Miss Ida E. Dow in Huntington Chambers hall.

Edna Hartwell was in Boston last Friday and Saturday for an operation for removal of adenoids and tonsils.

Thomas Blodgett's horse was taken sick early this week and although he received medical aid in good season and had the best of care he died on Wednesday. Friends sympathize with Mr. Blodgett in the loss of this beautiful animal, in every way well suited to the needs of his master.

Mrs. William H. Tenney was called to Detroit, Mich., through the critical illness of her uncle, the last member of his family. Upon reaching her destination she found him very low and Sunday he passed away.

The John E. Gardner family of Shirley moved into one of the Dr. Phelps tenements Wednesday of this week.

Death.

With the passing of the old year on December 31, Horace Amsden was laid to rest in Westlawn cemetery. After an illness of a week Mr. Amsden died of pneumonia on Saturday, December 28, leaving besides his wife, one brother, Nelson W. Amsden, eight- to three years of age, residing in Newton Highlands.

Mr. Amsden was born in Peterham, August 13, 1834. From there he went to Orange and November 11, 1891, married Miss Margaret E. Bowles, daughter of Rev. B. F. Bowles of Abington. At that time they came to Littleton, where he has lived for over twenty years as a retired farmer, a genial and generous-hearted citizen.

The quantities of beautiful flowers at the funeral best express the love and esteem of his relatives, nearest neighbors and friends. On account of Mrs. Amsden's illness the funeral services were private. They were conducted by Rev. William Channing Brown of Littleton.

Extension School.

Mention has been already made in this column concerning the agricultural school under the extension service of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, the details for which are nearly completed by the Littleton grange. This school will take the place of the usual Farmers' institute for this

year. It will be held in Littleton town hall, beginning Monday, February 10, and continue several sessions each day until Friday, February 14, inclusive.

The sessions in the main hall will be devoted to soil, fertility, farm crops, poultry and fruit growing, pruning and spraying of fruit trees, harvesting and marketing fruit, dairying, methods of breeding, feeding and judging of stock and many other allied subjects. Specialists for the various subjects are furnished by the college.

During the same hours there will be a series of talks and demonstrations in the town hall dining room, including cooking of starchy foods, bread baking, cooking meats, milk, eggs, beans, peas, school lunches, feeding of children, steam cooker for vegetables, home-made fireless cooker, household furnishings and sanitation and the care of the home, etc., all by ladies skilled in their different departments.

The membership fee for the class will be one dollar for the entire course for each family and families from far and near are invited to join the class, bring their lunches and stay all day. Full details of the program will be found later on posters and in the advertising columns of this paper.

Remember the date February 10 to 14, inclusive.

WESTFORD.

About Town.

Miss Sarah Richardson, at her old home on the Lowell road, Brookside, is seriously ill with pneumonia. Dr. Wells and two trained nurses are in attendance, which means much towards recovery, but ninety-four years is a resistant offset against the best trained skill that has to be reckoned with in the balance account of chances for recovery.

Our old, hale, hearty John Greig, of Main street, observed the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth on last Sunday. He is still young in the reminiscences of life and lighter labors of farm life.

George O'Brien, the blacksmith at Westford station, while shoeing horses on Monday morning, was kicked by a horse on the arm and shoulder. The shop, which is small for a rush sharpening flurry, which the recent rain and snow combined to promote, was crowded with horses. With the horses thus crowded one horse attempted to pay off an old jealous mark and landed a right swing on the arm of O'Brien. The blow was sufficient to turn the key on the shop door and O'Brien was carried to his home in Parkerville. Dr. Blaney was called and bandaged it with recuperative ingredients. At present it seems to be knitting.

Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher leave next week for a trip to Panama. They will accompany Col. and Mrs. Benton of Boston. A Masonic lodge will be established at Panama, Col. and Mrs. Benton will continue on to South America, but Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher will return home.

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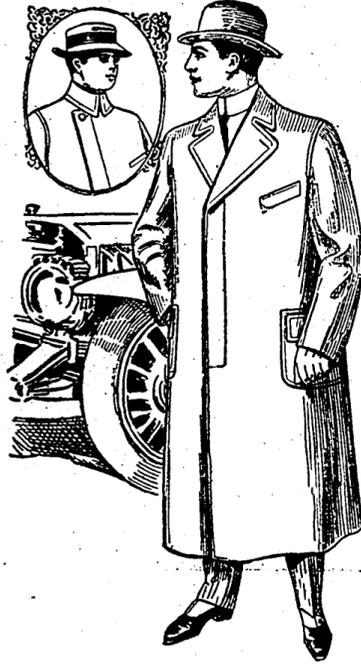
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Center.

Allister MacDougall has the sympathy of his friends for the way he is being obliged to spend his holiday vacation, that of being in quarantine with a siege of diphtheria.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Day have returned from their wedding journey and are now located in their new home in the square.

Miss Pauline Dole, of Kingston, has been a holiday guest in town at Mrs. Alma M. Richardson's.

Mr. Coggeshall was the guest during his stay in town this week of Charles O. Prescott.

The last service of the old year at the Congregational church on last Sunday morning was well attended. Mr. Wallace preached from John 3, 30, making clear how quickly a year goes by. It is short and yet an appreciable part of a life time.

Only as we can take something from the old year for benefit into the new is there profit in resurveying. Miss Hazel Pond added much to the service by her sweet singing. In the evening many of the recitations and songs used at the Christmas eve gathering were repeated.

Miss Beatrice Sutherland is visiting relatives in Woburn and Somerville.

Mrs. Calvin Howard's many friends in this village extend their sincere sympathy to her and the members of her family in her serious illness.

Misses Beatrice and Lillian Sutherland entertained their young friends by giving a whist party on last week Friday evening. Besides the village young people, guests were present from Kingston and Grantville. Leon Hildreth carried the honors with the highest score.

Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher gave a very pleasant whist party at her home on Monday evening to the younger people. The party was given in honor of Miss Dorothy Ayers, of Cambridge, who is a student at Wellesley, and has been Mrs. Fletcher's house guest during the holiday vacation. There were five tables of whist and water in the evening refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Mrs. H. N. Jaques and daughters Dorothy have been among the holiday visitors in town.

Miss Julia H. Fletcher is convalescent from her recent severe illness.

Herbert E. Fletcher was installed on Friday, December 27, as deputy grand master of the grand lodge of Masons of Massachusetts. The installation ceremonies took place in Corinthian hall, Masonic Temple, Boston.

Firemen's Ball. The annual firemen's ball, which took place on New Year's night was very much of a success in every way. Fortunate weather conditions made it easily possible for the townspeople and others in the surrounding villages to be present. Poole's orchestra, of Boston, furnished excellent music for the dancing, as well as a most enjoyable concert program preceding the dancing.

The march and circle was led by Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher and Edward M. Abbot, followed by about sixty couples. Ice cream and cake were served at intermission, for which D. L. Page Co. catered. The members of the Edward M. Abbot hose company appeared in their red shirts, adding a picturesque note of color in addition to many pretty gowns worn by the ladies. Members of the company had charge of all arrangements and were efficiently vigilant in looking after all the details that go to make up the success of such an affair.

Tadmuck Club. It was pleasant to have former Principal Dexter E. Coggeshall the special guest and speaker of the afternoon at the Tadmuck club on Tuesday afternoon at Library hall. Mr. Coggeshall presented a straight forward and clear-headed solution of some phases of the "boy problem" along lines he has definite experience with. The first part of his address was an account of the work being done at the Newton Technical high school, where he is an instructor, and the somewhat radical changes in class work, where so-called misfit boys in the grammar school are provided for by practical and skillful instruction in such branches as electricity, wood-working, printing, steel and iron work and pattern making, this of course, being supplemented with regular class room work, and thereby turning out boys skilled in some work to earn a living, instead of leaving school, as many do, and drifting into whatever work offers and in many cases always remaining in the class of unskilled workmen.

The latter part of the address was an account of the Boy Scout movement, some of its aims and results, sketching its remarkable growth and principal workers. Mr. Coggeshall plainly stated that he believed the best work could be accomplished in the cities and large towns. The average country boy had many opportunities to fulfill his ancient heritage of native resourcefulness, or "being prepared," which is the slogan of the enterprise. He outlined results accomplished and many plans and possibilities of the work.

Preceding the address, it being the last meeting of the year, Miss Loker reviewed briefly the work of the year, and the forward look into the new year was for the maintaining of the same high standard of work and ideals.

A committee was appointed to send new year's greetings and flowers to the sick and shut-ins among the membership, of which there are several. Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Miss Eva Fletcher, Mrs. Miss Bunch and the secretary were delegated to accomplish this gracious service.

Forge Village. Sunday being the first Sunday of the month, services at St. Andrew's mission will take place at 9.30 in the morning. Holy communion will be administered by the vicar, Rev. A. L. Bumpus. There will be no evening prayer. Following the services of last Sunday evening, a meeting of the parishioners was held. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bumpus, and general business transactions followed. Among other topics taken up was that of establishing a branch of St. Mary's Guild, of Ayer, which is doing such fine work for St. Andrew's church. It was voted to organize such a society and Miles Collins was appointed president. Miss Theresa V. Lowther was chosen vice president and Fred Naylor as secretary.

George Wilson commences his duties as organist of the Grantville M. E. church on Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Leclerc is still confined to her home with a severe cold.

Mrs. James Whigham is suffering from an attack of the grippe.

Mrs. Ernest Longbottom and son William, of East Lexington, returned home on last week Friday night after spending the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Jones, of Worcester, returned home on last Saturday after a visit of several days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flanagan have returned from their wedding journey and are now located in their new home in the square.

Mrs. M. A. Lowther and her grand-daughter, Miss Mary Curry, are confined to the home with very severe colds.

Henry Guernsey and son Wallace, of Lowell, spent Monday at their camp on the shores of Forge pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Sweatt are entertaining their brother, Harry Lewis, of Littleton, N. H.

Mrs. John Baker, Sr., who has been ill at the home of her son, is now on the road to recovery.

Cameron school is to have two storm porches, one at each entrance. These will be very much appreciated by both pupils and teachers during the winter months.

Many people attended the new year services held at St. Catherine's church in West Grantville on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. James Sullivan is much improved after suffering with a very severe cold for the past few weeks.

Miss Alice L. Prescott, of Rowley, spent the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Prescott.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle held their regular meeting at Recreation hall on Thursday afternoon.

On Thursday evening, Miss Isabel Kearney, of Groton, met the young ladies of St. Andrew's mission in Recreation hall. The young people are intending presenting the two-act comedy "The six kleptomaniacs," in the near future. Rehearsals are progressing nicely and a rare treat is in store for all who take advantage of witnessing the performance. Miss Rose Peabody, daughter of Rev. Endicott Peabody, of Groton School, is coaching the young folks.

Cameron school will re-open on Monday morning after the Christmas vacation of two weeks.

St. Catherine's church on last Saturday morning two masses were celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield. He also announced the mass that was celebrated in the church on New Year's day. On Wednesday evening there was service of benediction in the church that consisted of benediction of the blessed sacrament, followed by a short sermon. The services were largely attended.

There is at present one case of scarlet fever in this village, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Subosky being the victim. Every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Miss Maud Mitchell returned to her duties in the Chelsea high school on Thursday last. We hear from outsiders that her success as teacher of French is quite marked. Although Miss Mitchell is receiving quite a little social attention in Chelsea, her interest in her Littleton home and friends does not lessen. Nearly every week-end is spent here in town at the parental home. That her former pupils in the Littleton high school had both affection and appreciation for her years of efficient service as first assistant, was evidenced by their beautiful gift, a twenty-dollar gold piece of St. Gauden design. Miss Mitchell values this gift very highly.

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Our Wonderful Civilization. We often read that we are living in the most wonderful age the world has ever known. We hear from outsiders that her success as teacher of French is quite marked. Although Miss Mitchell is receiving quite a little social attention in Chelsea, her interest in her Littleton home and friends does not lessen. Nearly every week-end is spent here in town at the parental home. That her former pupils in the Littleton high school had both affection and appreciation for her years of efficient service as first assistant, was evidenced by their beautiful gift, a twenty-dollar gold piece of St. Gauden design. Miss Mitchell values this gift very highly.

Mrs. Grace Lawrence entertains at her home tonight, seventeen of the cast that took a speaking part in the recent drama, "The Little Rebel," given on December 12 and 14. A lively time is expected at this social reunion.

The next meeting of Pride of Nashoba lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., will be held on Monday night, when the officers will be installed by Sister Scoble, of Lowell, the lodge deputy.

The Littleton agent wishes to remind those interested in the Shirley Cooperative bank that shares for the eleventh series will close on Wednesday, January 8.

The senior class of the Littleton high school will hold a social dance in the town hall on Friday evening, January 17. Ice cream and cake will be for sale during the intermission. The usual price will be asked for admission.

The sophomore class of the Littleton high school will hold a candy and cake sale in the Unitarian vestry on Saturday, January 11, from 2.30 to 4.30 o'clock, to raise money for a graduation trip.

The postoffice was closed on New Year's day excepting for a few hours at mail time, and the usual delivery carriers enjoyed a holiday.

The Woman's club netted \$50.66 from the drama given last month.

J. H. Whitcomb, jr., conductor on the Boston and Maine railroad, has been obliged to give up work this week on account of a very severe cold.

Prescott, son of Charles A. Kimball, has tonsillitis and has been confined to the house all this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Smith enjoyed a family reunion at their home on last Sunday.

J. H. Kimball is having his house and barn wired for electric lights.

Jonathan H. Harwood, of Littleton, of the junior class of Harvard, has won a scholarship for this year. Since there are only 20 scholarships assigned to a total of 150 students, including the honorary scholarships for men who do not need money, a scholarship at Harvard is a sign of marked ability.

Edward Esten, of Tufts college, was at home for the Christmas vacation, and returned to college halls on Monday.

Walter Boireau, of Clark college, has spent several days of his vacation at Austin T. Kimball's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cox spent Christmas week with their son's family in Barre.

Misses Lucy and Emily Adams and Mabel Webber spent Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb.

The B. G. Smith family, of Boston and Littleton, came to their Christmas season.

Gardner W. Prouty and family enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Hartwell in Somerville on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Dodge entertained their parents and a sister from Beverly during Christmas week.

Lester Griffiths, of Boston; Roland Fletcher, of Laconia, N. H.; and Ray Canney, of New York city, have been at home during the holidays.

The Albert F. Conant family were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant, of Parker Village.

Hon. and Mrs. Arthur Peck, of Brookline, joined the William Tenney family in Christmas festivities.

Maria Fletcher, of Boston, came home for the holiday season.

The Ladies' quartet went to Groton on Thursday evening to take part in an entertainment at the Unitarian vestry.

Miss Elizabeth Smith, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Elliot hospital in Boston two weeks ago, arrived home Wednesday and is making satisfactory improvement.

The holiday dance given by the Backlog club on last week Friday evening did not attract the usual large number of people on account of the very stormy weather. About eighty guests were present and enjoyed the freedom of ample floor space. The receipts were correspondingly small.

Mrs. Paul L. Brown accompanied Mr. Brown on his business trip to Western Massachusetts this week and has been visiting friends in Springfield for several days.

The King's Daughters' circle will meet on next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. William Davis.

Mrs. Horace Amnden has been suffering from a very severe cold and was obliged to take her bed for a few days.

Austin Kimball and Fred S. Kimball have been drawn jurors and are expected to report in Cambridge on Monday.

Mrs. Fairfield occupied the Unitarian pulpit on last Sunday in the absence of her husband, and preached an excellent sermon.

Catherine, second daughter of H. P. Proctor, has whooping cough, which necessitates her absence from school.

The woodlot on Harwood avenue, near the quarantine grounds, has been much sought by the lumbermen of this vicinity. The Harwood heirs called for bids on the lot and the highest bidders, Hall Bros. of West Acton, have gained possession of it at \$1900.

Harry Barreau has the contract for tearing the logs to the West Acton mill. Hall Bros. have also bought of Frank B. Priest a lot of wood in New Estate woods, which is now being hauled to West Acton.

The body of Mr. Pattee, of Harvard, was brought to Littleton for burial in Westlawn cemetery last week Friday.

The three boys in the Congregational Sunday school who were present every Sunday last year, received a bible each, together with the congratulations and commendation of the Sunday school officers on last Sunday.

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SHIRLEY.
News Items.
The ancient custom of singing carols on Christmas eve was revived in Shirley by a chorus consisting of Mr. and Mrs. David Lindenberg, Mrs. Sidney Horton, Alice and Kenneth Horton, Bertha, Clarence and Frederick Sanderson, Blanche Wells, Flora Shepard, Russell Miner, Gladys Annis, Sarah Stinson, George and Howard Emerson. The homes of Mrs. Hastings, Mrs. Hazen, Mrs. Sawyer, Mr. Carey, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Edwin Conant, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Benjamin were visited, and the following carols sung under their windows: "Oh little town of Bethlehem," "Oh come all ye faithful," "Hark, the herald angels sing," "Once in Royal David's city," "As Joseph was a walking," the last being being written by Charles Kingsley. It is hoped that next year a much larger number will take part.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., holds its regular meeting on Monday evening, January 6, with Mrs. Cynthia Lynch. Mrs. Lynch will also entertain the Alliance on Thursday afternoon, January 9.

John Holden and Frank Harlow have been drawn to serve on the jury and Orville J. Cutler has been drawn to serve on the grand jury.

Miss Marion E. Fowle, of Amherst, N. H., has accepted the position of teacher of the fifth and sixth grades, succeeding Miss Gleason. Miss Fowle assumed her new duties on Monday morning.

Miss Inez McMurray, for many years past, employed in the boxing department of the C. A. Edgerton Company, resigns her position at the close of this week's work, and on Monday starts to work for a leading dressmaker of Fairlee Plain with a view to learning the business.

Mrs. Hobbes, of Boston, arrived on Christmas at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cynthia Lynch, to remain for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chisholm, of Boston, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Cynthia Lynch, Mrs. Chisholm's aunt.

The Samson cordage works, following the usual custom, closed their works on January 1.

William J. Crommett, of Milton, formerly high school principal here, arrived on Friday at the home of his friend, Earl C. Merriman, for a brief visit, and returned home today.

Michael Cotter has returned home from a visit to his parents in Middletown, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pomfret, of Hudson, paid a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret, the first of the week.

The Congregational church will hold its annual roll call and dinner in the church on Thursday evening, January 3. Social hour at 6.30, supper served at seven o'clock, followed by reports and general business.

W. Lloyd Allen, of Boston, entertained at his home in Shirley on Sunday, his friend, Fritz Shepard, of Derry, N. H.

Rev. T. J. Farmer, of Cortland, N. Y., formerly pastor of the Universalist church in Shirley, will soon locate in a church in the east, as he preached his last sermon in Cortland on last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Provost entertained over the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Torrey, of Concord, and Mrs. Helen Sleeper and Joseph McPherson, of Littleton.

Miss Edna M. Lane is visiting for a few days this week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. C. R. White.

Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon, pastor of the Congregational church, read his resignation from the pulpit on last Sunday, to take effect January 27. Mr. Bronsdon commences his pastorate at the Congregational church at Millers Falls the first Sunday in February.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mossman, (née Conant), at the Lurline hospital, Fitchburg, on December 23.

At the regular meeting of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge held on last Friday evening, the officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Annie Brookelman, n. g.; Mrs. Helen McCoy, v. n. g.; Mrs. Martha Holden, treas.; Miss Althe Howe, sec.; Mrs. Lydia R. Binney, trustee 3 years. All past grants of the lodge are entitled to present at the Rebekah assembly. Installation of the new officers will take place on Friday evening, January 24.

Ovilia Thouen, who has been critically ill, is reported as some better.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leger, of Fitchburg, were visitors in town on last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Euchariste Lozeau, Miss Flora Lozeau and Doria Conturier, of Haverhill, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Narcisse Heroux, parents of Mrs. Lozeau, on last Sunday.

Mrs. Ozias Chaisson is confined to her home with sickness.

Lessons in manual training commenced on Wednesday in the little brick schoolhouse on Church street.

Miss Esther Harris is visiting her sisters in New York city, Mrs. Shipley W. Ricker.

Entertainment.
On Tuesday evening, at Odd Fellows' hall, the second entertainment in the D. A. R. course was given by Herbert E. Clark, entertainer. He lived up to his reputation on being one of the finest in his line now before the public. A single entertainer is apt to be monotonous, but his program was varied so that there was not a dull minute. His local hits brought down the house. Songs, character sketches, humorous recitations, xylophone solo, banjo and harmonica duet and story telling followed one after the other in rapid succession.

Miss Annie P. Holbrook's playing at eight for the various numbers was praised by many, and she was highly complimented by Mr. Clark for her able work. The D. A. R. were fortunate in booking Mr. Clark early, as he had three other calls for the closing night of 1912. He went on to Albany, N. Y., where he entertained afternoon and evening on new year's day.

The next entertainment in the course will be an illustrated lecture upon the Panama canal by Peter MacQueen, on January 21, and a very interesting talk is anticipated.

Funeral.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Fernando Brooks was held at her home on last week Thursday in Lunenburg. Rev. Robert E. Bryant, the Congregational pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Brooks was born in Shirley on March 17, 1828, and was the only child of Luther and Maria (Proctor) Billings. She went to Lunenburg when a small child and was educated

in the town schools and at the old academy which stood on the common in that town, the teachers then being John R. Rollins and James J. H. Gregory. She later attended the ladies' seminary at Andover. On going back to Lunenburg she taught school in District No. 3, Flat hill No. 1, and also in Townsend and Ashby.

On August 17, 1862, she married Fernando Brooks, and from this union one child was born, Warren Ernest Brooks. She was a life-long resident of Lunenburg, an eminent housewife, a lover of nature, a kind neighbor, her bright mind and personality will be held in affectionate remembrance by a wide group of friends and town-people.

A touching feature of the funeral services was the presence of five of her old schoolmates, who recalled the unusual beauty and grace of her childhood. There were many beautiful flowers from friends and relatives.

The pall bearers were James A. Litchfield, Stillman Stone, Hiram B. Houghton, Albert Holsington. Interment was in the family lot at the North cemetery, Lunenburg.

Bowling.
The Shirley bowlers went to Ayer on Tuesday evening and played a match game with the Ayer team and resulted in the Ayer team winning, both teams scoring two points each. Shirley won the first string and also the highest total pinfall, capturing the latter by the small margin of three. The Ayer bowlers won out on the last two strings.

M. Day, of the Shirley team, was the highest individual roller, scoring 274. Rynn, of the Ayer team, was a close second with a total of 269, and was the only bowler to reach the century mark in a single string. Shirley rolled a total pinfall of 1285, against 1282 for Ayer. In the series so far the honors are still evenly divided. The summary:

SHIRLEY		AYER	
B. Bodah	94	92	81-263
Shirley	89	89	75-235
Sibley	88	87	84-259
Cook	84	87	84-259
Day	92	96	86-274
Totals	429	431	415-1285
AYER		SHIRLEY	
Nutting	77	94	91-285
Robbins	75	72	75-222
Gullford	87	92	89-268
Wright	77	92	109-269
Fitzgerald	83	89	83-255
Totals	402	439	441-1282

Center.
Miss Dora Burnham, of Revere, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sweetser.

Robert J. Evans returned on Wednesday to Bowdoin college, after spending a short vacation with his mother, Mrs. John W. Evans.

Miss Gertrude Haskins, of Gardner, has been spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haskins, at North Shirley.

Arthur R. Holden left on Monday for Middlebury college after a short vacation spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden.

The social dance which was held in the town hall on last Saturday evening under the management of Richard Weeks, Harry O. Bangs, William Connors, Stanley P. White and Robert H. J. Holden, was a decided success. Percy Coleman, of Fitchburg, furnished music for dancing. Another dance under the same management will probably be held during the spring vacation.

Miss Christine G. Longley returned on Thursday to Mt. Holyoke college after spending a vacation of two weeks with her mother, Mrs. M. W. Longley.

Miss Edna Willis, of Boston, was a guest of Miss Margaret Evans for several days last week.

Robert H. J. Holden and Stanley F. White attended the eighth annual reception and ball of Delta chapter of Zeta Phi fraternity at Wallace hall, Fitchburg, on Tuesday evening.

Miss Hazel Cummings returned on Monday to Fitchburg, after a vacation of one week, spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings.

Linton B. Ward returned this week to University of Maine, after spending a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker Ward.

Wesley Weyman, who is in Europe for the winter, is at present in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he is spending the first part of the winter.

Miss Ruth M. Graves returned on Monday to her duties at the Fitchburg Day street school at Fitchburg, after a vacation of one week.

Mrs. Bedell, who has been staying at the home of Miss Elsie Kirby, leaves on Saturday for her home in school teacher in a school near Waterford, Vt.

HARVARD.
Congregational Notes.
The annual new year's dinner under the auspices of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church was held in the vestry of the church on Wednesday afternoon. The unusual weather conditions were favorable to a large attendance and general who have not attended these dinners in recent years were present. Dinner was served at one o'clock and after a leisurely discussion of the good things provided, Miss S. E. Pollard, as toast-mistress, took charge of the post-prandial exercises in a most dignified and humorous way. Responses were made by Miss S. A. Davis, Miss L. W. Dyer, Mrs. S. A. Lawrence, Miss Emily Hildreth, Miss Ann Reed, Herbert A. Thayer, Ellery Royal and the pastor, H. B. Mason. Thayer also contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion by a vocal selection which received a vocal selection which received a generous gift of money from friends and societies connected with the parish. This in addition to a sum sufficient to pay 1913 telephone rental received at the Christmas tree services from the Ladies' Benevolent society, the Y. P. S. C. E. and the Ecclesiastical society.

The Willing Workers of the Congregational church will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday afternoon of this week in the church parlors at 2.30 o'clock. It is hoped that there may be a large number present.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold a regular meeting in the church parlors on Tuesday afternoon, January 7, at 2.30 in the afternoon.

Active preparations are under way by Mrs. Dill, as chairman of the committee for the men's supper and entertainment, which is to be given at the town hall on Friday evening, January 24. Full particulars cannot be given at this time, but something especially fine may be counted on.

The pastor of the Congregational

church will take as his theme at the morning service on Sunday, "Four dimensions." At the close of the preaching service the sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed. The evening prayer meeting held by the Y. P. S. C. E. will be in charge of Miss Harriet Mason, as leader. A cordial invitation to attend both these services is extended to all.

Two members of the Congregational Sunday school are now entitled to second year renewals for continuous attendance. Master Waldo Hynes received his first year gold pin on January 1, 1912, not having missed a session of the school for the whole year, and now has completed his second year of perfect attendance. Master Henry B. Mason, Jr., also has a perfect record, three of his sessions which he has attended at other schools than that of his home church. Master Leon Hazard also was well started on his second year when his unfortunate illness caused him to drop out for awhile. This, however, will only be a temporary set back. Several other scholars also wear the badge for a year's attendance.

DUNSTABLE.
News Items.
Sunday was observed at the church as "Forefathers' day." The pastor preached a stirring sermon on the faith of the fathers. Appropriate songs were given, and Mr. Boutwell sang as a solo, "The breaking waves dashed high." On Wednesday occurs the annual meeting of the church for election of officers. The week of prayer will be observed on next week Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Wednesday afternoon.

Among the holiday visitors in town were Miss Gertrude Rhodes, of Revere; Arthur Butterfield, of Worcester; Charles Bettes, from Dartmouth; Florence Worden, of Acton.

Mrs. Newton, who has been visiting her daughters in New York, is expected home soon.

It is reported that there were twenty-five subscribers to the American Missionary.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by public auction very desirable old-fashioned household goods, silverware, crockery, glassware and a few garden tools, carpenter's tools, etc., belonging to the estate of George P. Metcalf, deceased, Lexington street, South Framingham. The sale will be held on Thursday and Friday, January 9 and 10, beginning on Thursday morning at 9.30 o'clock.

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Sundays—First car at 7.50 a. m., then same as week days.

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Sundays—First car at 8.05 a. m., then same as week days.

Leave North Chelmsford for Westford—6.50, 7.50, 8.50, 11.50 a. m., 1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50 p. m. Sundays—7.50, 8.50, 9.50, 10.50 a. m., 12.50, 1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50 p. m.

Leave Westford for Lowell—6.55, 7.40, 8.40, 11.40 a. m., 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40, 4.40, 5.40 p. m.

Sundays—7.40, 8.40, 9.40, 10.40 a. m., 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40, 4.40, 5.40 p. m.

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Saturday, January 4, 1913.

GROTON.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. O'Connor, who were Christmas week visitors at her father's, Daniel Dilbert, returned to New York last Saturday.

Everett T. and Albert P. Warren spent Christmas with their mother, who is staying for the winter at B. P. Williams, of West Somerville.

Barbee A. Miller has been drawn as a grand juror.

Mrs. H. M. Chase will be the leader of the Guild meeting at the Unitarian church this Sunday evening.

The Misses Margaret Bird and Judith Everett, of Arlington, coming on of the Guild meeting at the Unitarian last Saturday, were over Sunday guests of Miss Vickery, of Pleasant street.

Henry Fitzgerald, foreman several for General Bancroft for several years, has moved this week from the farmhouse of the recently sold Bancroft farm.

Rev. Sherrard Billings has decided not to sever his connection with Gro-School, with which he has been connected for a number of years, for he has declined a call to fill the rectory of St. John's church, Beverly Farms.

Rev. P. H. Cressey will address the Woman's Alliance on Thursday afternoon, January 9, taking for his subject "The babies—especially Smith."

Lewis M. Knapp, who has been home from Amherst college for the holidays, gave the members of the Builders Sunday class of the Congregational church on last Sunday a very interesting talk on bible study as at present conducted at Amherst.

Envelopes were distributed at the Congregational church on last Sunday for the free will offering for 1913.

Miss Marion Blood, going on Wednesday, is substituting in a school at Harvard for a short time.

Communion will be observed at the Congregational church at the close of the morning service.

Mrs. Riley, mother of Miss Annie P. Riley, is ill with pneumonia, where she went to spend the holidays. She was taken ill on last Sunday.

Mrs. G. M. Howe has been kept at home, not being as well as usual for some days past.

The former Groton schoolmates of Dr. F. G. Humiston, of East Jaffrey, N. H., were pained to hear of his death on December 30.

The remains of Mrs. L. M. Bishop were brought for interment in Groton cemetery on Friday, January 3.

Frank H. Palmer, who has been confined to his bed with a very severe case of the grippe, and having the close attention of his doctor, is, at this writing, most comfortable.

Miss Irene Tyrrell is substituting as teacher in Miss Tyrrell's school, daughter of W. M. Tyrrell, who bought the P. J. Benedict farm.

Miss Evelyn Fernald, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Webber, at West Groton, went over for Wednesday and Thursday to her father at the farm here in Groton.

This week finds our young people returning to positions at school or elsewhere.

Mrs. H. A. Haseldens, of Whitesville, was in town on Wednesday to see her cousin, Miss Clara Hutchins.

Miss Eleanor Mason is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred O. Parker, at East Pepperell this week.

Funeral. The remains of Mrs. Emma (Mansfield), widow of Maj. E. E. Rankin, were brought from Arlington for interment in the family lot in Groton cemetery on Monday afternoon, December 30.

The three sons, with their wives, coming in their autos, followed in the funeral procession from Arlington. Rev. Samuel C. Bushnell, pastor of the deceased, accompanied the friends and read the committal service.

The funeral service was at eleven o'clock a. m., from Mrs. Rankin's late home in Arlington. There was a profusion of most beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Emma Mansfield Rankin was born in Groton in 1835, the daughter of the late Joseph and Emeline Long Mansfield, and granddaughter of the Dr. Mansfield, who many years ago was a prominent medical practitioner of this town.

Mrs. Rankin was first seized with a bronchial cold, which terminated in the fatal pneumonia. She is pleasantly remembered by many friends here in her native town, and is everywhere spoken of as a most estimable woman.

Dinner and Roll Call. The twenty-fifth annual dinner and roll call of the Congregational church was held on Wednesday, January 1, under favorable conditions, and was one of the most successful for several years.

The presence of many of the younger members helped to brighten and make cheerful the gathering.

One hundred and fifty-seven names were read, and called out many responses. Reference was particularly made by the pastor to the great loss sustained by the church since last year's meeting, in the death of Mrs. E. P. Shumway.

Dea. Darwin P. Keyes, who was not able to be present on account of ill health, wrote a letter and resigned from the office of clerk of the church, which he has held for the past twenty-two years, and also resigned from the office of deacon.

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Refreshments and speeches were in order after the ceremony of installation was finished. The meeting closed with the hearty singing of "Marching in Georgia."

The officers of the corps appointed by Mrs. Whitehill, president, were: Mrs. Alice Rockwood, sec.; Mrs. H. Bowers, pres. inst.; Mrs. Boynton, Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Gibson, color bearers; Mrs. Collier, asst. guard; Mrs. Beattie Sherwin, asst. con.

Wedding. By invitation of Mr. and Mrs. John Lincoln Gilson, relatives and friends were bidden to the wedding at their home of their sister, Miss Catherine Clarke, and Howard Maxwell Wheelock, on Wednesday evening, January 1.

The bride of Wednesday evening looked very dainty gowned in white crepe de chine, wearing a bridal veil and carrying white bride roses.

The groom was attended by his cousin, Charles W. Williams, of Boston, the best man. The charming flower girl was Caroline Brine, also a relative of the groom.

After a honeymoon trip to New York, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wheelock will return to Groton to live in the beautiful Wheelock home in Chicopee road. They were the recipients of many elegant presents, cut glass, silver, pictures and other substantial gifts of much value.

West Groton. David Reid, of Fitchburg, spent Christmas with the family of his son, Fred Reid, in Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Blood and daughters spent the holiday with Mrs. Blood's sister in Fitchburg.

Miss Bertha Bixby is visiting with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Evelyn Fernald, who has spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. G. S. Webber, returns on Saturday to her position in Newton.

Miss Kathleen McGowan is training in Massachusetts General hospital.

Miss Irene Tyrrell, who was in charge of a committee from the Ladies' Aid society, with Mrs. E. K. Harrington, chairman, the supper was followed by the usual business meeting of the church.

Squannacook lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., installed its officers on Thursday evening for the ensuing six months; also six members were initiated.

Death. Old residents here were shocked and saddened to hear on Monday morning of the sudden death in Elliot hospital, Clinton, of Dr. Frank Humiston, of East Jaffrey, N. H.

Dr. Humiston submitted to surgical treatment several weeks ago, and apparently was making a good recovery.

His death was a great loss to the hospital on Saturday caused his friends to be wholly unprepared for the sad news that reached them early on Monday.

The suit brought by Ralph H. Estabrook, of Fitchburg, against Lawrence G. Strand, of West Groton, has been settled out of court.

Center. Miss Rae S. Carpenter returned on Thursday to Boston university after a ten-day vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. LaForrest J. Carpenter.

Robert H. J. Holden returned on Thursday to Harvard university after a short Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. Hattie P. Holden.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sweetser have recently purchased a new play-plant.

The Matrons' Aid society met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Homer P. Holden on Center road.

A large motor truck belonging to the C. A. Cross Co., of Fitchburg, became stuck in the mud on Horsepond road one day last week.

Two large motor truck loads of furniture arrived on Wednesday at the house recently purchased by Mrs. Dakin, of Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pray, of Brookline, spent several days last week at their house on Parker road.

The next regular meeting of the grange will be on Tuesday evening, January 7. The third and fourth degrees will be conferred upon three candidates and the new officers will be installed on office.

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Ole G. Gabrielsen and Miss Bessie Crandell, both of this town, were united in marriage. They will make their home at Springbrook farm, owned by D. C. Brewer, and for whom Mr. Gabrielsen is farm foreman.

On Christmas morning Wilbur Patten, for many years a respected citizen of this town, passed away. Mr. Patten has been for years suffering with his remarkable constitution and indomitable courage together with his always cheerful manner would hardly give this impression among his friends.

Obituary. Mrs. Emeline (Stearns), widow of John H. Billings, and a resident of Ashburnham during the greater part of her life, died on Wednesday the home of Mrs. J. W. Kelley, Fitchburg, aged 87 yrs. 2 mos. 21 days.

Still River. Monday evening, after a long illness, Parker Willard passed away. He had been failing for a long time, but the end came very sudden.

Last week Friday evening there was a good number of villagers out to the social in the chapel, given by the Ladies' Aid society. It was so snowy that people from a distance could not come.

There seems to be an epidemic of colds, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. H. Harrod, Alice Harrod, H. D. Stone and wife, Helen Stone, Eliza Bateman, Mrs. Nourse, Mrs. Jennie Willard and Mrs. Turner being among the afflicted.

AYER. Moving Pictures. At the moving picture entertainment in Page hall on Wednesday evening, January 2, will be presented Alexander Dumas' dramatic masterpiece, "Monte Cristo," in three acts.

Part 1—A dramatic masterpiece adapted from Alexander Dumas' story. This part shows the delivery of the message to Napoleon by Dante. The Danlars

suspicion is aroused and Dante is imprisoned. Part 2—Describing how Dante makes friends with the Count who leaves him a fortune when he dies, and how Dante substitutes himself in place of the Count in the burial sack and is thrown from the parapets into the sea and is rescued by pirates.

Part 3—In this part Dante goes to the island and takes possession of the buried treasure and then returns to Paris on his mission of vengeance.

On Saturday evening every preparation has been made for the production of some of the best pictures that can be obtained.

Items of Interest. In China young men who have a smattering of English education are opening what they call Anglo-Chinese schools, one of which frankly advertises its limitations: "English taught as far as the letter C."

Jimmy Ryan, a miner of Mahanoy City, Pa., went into a Philadelphia restaurant recently and ate nine large beef sandwiches, three cheese sandwiches, five raw tomatoes, three ears of corn, six cups of coffee, four fried eggs, two slices of ham and five glasses of water.

In England in 1593 butchers were compelled by law to sell their beef for a penny per pound and mutton for three farthings. The butchers of London sold penny pieces of beef for the relief of the poor, every piece two pounds and a half, sometimes three pounds, for a penny.

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News Items.

Gasoline is up again and is now selling at 17c wholesale. Last March it was 10c a gallon. When the Standard Oil was conducting business in their own way, both gasoline and kerosene were sold at very reasonable rates. Since the breaking up of their way of doing business by the federal courts and dissolving the Standard into several companies, gasoline and kerosene have been advancing in price ever since. Why not have let them alone?

Past Commander Edward E. Sawyer of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V. installed the officers of the Leominster camp on Wednesday evening.

J. Emery Fletcher for a man who is eighty-six, made quite a journey on Tuesday, December 31. He went from Ayer to Clinton from Clinton to Hudson, Hudson to Stow and South Acton, South Acton to West Acton, West Acton to Littleton and from Littleton back to Ayer. He went all alone and walked part of the way and the rest of the way by electric.

The December adjourned meeting of the Congregational church will be held Friday, January 3, at eight o'clock in the vestry.

Married at the Baptist parsonage on Wednesday, January 1, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Ole G. Gabrielson and Miss Bessie Ruby Crandall, both of Harvard.

Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church officiated at the funeral of Wilbur L. Patten at Harvard last week Friday. The interment was at Littleton.

Mrs. H. Lillian Harrington, who has been stopping at Arlington for some time past, arrived in town on Wednesday, and is at her former home on Pleasant street, for a few days.

These members of Easter lodge, N. E. O. P. E., were elected at the meeting on last week Friday evening: Mrs. Margaret Rand, w. w.; Mrs. Charlotte Miller, v. w.; Mrs. Affie S. Washburn, sec.; Miss Nellie H. Carrigan, f. s.; Mrs. Kate C. Carrigan, treas.; Mrs. Ella M. Remond, w. g.; Charles L. Washburn, guard; Mrs. May B. Downing, m. g.; Mrs. Ida Preble, c.; Warren L. Preble, trustee 3 yrs. These representatives and alternates to the grand lodge were chosen delegates: John E. Washburn, Warren L. Preble, alternates; Mrs. Kate C. Carrigan, Herbert H. Pillman, John B. Washburn is junior past warden for the ensuing year.

The names of the boys who broke into the camp of E. B. Gerrish at Hell pond, Harvard, a short time ago, have been learned and attention will be taken on their cases later.

A counterfeit five-dollar bill is in circulation and the public should be on the watch for it. The bill is "E" series and numbered 69,421,159.

At the Baptist church on Sunday, the pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas, will deliver a new year's sermon at the regular morning service at 10:45. In the evening there will be a song service at seven o'clock, and a short address by the pastor on "Decision." Sunday school will be held as usual at twelve o'clock.

Mrs. E. Whitaker attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Martha A. Marshall, in Tewksbury, on last Saturday morning. Mrs. Whitaker was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Minnie E. Whitaker.

Miss Lilla Crocker returned on Tuesday afternoon from the Groton hospital, where she recently underwent an operation.

Peter Tounissant, of Grantville, called on the police station on last week Friday, saying that one of his horses had strayed away from home. Officer William J. Mullin received word from E. Dana Jewett on the Groton road that a stray horse had wandered into his yard. Investigation showed that the horse was the one missing from Grantville. Its owner was notified and he came here and took the animal back home.

Mileage books over the Boston and Maine, N. Y., N. H. and H. and Boston and Albany railroads in New England will be issued in effect January 1. This action on the part of the railroad companies brings to a close a two years' attempt to secure such mileage by the New England council, U. C. T., and other like bodies who have unsuccessfully flooded the New England states with petitions requesting it. Under the new arrangement is included the Boston and Maine railroad, Maine Central railroad and the Central Vermont railroad. Mileage books will be issued in denominations of 500 and 1000 miles as in the past.

Harlow & Parsons had a 314 pound turkey that they sold to Berkeley T. Larabee, an employee, not being able to find a customer for a turkey so large. Mr. Larabee raffled it off, Burton M. Brown being the winner.

Since the introduction of the parcels post, many parcels for the three first days have been received at the post-office by Postmaster Robinson, and he has special scales for the weighing of the parcels. The postmasters all over the country anticipate an immense growth of the system.

The remains of Mrs. L. M. Bishop, formerly of Groton, were brought here to the Methodist church on Friday afternoon, where services were performed. The body was brought to Groton for burial on Friday afternoon.

As a reminder to the people in the surrounding towns, many of whom make this town the center of attraction in purchasing at our stores, we give here many of the businesses in the town of Ayer: 5 grocery stores, 2 clothing stores, 2 dry and fancy goods stores, Ayer Variety store, 3 furniture stores, grain store, 2 jewelers, 3 dentists, laundry, 2 garages, 2 coal dealers, 3 blacksmiths, 3 harness shops, carriage builder, several barbers, several lunch rooms and lunch carts, photo gallery, 2 ice cream parlors, fruit store, 4 physicians and 3 undertakers.

The fierce tornado of Friday afternoon following the sign of William Brown, the druggist, the end near the street dropping first, went through one of the large window lights of one of the windows of his store, smashing

it in small pieces. It is said that the sign in falling, struck a man on the head, a stranger in town.

Mrs. M. E. R. Hosmer, of West Acton, visited C. A. Hodgman over Christmas.

The ladies of the Congregational church will serve an advertised supper in the vestry of the church on Wednesday evening, January 8, at 6:30 o'clock.

There were some twelve or thirteen teams busy weather permitting, in teaming logs from the Shaker lot to the mills of Mr. Phelps, four of the teams belonging to him. It is a 200-acre lot with a large growth of trees and it will take some time before all the logs are cut and hauled to his mill, the winter months being the most favorable for teaming.

Mrs. H. H. Bliss left on Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Kendall, who resides in Somerville, to spend several weeks there. Mrs. Bliss fled after the accident which she had with pneumonia. She has so far recovered as to be able to make the journey to Somerville. Mr. Kendall, husband of her daughter, is chief of police of Somerville.

A pension system for employees of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company and allied companies, went into effect on Wednesday, January 1. Under this plan employees of twenty years' standing are to be pensioned upon reaching the age of sixty, and those in the service for thirty years may retire on a pension regardless of age. In the case of an employee dying as a result of an accident, three years' salary will be paid to the legal heirs, the maximum payment not to exceed \$5000. When an employee who has worked for the company ten years and dies from illness, one year's salary will be given.

Senator Edward Fisher, of Westford, which is in the district including Ayer, was appointed on the committees of agriculture, ways and means and railroads at the opening of the legislature on Wednesday.

Miss Irene Tyrrell, of Groton, has been chosen to fill the vacancy in the seventh grade school caused by the resignation of Miss Martha Wilson.

Herbert H. Proctor has been awarded the picture that was on exhibition in the store window of George H. Brown. It was the work of Miss Emma Kinney.

A black hand letter which was recently received by one of our boys was turned over to Chief Beatty for investigation. The chief discovered the writer of the letter, who said he would be in town for a joke. The chief told the youngster that it was rather a serious joke and warned the boy of the consequences of a repetition of the act. On account of the extreme youth of the boy his name is not given.

Mrs. Annie M. Norris is confined to her home on East Main street by illness.

Dr. and Mrs. Richmond Flisk and their daughter, Mrs. E. B. Butterfield, sailed from Boston on Tuesday by way of the Savannah line boat for the south. They will make a three or four months' stay in Sorrento, Fla. Letters remaining uncalled for in the Ayer office for the week ending December 30: B. Connolly, James Curry, Miss Myrtice Gilroy, Calla Poupaperit, Howard Vaughan.

Unitarian.

The annual parish meeting of the First Unitarian parish was held on Wednesday evening in the parlor of the church. George H. Hill was chosen moderator. These officers and committees for the coming year were elected: Arthur Fenner, clerk; George H. Hill, treas.; S. N. Lougee, Arthur Fenner and Dr. E. B. Butterfield, parish committee and assessors; Millie M. Beverly, col.; Mrs. George J. Burns, Mrs. Nellie Kittredge, Mrs. Ida C. Perkins, Miss Emma Butterfield and Mrs. Ruth Clark Sherwin, music committee. It was unanimously voted not to accept Dr. Flisk's resignation. During the meeting the presence of the parish committee will have the pulpits supply in charge. There will be no morning services during January. The Sunday school and young people's meetings will continue as usual. The meeting was very harmonious. It had been carefully planned, and everything was carried out almost without a hitch.

At the Y. P. R. U. on last Sunday evening, Norman Fletcher was leader and Miss Pearl Carley was pianist. The program was the story of David, given by Mrs. Barker.

Woman's Club.

At the meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon the program was in charge of the household economics department. Mrs. A. M. Sargent, chairman. There was first a demonstration in meat cutting, with explanation of the same, by Ellis B. Harlow; a report of the Concord presidents' conference, Mrs. Mary Hutchins; a report of the Lowell offering exhibit, prepared by Mrs. Carrie Bigelow, and read by Mrs. Ida C. Perkins on account of the absence of Mrs. Bigelow, who was detained at home by the illness of her daughter, and readings on food values and ways of cooking by Mrs. Nina Beverly and Mrs. Sargent. Music was a club song and a piano solo by Miss Madolin Whitney.

At the meeting of the executive board just before the club meeting, further arrangements were made for gentlemen's night, some resolutions passed and notices of Federation conferences given.

A conference by the department of industrial and social conditions will be held by the Stoneham and Groton club in the Baptist church at Stoneham on Tuesday, January 14, at 2:30 o'clock.

A conference of the civics department will be held by the Melrose Woman's club in Memorial hall, Melrose, on January 22, at two o'clock.

Mrs. Nellie Brown has tickets for gentlemen's night and they may be obtained at any time. Mrs. Barker was elected as delegate to the conference at Stoneham.

Grange.

Past master William Wright, of Westford grange, assisted by Mrs. Henry W. Robbins, of Ayer grange, installed the officers of Ayer grange on Thursday evening in Hardy's hall. The work was done in a first-class manner. During the business meeting preceding the installation, Chester P. Perrin's resignation as secretary was read and accepted, Mrs. Berton Williams being elected to fill that position. On new members were favorably voted upon and other business of importance was transacted. During the evening remarks were made by Mr. Wright, the installing officer, and Henry W. Robbins, retiring master. Refreshments and a social time followed. The following are the officers that were installed: Frederick T. Auld, m. w.; William White, Shirley, o.; Mrs. Grace Rymes, lec.; L. C. Smith, s.; Milton Robbins,

asst. s.; Hiram Clark, chap.; Augustus Lovejoy, l. w.; Mrs. D. W. Curran, Henry W. Robbins, g. k.; Miss Pearl M. Carley, l. a. s.; Miss Mary Leahy, Forge Village, Ceres; Miss Kathryn Ward, Forge Village, Pomona; Miss Mae E. Briggs, Florida.

Death.

Mrs. Mary A. (Gallagher) Curran, widow of the late John Curran, who died on January 31, last, died at her home on East Main street on Tuesday of pneumonia, aged 73 yrs. 4 mos. 22 days. Mrs. Curran had not been in the best of health for some time previous to her death. Pneumonia finally set in, which resulted in her death. Mrs. Curran was one of our oldest residents and was highly esteemed.

She leaves three daughters—Mrs. Charles H. Webber and Miss Matilda Curran, of Ayer, and Mrs. Jennie Devlin, of Lowell, and one son, Andrew Curran, of Concord, N. H. The funeral was held on Friday morning. A requiem mass was said at 10 o'clock at St. Mary's church by the pastor, Rev. B. J. Sheedy, who also performed the committal service at the grave in St. Mary's cemetery, where the interment took place. The bearers were J. J. O'Brien, M. J. Griffin, R. M. Cahoon and C. H. Webber.

District Court.

Herman L. Nixon, of Westford, was found guilty of violating the deer law and was fined ten dollars on Monday morning.

Frank Adams, whom it is alleged committed the theft of clothing and jewelry at the home of Timothy P. Cleary a few weeks ago, will appear in court this morning to answer to the charge. He was brought here from the South Fitzburg jail, where he has just finished a sentence for larceny by Chief Beatty on Friday afternoon.

Patrick McGuane, D. E. Murley and Mrs. Bridget Conway were found guilty of violating their probation on last Saturday morning. The first two were sent to the house of correction for a term of six and three months, respectively, and the case of the latter was continued for sentence until January 28.

James Couch, of Pepperell, was found guilty of assault and battery on Friday morning and he was discharged upon payment of the expenses of the case, amounting to seven dollars.

Clipping.

The following is taken from the Lowell Courier-Citizen of Tuesday, December 31: On Saturday afternoon, a big bay horse with a lead of about half a mile, raced along the front of the afternoon passenger from Graniteville to Ayer and beat it into the station by about 100 yards. The engineer in conductor of the train noticed the horse on the tracks shortly after they pulled out of the station. It was a good lead on them, they did not slacken speed, supposing that the horse would turn off at some one of the cross roads. Instead of that it kept right on down the track in front of the train on a steady gallop, taking culverts and all other impediments in smooth running, as easily as a Swiss mountain chamois. The train crew are wondering not so much how the horse managed to keep ahead of the train as to how it managed to take the culverts and road crossings without breaking a leg.

New Street Lights.

Eleven new street lights have been installed by the Ayer Electric Light Company and are located as follows: Seven on Central avenue, between Sigbee Company and the Lowell & Fitzburg Street Railway's car barn; one on Pleasant street, opposite Dr. D. Sullivan's office; two on Washington street, opposite E. S. Bennett's office; one on Blood's, and one on West Main street, opposite Proctor's garage.

The Ayer Electric Light Company has also extended its lines from West Main street, along the W. N. & P. division of the Boston and Maine, to the engine house of the railroad, where a current will be delivered to supply a new fifteen horse power motor. This motor will be used to furnish power for the machinery in the repair shop, and to generate the power necessary to through making it more economical to use power only at those times when there is actual need for it.

Death.

Mrs. Hannah E. Stuart died at the home of her son, Eustace Stuart, at the corner of Blood and West Main streets on Monday evening of pneumonia, at the age of seventy-one years. She was a native of Kennebunk, Me., although the greater part of her married life was spent in Biddeford, Me. After the death of her husband she moved to Lawrence, where from there came to Ayer with her son last September.

Mrs. Stuart was the widow of the late Evander Stuart, of Biddeford, Me. She leaves two sons, William H. Stuart, of Saco, Me., and Leslie Stuart, of Ayer.

The remains were taken to Saco on Wednesday morning by way of Boston, where the funeral services were held. The interment was in Biddeford.

Annual Celebration.

The Peace and Unity club, a well-known colored organization, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the emancipation proclamation in the town hall on Wednesday evening. There was a good sized number of colored people present as well as their white friends, many coming from out-of-town. The concert program consisted of selections by the orchestra, address of welcome by the president, William Chester; piano solo, Daniel Washington, of Pepperell, with Miss Viola Harris, of Groton, as pianist; song, Chester Harris, Boston; piano solo, Miss Rachel Hazard, Leominster; violin solo, Mr. Johnson, of Leominster.

The address of the evening was delivered by G. Henry Powell, of Boston, who spoke on the progress of his race since it obtained its freedom. After the concert the grand march was started, A. J. Chester, of Boxborough, and Mrs. Fred Hazard, of Leominster, being the leading couple.

Mr. Chester is one of the charter members of the Peace and Unity club and he has attended the present officers of the club are William Chester, pres.; David Rogers, v. p.; M. C. Chester, f. s.; F. H. Hazard, treas.; Mrs. A. M. Munroe, asst. sec.; S. H. Piper, chap.

The club was formed fifty years ago, soon after the emancipation proclamation, and there has been a celebration each year since.

Double Funeral.

Thomas H. Meade, a former well-known resident of Ayer, was killed near Greenfield on last week Friday. He was no doubt struck by a passing train, although it is not known just how he met his death. His lifeless

body was found beside the track early this morning. The body was forwarded to the post, and for several days.

Mr. Meade was sixty-seven years of age, and was very highly esteemed by all who knew him. For many years he has been a very faithful and efficient employee of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, and at the time of his death was working with a force of men on the Greenfield division.

The family suffered another bereavement in the death of Miss Catherine Meade, who died from the shock of hearing of her father's death. The young lady had been in poor health for some time, and her condition was such that the announcement caused her to fall into a short time. Miss Meade was fairly one year of age and she was much beloved by all who knew her.

Mr. Meade is survived by two sons, John and Thomas Meade, and two daughters, Miss Mary E. Meade and Mrs. Hulse. His wife died several years ago.

The double funeral was held on last Sunday afternoon. Services were held in Waltham, after which the bodies were taken here for interment in St. Mary's cemetery. An extra car on the 3:30 afternoon train brought the funeral party and the remains from Waltham. The funeral was very largely attended, a delegation of Division 19, A. O. H., of Waltham, of which Mr. Meade was a member, escorted the body of their deceased brother to the depot.

Upon the arrival of the funeral party here they were met by the members of the I. O. O. F. of this town, of which Mr. Meade was also a member, who escorted the remains to St. Mary's cemetery. Rev. P. J. Sheedy, the pastor of St. Mary's church, of this town, performed the committal service at the grave. The bearers were J. Budeau, John Meade, Michael Frawley, James Hogan, Anthony Hogan and Joseph O'Neil. It was the largest funeral seen here for many years. There was a large number of beautiful flowers. The family was very sadly affected, in addition to the two mentioned, a daughter, and John Meade, a son, who are both sick, suffered a serious relapse upon learning of their father's sudden death. The family was the heartiest sympathy of a very large number of friends, especially in Ayer, where they once lived, and where they are very kindly remembered.

Triple Installation.

The joint triple installation of the officers of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R. Woman's Relief Corps and Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., took place in Grand Army hall on Wednesday evening. The exercises were public with usual, and the attendance of members and friends was large. Henry C. Sherwin, past commander of the Grand Army post, installed the officers, assisted by J. Everett Woods, as officer of the day, and Nina B. Lovejoy, department installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Emma Wood, as conductor, installed the officers of the Relief Corps, and Henry F. Weller, of Boston, department secretary of Massachusetts, assisted by John J. Harvey, past commander of A. O. U. M. W. camp, of Townsend, inducted the officers of the camp into their positions.

The exercises, owing to their length, began promptly at 7:30 o'clock, and were conducted with efficiency and despatch.

The meeting was called to order by E. D. Martell, commander of George S. Boutwell post, who welcomed the organizations, and then turned the meeting over to the installing officers. Similar actions were taken by the heads of the other two organizations.

After the final installation exercises of the evening, Francis Lovejoy, commander of George S. Boutwell post, was given charge of the meeting and called upon the following persons, who made remarks: Rev. A. L. Bumpus, Henry T. Weller, of Boston, department secretary; J. J. Harvey, past commander of A. O. U. M. W. camp, Townsend; Edward E. Sawyer, past commander of Capt. George V. Barrett camp; Commander H. E. Evans, of the same camp; Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, installing officer of the Relief Corps; Mrs. S. Richardson and Mrs. Abbie Wells, president of the Relief Corps.

A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a pin to J. Walker Ward, the retiring commander of Capt. George V. Barrett camp. The presentation was made in behalf of the organization by Rev. A. L. Bumpus. A supper was served in the vestry of the Unitarian church at six o'clock to the members of the organizations and invited guests.

The following are the officers that were installed: G. A. R. Francis Lovejoy, c.; H. S. Clark, s. v. c.; Henry Leavitt, v. c.; H. C. Sherwin, q. m.; Augustus Lovejoy, sur.; William Jubb, p. l.; D. H. Dickinson, s. e.; S. E. Preble, s. g.; J. E. Woods, o. g.; E. D. Martell, q. m. s.

W. R. C. Mrs. Abbie J. Wells, p.; Mrs. Ruth C. Phelps, s. v. p.; Mrs. Alice M. Crawford, J. v. p.; Mrs. Augustus Scruton, chap.; Miss M. E. Beverly, con.; Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell, sec.; Mrs. Ellen G. Sawyer, sec.; Mrs. Lucie S. Richardson, p. l.; Mrs. Jessie Crawford, p. c.; Mrs. Evelyn Cunningham, mus.; Miss Bessie Glazier, asst. sec.; Mrs. William Craig, asst. g.; color bearers, Mrs. Elizabeth Myers, Mrs. Jessie Crawford, Mrs. J. A. Allen, Miss Dorcas Scruton.

S. of V. H. E. Evans, c.; J. G. Davenport, s. v. c.; J. M. Delloff, j. v. c.; E. E. Sawyer, treas.; H. C. Harlow, g. r.; M. Boutwell, l. g.; G. E. Beverly, o. g.; E. B. Harlow, p. l.; A. L. Bumpus, c.; L. A. Downing, sec.

Some of the officers elected were unable to be present for installation, and the names were omitted in the above list. They will be installed later.

List of Veterans.

There has been placed in Grand Army hall 104 photographs of living and deceased members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R. The photographs are set in large frames with the names, titles and the branch of the service they were engaged in during the civil war. The whole is a work of art and it has attracted a great deal of favorable comment from those who have seen it.

It is intended to procure, if possible, the photograph of every member who joined the post since its foundation in 1868, and as fast as they are secured they will be added to those that are now in the meeting place of the post.

should they be destroyed from fire, or any other cause, the reproductions can be readily made.

The idea of this memorial is the out-growth of a movement started several years ago to perpetuate the memory of those who went to the front at the call of duty, who are now members of the post. A fund was started by the memorial after several years the members of the Woman's Relief Corps, by hard work, added greatly to the original amount. When a sufficient sum was realized two years ago different plans were proposed for the memorial. After discussing the matter the present form was voted and work was immediately begun. Much interest was taken in the work by the late Rev. Lyman Clark and the late Mrs. A. G. Lewis.

Past commander of the post, James J. O'Brien, who was the foremost advocate of the present form of memorial, took charge of the work and has worked hard ever since to perfect the plans laid out two years ago. As a result he has procured 104 photographs of the living and deceased members of the post, and is to continue the work until every member's photograph, if possible, is procured. Mr. O'Brien has been given a vote of thanks by the post for his untiring interest in this movement, as well as others concerning the organization.

The following members' photographs are included in those already in the hall:

- James J. O'Brien, 26th Mass. Co. B., and Battery G.; 5th U. S. Light Artillery.
- Henry C. Sherwin, 2d Mass. Cavalry.
- William H. Gram, 1st Mass. Frontier Cavalry.
- Elizakia D. Martell, 11th Vt. Infantry and 1st Vt. Heavy Artillery.
- Capt. George V. Barrett, 6th and 23d Mass. Infantry.
- Edward O. Harlow, 23d Mass. Infantry.
- John E. Parsons, asst. surgeon U. S. N., and 28th Mass. Infantry.
- Charles P. Atherton, 2d Mass. Cavalry.
- Lieut. William Crombie, 26th Mass. band and 14th U. S. Heavy Artillery.
- John E. McColester, M. D., surgeon 53d Mass. Infantry.
- Augustus Lovejoy, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery.
- Stephen N. Lougee, musician 1st U. S. Infantry.
- Daniel H. Dickinson, 15th Mass. Infantry.
- Charles E. Craig, 2d N. H. Infantry.
- Wilfred C. Parsons, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- Charles E. Sprague, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- John S. Preston, 1st N. H. Cavalry.
- William Jubb, 33d Mass. Infantry.
- William H. Sherman, 2d Mass. Infantry.
- James E. Smith, 19th Mass. Infantry.
- John E. Brown, 1st Me. Heavy Artillery.
- Charles W. Hathaway, 1st Mass. Infantry.
- George G. Puffer, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- Henry O. Burnam, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- Thomas Johnson, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery.
- Dennis Cullinan, 3d Mass. Cavalry.
- Berth B. Richardson, 4th Mass. Infantry.
- Benj. H. Webster, 47th Mass. Infantry.
- J. Everett Woods, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- John H. Sprague, 7th and 16th Me. Infantry.
- Orlando P. Robinson, 31st Me. Infantry.
- Walter E. Mellish, 1st Lieut. 3d N. H. Infantry.
- Benjamin M. Spaulding, 32d Mass. Infantry.
- Joseph A. Bacon, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- Summer Gilson, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- Richard Pierce, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- Charles W. Scruton, 30th Me. Infantry.
- H. Bicknell, 16th Mass. Infantry.
- Rev. Melvin S. Preble, chap. 15th Me. Infantry.
- William S. Preble, 1st Kansas Infantry.
- Edward P. Hutchins, 2d Mass. Cavalry.
- Capt. James W. Lowe, capt. 21st N. J. Infantry.
- William C. Wood, 16th N. H. Infantry.
- John H. Cleaves, 22d Mass. Infantry.
- John S. Hartwell, 14th N. H. Infantry.
- William H. Savage, 15th Mass. Infantry and U. S. Artillery.
- John W. Dickinson, 15th Mass. Infantry.
- Thomas Magovern, 21st Me. Infantry.
- Harrison D. Evans, 13th N. H. Infantry.
- Wesley O. Hawkes, 60th Mass. Infantry.
- Abner Barnard, 17th Mass. band.
- William H. Craig, 1st Mass. Cavalry.
- David S. Harvey, 14th N. H. Infantry.
- Wilbur F. Sawyer, 140th Ill. Infantry.
- George L. Sawyer, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- Albert E. Snow, Me. coast guard.
- Albert W. Robbins, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- Charles P. Sartell, 26th Mass. Infantry.
- James F. Dadmun, 35th and 56th Mass. Infantry.
- Oliver B. Richardson, 10th Me. Infantry.
- Lieut. Francis Lovejoy, 7th. N. H. Infantry.
- John M. Kidder, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- Edwin L. Warr, 19th Me. Infantry.
- Elbridge W. Whitaker, 2d Mass. Cavalry.
- Charles S. Barrett, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- Charles H. Canney, 12th N. H. Infantry.
- Henry K. White, 23d Mass. Infantry.
- William R. McClellan, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery.
- Frederic Reed, 30th Mass. Infantry.
- George H. Farmer, 34th Mass. Infantry.
- Charles M. Cummings, 16th Mass. Infantry.
- Charles G. Woods, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- Oliver W. Balcom, 26th and 14th Mass. Infantry and 6th Veteran Reserve Corps.
- Sanford B. Preble, 15th Me. Infantry.
- Charles T. Sleeper, 1st Vt. Cavalry.
- Jessie A. Sargent, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- John C. Thompson, 16th Me. Infantry and 2d Me. Battery.
- Charles M. Lovejoy, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- William H. Hinds, 16th Mass. Infantry and captain Co. E. 33d Mass. Infantry.
- Joel Neat, 16th Mass. Infantry.
- Henry A. Sawtelle, 1st Mass. Cavalry.
- George J. Hand, 30th Mass. Infantry.
- Samuel B. Hart, 33d Mass. Infantry.
- Frank E. Martell, 6th Vt. Infantry.
- Lyman Clark, sergt. Co. H, 5th Ill. Cavalry.
- Albert F. Baldwin, U. S. S. Chicord.
- William A. Nutting, 56th Mass. Infantry.
- Joseph P. Thompson, 1st R. I. Cavalry and U. S. S. Albitross.
- William W. Wentworth, 8th Me. Infantry.
- Henry Leavitt, 16th N. H. Infantry.
- Hiram S. Clark, 4th Me. Battery.
- Hiram Dane, 2d Mass. Infantry.
- Michael Hackett, 33d Mass. Infantry.
- John H. Bishop, 2d Lieut. 4th Vt. Infantry.
- James C. Parker, 2d Mass. Cavalry.
- William Neat, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery.
- Edgar A. Hastings, 13th Vt. Infantry.
- Henry S. Butler, 14th Mass. Cavalry.
- Samuel G. Humminston, 53d Mass. Infantry and 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery.

The remaining members whose pictures have not been procured are: James W. Haley, 34th Mass. Infantry; George W. Cook, 17th Mass. Infantry; Henry H. Hall, Mass. Heavy Artillery; Albert E. Randlett, 1st Me. Artillery; Philip A. Barnett, 2d Mass. Infantry; Charles D. Blisbee, 27th Me. Infantry; Frank Carcagne, 24th Mass. Infantry.

- Henry Elmer, 11th Mass. Infantry.
- Alexander Falconer, 1st Me. Cavalry and B. S. Dale.
- William W. Hendricks, 13th Vt. Infantry.
- William James, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery.
- Loring D. Adams, 3d Vt. Battery.
- Granville C. Davis, 16th Mass. Infantry.
- William W. Spaulding, 32d Mass. Infantry.
- Ezekiel W. Spaulding, 32d Mass. Infantry.
- Thomas Geary, 33d Mass. Infantry.
- George H. Prescott, 35th Mass. Infantry.
- Charles E. Oliver, 23d Mass. Infantry and 2d Mass. Battery.
- Eben F. Wood, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- Charles D. Robinson, 25th Mass. Infantry.
- George S. Lang, 40th N. Y. Infantry.
- Abel R. Brigham, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- William W. Underwood, 34th Mass. Infantry.
- Alexander Fobare, 98th N. Y. Infantry and 193d N. Y. Infantry.
- Charles A. Green, 15th Mass. Infantry.
- Alfred Marcou, 2d Vt. Infantry.
- Albert Mellen, 37th N. Y. Infantry and 176th N. Y. Infantry.
- Lemuel T. Barbour, 11th Vt. Infantry.
- Charles F. Fisher, 56th Mass. Infantry.
- John S. Fernald, 11th N. H. Infantry and 42d Mass. Infantry.
- William A. Hildreth, 1st Cal. Cavalry.
- Edward K. Mann, 1st R. I. Infantry.
- Augustus E. Colburn, 35th Mass. Infantry and 2d Battalion Veteran Reserve Corps.
- William R. Adams, 3d Cal. Infantry.
- Greenleaf C. Brock, 2d Me. Infantry.
- James L. Burgess, 56th Mass. Infantry.
- William H. Black, 38th Mass. Infantry.
- Philetus C. Lathrop, 56th O. Infantry.
- Henry G. Mitchell, 32d Mass. Infantry.
- William A. Morgan, 33d Mass. Infantry.
- George B. Marsh, 1st N. H. Heavy Artillery.
- Horatio McIntire, 1st N. H. Cavalry.
- James L. Nutting, 6th Mass. Infantry.
- Isaac F. Orcutt, 2d Me

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to FRANK W. MOORE of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of January A. D. 1913, 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 Littleton Guide, 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 eighteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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TOWNSEND.

Center. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shirley, of Lynn, and Lillian Hildreth, of Waltham, and Ralph Reed, of Melrose, were recent guests at H. B. Hildreth's.

Arthur Eastman, Bessie Eastman, Bessie Parker, Mrs. Lang, Harold Morse, Bessie McGuire, and Sarah Copeland, of Montclair, N. J., were at home Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce visited at P. S. Pingry's, Littleton, this week.

Miss L. Eva Stearns, principal of the Albion grammar school at Lincoln, R. I., spent her Christmas recess with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Stearns.

The Monday club met this week at the pleasant home of Mrs. Evelyn Warren. The roll call was answered by new year quotations and a very interesting paper upon the "History of the almanac" was read by Mrs. Iva Stone of Worcester.

Mrs. Warren kindly gave some selections upon the Victrola and the club members and guests were treated to a delicious lunch shortly before leaving.

F. B. Higgins has put in a supply of fruit and nuts which makes quite a showing in the drug store window.

Gertrude Rockwood held a candy party at her home Saturday evening and several schoolmates and friends were invited. Whist was enjoyed after the candy pull.

Judge and Mrs. C. F. Worcester entertained quite a party at their home Christmas day, the party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. C. Shores and daughter of Amherst, Miss Mary Worcester of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Adams and Miss Mamie Adams of Cape Corner.

Wilbur Bruce was called to Ashby Wednesday on account of the critical illness of his father, Oren Bruce.

Clipping. In the Worcester Bulletin, a newspaper devoted to the interests of Worcester people, is a very interesting and able article on "Art and industrial education in our public schools."

For a number of years, Mrs. Wright was an instructor in art in various towns and cities. Her last position was at Newport, R. I., where she had charge of the art department in the public high school. She has given art instruction in the homes of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mrs. John Nicholas Brown and other well-known people.

She has also contributed to various magazines, illustrated the Youth's Companion, traveled extensively and done some lecturing. In her article in the next number Mrs. Wright traces briefly the cause and education in the public schools. The value of art in industry is ably presented.

West. Mrs. Emeline Billings, widow of John Billings, died on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John W. Kelley in Fitchburg, at the age of eighty-seven years. She leaves two children, Mrs. James Willard, of West Townsend, and George Billings, of Leominster; a sister, Mrs. Marcella Stevens, of Chelsea, Vt., and a brother, Otis Stevens, of Fitchburg, Vt.

Mrs. Susie Howard, from Melrose, is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Morgan.

Rev. John H. Cox, a former pastor of the Baptist church, and Mrs. Cox, who are stopping with their daughter in Dorchester, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselynville, for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dods, from Proctor, Vt., are spending a few weeks with old friends in town, stopping with Mrs. Dods' aunt, Mrs. A. J. Manchester, of Josselynville.

Mrs. Luther Blood has opened her rooms in the Hodgman house after spending a few weeks with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bennett enjoyed a visit from relatives from Worcester on last week Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bruce and son Nelson, from Boston, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Bruce.

Miss Dorothy Tyler has returned to her home in Dorchester after a week's visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Willard.

Miss Agnes Wilson, of Waltham, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilson.

Mrs. Annie Blatchley and two children from Guilford, Conn., are at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Thorning, for a few weeks' visit.

Mrs. Hughes and little daughter Edith are spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Bronkline, N. H., and Miss Ida Hughes is visiting relatives in New Ipswich, N. H.

Mrs. Nickerson has returned from Boston and is at the home of her brothers, James and William King of Josselynville.

Mrs. R. S. Cook has returned from a brief visit to friends at her former home in Lowell.

Mrs. Louis Welch is on the sick list for the past few days with a severe cold.

Oren Bruce is quite sick at his home on the Ashby road and Mrs. Lettie Nickerson is assisting in caring for him.

Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Ringrose and little son have returned from their Christmas visit to Mr. Ringrose's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Ringrose of Lyme, Conn.

Mrs. Robert Thompson has closed her house on High street and left last week for California, where she will spend the remainder of the winter with friends.

Mrs. G. E. Walker and little daughter Una are both quite ill with the measles.

Albert Adams, of Providence, R. I., has spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.

Mrs. Hall, who has been caring for the late J. C. Richards, is stopping for the present with her daughter in Fitchburg.

Miss Marion Dana, from Connecticut, has been a recent guest of Miss Clara Warren.

Miss Marion Boutelle spent the holidays with relatives in North Leominster.

man L. Stickney acted as teacher, and remarks were made by Rev. Fred Cox, of Hinckley, Me., followed by the annual election of officers as follows: W. H. H. Elliott, pres.; Duncan Russell, P. H. H. Stickney, sec.; Fred A. Patch, treas.; Dr. R. S. Ely, chairman; H. B. Hathaway, George E. Streeter and Benjamin Hodgman, social com.; Rev. S. D. Ringrose, Ian Hush and William Mills, committee on boys' work; Rev. S. D. Ringrose, teacher.

The Y. P. S. C. E. on last Sunday evening was on the subject of "Missions," and was conducted by Mrs. Fred A. Patch, and the evening service following was led by Walter E. Russell, of the Center, who officiated in the absence of the pastor.

The high school pupils commenced their daily travel to the high school on Monday after a week's vacation, and the public schools in this village commence the mid-winter term on Monday morning.

Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle is on the sick list and Mrs. Luther Blood is assisting at her home for a few weeks.

On Wednesday evening the church members and helpers met at the Baptist church to clean the room and finish their part of the work of renovation. The pipe organ, which was purchased from the Congregational church at the Center, and presented by J. C. Hodgman, and the latest electric lights established and the room and ceiling tastefully papered and a dedicatory service will be held on Sunday morning.

Frank Kelley has resigned his position as foreman and manager at the Belgrade rug factory in Josselynville.

Interesting Meeting. On last week Thursday evening the Ladies' Study club held a very interesting meeting at the reading-room. Nine members and one guest, Mrs. G. M. Ely, being present. The vice president, Mrs. G. D. Seaver, presided and Miss M. Elinor Tower acted as secretary pro tem. The meeting was on the subject of "The life and works of Mrs. Margaret Deland," which was very ably presented by Mrs. H. E. Smith and was followed by a review of Mrs. Dods' latest popular novel, "The Iron woman," by Mrs. G. A. Seaver. Roll call followed with responses being made by the members. The next meeting of the club will be held at the reading-room on next Thursday evening, December 27. Elinor Tower will be in charge, giving a paper on "The progress of the Chinese empire."

Christmas Concert. A very pleasing Christmas concert was given by the Baptist Sunday school in seminary hall on last Sunday morning with a large audience in attendance. The program was as follows:

Opening song, "Day of days," by the school; invocation, Rev. J. H. Cox; responsive reading, P. W. Sawtelle; prayer, W. E. Wilder; song, "Hail Merry Christmas," school; recitation, "A little child's dream," Miss Davis; song, "Ring bells of Christmas," school; recitation, "Do your best," Walter Dana; "The angels' song," school; reading, "The Christmas vision," Miss Alice Seaver; "Happy Christmas is here," school; exercise, "The Christmas message," girls of the primary department; "The light of the Christmas," Mr. and Mrs. Hodgman's class; "The child that makes me happy," Edith Hughes; vocal duet, "Christmas and Gladys," Isabelle Hayward and Gladys Hanson; exercise, "Christmas," Ruth Bennett, Eva Smith and Gertrude Hamilton; solo, "A lullaby," Miss G. M. Ely.

A message from the pastor, Rev. S. D. Ringrose, was read by the secretary, Mrs. Fred Patch, followed by remarks by Rev. J. H. Cox, after which came the closing song, "The king of kings."

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Current Events. Among the holiday guests in town were Mr. and Mrs. Melville Bouchard, of Pepperell; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall, Miss Grace Whitcomb, of Fitchburg; Fred Nye and family, of Leominster; Ernest Nye and family, of Sandown; Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. French and son, Harold, of Corton, Mass.; Miss Leonora Bradley, of New York city; Miss Katie O'Hern, of Fitchburg; Esther Farnsworth, of Watertown, Mass.; Carl Clifford, of Fitchburg, Mass.; Henry Hall and family, of Leominster; Mrs. Hall and family, of Somerville, Mass.

Sunday, December 29, a Christmas concert was given at the Methodist church, Miss Grace Whitcomb presiding at the organ.

Walter Rockwood and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, of Townsend, were in town visiting friends this week.

Fred Farnsworth and family left town on Monday morning for Florida, where they expect to remain until April.

Herbert Corey went to Nashua last week in his auto and brought Mrs. Joseph Dodge home, who has been at the hospital in that city for several weeks. She is gaining and able to walk out. Wilfred Olette has gained several pounds in weight since he came home and says he is feeling fine. He will return to the hospital in a few days for his third operation.

The little fellow is full of hope and expects to return home soon as a well boy. He is so brave he has the best wishes of many friends that he may recover. He was well remembered by many on Christmas.

Mrs. Estella Hughes and children have been at home for a few days this week.

The faithful horse, "Old Dick," owned by the late Mr. King of the Pepperell road, has been found a home for life by the president of the Humane society, as Mrs. King had no use for him, but wished him to be in a good home.

Mrs. Ella Rockwood is assisting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell for a few weeks.

Victor Maxwell, Mrs. Cobleigh, Caroline Shattuck and Mary Shattuck have been on the sick list; also, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gerriah.

At the Christmas exercises at the Congregational church, Mrs. W. L. Noyes presented each one of her Sunday school class with a handsome and unique paper knife.

Henry Bouchard and friend, of Lynn, Mass., have been holiday guests at Peter Bouchard's.

Fred A. Hall is to be our new postmaster.

Christmas Tree Exercises. The Christmas tree at the Congregational church on Tuesday evening of last week was a pleasing occasion, notwithstanding the storm which kept many away. A few songs and recitations by the children were enjoyed, and then came the hand-picked fruit from a well furnished spruce tree.

The items of special interest were a round table and ten small chairs from the Ladies' Aid society for the primary department of the Sunday school. This makes two tables and twenty chairs now belonging to that department of the school. The Christmas tree club also presented to the same department a miniature Solomon's temple, two feet square made of books to be put together and taken apart by the children. These were presented by the pastor and Miss Marion Burgard Taylor, who responded in a happy speech, accepting these valuable presents.

That department of the Sunday school is now very nicely equipped for its work. Miss Stiles, as director, of this work is surely adapted for it and an hour spent when this class is in session would certainly prove it. Miss Stiles has a simple way of explanation that at once appeals to the young minds and they are interested and seem to fully understand their lessons.

A fine time was enjoyed by a large number at the public Christmas tree on Wednesday evening, December 25, at Tarbell's hall under the auspices of Brookline grange. Mrs. Bell Hall and Mrs. Ella Rockwood were the committee on arrangement of the tree and were at the hall in the afternoon to receive packages for the adornment of the tree. Recitations were given by Junior Corey, Lester Hill, Albert Wilson and Esther Martin; songs by the Winberg sisters, and a dialogue, "Giving Santa Claus a Christmas present," by Velmor Taylor and two little girls. The program was very interesting and entertaining and was enjoyed by all present. The children marched around the hall and Santa Claus appeared as natural as life in the person of Edward Taylor, who has recently been made a granger. Many were the parcels he took from the tree that delighted the hearts of the youngsters, as well as some older ones.

News Items. Henry Bouchard and friend from Beverly, Mass., are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Bouchard.

Miss Carrie Shattuck, of Pepperell, has been a recent guest in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powers attended a social dance in Pepperell on last week Friday evening.

Miss Kathleen O'Hern has been a recent guest in town, coming from Leominster, Mass.

Mrs. Helen Corey and children are at the home of her mother, Mrs. Julia Lawrence, Pepperell, for a few days.

Charles Hardy, from Durham, has been a recent guest in town.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brackett and daughter, from Townsend, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Boutelle.

Walter Rockwood and family, from Townsend, visited friends in town on last Sunday.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. Hon. Samuel D. Felker, who received a plurality of votes as candidate of the democratic party for governor of New Hampshire during the recent campaign, recently visited Hon. Franklin Worcester, republican candidate, at his Hollis home. At the time of election a majority vote is required to elect the governor.

George A. Ladd spent his "merry Christmas" fishing through the ice and caught twenty-eight pickerel.

Rev. T. C. H. Bonton, of Hudson, occupied the pulpit on last Sunday forenoon and evening.

A letter was read on last Sunday from Rev. Willard Palmer, of Wilton, Me., declining the call Hollis church recently extended to him. The reason he gave was we did not offer a sufficient salary. The Hollis society paid one and parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sweetser have recently returned from the engagement of their daughter Ruth, to Frank E. Quincy, of Portland, Me. Miss Ruth is the assistant teacher in the Hollis high school.

The first week in January is the time for annual meetings in Hollis. On January 2, the annual church meeting was held in the grange hall, with dinner in the vestry. The annual meeting of the Philanthropic society will be held in the vestry on Monday afternoon, January 6, at two o'clock.

The Mutual Insurance Company will hold their annual meeting at the grange kitchen at two o'clock on January 6. The annual meeting of the Hollis Evangelical society will be held in the vestry on Tuesday afternoon, January 7, at two o'clock.

The Hollis Woman's club met with Miss M. Evilla Hardy on Wednesday afternoon.

The choir on last Sunday consisted of four young ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge Jewett, of East Pepperell, visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Leslie, of West Hollis, on last Tuesday.

Current Events. Miss Minnie Saborn, of Norwood, Mass., spent Christmas week with her mother and brother, who recently moved to Proctor hill.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. MacMaster and daughters spent Christmas in Townsend with John A. Arlin and family, where there were eighteen chapped hands, chilblains, and burns, and a number of unhealed sores.

Mrs. William E. Lund has been on the sick list the past week.

George Hills has been confined to the house this week with a severe attack of neuralgia and was under the care of Dr. G. S. Hazard.

A gang of French woodchoppers have built a shanty near John L. Wood's, and are at work chopping off chestnut lumber for Worcester Bros.

Archie Colburn returned to his work on Wednesday, after spending a few days in town to help his parents during the illness of his father, C. Anderson Colburn.

Sylvanias J. Taibott, of New Jersey, visited his sister, Mrs. Daniel W. Hayden, recently.

There was a chimney fire at the Tins office this week, and one recently at George A. Dickerman's that done considerable damage.

J. Loring Woods, of Hudson, visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Woods, from last week Friday until Tuesday of this week. He has now gone to Dover, to work for Willis D. King. He has charge of a very fine farm there, known as the Brook farm, and owned by Ex-governor Savage's widow.

Mrs. Franklin Hayden went to Mrs. Andrew Spaulding's on Wednesday, where she is to board.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Converse welcomed a little daughter into their home recently.

A few of the young people of Brookline attended the new year's eve dance in town.

Daniel Goodwin left town on Wednesday, after spending his Christmas vacation at home with his mother and sisters.

News Items. John E. Allen returned to his studies at Worcester Polytechnic on Wednesday, having spent the holiday with his parents at their home on Flat hill.

George Winchester started for Jacksonville, Fla., on Saturday to spend the remainder of the winter. This will be his second trip to that land of sunshine and flowers, which shows how well he enjoys the climate there.

Fred E. Alden, the master of the Fitchburg grange, installed the officers of Lunenburg grange on Wednesday evening.

The inter-scholastic debate between the high schools of Lunenburg and Townsend, which was scheduled for January 24, at Townsend, has been postponed until some time in February.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman G. Nims and daughter Eleanor, who have been spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. Nims' brother, Henry L. Cass, returned to their home in Yonkers, N. Y., on Wednesday.

The Reading club met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frederick L. Francis. The reading for Tuesday was a story by Joseph Lincoln. The Thursday club met at the home of Mrs. Richard D. Field this week.

E. H. Mead has installed a soda fountain in his market and store on Main street. It is the first ever set up in this town and no doubt will receive liberal patronage next summer.

Mrs. J. E. Longley received another call to Athol this week, and went there on Thursday morning.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the Lunenburg postoffice: Mrs. Mary Goodrich, Miss Grace Flavel, Miss Mary P. Marden, Miss Florence Brooks, Miss Fannie Adams, Mrs. Tom Naas and Frank Fraser.

Reception. The reception given Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bryant on Wednesday evening was a very pleasant and successful affair. The committee had transformed the Congregational vestry into a very pretty reception room, decorated with evergreen. The floors were covered with rugs, easy chairs and sofas arranged in convenient places for resting. In the center of the room was a table with a vase of poinsettias and evergreen. At the side of the room were tables from which refreshments were served.

The table receiving line were Rev. and Mrs. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lewis, Charles Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Norman G. Bigelow. Carl E. Brown and Sidney A. Francis were ushers. Punch was served by Misses Doris Cook, Evelyn M. Lane and Lucy Carter. Mrs. Fred L. Francis, Mrs. E. C. Brown, Miss Viola Lancy and Miss Mabel Allen served hot cocoa, cake and sandwiches. Miss Evelyn Lane and Miss Blanche Lancy rendered very fine music from the piano, and Allen Jewett sang a solo, which sweetly, solemnly thought. Everything passed off most successfully.

Parcels Post Luncheon. Quite a number of packages were sent from Lunenburg by parcels post on Wednesday. E. S. Marshall was the first patron of the new system, and sent a horse collar. The postage was fourteen cents and twenty-six cents less than it would have been by express. C. B. Longley sent a package weighing six pounds to Fitchburg—parcels twenty cents.

C. C. Lane sent a luncheon to the Fitchburg Daily News, consisting of one chicken weighing 4 1/2 pounds dressed, 2 quarts potatoes, 1 quart apples, 1 glass jelly, 1 dozen eggs, 1/2 pound butter, 1 bunch carrots, 1 quart onions, 1/2 pound cheese, 1 can lettuce and loaf of bread. Parcels post postage was ninety-five cents. These articles were all packed in regulation style, according to instructions from the government postal authorities. They were taken to the post office from Lunenburg to Fitchburg at 7:20 car, arriving in Fitchburg at eight o'clock.

They were then sent to the News office by first morning delivery. Promptly after their arrival at the News office they were taken to the American house, where they were placed in the hands of the cook, and the chicken was soon roasting in the oven. In proper time the other "fixings" were also cooking, and at 12:30 the Daily News parcels luncheon was served to the following guests: Postmaster Charles E. Wallace; Arthur R. Lemay, letter carrier, who delivered the goods; Clifton R. Hayes, president of the Fitchburg Board of Aldermen; Charles L. Groat, William C. Goodwin, Attorney Emerson W. Baker, Joseph E. Paris and Lafayette Parks, publisher of the Daily News.

FAMOUS STAGE BEAUTIES look with horror on Skin Eruptions, Blisters, Sores or Pimples. They don't have them, nor will anyone, who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the skin, cures Eczema or Salt Rheum, vanishes before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands, chilblains, heals burns, and all eruptions unhealed for piles. Only 25c. at William Brown's, Ayer.

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LOOK OVER THESE PRICES GOOD SIRLOIN, ROAST, 10c. lb LEGS OF LAMB, 15c. lb LAMB FORES, 9c. lb BEST BREAD FLOUR, \$6.00 Barrel HAMS, 15c. lb SALMON, 9c. Can 7 CAKES LENOX SOAP, 25c. BEST ONIONS, 75c. bushel SEEDED RAISINS, 8c. Package OO LONG TEA, 30c. lb OXYLONG TEA, 35c. lb 14 OZ. BOX COCOA, 25c. 7 CANS SARDINES, 25c. 3 lb LARGE PRUNES, 35c. 4 lb OYSTER CRACKERS, 25c. 4 lb GINGER SNAPS 25c. 1 lb PKGE MOTHER'S OATS, 9c. 3 lb PKGE MOTHER'S OATS, 23c.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the trusts under the will of JAMES N. TUCKER late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court by ELLA W. TUCKER of Brookline in the State of New Hampshire, praying to be appointed trustee under the will of said deceased, which has been proven in said Court.

Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of January A. D. 1913, 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 ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

3115 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons who are or may be come interested in the estate hereinafter mentioned held in trust under the will of JOHN BALCOM late of Grotton in the County of Middlesex, 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 CHARLES H. BALCOM who prays that Mr. as such trustee situated in Grotton and Westford in the County of Middlesex, and in Ashburnham in the county of Worcester, and particularly described in said petition, for the reasons therein set forth.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirteenth day of January A. D. 1913, 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.

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

3117 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss

For Sale

LOWELL ROAD GARAGE Concord, Mass. Mitchell Runabout, in Good Running Order. New Tires, Top, Windshield and Speedometer. A Bargain at \$150. Will trade for Motorcycle. Model R Stevens that has been overhauled and painted, with Top, Windshield, Speedometer and Extra Shoe. A fine light weight car for \$275. One Premier Five-Passenger Touring Car One 35 H. P. Rambler Truck One International Harvester Truck with Top One Reo Two Cylinder Five-Passenger Car.

These cars are in shape to demonstrate at any time at attractive prices for immediate sale or exchange.

For Sale

One New Home Sewing Machine, all new, just from the factory, retail price \$45.00, will sell it for \$35.00 cash. All kinds of Sewing Machine Needs. Cluster Foot Extension Tables, Solid Oak, Boston Department Stores advertise them at \$13.50, will sell at \$8.75. Drop Side Iron Spring Couches, full size mattresses, \$5.95; a better one priced at \$12.50, marked down to \$10.50. Velvet Axminster and Tapestry Art Squares at corresponding low prices. Cretex Art Squares, 9x12, \$6.70. Children's Carriages 40% off List Prices, and all other goods at low prices. Call in and Save Money.

L. B. TUTTLE Furniture Dealer and Undertaker Tel. 39-2 Ayer, Mass.

SEVEN ROOM COTTAGE HOUSE TO RENT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of OTIS MANNING, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased. Whereas, CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the amended 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 sixth day of January A. D. 1913, 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 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 fourteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 315 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM E. WILLARD of Worcester, in the County of Worcester, Henry S. Nutting of Ayer in said County of Middlesex, Charles E. Richards of Pelham in the State of New Hampshire, and Julia Curtis of Topeka in the State of Kansas. Whereas, AUGUSTA E. TAYLOR of Lowell in the County of Middlesex, has presented to said Court a petition, representing that she holds a tenant-in-common undivided fourth part or share of certain real estate lying in Ayer in said County of Middlesex, and described in said petition, and as said real estate cannot be advantageously divided, praying that partition may be made among the tenants-in-common according to the terms of said petition, and that the commissioners who may be appointed to make said partition be ordered to make sale and conveyance of said real estate and to distribute the net proceeds thereof. 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. 1913, 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 ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days at least, before said Court, and, if any one cannot be so found, by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court. Witness, CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 315 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH F. PEPPARD late of Townsend in said County, deceased. Whereas, JOHN M. CAMPBELL, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the third 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 eighth day of January A. D. 1913, 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 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 fourteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 315 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

PEPPERELL.

Florida As We Find It.

Before we reached Florida, an acre of eight years' fallow land was plowed in September, but it was too covered with bur clover, a fine dairy feed, and other things to plant without cultivating again. Mr. Starr hoed up enough to set out twenty-four strawberry plants that we had brought in our dress suit case from our Pepperell plants, and put some chicken wire over them to protect them from the wild animals. Then at odd times he would cut down some wild persimmons. I imagine, if a New Englander came a person chopping into the ground until the ax head sinks out of sight in the soft sand and near find a stone or anything except a root of a tree. I might say, that in handling the land I have found practically ninety-five percent less man in the same amount of land in any place, have dug into the ground. Twenty out of the twenty-four plants are living, and there is a strawberry set on one plant.

We slept at one of our neighbors, by the name of Stewart, for about a week, and one morning Mr. Starr went over earlier than I as the furniture was coming that day. The Stewart family had an important part in my liking this part of Florida, for they seemed nice people. Mrs. Stewart, a young woman used to southern city life, had contracted tuberculosis in more northern states. The doctors gave her no hope and said that she could live for only a year and a half. Her husband, a railroad man, had taken her to every section prescribed for the benefit of her health—Colorado, California, Texas and New Mexico. Money was no object to him if he could only prolong the life of his wife. One day, while they were living in Jacksonville, Fla., they drifted to Green Cove Springs and found a place she would like, about two miles out and they bought the place. Here she has found health. She set out plants, bought hens and a Jersey cow. She learned to milk and she read many things about the land. "The issue began to renew her depleted system," she says, "milk and cream helped, and after a few years on the place, sand land she is nearly a well woman—a wonder to her friends, a joy to her husband, and is a successful business woman farmer, having a steady near hand for butter, eggs, poultry, milk, separated milk and cream. During November of the last year, she set out some figs in a little yard, which looked only barren sticks last February, and during this last November have eaten figs from these same sticks just a year from the time they were set out.

Another reason for thinking this place well for more New Englanders to be in, is that a doctor was cured here of asthma, and I find my own throat much better. I know of no sleep better than for years, regardless of wild hogs under my bed-room floor. One morning I went for a walk and it was my last morning on foot alone, for when I was only a short way from the Stewarts, I got out of house sight, right in my path was a black Guinea bull browsing with members of his herd. I was in the tall timber, not a limb on a tree less than twenty feet above my head, and the trees were about two feet at the top. I could not hide or shin in trees and my heart was pumping, and if I ever was to get near the house I would be thankful. Another time when Bertha and I were out riding near her house we saw a big black and tan snake.

I decided I would stay in the old house the first night a bed came. We put down a heavy canvas on the floor, such as is used to protect furniture when moving, and put up the bedstead. There was not a whole yard of glass or sash in the house, but pioneers must not expect the seventh story furnished flats for housekeeping awaiting their coming. Bagging we used to curtain the place later on to be used for windows. We had some draperies to partition off the rooms, besides the siding already set. We had a table made from the lumber used in the crating and set this under an oak tree, whose branches, when about three feet in all directions, made a new dining-room. What an ant does run up your back or a hornet gets into your coffee?

If you ask for Boston crackers the people's eyes stick out at the grocery store when you suggest that there is another kind of cracker than the round, sweet kind. Without doubt they wonder what kind of people we are that want Boston crackers, salt pork, white potatoes, etc.

In all the mix-up of pioneering which should appear, just as Mrs. Greenleaf and I were ready to buy some hens, but Millard Turner, of Cambridge, who is connected with the Boston Globe. We were very glad to see him and especially appreciated the call. I think he got a taste of summer for it was ninety-six that day and he walked a mile and a half from the station to our old house, the new one being one-eighth of a mile nearer. It seemed good to see an old friend from Massachusetts. I think he got acquainted with the "sand spurs." They are little balls about the size of a small black head of a hat pin, and have as many spurs with little hooks on the end as they can have, it being a species of wild grass. One generally finds them after they have sat down, and there is no argument to be used but to find that sand spur.

While Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were in Jacksonville for two nights, we were invited over to be company for her twenty-year-old brother, who was to leave at four o'clock in the morning in order to catch the five o'clock train. She did some shopping for a six-weeks' trip to California, leaving about November 20, and visiting thirty-two cities en route. During the days I was over at the Stewarts, I had breakfast ready for Willie when he returned from doing the chores, and while he was milking the cows I had a chance to clear up, and then fed the poultry. After Willie had separated the milk, we went across the field about one-eighth of a mile to the garden. As we were going along he broke off a beautiful reddish purple, thistle-like raceme, saying: "This is a lady finger and will grow in the garden if planted." I found a dandelion blossom, but it was so much different from those we knew, that it did not seem even like a distant cousin. You cannot imagine how different the pages of nature's book are here when I open to a new bird or flower. At every step I sink into the sand and I seemingly walk four miles with every one mile. My attention is called: "Look ayer, Mrs. Starr, here's jes a rabbit track and he's jes going to the garden. See this yer is a wild cat track. I reckon he was jes following up the rabbit like he was going to catch him." We find the garden and imagine the wild cat without his meal and we gather turnip greens—rank, brittle greens, to boil with bacon for supper.

"This yer is where a rabbit played over the garden's hole. Why, they do jes have the best time, I reckon you ever saw." A salamander is a little squirrel like animal that lives in the ground.

After following Willie for awhile, he turned around and waiting for me to hear him say: "This does look mighty near like that wild cat was gettin' that rabbit. See where he turned short and the wild cat was only jes so far when he dodged him." Sure enough it was a close call. I would have liked to have a field glass and have seen that race—the one for his life and the other for his meal.

When we were back to the house, I sat out on the piazza under the magnolia branches watching a colored man chop the trees for turpentine. Willie suggested that he "would jump a rabbit," but when he came back he had shot a Gillie hawk, which was about the size of our robin red breasts and blue jays, small birds and bugs. He said he shot a rabbit, but 't dove into a gopher hole. That evening, after the lamps were lighted, we played games awhile and then retired. The next forenoon as I was reading aloud, Willie vaulted the piazza railing, saying "I heard pieces of broken brick hurtling through the live oak tree and soon a live rain crow with a broken leg lay panting in my hand. Willie said it had been wounded by some gunner, and he only hit the limb—he knew which was the truth. It was a beautiful bird with its bronze green plumage. I don't think any boy of twelve years should be allowed to kill any and all things. Life is the one thing all live things fight for, and the unlimited killing of robins, scarlet tanagers and other birds we protect in Massachusetts seems to need a law to cover the Florida Audubon society does not protect the robin anymore. We have learned that clouds of robins come here about Christmas time to feed on the wild gail berries, and are shot by the hundreds—just for fun. Even the Florida Audubon society does not protect the robin anymore.

Here they are investigating the growing of cotton, the blossoms of which are yellow or white, with variations, according to the kind of cotton planted. The cerealis whole, as they have returned to our place and the land has been cultivated again. I like fussing around and experimenting in the early morning with the warm, mealy sand that is moist an inch from the surface, and the ground is hungry to urge the plants up. All the water is too warm to drink comfortably when it comes from the ground, and it has to be kept over night. It is then refreshing, more so than you can imagine. Very seldom do these are sent baked by a neighbor. Mr. Moody, who says "They haven't got seasoned yet and mine be the early kind." The best kind here is called "the nigger killer."

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We have the windows in and two rooms papered. When Harlan set up his hammock, the back of the room was hung with weather and rain. It was placed in to keep out anything but the wild cows pulled the hay from the outside, but we have it all fixed up now.

Ned and Pansy had decided to purchase the lot directly opposite ours, because it has a wood quarter to sell to bring in an income, and the land, when cleared, is the best kind of celery and truck land, and they intend to plant a few bananas. One of our neighbors have had some nice ones grow in the garden at their house. We will leave the young people planning their new home and we will watch the success of this couple—a year married and building and owning their home, everything paid for before they are twenty-one years old.

Out of a paper of lettuce seed costing five cents, four seeds came up. Turnips and beets were fertile, but of the onions and carrots, only twenty-five percent were good. On November 20, we had a cold day, but our dinner, radishes that I had planted after I had been here a week, and the saying is that in good weather, radishes make in twenty days from sowing. The dew here on vegetation is heavier than in the north, and the fence wires sometimes dripping like from a light rain, and when the sun strikes the earth it gives a greenhouse effect of forcing.

On November 14, George and Miss Emma Van Dyke of Hollis, N. H., came for a week's visit with the Greenleafs, before continuing their trip to St. Petersburg and Tampa. Here were ten New England grangers in a bunch in Florida.

On November 20, we had a front that froze water in a dish on a quarter of an inch thick, but it did not look like ice; on the under side more like hoar frost. Nothing was touched but some young tomato plants and sweet potatoes outside the ground. One night lost thirty bushels, expecting a warm day instead of a cold day. He had ploughed out about sixty bushel and had sorted part of them and put them into their winter bed, made of the long pine needles on the bottom of a hole about two feet deep, then a layer of potatoes, more pine and so on alternating until the heap was raised about four feet above the level of the ground, when boards like the letter V were placed upside down over the lot and sand shovelled up to the peak. In this manner they were protected against the hardest weather conditions, and they can be picked out as wanted.

The little potatoes and the frost bitten ones were again planted, "hit

or miss" in the ground, and the hogs were turned into the lot to fatten. They would dig the potatoes as fast as they wanted them to eat, yet would waste none of them.

One of the sports around here, on good moonlight nights, was to go out hunting wild hogs. The men and boys take a good hog dog and start out, and any hog found without a mark belonged to the catchers, and sometimes they would tie the two fore legs and the two hind legs together and run a pole from head to tail through the tied legs, a man or boy would sit at each end of the pole, and bring the squealing things home in great glee. At other times they take the pig by the hind legs, head hanging down over their back, and take him home. They would not squeal much this way until they were put on the ground. One day we bought some pork from the market and cooked it right away. It tasted remarkably good and we all ate all we wanted, with the result that if we had taken a double dose of castor oil, meaning could not have been worse. In speaking to one of the natives about our illness, he remarked that the meat must have been wild hog, and no one ever took the hogs from the wood and ate them without first seasoning them up for a couple of weeks sure.

In clearing up his land, Ned cut down a pole to tend the fire made from the brush pile, and being a stranger to all kinds of wood, got through a pole of ash, and his hands and arms were a sight and a torture. As a remedy he was given castor oil, but found the most relief in having vaseline rubbed on his skin, but he was able to see all right. In a week's time he was all right, and at his new home.

Our new house is going very slowly as there are many other things to do. Now there are some beautiful birds and the hunters are killing a lot of them. I have gathered for me about ninety-four radishes, and the cost of seeds cost me five cents. The old house has been fixed quite comfortable, and we shall let it to any one from the north and move into the new house some time in the first of January. I like the old house though for it is near my garden and off from the main street a little.

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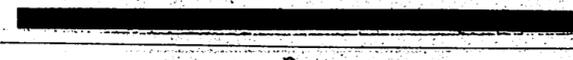


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Saturday, January 4, 1913.

PEPPERELL.

Following the watch-night service at the Methodist church on Tuesday evening, the church bell was struck at midnight to "ring out the old, ring in the new." Some joker, evidently thinking this a signal for hilarity, caused the fire alarm whistle to blow 32 several times. This was naturally taken as an alarm from box 32, near Foster street, and several of the firemen responded, only to find that an alarm had not been sounded from that box. The joke failed as a joke when a similar thing occurred the next evening at about 10.30, and the apparatus responded to an alarm sounding 26, only to find the box again undisturbed and no fire in that vicinity. The officials have instituted investigations against the offenders, and the disturbance will not be likely to happen again.

The annual meeting, with election of officers, of the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will be held at the parsonage on Friday afternoon, January 10, at 2.30 o'clock. At 3.30 o'clock, Rev. and Mrs. Stratton will hold an informal at home, where all are cordially invited. The committee on refreshments will serve five o'clock tea.

Frank Messer, who went to the Massachusetts General hospital last week, expecting his arm to be operated upon by Monday, is still detained there, although nothing has been done save daily examinations by various surgeons. It is evidently a case which they consider requires careful consideration and treatment.

The District Nurse association have engaged Miss Greene, from the hospital at Worcester, to fill the position temporarily of district nurse in this town. Miss Spragg has gone to her sister's home at Cambridge, closing her engagement with this association on January 1.

Miss Kitty Murray visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray, of River street, this week, returning to Auburndale on Thursday.

Miss Dena Graham has been quite ill with the prevailing gripe cold at the home of her father on River street.

Mrs. Angus Cuthbertson and son Clyde were guests in town over Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall.

A. G. Harriman, of Beverly, has been visiting his father, Walter Harriman, recently. The Misses Woods, milliners in this town, while driving up from their home in Groton on Friday evening of last week, narrowly escaped serious injury. They were run into on River street by a team which carried no lights, and was being driven rather rapidly when the collision occurred. The other parties did not try to ascertain the extent of the injuries, which consisted in a broken harness and a buggy somewhat damaged. Fortunately, the young ladies received nothing worse than a fright, but the law regarding lights on vehicles should be enforced.

Some changes will be made in the schoolrooms when they re-open after the holidays. Miss Elsie Crockett, a graduate of Bates college, Maine, comes here from West Springfield as the new teacher in the eighth grade and high school. Miss Lydia Sullivan is to succeed Miss Marion Blood at the Groton street school, and Miss McCarthy, of Fitchburg, will take Miss Sullivan's place at the Pine Orchard school.

Mrs. F. H. Parker is spending this week in New York city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jewett.

Mrs. I. J. Rowell has been confined to her home for more than a week with neuralgia.

The officers of Beacon lodge, I. O. E., will be installed on Thursday evening, January 9. George C. Peterson, d. d. g. m., and suite, of Ayer, J. Gardner Willey, d. d. g. m., and suite, went to Shirley on Thursday evening to install the officers of Frodonian lodge, I. O. E., of that place.

Four of the town hunters who were charged with illegal sale of deer in the open season, were acquitted at Ayer in the district court, but were afterwards summoned by the state warden to appear at the municipal court at Boston.

Charles Pillsbury has been confined to the house with rheumatism the past week.

Mrs. H. A. Pike is ill and under the care of a physician at the home of her son, A. G. Pike.

Miss Annie Allen of Mill street, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital last week, is recovering from the same at last reports.

New Year's day seemed more like the first of March than the beginning of the year. The snow was nearly gone, the roads muddy and the air soft and balmy.

Work on the new bank building progresses rather slowly owing to the non-arrival of material, some which was shipped from Boston and vicinity being more than ten days in the hands of the freight men. It has been badly congested at Nashua, N. H. The representative of the interstate commerce claims it is only second to one other junction within its jurisdiction and it is understood that workers are the cause of the congestion at that point.

Deaths. Henry Blake, whose serious illness was reported in last week's paper, passed away Sunday morning. He was the oldest citizen of this town, his age being 91 yrs. 9 mos. In his

decease the town has lost not only its oldest, most respected citizen, but a man who tried always to do good and his fellowmen generous and kind-hearted, one whom it was always a pleasure to meet.

Mr. Blake was born in Chester, N. H., March 17, 1821, coming to this town when but a lad of fifteen years, so that he has practically lived here his lifetime. He was one of a large family, six brothers and two sisters, none of whom survive him. He and two of his brothers started the machine shop at East village which is still running under the firm name of Henry Blake & Son Machine Mfg. Co. He was a member of this firm at the time of his death, but of late years it has been conducted by his son, Edgar Blake, and he took no active participation in its affairs.

Mr. Blake was married to Miss Martha Tucker of Bangor, Me., in 1846. From this union there were four children, one of whom, Alice, died in infancy. The three who survive him are Edgar W., Nellie, and Paul. Mr. W. Appleton and Emma M., all of whom live in this town. He also leaves a grandson, Rodman Blake, and two great-grandchildren. He was for years an active worker in the Unitarian church in this place, a member of the choir and secretary for many years as superintendent of the Sunday school. He was also a member of St. Paul lodge of Masons of Ayer and because of his long membership was lately made an honorary member.

Prayers were offered at his late home on Wednesday afternoon at 1.30 and the funeral services were held in the Unitarian church at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. D. H. Child officiating. The members of St. Paul lodge attended in a body and the Masonic service was conducted in a most impressive manner by the master of the lodge, Lawrence Morgan of Townsend. The male quartet were also Masons—Walter H. Drury, A. R. Paul, E. W. Drury, and L. G. Robbins. The bearers—Waldo Spaulding, Dr. Lovejoy, E. E. Tarbell, I. J. Rowell, A. F. Parker and W. H. Drury—were also members from that order.

The church was well filled with his friends and relatives to testify to the esteem in which he was held and this was further demonstrated by the profusion of choice flowers. Thus was laid to rest a kind father, a genial neighbor, a courteous gentleman whose memory shall linger with us for many days.

Mrs. Mary L. Shattuck, widow of the late Col. Samuel P. Shattuck, died very suddenly of heart failure at her residence on Park street on Monday last. She had just observed her ninety-first birthday, but was in her usual health up to the time of her final seizure. The services were held at her late home on Thursday. A fitting obituary will appear in next week's paper.

News Items.

The L. S. C. Branch Alliance of the Unitarian church in Pepperell, will hold an all-day meeting with Mrs. S. E. P. Tucker, Main street, East Peppercell, Friday, January 10, at 10.30 o'clock. A sermon by Rev. George Wright, on "The duty of the church on existing conditions," will be read by Mrs. Woodward. Miss Rogers will read "An afternoon with Emerson."

The January meeting of the Prudence Wright chapter will be held at the home of Mrs. Erbert Williams on Park street, Wednesday afternoon, January 8, at 2.30 o'clock. Annual dues can then be paid to the treasurer.

The Village Aid society will hold a business meeting on Friday afternoon, January 10, at 2.30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. E. A. Williams, Park street.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Reed entertained Mrs. Babbidge, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., and their two cousins, Mrs. S. E. Lamb, and Mrs. E. B. Heald, on Christmas day. After a most sumptuous dinner, afternoon tea was served in cups and saucers over one hundred years old. At their Thanksgiving dinner the entire service of china and silver were of the same age.

The Prudence Wright chapter have just had printed "The story of Jewett's bridge," by Miss Mary L. P. Shattuck. Copies can be procured of Miss Annette E. Merrill, at the home of E. A. Williams, Park street.

Prudence Wright chapter will hold their next meeting at Mrs. E. A. Williams on Wednesday afternoon, January 8. Payment of annual dues and election of delegates and alternates to continental congress will take place. The committee for the afternoon consists of Miss Josephine Lawrence, Mrs. H. B. Gutterston and Mrs. E. A. Williams. Board meeting will be held at 2.30 o'clock, with business meeting at three.

The Pepperell Woman's club will hold their next meeting in Saunders' hall on Tuesday afternoon, January 7, in charge of the educational committee, Mrs. Alice W. Miller, chairman. Prof. Horace G. Brown, of the State Normal school of Worcester, will speak on "Shakespeare and the modern stage." The lecture will be at 2.45 o'clock, and the board meeting at 2.15. A full attendance is desired at the board meeting as there is important business to be brought up.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Greenleaf, who left Pepperell on October 14, with the Starr party, have sold out at Green Springs, Fla., and returned with his brother's, A. J. Hinds, Townsend hill, for new year. Mrs. Greenleaf was told by the Jacksonville doctors that she had a serious heart trouble and that she felt she must be with her relatives.

Miss Marion E. Clapp is assisting with the nursing at Groton hospital and is to enter the W. C. C. hospital at Roxbury in March for training.

The L. S. C. will hold its monthly supper at Central hall, January 16, at 6.30 o'clock, following which there will be an entertainment.

The meeting of the Babbidge guild next Sunday at seven o'clock will be led by Miss Nellie Gilchrist, whose topic will be "The new year."

The Christmas concert given by the Oak Hill society is certainly worthy of mention. It was held the evening of December 24, and was followed by a Christmas tree. The choir sang a goodly number of Christmas carols and there were recitations and singing by the children. Santa Claus was there in all his glory and was well received by the little ones. The hall of the Oak Hill society was finely decorated. The affair was a credit to all who took part in it.

Notices have been posted of a special meeting of the Pepperell selectmen for the purpose of hearing for or against some trees that are to be cut down in the near future. The first is an elm tree located on Park street on the land between E. L. Tarbell's and C. D. Hutchinson's. The second is a maple tree on Elm street opposite the Wiley place. The third

is a large maple on the south side of Main street on the land of Florence Sibley adjoining the land of Parker J. Kemp. Authority has been given by John Tunc, tree warden, of Pepperell to cut these trees. The special hearing before the selectmen will be held on January 13, at eight o'clock in the evening, for the citizens to show cause, if any there may be, why these trees should not be cut down.

There was a social dance held in I. O. E. banquet hall on December 30. There was a good attendance.

Entries have been received from many poultry men for the poultry show and bazaar to be held in the town hall on January 21, 22, 23, under the direction of the Pepperell Farmers' and Mechanics' club.

Mrs. Spencer, who has been visiting Mrs. Walter Jewett, Townsend street, is feeling some better after a few days' illness with a severe cold.

Boynott Merrill will soon return to school after a vacation spent at home. Quite a number were out skating on the Nashua river on last Sunday.

Miss Lillian Dunton and Margaret Deware returned on Wednesday to St. Johnsbury, after a few days' vacation spent at home.

Sartelle mill people have started on the construction of their mill on the Reed land, Mt. Lebanon street.

Mrs. E. E. Fisher, who has been a guest at the Homestead for the last five weeks, has returned to Boston.

Mrs. Bessie Allen has closed her house on Elm street and gone to St. Louis, Mo., for the winter.

Mrs. S. J. Dauphinee and daughter, of Amesbury, are guests of their aunt, Mrs. Francis Hamilton, at the Homestead.

Lorenzo Blood, who has been quite ill, is feeling some better the last few days.

C. A. Dennen and Warren Woods, who have both been quite ill, are reported as resting comfortably.

The Newell orchestra, of Marlboro, are to furnish the music for the firm's annual ball the latter part of this month.

Schools open again on next Monday after a two-weeks' vacation. William Jenkins, of Pepperell, who has closed his home on Park street and is visiting in New Bedford, was in town on last Monday on business.

Master Howard Shattuck is out again after a five-weeks' illness with an attack of typhoid fever.

The Committee of Ten held their annual concert and ball in Prescott hall on December 26. The music was supplied by the Colonial orchestra, of Lowell. A very large gathering attended. The executive committee in charge were H. F. Jordan, Joseph Wiley, Charles Bart, Dr. E. G. Heald, A. G. Pike, W. E. Bromley and R. Deware.

Mrs. L. P. Shattuck has been out again after many weeks of illness.

Kirk Lawrence, of Mt. Lebanon street, has been shingling his house.

Mrs. Walter Jewett, of Townsend street, has been ill for a few days with a severe cold.

The annual business meeting of the Congregational church will be held on Wednesday evening, January 8, at 7.30 o'clock. The annual meeting of the Benevolent society and supper for members comes on Wednesday evening. On Tuesday evening the regular prayer meeting will be held, and on Sunday the usual preaching at 10.30 and seven o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett spent Christmas visiting in Alfred, Me.

Most of the school teachers that have been away over the holidays came home on Saturday, among them being Miss Porter, Miss O'Rourke and Miss Churchill.

Methodist Notes.

Rev. P. R. Stratton will preach a new year's sermon on Sunday morning upon the subject of "Reconciliations."

A picture sermon will be given at seven in the evening, at which "The voyage of life," will be illustrated with forty stereopticon views showing the beginning of life, and then the journey as it goes past wrecks, palm islands of pleasure, the gulf of grief, storm and ambush, and finally anchors in the harbor, where I see "My pilot face to face."

The Epworth League will hold their bright hour service at six in the evening. The subject will be "The prayer life of Jesus," and the leader will be Mrs. P. R. Stratton.

The quiet hour service for prayer and worship will be held on Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. The study hour for Sunday school teachers and workers comes at 8.30.

The Highest Railway.

For thirty-nine years the highest railway in the world was the Oroya line in Peru, which at one place reaches an altitude of 4,834 meters above sea level. Passengers who wish to avoid the risk of mountain sickness in its most aggravated form have to make two or three stops of a day or two on the way up. Since July this line has taken second place, as the new Bolivian railway which connects Potosi with Rio Mulati reaches an altitude of 4,880 meters. It is not considered likely that this record will ever be surpassed unless Tibet is opened to civilization.

He Waited Until Tomorrow.

Kansas City furnished the other day one of "life's little ironies" that might have interested even Mr. Hardy, the novelist. A business man made a memorandum saying that he was to notify a certain young woman from Illinois to report for work as his stenographer. He allowed the matter to go over until the next day. In the morning papers of the next day he read of the girl's suicide. She had been looking for work for a month without success.—Kansas City Star.

Vacations in German Banks.

As an inducement for its clerks to take their vacations in the winter instead of during the usual vacation season the Imperial Bank of Germany is offering its clerks extra time off if they take their outings between Sept 15 and May 1. The bank finds it necessary to employ hundreds of extra clerks in the summer months to take the places of those who are on vacation and believes that if the outings are spread over the whole year business will be less handicapped.—Argonaut.

Long Island has a school in which forty-two are learning to become carpenters and bricklayers.

HISTORY OF PANAMA

Spaniards in 15th Century Landed at Site of Canal.

Tales of Rich Gold Deposits Were Responsible for Many Adventurers Leaving Home to Seek the El Dorado in the New World.

Colon, Panama.—It was lust for gold that brought the Spaniards to America in the fifteenth century. It was the same lust that led them to make many daring trips of exploration into the interior. An expedition set out from the island of Haiti one day in the year 1513. When the vessel was well out to the sea, and the wooded shores of the island had grown dim in the distance, the adventurers were amazed to hear muffled shouting from the bold and a noise of knocking. The sound was coming from one of a number of great casks, supposed to contain dried beef, and when the noisy cask was discovered and the end knocked off, a well-built young man, clad in the velvet garments gentilefolk wore at that time, sprang out. Several of the adventurers recognized him as Vasco Nunez de Balboa, a young man known to many of the colonists of Haiti.

Balboa explained that he had chosen this way of coming aboard because his creditors were watching him so closely that he knew they would never have permitted him to leave the island openly, but would have caused him to be seized and cast into debtors' prison.

The destination of this party of adventure was Darien, near the site of the Panama canal. No man knew what lay across the isthmus, and indeed most Spaniards believed at that time that the West Indies were islands off the coast of Asia.

When the vessel which Balboa had boarded so unceremoniously reached the mainland of Central America already there refused to allow the captain of the vessel to come ashore, for he had an evil reputation. The other men, however, went ashore under the leadership of Balboa and at once began a trip of exploration. Balboa made an alliance with a powerful Indian chief who ruled that portion of the land, and married the chief's daughter. At the wedding feast the Indians brought rich gifts of slaves and gold, and were amazed to see



Tower of the Castle of the Old City of Panama.

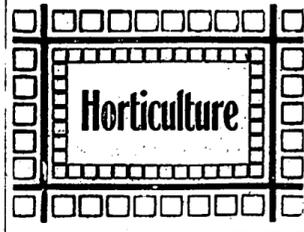
how the eyes of the Spaniards glittered at sight of the yellow metal and how they quarreled over it.

At once Balboa fitted up an expedition to cross the mountains to the land of gold. With him he took 200 men and a pack of savage dogs, which should attack unfriendly Indians.

Balboa called the new ocean the South sea, because he was looking toward the south when first he saw it. But he and his followers, though they had discovered a new ocean, failed to find the land of gold for which they had set out. He then returned to Darien and sent word to the Spanish king of the great discovery which he had made. Then he caused for small ships to be taken apart and carried across the mountains, believing that somewhere on the other side of the new ocean lay the El Dorado. These vessels were set up again and launched, the first European ships to dip keel in the great South sea. But before Balboa had equipped them fully and put out to sea his enemies, hurrying across the isthmus, captured him, accusing him of plots against the king. There was no evidence of any such plotting on Balboa's part, but those were lawless times, and the men of Darien were jealous of Balboa. In less than 24 hours he was tried, found guilty, condemned to death and beheaded.

Turk Blows Up House.

Pottsville, Pa.—John Turk of Tuscarora was informed that a violent shock would exterminate the bed bugs which recently have been bothering his sleep. Taking the advice at face value Turk secured a quantity of dynamite, placed it under the bed and exploded it. The shock exterminated the insects, also the bed and the house in which the bed once was. When Turk came to he was sitting in the middle of the road.



CUTTING BACK FRUIT TREES

Peach Can Stand More Severe Pruning Than Either Cherry or Apple—Keep Lowheaded.

A great many factors enter into the determination of just how a tree should be cut back. In this article, says a Colorado bulletin, only a general rule can be given. Only three to five of the best limbs should be cut back to eight or twelve inches, making the cut just in the direction in which the limb should grow.

All trees should be kept lowheaded. Be careful not to cut off the lower limbs when it is not necessary,



Pruning Mature Tree.

as they are usually the very ones to be left. Lowest limbs should be from 18 to 24 inches from the ground. If the tree has been pruned so that the top is much higher than this, it is usually best to cut the entire top off about three feet from the ground and depend upon forming the top from limbs which come out below this point.

Peach trees can stand more severe pruning than either cherry or apple. Peach trees should generally be cut off about 18 inches from the ground and if there are any branches below that point they should be cut back to the first or second bud. Cherries or plums need practically no pruning except to cut the branches off a foot or so from the trunk.

TRAINING THE YOUNG TREES

Work is More Needful Than Pruning in Orchard to Keep Them in Form and Balanced.

(By W. J. GREEN.)

Training the young orchard is more needful than pruning, and should consist mostly in shaping the trees or keeping them in form and properly balanced. Very often the side opposite the direction from now which the prevailing winds come, becomes heavier than the side towards the wind, and the removal of some of the branches and heading in of others becomes necessary.

Some shoots become too rampant and need checking to preserve the balance of the tree and others can be bent and tied to fill the open spaces



Training Tree to Grow.

Work of this kind and the removal of water sprouts may be done in the summer.

A bushy, or clustered habit of growth, is not uncommon even in quite young trees, and needs to be corrected by the removal of surplus branches.

For Tree Wounds.

In California the following mixture was used on trees three years ago and is still in good condition. One part of crude petroleum to three parts of resin; warm in separate dishes, mix and apply warm to cuts made by pruning or by cultivator injury. While this mixture is not better than grafting wax, it is much cheaper and is worthy of trial.

Items of Interest.

The British museum, famous the world over, got its start from a bequest of Sir Hans Slocom, who had collected a large number of works of art, specimens of natural history, curiosities, books and manuscripts at a cost of about fifty thousand pounds. This collection was given to the British government in 1753.

A scientist of Boston claims that hypnotism can develop only natural instincts, and that the best hypnotist in the world can not make a really moral person do wrong. From experiments he has made he believes that seventy-five percent of the human race, if unrestrained, by family pride and other like considerations, would steal.

Henry Clay was an aspirant for the presidency of the United States for twenty-four years, but never reached the goal. He received thirty-seven electoral votes in 1824, forty in 1832 and 105 in 1840. He was elected speaker of the house of representatives six times and was twice United States senator, besides holding other high offices.

In France, the inhabitants of the rural districts may obtain from postmen on their rounds postal orders, stamps, tools and wares, together with deposit in the savings banks, thus avoiding the trouble of going to the nearest postoffice on such errands.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by public auction on Monday, January 13, at 9.30 o'clock, the cows, horses, pigs, tools and wares, together with a variety of household goods belonging to the estate of Addie F. Fuller, at Billerica Center.

New Advertisements.

WANTED—A Girl to assist in household in a family of two. Apply to LOCK BOX 50, Ayer, Mass.

NOTICE.

Dr. Raymond B. Carter has associated himself with Dr. James Ross, 166 Main Street, Fitchburg, Mass., where he will be pleased to see any of his old friends. Tel. 458. 4115

NOTICE—Anyone wishing their trees trimmed, cut down or cleared of gypsy brown-tail and other insects, will be applying to ALFRED SMITH, Ayer, Mass. Phone 45-5.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of MARGARET HULL, late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to MICHAEL J. CAREY, Adm. Ayer, Mass., January 1, 1913. 3117

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our thanks to the neighbors and friends for the many expressions of kindness and sympathy during the recent illness, and after the death of Mr. Horace Amstden.

MRS. HORACE AMSDEN. MR. and MRS. GEO. A. AMSDEN. MISS AMSDEN. Littleton, Mass., Dec. 31, 1912.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. On the petition of MARGARETTA DORSETT, of Pepperell, in the County of Middlesex, the wife of WILLIAM DORSETT of parts unknown, representing that she has been deserted by and is living apart from her said husband for justifiable cause, and praying that said Court will make a decree establishing the fact of such desertion and that she is so living apart from her said husband.

It is ordered that the petitioner give notice of the said petition to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in the County of Middlesex, on the thirteenth day of January, A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, by delivering to him a copy of this order fourteen days, at least, before said Court, if he may be found within the Commonwealth; that he may then and there show cause, if any he has, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted; and if he shall not be so found, by either leaving such copy at his usual place of abode, or by mailing such copy to him at his last known place of abode; and also, unless it shall be made to appear to the Court by affidavit that he has had actual notice of the proceedings by publication, by publishing by public notice in each of three successive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last issue to be one day at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of the said Court, on the tenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3115 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

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Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell, for

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Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5.15 a. m. 6.55 7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.48 p. m. then 10.48 p. m. Sundays—8.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—5.40 a. m. 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.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5.30, 5.55, 6.30, 6.57, 7.15 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. then 11.48 p. m. Sundays—9.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Lawrence—5.15, 6.15, 6.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.10 a. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—5.20, 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—4.45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.45 p. m