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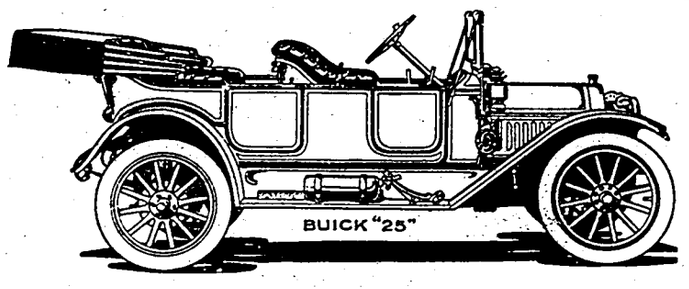

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WESTFORD.

Center.

Inadvertantly omitted from the report of the proceedings of the last Tadmuck club was an enjoyable reading by Miss Gertrude Hamlin, arranged for the committee in preliminary exercises.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church will take place on Monday afternoon at two-o'clock. Reports of various officers for the past year will be given and officers chosen for the ensuing year. This will be preceded with a dinner at noon, to which the members of the church, husbands or wives of church members, and any other members of churches regularly worshiping at this church are invited to be present.

At a recent joint meeting of the selectmen of the town and the trustees of the J. V. Fletcher library John P. Wright was elected to fill the vacancy in the board caused by the resignation of Dexter E. Coggshall.

Houghton G. Osgood has been chosen to serve on the grand jury term convening at East Cambridge on Monday, January 13.

Miss Julia H. Fletcher's many friends are glad that she is sufficiently recovered from her recent severe illness to be about the house and to receive calls from friends.

Frank C. Wright, R. F. D. carrier on route No. 1, made his initial trip independently with his new Ford auto on Monday of this week with good success. With characteristic energy and enterprise we believe Mr. Wright is the first carrier in this vicinity to use this method of transportation for Uncle Sam's work.

At the next meeting of the Tadmuck club on next Tuesday afternoon, the season's general topic of "Holland" will be continued and will be in charge of the vice-president, Miss Ella F. Hildreth. Miss Hildreth has an interesting program in preparation and a full attendance is hoped for.

Many reports of the serious windstorm last week are heard. At Chas. D. Colburn's the roof of a silo was torn off and hurled into the road. A flying board hit the roof of the house with such force as to make a good-sized rent in it. The telephone service came in for its share of trouble, putting five different lines out of commission and making a busy time fon the lineman. It also raised havoc with shade trees along the highways and many property owners found much damage done in their woodlands.

The Thimble club was very pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth at her home on the Boston road Friday afternoon of this week.

The little six weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Green died Thursday. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home at two o'clock.

At the communion service following the regular morning service at the Congregational church Sunday Rev. Mr. Wallace took the opportunity to pay a tender and fitting tribute to the memory of its oldest member who had passed on into the larger congregation during the week. Miss Sarah Richardson had been a member of this church for seventy-five years, having joined it when she was nineteen years of age. For some years she had not been able to attend its services, but during all that long span of years had been interested and devoted to its best welfare.

At the installation of officers at the North Middlesex Pomona grange held at Lowell last week Friday, A. H. Sutherland was installed as overseer and Mrs. Sutherland as Ceres.

The new parcel post system has come in for its share of patronage at the local office and in all probability will be more used as patrons become more familiar with the service, particularly those distant from an express office. Postmaster Fletcher has enlarged the quarters for mail facilities in preparation for the additional work the system involves for himself and his assistants.

Ladies' Aid.

The recently organized Ladies' Aid society connected with the Congregational church had its second meeting at the vestry Wednesday afternoon and was an enthusiastic gathering, nearly all the members being present and this in spite of bad weather. Six new members were added to the membership list. A good amount of work for one of the busy mothers in the parish was accomplished. Mrs. Wallace, the president, presided with scripture reading, prayer and singing of the society's adopted hymn, "Work for the night is coming." There were also selected readings. The regular meetings are to be held the second Wednesdays in the month, but owing to pressure of work a special meeting was decided upon for Wednesday, January 23, at the home of the vice-president, Mrs. L. W. Wheeler.

Death.

Word came to the Westford friends of the passing of another of the civil war veterans in the death of George F. Millis at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Susie Millis Boden in Nashua, N. H., Wednesday, January 8. Mr. Millis had formerly lived in Westford, having made his home with Al Bicknell, an old army comrade, but more recently had been with his daughter in Nashua. He was seventy-six years of age and was a member of Post 185, G. A. R. of Lowell. At the beginning of the civil war he joined the 2d Massachusetts cavalry and saw much service in the great war of the rebellion. Besides the daughter already mentioned he leaves another daughter, Mrs. Horbert Mills of Westford and one son, Willard N. Millis, also of Westford, as well as a number of grandchildren.

Grange.

The first meeting of the new year of Westford grange was for the installation of its officers. James Tuttle, of Acton, performed this service for this grange, doing the work with efficient ease and dignity. He was gracefully assisted by Mrs. David L. Greig. The officers chosen for the year have previously been given in these columns. A quartet, consisting of Mrs. David Wallace, Miss Lillian Sutherland, Miss Edith Wright and Miss Ruth Smith assisted in the installation rites.

After the exercises, brief speeches from visiting patrons were enjoyed, after which adjournment was made to the lower hall and a bountiful supper was served in charge of Mrs. Perley E. Wright, Mrs. J. Willard Fletcher and Frank G. Wright.

Lecturer-elect, Miss Grace Lambert, announced as subjects for the next meeting, "Experiences with my most profitable crop the past year," for the brothers, and a discussion on "Woman's suffrage" for the sisters. At that meeting, Miss Lambert expects to have the new programs for the year ready for distribution.

About Town.

The annual meeting of the Westford Board of Trade was held on Wednesday evening, when the following officers were elected: Hon. Edward Fisher, pres.; Charles L. Hildreth, sec.; Leonard W. Wheeler, treas.; Capt. S. H. Fletcher, H. V. Hildreth, Albert R. Wall, directors. Ten new members were added. It was voted to procure three "rope lines" for Forge Village, Graniteville and Westford station to be used in the emergency of drowning accidents. The entertainment was from the skill of Prof. Hansill, of Waltham, and everybody swayed back and forth with laughter to the point of tears and nodded that they had discovered it, and more too. The meeting adjourned to Graniteville at the call of the directors to discuss the question of an evening school.

The West Chelmsford church will hold its next monthly sociable on Wednesday evening, January 15, under the direction of Mrs. William L. Edwards, of Westford Corner.

The W. C. T. U. met on last week Wednesday with Mrs. Lumbert with an encouraging number present. The usual business took place, one new member joined, Mrs. Pond, and it was voted to hold a food sale next month.

The annual meeting of the First Parish church will be held in the vestry on Saturday evening, January 11, at 7.30, to elect officers and transact the usual business of the annual meeting.

The next Farmers' Institute will be held on Thursday, January 16, at 10.30 o'clock in the morning at the "yellow meetinghouse," Dracut Center. Prof. Sidney B. Haskell, of Amherst Agricultural college, will speak in the morning on "Conserving and building up soil fertility"; in the afternoon on "Some fertility problems." Cars leave Merrimack square, Lowell, three minutes past the hour and every fifteen minutes thereafter. Dinner at 12.30 by the ladies of the church. Music and after dinner speeches by the experienced.

The next meeting of Westford grange will be held at the town hall on Thursday evening, January 16. The lecturer's hour will consider "How do you stand on woman suffrage," every member being expected to speak an opinion or write one. A vote will be taken and the result sent to the state grange. If a majority of the granges favor woman suffrage, the state grange will petition the state legislature to grant the right. After this question has been discussed the question of "Which farm crop has paid best," will be open for a general discussion.

The Perkins family have moved from the John H. Decatur house on the Lowell road to the Frank Miller house on Main street, Westford Center.

The Sidney Whitney house on the Lowell road has been leased to Brainard Buchu, of Brookside. The lease includes nearly all the household furniture.

In the make-up of legislative committees, Hon. Edward Fisher and S. L. Taylor are both on the committee on agriculture. Something doing by way of farming in the old town this year if nothing more than sowing weeds for some future to amend by striking out the words "sowing weeds" and substituting the words: "pulling weeds." In addition to this committee Senator Fisher is on the committee on railroads and ways and means.

At a meeting of the West Chelmsford Debating society on Tuesday evening, Frederick A. Snow was elected president; Charles S. Edwards, secretary, and William J. Donnelly, treasurer.

Social and Entertainment.

The ladies of the First Parish held a successful social and delightful entertainment in the parlors of the church on Tuesday evening. The evening was in charge of Mrs. John Feeny and Mrs. Eben Prescott, assisted by Mrs. W. R. Carver and Mrs. A. H. Sutherland. This entertainment committee evolved the following well prepared program: Vocal selections, Mr. Yarnald and Miss Rachel Wall; whist for everybody and by everybody in which everybody expected to win, but the winners who landed the count out to everybody were Mrs. Clara Greig and Walter Steele. Refreshments was the last number on the entertainment program. It was an enjoyable affair in which everybody was master of ceremonies. The committee are to be congratulated on clearing twenty-six dollars financially and from the higher point of view stimulating the assets of entertainment.

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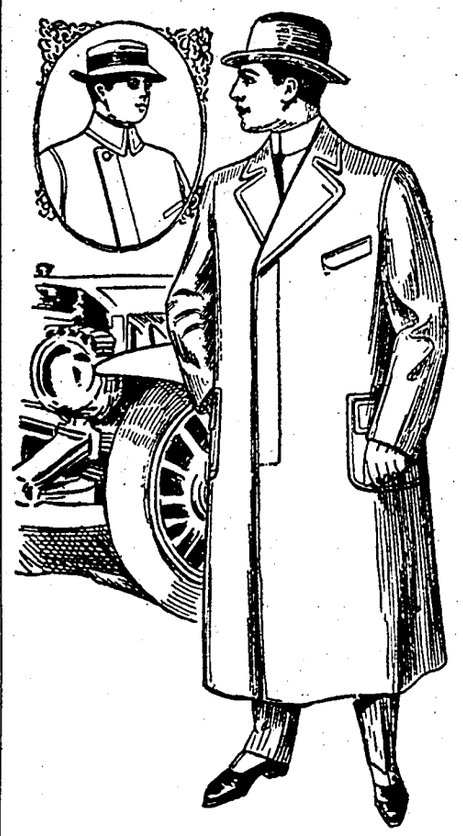

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WESTFORD.

Clipping.

The following is taken from the Boston Globe of January 6:

What will probably prove the longest journey ever undertaken by the head of a Masonic organization to pay a fraternal visit to subordinate lodges in his jurisdiction began on Tuesday morning, January 7, when Most Worshipful Everett C. Benton, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, left Boston for the Canal Zone and Chile.

The Grand Master will be accompanied by Mrs. Benton, his daughter Hannah, and son Josiah; Right Worshipful Herbert E. Fletcher, d. g. m., and Mrs. Fletcher; Right Worshipful Thomas W. Davis, r. g. s., and Mrs. Davis. Right Worshipful Leon M. Abbott, s. g. w., will be acting grand master of the state until the return of Deputy Grand Master Fletcher, in about a month.

A large party of friends, nearly all of the craft, proceeded as far as New York to witness the sailing of the pilgrims on Wednesday. After the official duties of the Masonic delegation has been concluded, Mr. and Mrs. Benton and children will prolong their tour and do not expect to return home until March.

So far as arranged the trip includes the arrival in Jamaica on January 13, and Colon on the fifteenth; leave Bilbao on January 20, reach Callao on the twenty-sixth, and remain in Lima until the twenty-ninth, when they will proceed to Valparaiso, Chile, to pass a week in that country; February 12, they will start a trip across the Andes, and two days later the tourists expect to be in Buenos Aires, and to sail from that port on February 21, for New York.

One of the chief objects of the Grand Lodge deputation is to constitute Sojourner lodge in Colon, now under dispensation. The date fixed is January 16. The fraternity is compiling a temple to cost $60,000.

As Massachusetts is the oldest Masonic jurisdiction in the country, no objection has ever been raised when it desired to grant requests to start lodges in outlying jurisdictions. For this reason it has established lodges in Chile and China.

It will be the first visit to South America by a grand master of the state while in office. Col. Benton will travel 16,000 miles to attend three lodges in Chile, and these will be as far south of the equator as New York is north of it.

In 1853, the first lodge with a charter from Massachusetts started in Chile. It and the others are in a flourishing condition, with David Urquhart of Valparaiso as district deputy grand master. Another lodge in the Canal Zone will probably receive its charter next summer.

Great preparations are under way to welcome the grand master and attending officers, not only among the Massachusetts lodges in Chile, but the grand lodge of Argentina, as the event with them is considered the greatest in Masonic history in half a century in that part of the world.

Graniteville.

The recent wind storm that did so much damage throughout the country caused a few minor accidents here, but nothing of serious nature. In one section of the village a few chicken coops were overturned, and in West Graniteville a small barn owned by W. H. Beebe and used for storing hay was entirely unroofed. A few small buildings were also overturned and things lying around loose were scattered in every direction.

Rev. Edward C. Mitchell celebrated both masses in St. Catherine's church on last Sunday morning and delivered highly interesting sermons. He also announced that owing to the concert of the Glee club on Wednesday evening, in Forge Village, the meeting of the Holy Name society would be held on Friday evening instead, the meeting on that evening being largely attended. After the meeting there was devotions consisting of the benediction of the blessed sacrament, followed by a fine sermon by Mr. Mitchell, spiritual director of the Holy Name society. The regular choir was in attendance and the whole service proved to be highly interesting to the large congregation present.

The Sargent school opened here on Monday at the usual hour after the Christmas vacation, and the children returned much refreshed after the holiday season.

A high mass of requiem was celebrated in St. Catherine's church on last Saturday morning for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Bridget Healy.

George Wilson, of Forge Village, commenced his new duties as organist at the M. E. church on last Sunday morning. Mr. Wilson for some time past has also been the director of the M. E. church choir.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. W. O. Hawkes on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Laura Healy is now at the Lowell General hospital, where she recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. The operation was performed by Dr. Gage, of the hospital staff, and was a success. Miss Healy is now getting along as well as can be expected.

Hen thieves have been trying to get in their night work in North Westford of late, for on last Saturday night they entered the coops of Frank Basil, and but for the prompt arrival of Mr. Basil's son Philip, who scared them away, they would surely have made a clean sweep. They meant business all right, for they had a wagon closeby for the purpose of carrying off their plunder.

Entertainment.

One of the best entertainments given in this vicinity for a long time was the verdict rendered in relation to the concert given by the Home Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Lilly Mae Moran in Abbot's hall, Forge Village, on Wednesday evening, January 8. Miss Moran was in good voice and aside from her duet and chorus work with the club was heard in two pleasing solos: "The dying flower" and "Life's merry morn," two difficult selections for an ordinary singer, but which Miss Moran handled with perfect control and brought out in full the wide range of her excellent soprano voice. The singing of the glee club was also very good and showed what can be accomplished in a short time when one has the proper material, that is, good voices properly trained and each member competent to do solo work at any time.

R. J. McCarthy always a favorite here sang "Sleep and forget" as only he can sing it and he was obliged to respond to a well-merited encore. His duet, "The convent bells," with Mrs. Edith Brooks, was also a pleasing number and won liberal applause. George Wilson, a new comer in concert work, but a musician of ability, has a bass voice of much promise, and his solo, "His buttons are marked U. S." was well received. Henry Smith's solo, "The little church" with chorus by the club, proved to be a popular number and was well sung.

Mrs. Mabel Downing's excellent singing assisted greatly in the chorus work. Aside from the musical features by the club, including the excellent piano duet by Miss Moran and Mrs. Edith Brooks, the program was given prestige by the presence of James Coughlin of Lowell, who was heard in several fine readings. This was Mr. Coughlin's first visit on the local stage, but it is safe to say that it will not be his last for he is an elocutionist of great ability and his readings were thoroughly enjoyed by all. He made a great hit by his fine work and the people in this vicinity are anxiously waiting for the opportunity of hearing him again.

The affair was well attended and from a musical and social standpoint was one of the events of the season.

Miss Ruth M. Furbush was the efficient accompanist during the evening, which added greatly to the success of the affair.

The Home Glee club as a whole and Miss Lilly M. Moran in particular are to be congratulated for the excellent entertainment given, and it is the sincere wish of all that a return engagement may be given in the near future.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The sophomore class of the Littleton high school wishes to repeat the notice of the candy and cake sale to be held in the Unitarian vestry this afternoon from 2.30 to 4.30 o'clock, for the purpose of raising money for a graduation trip.

The senior class of the Littleton high school will hold a social dance in the town hall on Friday evening, January 17. Usual admission. Refreshments will be sold during the intermission.

Rev. Harrison L. Packard has spent several days this week in Bridgewater with his parents, both of whom are sick.

Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield writes from Sullivan, Ind., that his aged mother is apparently steadily failing.

At the service tomorrow morning at the Congregational church, the pastor will exchange with Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Concord.

Miss Zaidee Brown, agent of the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts, met the librarian, trustees, school superintendent and teachers in the reading-room of the library on Monday. Miss Brown gave an informal address on how to correlate the library and the schools. After the address the speaker answered questions and there was a general discussion of the subject by those present.

Tickets for the Extension School in Agriculture may be obtained of Chas. Varnum Flagg, Herbert Prouty, Mrs. Charles A. Kimball and Richard Barrows.

The following Littleton people attended the annual banquet and installation of officers in Caleb Butler lodge of Masons at Ayer last Monday evening: Edgar H. Woodbury and daughters, Beatrice and Gladys, John Hutchinson, Miss Clara Prouty, Mrs. Gardner W. Prouty, Charles Fletcher of Portland, a guest in the Prouty home, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kimball and Harold W. Conant. Mr. Johnson served in the capacity of executive marshal at the installation exercises.

Malcolm Priest returned early in the week to Elmira, N. Y., where he holds a good position with the American Bridge Co.

The Ladies' quartet sang at a supper and social in the Universalist church in Shirley on last Wednesday night.

Leander Fisher's oldest daughter Alma, has been in a Boston hospital receiving treatment for her lameness, resulting from infantile paralysis. She has been in a plaster cast and subjected to much inconvenience. For a week or two past she has been at home, but will return shortly for continued treatment in the hospital.

The wind had its own way last week Friday and Saturday, and in consequence, many trees were blown over, some of the tall pines in the quarantine grounds were up-rotted, barn doors were blown off, henhouses were unroofed, one henhouse was moved a distance of several feet, a chimney in Mrs. Wakefield's house, occupied by Frank Layton, was blown over, and the Boston Dairy icehouses were blown against the telegraph wires and dangerously near to the Boston and Maine track, necessitating the work of Foreman James Smith and his men throughout the night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gardner, of Jamaica Plain, were in town the latter part of last week helping their parents get settled in their new home.

The weekly meeting of the Congregational church was held at Dea. J. W. Thacher's on last evening. Last week it was at E. Eugene Robbins' home.

There are several cases of whooping cough among the children. Some of the unfortunate victims are Carl and Anna LaDuke, Lucia DeSilvio, Prescott and Richard Kimball and Catherine Proctor.

New year Sunday at the Baptist church brought an increased attendance and interest in nearly all departments of the Sunday school and in the young people's C. E. society. At the morning service a neatly printed weekly calendar was introduced, the expense of which is borne by the Lincoln class, the men's organization which meets for the discussion of popular, social and biblical subjetcs on every Sunday at twelve o'clock in the church.

The many Littleton friends of William H. Snyder, a former popular and highly successful principal of the Littleton high school, will be pleased to learn that he is now principal of a great high school in a fine and rapidly growing suburb of Los Angeles, Cal., having under his direction forty teachers and nine hundred scholars, occupying seven large buildings. Mr. Snyder's career as an educator has been one of continued advancement. He still remembers with pleasure the old friends in Littleton, who certainly do not forget his excellent service in connection with our own school. His good influence on the youths of our town is still in evidence, and his loyalty and devotion to their welfare place Mr. Snyder among the best educators that have graced our high school.

"The organization and methods of the Morman church," will be the subject of the meeting of the Woman's Missionary society on next Wednesday afternoon at the Baptist parsonage.

Lester A. Whitney and Allen C. Kimball have received from the Baptist Sunday school a fine new bible each for perfect attendance during the year 1912.

Fellowship Day.

Sunday was observed as fellowship day at the Congregational church, and not a few parishioners made a special and much appreciated effort to attend divine worship. The number present was consequently unusually large. The pastor preached a brief but inspiring sermon and the choir rendered a favorite anthem. Mr. Packard read greetings and hopeful messages from many absent members and former pastors of the church, including communications from Miss Helen B. Hartwell in behalf of herself, her sister, Miss Mary M. Hartwell, and their mother, Mrs. Shattuck Hartwell, the oldest member of this church, and at the point of death; also, from Mrs. Phœbe E. Mason, Mrs. Lucy A. Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Fales, Mrs. Maria Fales, Mrs. Mary Griffiths Brower, Elmer B. Canney, Harry E. Humphries, Richard G. Conant and Mrs. Emma K. Lemley.

From the following ex-pastors of the church came renewed assurance of fellowship and encouragement for the new year: Rev. Paul G. Favor, of Somerville; Rev. Robert Fulton, of Indianapolis; Revs. George B. and Amelia A. Frost, of Andover; Rev. Nehimiah Boynton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Rev. Elihu Loomis, of Centerville. Mr. Loomis is now in his ninetieth year, but he retains all his faculties to a remarkable degree with the possible exception of his hearing, and he reviews with interest and pleasure many incidents in his long pastorate in the Littleton church from 1854-1870.

The following is a copy of his new year's greeting to the Congregational church in Littleton:

Now as we stand together on the threshold of the new year what are our desires and prayers for this dear church?

The largest and best possible gifts from our Heavenly Father to every one of you, for yourselves, your families and all associated with you.

That you may be led by the Holy Spirit in all your concerns through all the days of the year.

That you may be in hearty sympathy with the Lord Jesus in his plans for you personally and for your families for this church, for our country, for Japan, China, Turkey, India and Africa.

That you may gladly listen to his urgent calls for self-denying support and service, at home and abroad.

Thus by special grace may this new year, 1913, become by far the richest and best of your lives up to this time, and lead on to still better experience in the years that may follow.

Following the regular service the Lord's supper was observed and Miss Edith A. Merriam was received into church membership from the Rollstone church of Fitchburg.

At the evening service a similar plan was carried into execution and church members living in town, but unable to attend in person, sent new year's messages which were read by the pastor. Thus the services of the first Sunday of the opening year were characterized by expressions of renewed allegiance to church vows and fellowships that promise well for the spiritual development of the society and community in general.

Below is given a copy of the letter written to Rev. Elihu Loomis in response to his greetings and signed by the pastor, the church and the parish committees:

Rev. Elihu Loomis,
Centerville, Mass.

Dear Mr. Loomis: At the fellowship day meeting of the Littleton Congregational church on Sunday, January 5, 1913, your beautiful new year's greeting was read to the people. It's wide outlook and deep spirituality so greatly appealed to us all that a committee was appointed to convey our love and appreciation to you.

There is no one now living who was on the rolls of the church when you came here as pastor nearly sixty years ago, but the young people whose lives you touched and influenced "rise up and call you blessed." Our church was then but a few years started, but your long and devoted pastorate gave to it a strength and stability which has made its place and influence felt.

Our hope for you in these ripened years of your life is that you may enjoy the fruits of your labors. We claim for you the fulfillment of that promise of God that "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bring his sheaves with him."

May God's richest blessing be with you, and may the sense of the friendship, love, and appreciation of those whom you served in the days now passed be a source of strength and encouragement.

January 6, 1913.

Interesting Lecture.

The people of the town enjoyed a rare treat on last week Thursday evening when Miss Grace Patten Conant, professor of English in James Milliken university, lectured at the Congregational church on "Colorado, the playground of the world." The lecture was illustrated by a large collection of beautifully colored views, loaned for the occasion by the Colorado Chautauqua association, of Boulder, Col., an assembly where Miss Conant has taught during the past two summers. Rev. H. B. Mason, of Harvard, generously loaned his stereopticon for the evening.

Especially interesting was that part of the lecture which related to the trips of the Rocky Mountain Climbers' club. Miss Conant had been on many of these trips, and the experiences she had had on them added greatly to the interest of the lecture. During the course of the evening she introduced Miss Hattie Richardson, of Milford, N. H., a teacher in the Denver, Col., schools, and also connected with the Boulder Chautauqua, who had made many of the longer mountain excursions and was intimately acquainted with the flora and funa of that state.

Those who attended the lecture feel greatly indebted to Miss Conant and Miss Richardson for the very delightful and instructive entertainment.

The Lyceum.

The next number in the lyceum course will be a lecture by Edgar S. Wiers. Although the president of the lyceum committee is in the middle west he is ever thoughtful of the home people and reminds us of this lecture, which will be delivered in the town hall next Tuesday evening. He assures us that it will be of interest to those who want a presentation of the causes of unrest that underlie the great social movements of our day in labor and government. Mr. Wiers is minister of a church in Montclair, N. J., an aristocratic suburb of New York city much like Brookline or Newton to Boston, but in this exclusive society an interest has been aroused in social reforms and measures have been taken that have already attracted national attention.

Mr. Wiers is an attractive speaker and his lecture will make us realize the importance of informing ourselves on the various reforms suggested for improving conditions that surround us all.

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Collector's Office

East Pepperell, Mass.,
January 9, 1913.

The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate situated in the Town of Pepperell in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as collector of taxes for said Town of Pepperell by the assessors of taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Collector's Office, 27 Aldine Block in said Town of Pepperell on **Wednesday, February 5, 1913, at seven o'clock P. M.**, for the payment of said taxes with interest, costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged:

Sarah E. Pratt, as owner

A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon situated near the corner of Shattuck and Harbor Streets in Pepperell, Mass., containing one-sixteenth of an acre more or less, bounded by Shattuck Street and land now or late of George W. Adams.

Tax for 1912 $12.44

Charles F. Marshall, as owner

A lot of land situated on Tucker Avenue in the Town of Pepperell, Mass., bounded by said avenue, land now or late of H. A. Parker and John Sartell. Lot 23.

Tax for 1912 94 cents

Robert M. LePoer, as owner

A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, situated on South Street, Pepperell, Mass., containing three-fourth of an acre more or less and bounded by said street: land now or late of William G. Adams, and land of R. M. LePoer.

Tax for 1912 $3.74

Betsy Whitcomb, as owner

A certain lot of land in the west part of the Town of Pepperell, Mass., containing 6 acres more or less, situated on the road from the house late of Addison Woods, bounded by said road, and land formerly owned or occupied by Addison Woods and Jonathan Barron.

Tax for 1912 $6.55

Charles H. Hynes, owner

A certain lot of land situated in the east part of the Town of Pepperell, Mass., on a private way, leading easterly from Groton Street and bounded by land now or late of W. E. Sartelle, Louis Delphe and said private way, conveyed by William E. Sartelle to John B. and Mary Hynes June 20, 1891.

Tax for 1912 $1.87

LUTHER G. ROBBINS,
Collector of Taxes for the Town of Pepperell 1912

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of HENRY T. BALCOM late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

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

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth 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, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

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

3t17 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

Delinquent Tax Sales

Town Collector's Notice

East Pepperell, Mass.,
January 9, 1913.

The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate situated in the Town of Pepperell in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as collector of taxes for said Town of Pepperell by the assessors of taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Collector's Office, 27 Aldine Block, in said Town of Pepperell on **Tuesday, February 4, 1913, at one o'clock P. M.**, for the payment of said taxes with interest, costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

The sums set against the following descriptions of the several estates show the amounts due thereon respectively for the taxes for the non-payment of which each of said estates is to be sold, but not including the costs and interest thereon, and costs and charges incident to this sale:

James Lawrence
(Non-resident)

A certain lot of land situated on South Street, Pepperell, Mass., containing forty acres, more or less, and bounded by South Street, land of Gerrish; now or late of H. A. Parker and Nashua River.

Tax for 1910 $23.66

Sarah E. Pratt
(Non-resident)

A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, situated near the corner of Shattuck and Harbor Streets in Pepperell, Mass., containing one sixteenth of an acre more or less, bounded by Shattuck Street and land now or late of Geo. W. S. Adams.

Tax for 1910 $12.10
Tax for 1911 12.44

Robert M. LePoer

A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, situate on South Street, Pepperell, Mass., containing three-fourth of an acre more or less and bounded by said street: land now or late of William G. Adams, and land of R. M. LePoer.

Tax for 1910 $3.64
Tax for 1911 3.74

Charles F. Marshall
(Non-resident)

A lot of land situated on Tucker Avenue in the Town of Pepperell, Mass., bounded by said avenue, land now or late of H. A. Parker and John Sartell, Lot 23.

Tax for 1910 91 cents
Tax for 1911 94 cents

Charles H. Hynes
(Non-resident)

A certain lot of land situated in the east part of the Town of Pepperell, Mass., on a private way, leading easterly from Groton Street and bounded by land now or late of W. E. Sartelle, Louis Delphe and said private way, conveyed by William E. Sartelle to John B. and Mary Hynes June 20, 1891.

Tax for 1910 $1.82
Tax for 1911 1.87

Fred A. Foss
(Non-resident)

A certain piece or parcel of land in the easterly part of said Pepperell on the northerly side of Tucker Avenue (so-called) bounded by land now or late of Henry A. Parker, 125 feet by 85 feet and said avenues.

A certain lot of land situated in the easterly part of the Town of Pepperell, on the southerly side of Chase Avenue 120 feet by 125 feet, bounded by said avenue and land formerly of J. A. Tucker, being Lots 105 and 107 in plan of L. P. Blood of the Tucker homestead.

Tax for 1910 $2.73
Tax for 1911 2.81

Betsy Whitcomb
(Non-resident)

A certain lot of land in the west part of the Town of Pepperell, Mass., containing 6 acres more or less, situated on the road from the house late of Addison Woods, bounded by said road, and land formerly owned or occupied by Addison Woods and Jonathan Barron.

Tax for 1911 $6.55

EDWARD P. McCORD,
Collector of Taxes for the Town of Pepperell 1910 and 1911.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ELLEN P. WORCESTER, alias PHILENDA E. WORCESTER late of Westford in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court, to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES H. WORCESTER of Westford 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 Lowell, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first 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 Westford Wardsman, 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 twenty-seventh day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

3t17 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

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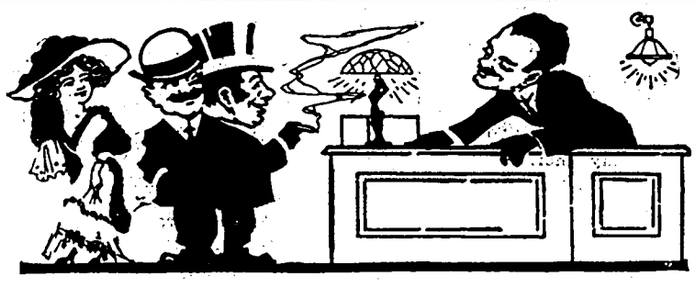

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TOWNSEND.

West.

The Brotherhood met in the vestry on last Sunday at noon with a large attendance, the president, Dr. R. S. Ely, in the chair. Rev. Padelford, of Boston, was a guest of the association and addressed the meeting very acceptably.

On Monday evening, Prof. Albert C. Seaver, of Townsend, gave an organ recital at the Baptist church from 7.30 to nine o'clock. Ninety were present and enjoyed the concert, Mr. Seaver giving many beautiful selections from the classics, delivered with great charm and expression. Especially beautiful were the selection from some of the great oratorios, and "The Pilgrims' chorus," from "Tannhauser," the selections from "Faust," and Sullivan's "Lost chord." His selections were heartily appreciated by the large audience and he received many expressions of pleasure in his performance at the close of the concert.

Carl B. Willard was called to Ashburnham on Saturday to attend the burial of his grandmother, Mrs. Billings, who passed away suddenly at her home in Fitchburg the early part of the week. Mrs. Willard, who has been with her mother the past week, returned on Saturday evening, and George Willard, of Boston, also spent the week-end with his parents.

The Ladies' Whist club held their fortnightly meeting at the reading-room on last week Thursday afternoon, being entertained by Mrs. George Richardson.

Clarence Wyman met with a serious accident on last Saturday afternoon while returning from Fitchburg with a load of grain. In some manner he slipped and fell under the team, breaking his knee pan and injuring the bone very seriously. After consulting with a physician he was taken to the Burbank hospital in Fitchburg for treatment, and it will be probably several months before he will be able to get about.

The public schools commenced the winter term on Monday morning. Miss Olds, who spent the vacation at her home in Vermont, has taken a room with Mrs. Frank Farnsworth, and boards at Mrs. Lovering's.

Miss Dorothy Tyler, who has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard, has returned to her home in Dorchester.

Mrs. Frank Sanders and daughter Mildred, from Ayer, have been recent guests of Mrs. Elbridge Sanders.

John M. Campbell has been confined to his home for several days as the result of a fall upon the ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan have been spending a week in Wakefield, where they were called by the illness of their daughter.

Oscar Lovering has been enjoying a few weeks' vacation from his work at the cooper shop, and his brother from Nashua, N. H., has been taking his place.

A. F. Stickney has been quite ill at his home on Main street and his wife is also on the sick list this week.

Kenneth Reed spent a part of the Christmas vacation with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

W. W. Main, who addressed the Brotherhood meeting on Thursday evening, was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan.

The total number of books distributed from the reading-room for the month of December was 147.

Miss Ruth Hayden, of Fitchburg, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. A. D. Winship.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent circle met for an all-day session on Wednesday with Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman. Dinner was served at noon, at which twenty were present, and plans were discussed for a supper some time in February.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held a social business meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Charles Hodgman, on Monday evening, and eleven were present. After the routine business three new names were proposed and plans were made for a supper and social to be held in the vestry on Wednesday evening of next week. The admission to the supper will be fifteen cents, which will include the evening entertainment. Games will be played, a brief program will be presented, and home-made candy and slices of Jack Horner pie will be on sale. The money is to be used toward the repairs of the church.

A cottage prayer meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Lucy Lawrence on Wednesday evening, and in spite of the bad travelling seven were present and a very helpful meeting was enjoyed.

On Monday the body of Fred Blanchard, of Worcester, husband of Ella Barrett, a former well-known resident here, was brought here for burial in the family lot. It was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Florence Blanchard, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Dora Chamberlain, of Worcester. On Tuesday afternoon the remains of Mrs. Emily Clark Barrett, from Townsend Center, was brought to the West Townsend cemetery and buried in the family lot.

Miss Una Walker, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Walker, is quite ill with the measles. Her mother is just convalescing from the same disease.

The Ladies' Literary and Social circle met on last week Friday with Mrs. Charles B. Stickney, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Oren Lawrence, and held a very interesting session, eight members and one guest, Mrs. J. H. Cox, of Dorchester, being present. After the discussion of current events, the club continued the study of "The lives of famous women," and then enjoyed a social hour and refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cox, who have been spending a fortnight with Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselynville, have returned to their daughter's home in Dorchester.

Mrs. George Wright and little son, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson, returned on Saturday to their home in Winthrop.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose commenced his studies at the university on Tuesday after a few weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Hughes and her little daughter Edith have returned from their visit to Brookline, N. H., to their rooms in Mr. Wise's house, and Miss Ida Hughes, who has been visiting in New Ipswich, has returned to Miss Tower's.

Miss Bessie Barrett, of Worcester, has been visiting Mrs. Angela Walters, of Bayberry hill.

Miss Nancy Reed is spending a few weeks at the home of friends in Lyndonville, Vt.

George Richardson, engineer for Clarence Stickney, is quite ill with the grippe.

Augustus Stevens has been quite ill at his home on Stevens hill, but is reported as much improved.

Mr. Flagg, wha has been under treatment at the Burbank hospital in Fitchburg, has returned to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Willett.

Mrs. Dora Chamberlain and Miss Flora Blanchard, from Worcester, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman on Monday.

Ladies' Night.

Over one hundred were entertained at the West Townsend Brotherhood anniversary and ladies' night at the Baptist vestry on last week Thursday evening, and the event proved one of the most interesting and successful of any yet held. A supper of scalloped oysters, hot mashed potatoes, with their accompaniments were served. The tables were set in the two vestries, which were tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, and streamers of scarlet and gold, under the direction of Rev. S. D. Ringrose. Special music was furnished by the Misses Stella Farrar and Hattie Sanders, of the Center, Miss Emma Adams acting as pianist, and a very pleasing duet was rendered by Miss Adams and Mrs. Clarence Stickney.

The speaker of the evening was the well-known and much liked W. W. Main, of Boston, who was also the speaker of the first meeting of the organization, and his address was along the line of development and purity of life as a common interest. He was given a rising vote of appreciation. The other speakers were B. A. Cook and A. E. Heustis, from Fitchburg; Rev. John H. Cox, of Dorchester, a former pastor; Ex-president Dr. H. B. Boynton; Frank B. Higgins and Edward Morse, from the Center; Alexander Reed and president-elect Warren Elliott; Charles R. Farwell, from Mason, N. H.; James Dodds, of Proctor, Vt., a former resident, and Rev. S. D. Ringrose, who gave a brief resume of the year's work.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farrar, of the Center; Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Heustis, from Fitchburg; Mrs. J. H. Cox and Miss Dorothy Tyler, from Dorchester; Mrs. George Wright, of Winthrop; Mrs. Maud Lawrence, Miss Dora Flagg and George Ellis, from Mason; Mrs. Higgins and Milton Wilder, from the Center, and Miss Myrtle Gray, of Townsend Harbor.

A Red-letter Day.

Sunday was a red-letter day for the Baptist church when it was opened to the public after its renovating and installation of the pipe organ purchased from the Congregational church at the Center, and presented here by Justin C. Hodgman. The walls of the room and ceiling are papered most artistically in grey and white, and new electric lights replace the old-fashioned chandelier and kerosene lamps. There was an attendance of nearly a hundred and fifty at the morning service, at which the choir rendered special music, and Miss Mildred Sanders, of Ayer, sang a most beautiful and appropriate soprano solo. The scripture reading was by Rev. John H. Cox, of Dorchester, a former pastor. The dedicatory prayer was offered by the pastor and a most eloquent sermon on "Sanctification" was delivered by Rev. Frank Padleford, of Boston, secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary association. Sunday school and communion services followed, with an unusually large attendance.

In the evening about seventy were present, and the pastor preached on the subject "What would Jesus do?" Remarks were made also by Rev. J. H. Cox. Mrs. L. O. Barker acted as organist and gave several beautiful selections, one of which was repeated by request in the evening. She is an accomplished organist, having had many years of experience before coming to this village, and her skillful handling of the instrument gave much pleasure to all her hearers.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

The following I. O. O. F. officers were installed at Odd Fellows' hall on Wednesday evening by A. A. Bronsdon, d. d. g. m., and suite, of Shirley: Franklin R. Jefts, n. g.; Joseph W. French, v. g.; George A. Wilder, sec.; E. Alonzo Blood, treas.; Adney W. Gray, w.; Robert S. Misner, con.; Henry J. Miller, chap.; Edward D. Bliss, r. s. s.; Harry N. Winchester, l. s. s.; Frank B. Higgins, r. s. n. g.; Carlton B. Mudgett, l. s. n. g.; Fred J. Piper, r. s. v. g.; Gilbert P. Estes, l. s. v. g.; Melvin Davis, i. g.; Roswell Lancey, o. g.

Miss Alberta Barber returned home from her trip abroad last week and reported a most enjoyable and interesting trip. She was gone for several months, and visited England, France, Switzerland, Italy and other places of interest, returning home via the Mediterranian and stopping at the Azores.

Joint Installation.

A joint installation of the officers of the Sons and Daughters of Veterans was held at Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening. The Daughters were installed by Past Dept. President, Gertrude Holbrook Works, assisted by Miss Hattie E. Smith, and the Sons by Division Secretary Henry F. Weller, assisted by John J. Harvey, past commander. The work of installing the officers was done in an especially commendable manner. After the installation, informal speeches were made and the occasion was enjoyed very much by all present. The following officers were installed:

Sons—Roy P. Brown, com.; Carl B. Willard, s. v. c.; George Fessenden, j. v. c.; Leon Watkins, Frank Brown, William Bruce, not installed, camp council; T. J. Harvey, sec.; R. G. Fessenden, treas., not installed; Leon Watkins, pat. inst.; Albert L. Dow, chap.; Frank Brown, color bearer; Harley Parker, g.; A. N. Fessenden, not installed, guard; John J. Harvey, p. g.

Daughters—Mrs. Ella C. Wilson, pres.; Miss Nellie Weston, s. v. p.; Mrs. N. Blanche Shaw, j. v. c.; Hattie Cook, treas.; L. Elnora Smith, treas.; Lillian Floyd, pat. inst.; Margaret Wilson, Mary E. Taylor, Ellen J. Richards, trustees; Miss Ivora Spring sec.; Miss Grace Wright, g.; Mrs. Hattie O'Brien, guard; Alice Bowley, asst. guard; Florence Gwinn, musician; Annie Dow, Inez Richards, Evelyn Sanders, Katherine Arlin, color bearers.

Death.

Mrs. Emily Barrett, widow of the late Anson Barrett, died at her home on last Saturday of bronchial pneumonia. She was seventy-nine years old. Mrs. Barrett's maiden name was Emily Clarke, and she has been for many years an invalid, and although able to be up and about at times, she was hardly ever able to leave her home even for a short walk or ride. She was the second wife of Mr. Barrett and brought up his two daughters by his former marriage. She leaves a brother, Charles Clarke, of Worcester, and two step-daughters; Mrs. Addie Whidden, who has resided with her until recently, and Miss Flora Barrett, operator at the Central street Western Union Telegraph station at Lowell; also, one step-grandson, Berton Whidden, of M. A. C. Several nephews and nieces also survive her.

The funeral was held at the home on Tuesday afternoon and many relatives, neighbors and friends were present. The burial was at West Townsend.

Mrs. Barrett was of a gentle, kindly disposition and loved the company of young people, and although she was confined to her home she loved to hear the current news of the town, and took a great interest in all the local events. She was especially fond of her church, the Congregational, to which she belonged and was a member of the home department of the Sunday school.

Rev. A. L. Struthers, her pastor, officiated at the funeral, and Mrs. Florence Gwinn and Miss Hattie Sanders sang "Nearer my God to thee," and "The homeland." Besides the near relatives present, other relatives from out-of-town present were Mrs. Chas. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clarke and Harry Clarke, of Worcester; Mr. Gay, of Fitchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barrett, of Mason, N. H., and Mrs. Otis Walters, of West Townsend.

Wedding.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wilder was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday evening when their eldest daughter, Edna Louise, was united in marriage to Hudson Bray, of Fitchburg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Albert Kilbourne, of Antrim, N. H., a schoolmate of the bride, and her father, George A. Wilder, who is a justice of the peace. The bride wore a very handsome gown of white pongee, which was embroidered by her mother, who has been an invalid for some years. Miss Wilder is a graduate of our high school and of the Fitchburg Normal school and has been a successful teacher for some time in Ashburnham, Lunenburg and surrounding towns. Mr. Bray is employed at F. L. Drury's, Fitchburg, and both are popular among their friends. Best wishes attend the young couple, who will reside in Lunenburg.

Harbor.

Harry Knight returned to Bowdoin college last week after spending his Christmas vacation in town.

Mrs. Smith has returned to Walnut Grove farm after a visit to her sister and daughter.

Ray Linton, of Maine, has entered the employ of J. Spaulding & Sons Company.

Michael Gibson, formerly employed at the leatherboard mill, has moved with his family to West Groton.

Mrs. Bagley, who has been under the doctor's care for several days, is improving.

A number of friends from Lowell visited at Fairview farm last week.

Miss Sybil Bailey returned to her home in Boston on last week Wednesday evening, some of her friends accompanying her as far as Ayer.

Miss Marion Dana, while en route to her school in Norwalk, Conn., attended a reception in Boston given by an alumni of Boston university.

Mrs. Harry Bryant, of Maplewood cottage, has closed her home and will spend the remainder of the winter with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Blanche Baldwin, Miss Myrtle Gray and Miss Marguerite LePoer returned to their respective schools last week.

On new year's eve, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Seaver, of South row, entertained several of their friends. The program included whist and music. During refreshments, as the company were seated about in the flickering lights and shadows from the open fire, simultaneously with the clock striking twelve, a bell rang in the distance and metaphorically, at least, speeded the parting and welcomed the coming year while the merry party vied with one another in wishing a happy new year and many of them.

Funeral.

The funeral of George H. Brown was held at his late residence on Saturday, December 28. About two weeks previous Mr. Brown was taken with pneumonia, yet it was heart trouble that caused his death. Something like two years ago Mr. Brown, while stepping from a moving street car, received a severe fall, rendering him unconscious for a time, and it is thought that the fall may have proved detrimental to his recovery.

During the fifty-nine years of his life, Mr. Brown has rarely been ill, and up almost to the last his recovery seemed probable. Expressions of sorrow and regret were heard on all sides when the announcement of his death was received, and few men in this vicinity would be missed more than our friend and neighbor. The entire life of Mr. Brown has been spent on the place where he was born and the old homestead with its adjoining acres gives ample evidence of the thrift and good husbandry of its recent owner.

Rev. A. L. Struthers, of the Congregational church, conducted the funeral exercises. Cyrus Soul, Clarence Josselyn, R. B. Adams and Galen Proctor acted as pall bearers. The attendance of relatives and friends was large, while the beautiful floral offerings, almost burying the casket and filling the hall with their beauty and fragrance, bore sweet testimony of the love and esteem in which the deceased was held.

Mr. Brown leaves a wife, a son Walter, and two daughters, Misses Alice and Mattie, the latter a senior in the high school.

There will be a continuation sale of the personal property of the late Marshall Symmes in Winchester on Friday, January 17, at nine a. m., as the days of the previous sale were so stormy the sale was not completed. Otis H. Forbush, Acton, is the auctioneer.

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GROTON.

News Items.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Eleanor Louise Rand, daughter of Mrs. Selden F. Rand, of Roxbury, to James F. Shattuck, of Groton, given in the Boston papers of last Saturday and Sunday, came as a surprise to the many Groton people who had no hint of their fellow citizen's movements in that direction. Miss Rand, his fiancé, is well-known here, where she made many friends during her year's attendance at the high school several years ago. She is a niece of Mrs. Grant Shattuck, and has been teaching in Boston.

Mrs. Agnes Torrey, wife of Edward H. Torrey, of Concord, came on Monday to spend the day with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Charles H. Torrey, of Hollis street. It was the birthday of both ladies and they enjoyed spending it together.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Wheelock returned from their wedding trip on Monday.

Miss Hazel Gibson is teacher in the Chicopee row school, taking the place of Miss Pease, of Waltham, resigned.

Miss Mary F. Torrey, of Ayer, is assisting at George Chase's for a few weeks, until Mrs. Chase feels better able to resume charge of her household affairs.

Miss Marion Eliot, of Danvers, is teacher in the commercial course at the high school, taking the place of Miss Marion Hart, resigned. Miss Eliot is said to be a teacher of experience. She is boarding at Miss Vickery's, Pleasant street.

Last week some out-of-town fishermen caught fifteen or twenty pout through the ice at Island, or Massapoag pond. Pout are not often taken through ice.

Mrs. Lizzie Davis, who keeps house with her brother, Abel Lawrence, on Hollis street, was ninety-one years old on December 26, and is one of the oldest women in Groton. Her brother, Mr. Lawrence, about two years younger, is the oldest man in Groton.

George H. McKeen, of Connecticut, and his sister-in-law, Miss Elizabeth Gibson, attended the poultry show in Boston on Tuesday.

John Moran, one of the Fitchburg board of aldermen just gone into office, has been appointed by the mayor as chairman of the committee on salaries and highways. Mr. Moran is a business man and large property holder of Fitchburg, being assessed for $500,000. He is a former West Groton boy, and his successful career is noted by the old friends of his native town.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Woods returned from their wedding trip on Monday noon, and are occupying their home on the old Ayer road, corner of Main and Peabody streets.

Miss Marion Hart, resigning from her position as teacher in the commercial department at the high school, has gone to teach in a similar course at Brewster academy, Wolfboro, N. H.

Mrs. Dresser is quite ill and under the doctor's care at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George L. Boynton.

Mrs. Riley, mother of Miss Annie P. Riley, of Station avenue, who was taken ill with pneumonia while on a holiday visit in Lowell, is getting better.

The Groton Improvement society will meet on Monday afternoon, January 13, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Bruce, at three o'clock.

Groton School boys returned on Tuesday night.

All the public schools opened on Monday.

Lawrence academy opened on Wednesday.

The annual business meeting of the Groton Historical society called for Tuesday evening was not held on account of lack of a quorum, only five being present. Seven constitutes a quorum. The meeting will be held this Saturday evening at eight o'clock in lower town hall.

Born on Tuesday, January 7, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. David E. Murphy.

An inventory filed in the probate court shows that George E. Jones, a former resident of Groton, who died recently at Lunenburg, left an estate valued at $24,143.28. Of this $18,793.28 is personal property, and $5350 real estate.

One side of the silo at the Lawrence farm caved in on Wednesday afternoon, while John Carlton, one of the workmen, was getting out ensilage. He was alone at the time and was covered with about two feet of the debris, but managed to get out and found no bones broken. He was badly bruised and lame, and has laid off work for a few days.

The Congregational sociable on Thursday evening was given a good attendance. Mrs. Thomas H. Aitken was chairman of the committee that served an appetizing supper. Mrs. George L. Boynton and Mrs. J. E. Adams had charge of the entertainment. This opened with a solo by James Hill, who sang, "Chorus gentlemen." Miss Isabelle Wiggins read two selections, "Mary Ann" and "Dad's Christian Science"; piano solo, Doretha Gleason; solo, "Last night I dreamed of you dear heart," Miss Susie T. Hill; piano solo, Doretha Gleason. The program though short was very good and much enjoyed.

Miss Margaret Benedict is visiting in Northboro.

At the Baptist gathering on Wednesday Miss Susan Hill's work as chorister was spoken of in complimentary words and the hope expressed that they might be able to continue her services.

Winthrop L. Sheedy, senior at Williams college, returned there after his vacation this Sunday afternoon.

The Brown Loaf club and several ladies belonging to another club, twenty in all, were entertained by Mrs. William Whitehill on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. E. A. Barrows and Mrs. Howard, mother of Mrs. Millard Sawyer, were among some especially invited guests. The usual features of sewing, embroidery or other fancy work were in evidence, as were other features of these club meetings. The refreshments of sandwiches, several kinds of cake, etc., were such as might be expected from the well-known culinary skill of the hostess. They all had a good time and look forward with pleasure to the next meeting in February.

The sociable held last week was disappointing in the attendance given it, but those who staid away missed a good supper and entertainment. The quartet of Littleton ladies, Mrs. Hartwell, Mrs. Hager, Mrs. Conant and Mrs. Priest, sang, as always, in a most enjoyable manner, several selections and responded to encores. Mrs. Barnard, a fine reader, always listened to with pleasure, gave several selections and encores. One "The low backed car," had an accompaniment music played by Miss Lowe. Everett B. Gerrish added to the evening's enjoyment by a solo, and James T. Bennett and Henry Adams by the play "Interviewing a farmer," which was well acted.

Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins of Boston and son, Lowell Stebbins, and others, making a party of six, were over Sunday guests at Groton Inn.

Mrs. Charles H. Berry went home from the Groton hospital last Saturday night. Mrs. Berry is more comfortable, but is very weak.

The alarm sounded last Saturday for a grass fire which was on Broad Meadow and was set by sparks from a locomotive. The meadow is so surrounded by water that the fire was soon extinguished.

John M. Crowley of Groton, who is night baggage master at the depot in Ayer, has bought the so-called Monroe lot near his home here in the Mill neighborhood.

James H. Dunphy got through as baggage master some two or three weeks ago and is getting ready to open a lunch room in the building next Moore's store and until recently occupied by H. Sawyer and E. A. Roache.

Howard Sawyer has moved his upholstering rooms to his residence at the former Abbott house on Main st.

Michael Denahy has been working as baggage master since J. H. Dunphy left the position.

Among the many tasteful calenders ushered in by the new year are those from Shattuck's store, one handed to his friends by Arthur H. Mason of the Provident life and trust company and one given by William H. Whitehill, issued by Wheeler Fertilizer Co.

There are many cases of whooping cough in town.

Mrs. Montague Chamberlain, aged forty-five years, died at the Homeopathic hospital, Boston, Wednesday, January 8. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain have a summer home in Groton on the old Jacobs place.

Mrs. William Souther is ill and having the doctor.

The camp-fire girls will hold their meeting as soon as the prevailing whooping cough has somewhat abated.

Miss Lucy F. Young, of Winchester, left Boston en route for California at 10.30 on Tuesday morning, January 7, and expects to reach her destination at 10.30 on Saturday evening, January 11. Miss Young goes to spend the winter at the home of her nephew, Ralph P. Stevens, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Goodhue, whose marriage took place at Lancaster last week Thursday, came over on that day to Groton Inn after the wedding. They left the next morning preparatory to starting on their journey to South America. Mrs. Goodhue was a Miss Thayer, of the noted Thayer family, of Lancaster.

The ball by the Rev. Endicott Peabody, of Groton School, and Mrs. Peabody, given Thursday at the Copley-Plaza, Boston, was for their daughters, the Misses Helen and Rose Peabody, who are leaving shortly for the Philippines to be with their brother, Malcolm Peabody, Harvard '11, on their trip around the world. Rev. and Mrs. Peabody entertained a large party of young people at their home here in Groton over Sunday.

Fatal Accident.

A wide circle of friends and acquaintances will be inexpressibly shocked to learn of a sad accident at Groton School Thursday afternoon, whereby Philip Nichols, elder son of Mrs. Charles Prosser Nichols of Lowell, was instantly killed.

Nichols, who was in his last year at Groton, in company with another lad from the school, was tempted by the wonderful condition of the crusted snow, and the boys were occupying a large sled between them. Nichols was steering, and in some way lost control of the sled, which dashed with great force against a large tree at the foot of the hill down which they were sliding. The impact was fatal to Nichols. His companion escaped practically unhurt. Assistance was hurried to the spot, but nothing could be done. What had happened was over in an instant, a merciful lack of conscious suffering on the part of the victim being the one consoling feature for the grief-stricken community.

Philip Nichols was a young man of rare promise, the idol of his family and of troops of friends. He was to have entered Harvard in another year. He is survived by his mother and by a younger brother, Carl, who is a student at another school. Universal sympathy with the family in this sudden and terrible bereavement will be felt.

Services were held at the Groton School chapel at 11.30 Friday morning.

Deaths.

Joseph Gamblin, who has lived for the past ten or more years in the southeasterly part of the town, died on Friday evening, January 3, aged 51 yrs. 5 mos. Mr. Gamblin formerly lived in Lowell, where he had pneumonia, after which he had not been in so good health as before. The cause of death was tubercular consumption. Rev. George M. Howe officiated at the committal service at Groton cemetery on Monday. He leaves a widow and two sons, Arthur, who works in Boston, and Edward, in Groton, has been employed by the moth commissioners.

Mrs. Rebecca Simonds Selden passed away on Friday, January 3, after a lingering illness, closing with cerebral hemorrhage. She was born in Groton on August 24, 1841, the daughter of the late John and Rebecca Simonds. The greater part of her life had been spent in her native town, where she has lived in the home of her infancy on North Main street, towards the mill, and it was there she died. During her illness she has been attended by her only child, Mrs. Anna Kemp. Mrs. Selden was a member of the Congregational church, and it was her pastor, Rev. George M. Howe, who officiated at the funeral on Sunday afternoon. This was attended by relatives and many of the neighbors. The interment was in Groton cemetery. Besides the daughter mentioned, she leaves one granddaughter, Miss Marion Kemp, and one sister, Mrs. George H. Kemp, and some nephews and nieces.

Damaged by Wind Storm.

The gale of last week Friday and Saturday did not let Groton escape, but swept through the town with great velocity and fierceness. It gave us a feeling of utter helplessness as it blew high and blew low, shaking the buildings, whirling off shingles, blinds, eave-troughs, trellises, door steps and innumerable branches, which as they were hurled, broke panes or drove in windows. Some of these limbs fell on the electric lines and so put the lights out of commission in different places.

Whole trees were up-rooted or over-turned, as was done in the door yard of Mrs. Georgianna Dodge, and on the Col. Motley place; also, an oak at George Prescott's and one on the road to Pepperell, was thrown directly across the road. In the woods the continual crash of falling trees or branches could be heard. At Arthur Shattuck's the well house and heavy well stone were taken up and carried off near the roadside, another on Powder House road was treated in the same style and at the Graham place, now occupied by Miss Lovering, in the Brown Loaf neighborhood, the tall kitchen chimney was blown off close down even with the roof, a part of the roof of the barn on the R. A. Lawrence, or Tweed place, near Groton School, was torn off and placed elsewhere, and the Groton Inn sign, quite expensive and handsome, was blown down and broken in two pieces. These probably are only a few of the pranks played by the master wind, and were in parts of the town widely separated. There was no injury to man or beast that has been reported.

Baptist.

The annual business meeting, dinner and roll call of the Baptist church was held on Wednesday, January 8, with a good attendance, considering the weather. At the business meeting, practically the same officers as have been serving were chosen. The financial condition shows a balance in the treasury. The dinner was pronounced excellent by all who partook of it. More responses were made to the roll call than have been given for several years, a number being in letters from out-of-town members. A letter from Hubert A. Wright, who is serving the church as their pulpit supply, was read, sent by him from the Newton Theological seminary, where he is a student. The letter showed his remembrance and interest, and was appreciated. This annual gathering of the church was hopeful and encouraging in its outlook.

Grange.

The installation of Groton grange officers will be held in town hall on Tuesday evening, January 14, at eight o'clock. The installing officer is E. E. Chapman, overseer of the state grange. This meeting is an open one and the public is cordially invited. After the ceremony of installation the program of entertainment in charge of Mrs. E. O. Collier will be given as follows, but is not here in order of occurrence: Musical selections by quartet, composed of Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Gleason, G. S. Knapp, F. W. Chase; piano duet, Miss Carrie Stevens and Miss Margaret Benedict; selections on bells, Henry M. Adams; clarinet solo, Thomas F. Donahue, jr.; original poem, Mrs. E. A. Barrows, and sometime during the evening the audience will enjoy hearing vocal selections from E. E. Chapman, the installing officer of the evening, who is often called "the singing deputy." There are said to be some new features of interest connected with the installation exercises.

Neighborhood Club.

The Christmas festival of the Neighborhood club was held with Mrs. Marion Clough Sargent on Thursday afternoon, January 2. This gathering had been necessarily postponed from Christmas week. Thirty-five—and this included the fathers and children of the families—assembled for this annual festivity. For the entertainment there was a fine Christmas story very acceptably read by T. R. Clough, Mrs. Dickerman and children gave enjoyment by songs and recitations. Each one who had come brought some little gift. The hostess had arranged a festoon of evergreen, stretching across the room, and upon this had fastened the presents. Then blindfolding each one of the company, Mrs. Sargent led them separately to the festoon, where finding a present, it was clipped off and retained as his or her own. When the general opening up of presents was made there was any amount of laughter and fun. A bountiful supply of ice cream and cake was served previous to the home-going of the happy neighbors of this club, each one carrying home a bag full of home-made candy.

West Groton.

The Keystone club of West Groton will give a social dance in Squannacook hall on Wednesday evening, January 15. A good time is guaranteed. Music, Robbins' orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bates and daughter Louise spent Sunday with relatives in Fitchburg.

Frank Cottrell visited out-of-town for several days this week.

J. T. Shepley has been called to Sheldon, Vt., on business matters, and expects to remain for several weeks.

On Saturday of last week, William Laughlin, of Dedham, was a guest at the home of his cousin, Mrs. G. S. Webber. On Sunday morning he left for the Fernald farm in Groton.

Schools re-opened this week for the winter term.

Clinton Boutelle has been confined to the house for some days with an attack of the grippe.

Elmer Small is able to take short out-door walks, though still very lame as a result of the severe rheumatic attack with which he has been prostrated for several months.

Reported on the sick list this week have been Mrs. Earl Sleeper, Mrs. Andrew Jarvis, Mrs. Martha Tarbell and Mrs. M. E. Williams. We believe that all are convalescing.

Mrs. A. W. Adams has been quite seriously ill, suffering from nervous shock and severe pain following a dental operation. Mrs. J. L. Nutting has cared for her, and she is reported as much better.

Alfred Hill, of Shirley, a former resident, is now employed here.

We learn that we were misinformed as to the movements of Miss Kathleen McGowan, who is training in Waltham hospital, instead of the Massachusetts General, as reported last week.

Mrs. G. G. Harrington and daughter Virginia, accompanied by Mrs. Sullivan, of Pepperell, spent Thursday with Mrs. Madigan, of Fitchburg, Mrs. Harrington's sister.

Squannacook lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., postponed the installation of officers till their next regular meeting. At the last meeting, the following were initiated: Matthew Robinson, Andrew Blood, John Robinson, John Liacos, Warren Seems.

It is reported here that John Young, of Worcester, formerly master mechanic at Vose, has taken a position in Canada, and intends moving there.

The recent high winds were on mischief bent, it would seem. Trees and wires were toys with which they sought to play their pranks. Over the telephone came the conundrum "Where was Moses when the light went out?" We knew the answer for we were having a like trouble of our own. Then the telephone wires went on strike, and in darkness and silence we waited for the next joke. It skipped us and landed on Bixby hill, where it ceased to be a joke, and became a tragedy—to Andrew Blood's flock of hens. With their house turned completely upside down, the trees were their only refuge, an exceedingly breezy one.

The Christian Union Sunday school has organized as follows: G. H. Bixby, supt. and treas.; Richard Lawrence, asst. supt.; Mrs. G. H. Bixby, sec.; Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, Mrs. Charles Bixby, Mrs. Florence Briggs, Miss Bertha Bixby, Miss Sylvia Lawrence, Miss Lillian Harrington, teachers. At the annual church meeting, Miss Bertha Bixby was elected superintendent, but declined to serve in that capacity.

In organizing for 1913, the C. E. society made no change in its list of officers: Mrs. Florence Briggs, pres.; A. H. Thompson, v. p.; Miss Bertha Bixby, sec.; Richard Lawrence, treas.

In addition to the usual mid-week service held in the chapel, a social-religious service was held on Friday evening at E. K. Harrington's.

Andrew Blood and family moved on Wednesday from Bixby hill to the Herbert Brown house on Main street, owned by Miss Flora Kemp.

Miss Isabel Bixby is soon to return from her Carolina trip, having greatly enjoyed her stay. She is expected to arrive in Boston on Tuesday. A barrel of holly and mistletoe came from Carolina to West Groton as a yuletide remembrance and was shared by various friends of Miss Bixby.

A Frequent Prize Winner.

The School Arts magazine edited by Henry Turner Bailey, well-known to Groton teachers, has a department called "The school arts guild," to which pupils in all parts of the world may submit drawings and photographs in competition for prizes. In a recent contest, Tarbell school was represented by vegetable drawings, and among the winners from the thirty-two towns and cities of England, Canada and our own country, we find the following names: Provost Thompson 1st, Ruth Bixby 4th, Marion Parker, George Wolaver honorable mention. Four names from one small village school! Surely the pupils and their drawing instructor, Miss Bradley, of Gardner, have reason to be elated over their success. Provost has been a frequent prize winner in growing vegetables, and has now shown his ability to reproduce them on paper.

Annual Meeting.

The Ladies' Aid society held its annual meeting on Thursday and elected the following officers: Mrs. C. T. Spaulding, pres.; Mrs. Charles Bixby, v. p.; Mrs. C. L. Roy, sec. and treas.; Mrs. E. K. Harrington, chairman of directors; Mrs. G. H. Bixby, Mrs. A. L. Harrington, associate directors; Mrs. M. E. Williams, Mrs. C. L. Roy, Mrs. A. L. Harrington, relief com.; Mrs. G. H. Bixby, Mrs. Guy Wright, social com.; Mrs. C. T. Spaulding, Mrs. J. T. Trowbridge, Mrs. C. E. Bixby, Mrs Florence Briggs, literary and entertainment com. The society has had a very successful year, both from a social and financial standpoint. Its net receipts during the past year were about fifty dollars over those of 1911. Mrs. A. W. Lamb, the retiring president, was unanimously re-elected, but declined to serve. The next meeting will be held on January 23, with Mrs. L. G. Strand.

WESTFORD.

Death

Miss Sarah Richardson, who has been ill with pneumonia, died at her home on the Lowell road, Brookside, on last week Thursday at the age of 94 yrs. 6 mos. 19 days. She is the last of a family of eight children of Samuel and Emma (Fletcher) Richardson, and granddaughter of Jonathan and Lucy (Taylor) Fletcher. Her grandmother was a native of Dunstable, and her grandfather one of the numerous Fletchers of Westford.

Miss Richardson was born at the old homestead where she died, and where she lived practically all her life. Of the seven sisters and one brother comprising this family, five lived to be over eighty years, and three over ninety years old. Miss Richardson received her education at the old Stony Brook school, Westford academy, and Lawrence academy in Groton. Afterwards she taught school at the old Stony Brook school, Groton and Thetford, Vt.

She was one of the fast diminishing type of early New England life—tall and erect physically, and a wonderful retentive memory. In the realm of moral and religious, by temperament and self discipline, she belonged to the early New England Puritan type of life, a zealous and consistent believer in the New England Sabbath, Sunday school, church prayer meeting and bible. Her conversation and conduct at all times was "Yea, yea and nay, nay, for whatsoever is more than this cometh of evil."

As such she united with the Congregational church, Westford, seventy-five years ago, being the oldest member at the time of her death, and the oldest person in town but one. She is the last of those who united with the church at that time, and the last of the type of life so well nigh universal and interesting in the early life of this church. She never lost or abated interest in the church of her early choice and its requirements. She will long be remembered for her old-fashioned wisdom and her allegiance to an enlightened conscience.

The funeral took place from her home on Saturday afternoon, Rev. David Wallace, minister of the church of her choice, conducting the services. In tender devotion he reviewed her long and sturdy life and rugged personality. Appropriate seletions were sung by the quartet, Mrs. Charles D. Colburn, Miss Grace Lambert, Houghton G. Osgood and Rev. David Wallace. The bearers were J. Willard Fletcher, Amos B. Polley, Elmer E. Whidden and Claude W. Johnson.

Burial was in Fairview cemetery, beside kindred of many generations. As near relatives she leaves a niece, Miss Ella Wright, of Cleveland, Ohio, and the only relative to follow her to the cemetery, and a nephew, Charles Walter Wright, of Lagrange, Ill.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Mrs. John Piper and Mrs. Noah Wallace are on the sick list.

The Cooper's union are to give their eleventh annual concert and ball at Memorial hall on Friday evening, January 17. Fogg's ten-piece orchestra, of Brockton, will furnish the music and it will be their first appearance in town. An oyster and cold meat supper will be served during the evening.

Deaths.

Samuel A. Gillis died at the home of Mrs. Martha B. Hildreth on Wednesday morning from the effects of a shock which he had last May. He was fifty-six years old and has lived in Townsend for some time. He was a cooper by trade and until the last few years coopered, and also had the care of Memorial hall, when as janitor he was always pleasant and courteous to all, and prided himself in keeping good order in the hall during entertainments and dances. The funeral was held at the Congregational church on Friday afternoon, and was in charge of F. R. Jefts, noble grand of the North Star lodge of Odd Fellows, of which Mr. Gillis was a member. Rev. A. L. Struthers also officiated. The burial was in the Odd Fellows' lot. Mr. Gillis leaves one sister in Pennsylvania, whom he visited this summer, and a host of friends who will miss his genial joking words.

Daniel W. Andrews, an uncle of Mrs. Richard J. Hargraves, who has resided with them during the past year, died at his niece's home on School street, Thursday morning, aged seventy-three years. Mr. Andrews has lived in Shirley for many years, in fact nearly all his life, until coming to Townsend to live with his niece a short while ago. His health has gradually failed during these winter months until death ensued from weakness and a general breakdown. The funeral was held on this Saturday morning at the School street home and the body was taken to Shirley for burial.

Oren Bruce, of Ashby, who is well-known in this town, died at his home on Thursday morning from failing health due to a previous shock sustained some little time ago. Wilbur L. Bruce, his son, has been with him since he was taken worse, about a week ago. His sister, Miss Addie Bruce, and brother, Everett Bruce, of this town, have also been with him. The funeral will be held at the Baptist church, West Townsend, on Monday afternoon. Mr. Bruce married Miss Abbie Lewis, of this town, and they lived on School street, when first married. Two sons, besides his widow survive him—Burton L. Bruce, of Forest Hills, and Wilbur L. Bruce, of this town.

Harbor.

George Evans, of Lynn, was a mid-week guest of Harold Gray.

Miss Bernice Pitts, who has been a guest at Seven Pines, returned to her home in Maine on Monday.

A flock of robins was seen recently in town.

Miss Annie Keefe, former assistant in the Harbor store and postoffice, is studying at the Boston school of telegraphy.

On Wednesday night, Miss Myrtle Gray attended the second of a series of concerts given at the Fitchburg Normal school.

On Monday morning, Mr. Dana, the carpenter, left for his home in Vermont, where he will remain until March.

On Tuesday, Mark Leadbetter was taken to the Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. Notwithstanding a comfortable night, on Wednesday morning Mr. Leadbetter grew worse so rapidly that his wife and son Hubert were hastily summoned. Before noon, however, the patient began to rally, and from that time has continued to improve. Thursday noon, Mrs. Leadbetter and son returned to their home. Later in the afternoon word was received that Mr. Leadbetter's name had been removed from the dangerous list.

The first surprise party of the winter was given Arthur W. Cartland on Wednesday evening by Mrs. Cartland and her sister. Mr. Cartland was unaware of the honor to be conferred upon him until he was ushered into the parlor, where a goodly number of neighbors were assembled to help make merry the twenty-third anniversary of his birth. After the exchange of greetings and the "surprised feeling" had somewhat abated, Mr. Cartland graciously assumed the role of host, and assisted in carrying out the program for the evening's entertainment. There were several tables of whist and pit. After the games, ice cream and cake were served. At a late hour the guests departed, each in turn wishing their host many happy returns of the day.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Carl Swanson is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Lucy Porter spent last week with her sisters in Waltham and Framingham.

Mabel Wetherbee spent the week-end with her cousins in Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Barteau gave a card party Thursday evening to celebrate the anniversary of their marriage.

Mrs. John Whitcomb and Mrs. Livermore spent part of the week in Boston.

Miss Zaidee Brown, agent for the free public library commission, made a visit to the library Monday morning and in the afternoon met the trustees and others interested in books and library work.

Charles Sherry, youngest son of Mrs. John Sherry of this town, and Miss Annie Williams of Acton were married at Maynard Wednesday, January 8. They will begin housekeeping in the Nelson Cobleigh tenement.

Mrs. Earl Littlefield is visiting in Melrose.

Charles Woodward died at his home in West Acton last week. He had many friends here as he married here and lived here many years. He leaves a wife and a son and daughter. He is buried in this town.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Miss Marion E. Fowle, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades, left town to spend the week-end at her home in Amherst, N. H.

Eddie J. Tremblay has given up his position this week-end in the weaving department of the C. A. Edgarton Company, and contemplates going south for his health.

Mrs. Frank W. Snell, of Center road, entertained a few friends at her home on Wednesday evening. A card contest was indulged in, Miss Margaret Love winning the first prize, and William A. Daley the booby. Refreshments were served and the evening most enjoyably spent.

Levi W. Phelps, of Ayer, has purchased the pine woodlot at the North owned by Melzer Farnsworth.

Theodore Thompson, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Thompson, at the North, is confined to his home with the jaundice.

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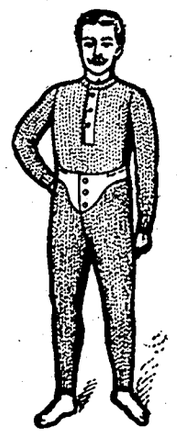

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AYER.

News Items.

Frank Abbott, employed at the New Union house, was struck on the head on last week Friday afternoon by the sign in front of Brown's drug store, the sign being blown down by the high wind. Abbott received a slight scalp wound, which was treated at the store.

Chief of Police Beatty, Edward O. Proctor, James H. Shea and Daniel M. Donahue went to Lowell on Wednesday to testify before the Middlesex grand jury in the case of Richard Gaskell, alias John Richards, whom it is alleged broke, entered and committed larceny at Mr. Proctor's garage on the night of November 5, last.

The Loyal Temperance Legion will meet at the Baptist vestry on next Thursday evening, directly after school.

The traveling show troupe which had such hard luck here two weeks ago, was last heard from in Greenville, N. H. According to the story from that town, when the janitor of the hall where the performance was to take place, tried to collect the rent, he found that the company had not only any money, but that some of the scenery was held elsewhere for debt. Chief of Police Donovan was called and upon learning the circumstances, advised the janitor to compromise, which he did by taking four dollars, which the manager of the show managed to get somewhere. The manager was told that it might be wise to leave by the first train the next morning to avoid unpleasant consequences. The company was housed for the night by a kind-hearted Samaritan of Greenville, named Moses Champagne.

The Ladies' Social Gathering will meet at the home of Mrs. Lyman Clark on Tuesday afternoon, January 14, at three o'clock.

John H. Hooley and Elisha D. Stone have been drawn as jurors and will report at the session of the criminal court which opens at East Cambridge on Monday morning.

Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, department installing officer, installed the officers of the Woman's Relief Corps at Orange on last week Friday evening.

The story of the photographs of the past and present members of the George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., of this town, which appeared in this paper last week, was very pleasing to the members of the organization and their many friends.

Mrs. Edith Gass underwent a successful operation for gall stones at the Groton hospital on last Saturday.

The Civic club basketball team has disbanded owing to the lack of patronage to support it. Several teams will be formed of the classes at the high school, one of which is expected to play at Westford this Saturday.

The following is taken from a recent issue of "The Casket," published in New York: "E. M. Healey has opened an establishment on West Main street in Ayer, which he has fitted up attractively. Mr. Healey was assistant to C. M. Hickey, of Brockton, for six years, and is well qualified as an embalmer and funeral director." Mr. Hickey, who was formerly in Brockton, is considered by undertakers to the one of the best in the state.

The Edward Everett Hale club met with Kendall Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Pierce, on Monday evening. Lunch was served. The club at the last meeting was admitted to the Lend-a-hand society, which has its headquarters in Boston.

Thomas E. Whitaker, jr., the local electrical contractor, is at work making changes in the wiring at Geo. H. Brown's, Harlow & Parsons', the bank building and other places in town so that they will conform to the insurance regulations.

Dr. Frank S. Bulkeley, medical examiner, was called to the Groton School on Thursday afternoon to view the body of Philip Nichols, of Lowell, a senior at the school, who was killed on Thursday in a coasting accident.

A fine oil portrait of the late Miss Hortense Butterfield, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Butterfield, occupies a place in the window of George H. Brown's drug store. The artist is Miss Noble Ives, of New York city.

Past Worthy President William F. Fitzgerald, assisted by John D. Carney, installed the following officers of Ayer Junction Aerie, F. O. E., on Thursday evening: Martin Scullane, pres.; M. F. Fitzgerald, v. p.; C. A. Lothrop, chap.; J. J. Horan, sec.; W. J. Donlon, treas.; Gragg Johnson, i. g.; J. T. Sherman, o. g.; Dr. L. D. Sullivan, Patrick Cheasty, Fred O'Clair, trustees. After the installation, the members enjoyed a social time.

Daniel Hogan, of Lowell, Middlesex county vice president, assisted by Charles A. McCarthy, of this town, installed the following officers of Division 7, A. O. H., at the regular meeting on Tuesday evening: F. B. Sullivan, pres.; J. P. Walsh, v. p.; J. F. Ryan, r. s.; J. J. Horan, sec.; David Walsh, s.; Patrick Pender, s. a. A social hour followed the exercises.

Miss Sarah T. Tuten, treasurer of the savings bank, is still very ill of pneumonia at her home on Nashua street, and is under the care of a trained nurse.

Mrs. A. G. Downing, who went to the Groton hospital on Monday for treatment for appendicitis, is expected home on Friday or Saturday of this week. An examination showed that there was no necessity of an operation at this time.

The ladies of St. Andrew's guild held a successful food sale last week Friday afternoon.

E. O. Proctor and George L. Donahue leave Sunday morning for New York city to attend the automobile show and expect to return on next Thursday evening.

The first of a series of social afternoons to be given under the auspices of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance took place on Thursday at the home of Mrs. O. P. Robinson, on Pleasant street. There was a good sized gathering. There were tables for those who enjoyed whist, while many of the ladies were busy with sewing of various kinds.

The Sunday school of the Unitarian church will meet at noon on Sunday, and the Y. P. R. U. at six in the evening. At this meeting Miss Rebecca Pierce will be leader.

Three days more work next week will complete the Whitcomb two-tenement house on Fletcher street, and when occupied by families there is very much need of a street electric light near there, as it is very dark at that part of the street, as the electric lights are very far apart in that vicinity.

Walter W. Manning, formerly of this town, has been appointed advertising director of the McClure publications in charge of all the advertising interests of McClure's magazine and the Ladies' World. When Mr. Manning became connected with the business interests of the McClure Company he was traveling representative for McClure's magazine, and afterwards was given charge of the advertising of the Ladies' World. He made such progress in the handling of that publication of the McClure Company that he has now entire charge of the business of both the publications, with it, a large increase in salary.

The business office of the Haynes-Piper Company has been within a few days moved from what was the old brick paint shop of the Ames Plow Company to the new building that has been erected under the supervision of the manager, Ruel P. Lougee, who has very convenient and commodious quarters that are in every respect up to the times. The electric wiring of the new building has been done by Thomas E. Whitaker, jr., and electricians, who have inspected the electric wiring pronounce it equal to that done in the large cities, and that it is a fine piece of work. All of the wires are enclosed in conduit so that there is no possible chance of any danger from fire.

Mrs. Jennie Gavin, of Watertown, installed these officers of Ladies' Auxiliary No. 24, at a regular meeting on Thursday evening: Miss Mary Skerret, pres.; Mrs. Maude Sullivan, v. p.; Miss Kate McCarthy, treas.; Miss Susie Neylan, r. s.; Miss Hattie Cullinan, f. s.; Mrs. W. J. Mullin, sen.; Miss Mary Carrigan, s. a. Refreshments were served after installation.

Mary L. Walsh, alias Minnie L. Charter, and Richard Gaskell, alias John Richards, were indicted by the Middlesex grand jury at Lowell this week for breaking and entering E. O. Proctor's garage on November 5, last, and the larceny of goods therefrom. The trial will take place sometime next week.

On Thursday, two of our officers went all over the town to see whether or not the town by-law regarding the cleaning of the sidewalks of snow had been kept. As they were passing the house of one our prominent citizens on Pleasant street, the aforesaid citizen said that he noticed that there were no bells on the sleigh in which they were riding, as required by law, which looked rather bad for the officers. Upon investigation the officer who had charge of the outfit said that there was one bell on the sleigh, but for some reason or other it failed to ring. It is said that the officers were going slow, to avoid the possibility of breaking the speed law, that there was not sufficient movement in the sleigh to make the solitary bell jingle.

Thursday fire was drawn for the last time from the boilers at the Ayer electric light plant. The plant will be kept here only to be used in case of emergency. Day service is now set for January 18.

The members of the Ayer Woman's club are reminded that tickets for gentlemen's night may be obtained of the custodian, Mrs. William Brown. A novel program is offered for the evening's entertainment following the reception. Miss Pe-ahm-e-squeet, a Chippewa Indian maiden, will speak on Indian songs and customs, and give various Indian dances peculiar to her tribe. She will be assisted by Herbert Seiler, pianist.

Last Tuesday, George Moore, hailing from Worcester, a lad of twelve, came to Ayer on a trip of observation, and while here he entered the Globe hotel and took from the room of Arthur Boudreau a gold watch and chain valued at sixty dollars, and a sweater belonging to his room-mate, Joseph Carboni, and other articles of clothing are missing. Chief Beatty was notified of the loss, and ever on the alert, followed up the case of theft and he telephoned to this paper on Friday afternoon from Clinton as we were going to press that he had found the gold watch and chain.

W. E. Murphy leaves next week to attend the automobile show in New York city.

L. W. Phelps purchased on last Tuesday of Melzer Farnsworth, a woodlot of fifteen acres in Woodsville, of a very old growth of pine, some of the trees measuring five feet at the butt.

George A. Hartshorn, a former resident of Ayer, died at his home in Clinton on December 28, aged 69 yrs. 7 mos. 23 days. Mr. Hartshorn was engaged in the liquor business in the basement of the Union house twenty years ago. He was engaged in the tonic business in Clinton until two years ago, when he retired.

George O. Fillebrown, who was formerly cashier at the freight office, is now a traveling auditor for the Boston and Maine railroad. He commenced his duties on Wednesday. John L. Markham takes the position of cashier vacated by Mr. Fillebrown, and his brother, M. E. Markham, takes his position as clerk.

A petition has been in circulation by patrons of the Greenville branch of the Boston and Maine railroad to have the leaving time for the Greenville train from this station in the afternoon restored to its original schedule, one o'clock. The time was later changed to 1.37, so as to connect with the express from Boston, and when the time of the express was later changed, the time of the branch train was again changed till two o'clock. The petition will no doubt be granted.

On account of the protracted illness of Rev. Paul M. Hillman, it has become necessary for him to resign as pastor of the Methodist church. The district superintendent has appointed Rev. Clyde L. Nevins, who has been supplying during Mr. Hillman's absence, to fill the unexpired term of the latter. Pursuant to this appointment, Mr. Nevins will conduct the prayer meeting on Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock, as well as preach morning and evening on Sunday. The subject for Sunday morning will be "Our purpose," and of the evening, "Co-operation."

The fifth in the series of "What happened to Mary," will be given in Page hall on Saturday evening in the moving pictures. Other first-class reels will also be shown. Mr. Luther, a singer, from Boston, will entertain with different songs during the evening.

Tickets will go on sale at Eli W. Carley store on Saturday morning for "The colonel's maid," a three-act comedy given by Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., under the direction of Mrs. C. R. White, of Shirley. Rehearsals have been going on for some time and it will be worth going to see. The show will start promptly at eight o'clock. The cast of characters is comprised of the following persons:

Col. Robert Rudd....A. A. Fillebrown
Col. Richard Byrd.....Eli W. Carley
Marjorie Byrd.....Miss Grace Murphy
Bob Rudd.....Raymond Wright
Mrs. J. John Carroll
Mrs. Daisy Beckford
Julia Carroll..Mrs. Helen R. Reynolds
Ned Graydon.....Frederick T. Auld
Mr. James Baskom..Frederick T. Auld
Ching-ah-Ling.....Clifford Shedd

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending January 6: Ester Keiser, Mrs. Frank Pelote, George H. Tenney, Mrs. George Teter, Mrs. Walter Whitman.

Considerable Damage Done.

The wind storm on last week Friday and Saturday did considerable damage in town, but no very serious effects were felt. Several trees were blown down and many limbs of other trees were broken off. A large tree in Woodlawn cemetery gave away before the terrible force of the wind, but did no damage to any of the grave stones or any other property. At Sandy pond, several of the pine trees near the residence of Michael Daly, superintendent for the Boston Ice Company, were blown down.

A large elm just above Calvin Blood's house on Washington street, caught fire by one of the wires of the Ayer Electric Light Company striking it, and for a time blew the sparks in a threatening way toward Mr. Blood's house. The neighbors were somewhat uneasy until the arrival of Superintendent Lester Whitcomb, of the electric light company, who removed the wire, and later the large limb that the wire nearly burned through, was sawed off.

The wind put the electric lights out of commission on Friday and Saturday nights, most of the wires being either down or crossed by the terrific force of the wind, although the employees worked hard to right matters.

The telephone company also had a hard time with the storm, but the service was not greatly impaired. Henry E. Farnum, wire chief, and a force of men were on the jump all the time, and by Sunday evening the service was restored to its normal conditions.

Both the Fitchburg & Leominster and the Lowell & Fitchburg street railway companies were not affected by the storm, and made their regular trips on schedule time, although the steam car service was delayed.

A large section of the tin roof on Page block was torn off by the wind. The large sign in front of William Brown's drug store was blown down and broke the large front window. A smaller sign in front of the store of George S. Poulius & Co., was also torn from its fastenings, but did no damage.

Residents of the town who can recall events of fifty to sixty years ago, say that the wind was by far the worst that they had ever experienced. On the exposed places, such as the hill section district, the wind attained the speed of a hurricane and it seems almost a miracle that more damage did not result from the storm.

Claims Brother Was Murdered.

Edward M. Roth, the brother of the man whose remains were found in the woods near the Harvard town line four weeks ago, called on Chief Beatty last Sunday in regard to the case. As a result of the action of the dead man's brother, an investigation was made by the police, but nothing further could be learned from that given in the report of Frank S. Bulkeley, medical examiner, a few days after the remains were found.

The brother, however, is far from satisfied at such a solution of the mystery and declares that his brother must have been murdered. He told Chief Beatty last Sunday that he had learned of a man going with his brother to Ayer, and from there to New York city, but Roth, upon being pressed by the chief as to whom the person was, could tell nothing about it.

Roth also stated that his brother left his home in Jamaica Plain on the evening of August 6, last, on his vacation, and that he cannot possibly conceive how his brother would voluntarily go to where the body was found. Another thing Roth said, was that he is utterly at a loss to explain why the dead man should wear a jumper, such as was found on the remains, as he never wore one at any time, even about his work.

After a lengthy conversation Mr. Beatty told Roth that if he could furnish any information that would throw any light on the subject that the police would gladly make a further investigation. Mr. Roth asked to be taken to the place where the remains were found, as he wished to look over the ground. He was taken there by Officer William J. Mullin on Sunday afternoon.

Storm Damages Electric Wires.

Considerable damage was done to the wires of the Ayer Electric Light company last week Friday and Saturday nights by the terrific wind storm that swept the town in its fury.

Employees of the company received little rest on these two nights for they were busily engaged in repairing breaks caused by falling branches and swinging tree trunks. Every effort possible was made to keep the service going in spite of the adversity met through the uncontrollableness of the elements. The result was that the company was able to keep all the service in working order with the exception of the street lights which were out until nine o'clock each evening.

Many people undoubtedly wondered what the trouble was but will immediately understand how impossible it was for the company to keep all branches of its service in working order.

As the street light system is the one most exposed to the weather, it was naturally the one to suffer the most.

Deaths.

Mrs. Adeline Martha Butterfield died at her home on Pond street on last Sunday afternoon at 3.45 o'clock after a five-days' illness of arterio sclerosis and heart disease. Mrs. Butterfield was one of the eight children of Maj. K. and Rebecca (Staples) Harrod, of Still River, where she was born on January 17, 1826. She was therefore within a few days of her eighty-seventh year at the time of her death.

She was married to Henry Butterfield, of Hollis, N. H., on February 15, 1849. They lived for a time in the part of Lancaster which was later set off into the present town of Clinton, where Mr. Butterfield conducted a livery stable business and where he was for twelve years a deputy sheriff of Worcester county. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield moved to Harvard, where he engaged in farming. They came to Ayer twenty-seven years ago. Mr. Butterfield died here in 1905.

Mrs. Butterfield, when young, had traveled extensively and was widely known in various parts of the country. Until the end of her long and useful life she kept constantly in touch with the events of the world by the aid of newspapers and books. She was a remarkably well preserved lady and maintained her mental facilities unimpaired until the end.

Mrs. Butterfield was a charter member of the Ayer Woman's club, but was obliged to give up her membership several years ago. She was also one of those who formed the Unitarian Woman's Alliance in this town.

She leaves a brother, Henry R. Harrod, of Still River; a son, Dr. Edwin Bynner Butterfield, and a daughter, Miss Emma Butterfield, both of Ayer.

The funeral was held at 1.30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon from her late home, Rev. Eugene Grant, of Wilton, N. H., a friend of the family, performed the religious services. The bearers were Arthur H. Turner, of Harvard; Elisha D. Stone, of Ayer; Howard D. Stone, of Still River, and William Harrod, of Boston, all nephews of the deceased.

The interment took place in the Center cemetery, Harvard, by the side of her late husband. The funeral was largely attended by people from here and other places.

Among those present from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Worcester, of Hollis, N. H.; Mrs. Eben Mann, of Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. William R. Brown, of Leominster; Mrs. William Stone, of Waltham; William Harrod, of Boston, and Mrs. Harriet A. Carleton, of Andover.

The floral pieces were many and beautiful and bore silent and effective testimony of the love the donors had for their deceased friend. A particularly beautiful wreath was sent by the young people of the Unitarian church at Harvard, with which Mrs. Butterfield was connected. The work which she done was valued so highly that even these members who lived in a generation after her, appreciated the work she had done by paying the silent tribute to her memory.

Mrs. Benjamin Ford, who was before her marriage Miss Hannah Jane Copp, daughter of Jonathan Copp, a former resident of this town, and where Mrs. Ford was born, died in Brockton on Thursday, December 26. Burial was in that city on Sunday afternoon, December 29. Mrs. Ford was sixty-eight years of age and leaves a husband and three daughters, who are all married and reside in Brockton. Mrs. Ford was a sister of Mrs. Chas. E. Morrison, of Laconia, N. H., who attended the funeral with her husband, and her daughter, Mrs. Albert M. Phelps. Mrs. Ford was a resident of this town for a number of years before leaving here thirty years ago, and while here carried on a millinery and dressmaking business.

District Court.

Frank Adams, who has no regular home, pleaded guilty of larceny of clothing and jewelry from the house of Timothy P. Cleary, of Ayer, and on last Saturday morning he was sentenced to four months in the house of correction at East Cambridge. In response to the usual question of the court when a defendant is not represented by counsel, as to whether he wished to say anything in his own behalf, Adams stated that he knew nothing of what happened, as he was under the influence of liquor when he committed the theft. He asked Judge Atwood to deal as leniently with him as possible, as he had just finished a term of thirty days in the Fitchburg jail, and that he would try and do better in the future. The sentence was then imposed.

Wedding.

A very pretty wedding took place on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Sanderson on Columbia street, when their daughter, Eunice Marguerite, and Ralph C. Bosworth, of Holyoke, were united in marriage. Only the immediate families were present. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Mr. Duncan, of Clinton, who performed the same service for the bride's parents. The bride graduated from the Ayer high school in 1909, and has since been employed in the telephone office. The groom is a civil engineer The bride wore white crepe meteor and carried white roses and lilies-of-the-valley. She was unattended. The double ring service was used. The wedding ceremony was followed by a supper. Mr. and Mrs. Bosworth will take a fortnight trip and on their return are to reside in Springfield.

Woman's Alliance.

A very pleasant meeting of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance took place on last week Friday afternoon. The gathering was held in the vestry of the church, which was made very attractive with evergreen, rugs and chairs, and the pretty dishes used at the lunch. The hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Susan M. Barker, Mrs. Loretta Graves and Mrs. Lois E. Porter. The afternoon opened with a brief business meeting, at which Mrs. Lyman Clark was president pro tem in the absence from illness of the president, Mrs. Avis B. Fisher. The literary part of the program was conducted by Mrs. Barker, who introduced Mrs. Claude W. Gilson, of Wellesley Hills, as speaker. Mrs. Gilson is an enthusiastic Alliance worker, an easy and pleasant speaker, and has had an interesting experience, having been for several years president of the New York League of Unitarian Women. Her address was greatly enjoyed by all. It was followed by a fine piano solo by Miss Madolin Whitney, after which refreshments were served by the hostesses and a social hour enjoyed.

New Electric Lines.

The special committee of the legislature which has been making an investigation of the needs for electric car service throughout the state have made their report. Among other things in the way of building new roads, the committee favors the build- of a line from Clinton to Ayer, which has been much discussed, particularly during the past year. The other lines which have been proposed which are of particular interest in this section is the much discussed line from Clinton to Sterling, from Ashby to Ashburnham. The line from Townsend to Fitchburg was also discussed by the committee, but nothing is said in the report concerning it. These lines, if built would be tributaries of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, which under the conditions of the so-called western trolley merger bill would be consolidated into the New Haven system. This company is willing to spend $5,000,000 in the work recommended by the committee.

Masonic Installation.

The installation of Caleb Butler lodge last Monday evening was another of the delightful occasions which come every year. Over two hundred brothers and guests sat down to a generous supper at seven o'clock, furnished by Caterer Bigelow. Shortly after eight o'clock all assembled in the lodge room and the guests were welcomed by the retiring master, Warren L. Preble, who surrendered his chair to Augustus A. Fillebrown, the installing officer of the evening.

Wor. Bro. Charles F. Johnson, as marshal, then presented the new officers for 1913, who were installed as follows: Warren H. Fairbank, m.; Bertram H. Hopkins, s. w.; Philip R. Andrew, j. w.; George H. Bixby, treas.; Elson H. Bigelow, sec.; Stephen N. Lougee, chap.; Warren L. Preble, m.; Harrison E. Evans, s. d.; Frederick Ruso, j. d.; Charles E. Perrin, s. stew.; William R. Reynolds, j. stew.; George F. Buxton, i. s.; Ellis B. Harlow, organist; Eli W. Carley, tyler.

After the officers were proclaimed the installing officer asked all Masons to rise and join in silent devotions to the memory of those brothers who have died during the year, which was made more impressive by the rendering of a selection by the Temple Male quartet, of Boston. The entertainment consisted of selections by the quartet, and readings by Miss Edith Arey, of Boston, who sustained the good opinion of her work established at former visits here.

The work of installation was up to the high standard set by those who performed it, and altogether the evening was one of continued pleasure.

Rough Passage.

The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Richmond Fisk and their daughter, Mrs. Edwin B. Butterfield, will be pleased to learn that they arrived safely at Jacksonville, Fla., on Monday evening. They left Boston on last week Tuesday by the Somerset boat of the Merchants and Miners line. They had good sailing weather until they left Norfolk, Va. Considerable anxiety was felt for their safety when the news of the great storm along the coast reached here, the concern of their friends increased, and it appears from word received by Dr. Edwin B. Butterfield from Dr. Fisk that their anxiety was fully justified.

The boat left Norfolk an hour before the storm signals were displayed and the crew consequently knew nothing of the danger which the boat was facing. They ran into the teeth of the storm and for a time it was thought that the boat and all on board would go to the bottom of the sea. The boat rocked and tossed fearfully and many of the passengers put on life preservers to be ready for the emergency. The passengers and even the officers of the boat were sea sick, which gives an idea of the roughness of the passage..

Some of the passengers were nearly in a panic. The officers of the boat said it was the worst storm they ever experienced. The boat successfully weathered the storm, but, was two days late in reaching its destination.

Lost in Transit.

The new steel bridge which will, at some uncertain future time take the place of the wooden structure which was condemned at Mitchellville, appears to about as near here as when it was ordered, nearly four months ago. According to advices from the Canton Bridge Company, of Canton, Ohio, of whom the new bridge was purchased, the bridge was shipped from there on October 12, last, and since that time it appears to be completely lost sight of. The old bridge was torn down some time ago, although it was closed to travel early last summer, as it was supposed by the selectmen of the towns of Ayer and Shirley, which are jointly interested, both financially and otherwise, that the new structure would be here long ago.

The closing of the bridge to teams and other traffic for such a long time is a good deal of inconvenience to those in either town who have occasion to use it, but the responsibility appears to rest upon others than the officials of the towns who have done their part toward getting the bridge here.

Some of our citizens think that the bridge will arrive about the time that the town gets the twenty-four hour service from the electric light company, which is anxiously awaited.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Hannah Polari, a seventeen-year-old girl, appeared at Fitchburg on last Saturday and answered to a complaint alleging the larceny of money and also of being stubborn. Another complaint was entered by Constable Fred Reed, of Littleton, for the larceny of several articles of clothing and a watch from Frank D. Layton, her former employer. Upon trial she was found guilty and put on probation for four months, at the termination of which period the defendant will receive her sentence from the judge. She returned the stolen property to Mr. Layton and forwarded to him a letter of apology.

The young people of Littleton early discovered the good coasting and skating, and have lost no time in improving their opportunities for healthful, invigorating sport on the hills and ponds.

Franklin Hall, who lives at Austin T. Kimball's, has been sick in bed and required the services of the doctor for a week past.

At the big Boston poultry show, the greatest of the kind ever held in America, Columbian Wyandotte pullets from the Harwood farm in Littleton were awarded first prize.

Elmer B. Canney has severed his connections with the firm of R. J. Munn & Bros. of Boston, for whom he has worked the last eight years, and has accepted a similar position with Bowditch & Clapp company, wholesale dealers in millinery goods, Boston, beginning with the new year.

Mrs. Wallace Robinson has a form of grippe that has kept her housed for two weeks.

Miss Augusta Nye is recovering from an illness of several weeks' duration.

The Athletic association of the Littleton high school will give an entertainment in the town hall, January 31.

A new time schedule for trains on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine railroad will go into effect Monday, January 13. Better look up the time for trains and not trust to luck.

Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence royally entertained the members of the Woman's club drama cast at her pleasant home on King street last Saturday evening. Nearly everyone who had a speaking part in the drama was present and each took some part in the literary and musical entertainment of the evening, the hostess herself appearing in Japanese costume and reciting a most amusing Japanese poem with the artistic effect of a professional elocutionist. Ices and wafers were served and a social dance completed one of the most delightful occasions of the season.

Death.

Littleton friends were surprised and grieved to learn of Mrs. Susie B. Robbins' death at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Whitcomb, in Chelmsford, which occurred December 31, after a long and painful sickness. Throughout her suffering she exhibited the same patience and courage that characterized her whole life.

Mrs. Robbins was born forty-two years ago and when a young girl moved with her parents to Littleton, where Mr. Whitcomb was employed for many years by the Avery Chemical company.

In 1894 Miss Whitcomb was married to Herbert L. Robbins of Pingreyville, son of Benjamin Robbins, and the bridal couple went to Chicago, where the groom held the position of foreman in the Illinois cay shops. After a few years his health failed and with Mrs. Robbins he moved to Adrian, Mich., where he died in 1908. Mrs. Robbins returned East with the remains, which were laid to rest in Westlawn cemetery. After his death she made her home with her parents who had, in the meantime, bought a farm in Chelmsford and moved to that town.

The funeral services were held from the home January 2 and were attended by many relatives and friends of the deceased. Floral tributes were profuse and very beautiful. Interment was in the family lot in Westlawn cemetery, Littleton.

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Ayer, Mass., January 7, 1912.

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

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

The installation of officers for the year 1913 of the Société l'Assomption took place at the regular meeting of the society on last week Friday evening. The following is a list of those installed: Rev. J. H. Cote, chap.; John J. Chaisson, chan.; Sylvester Thomas, pres.; William Gionet and Frank Thomas, vice pres.; Michael G. Gionet, fin. sec.; Marshall Gionet, cor. sec.; Joseph Gionet and Michael Bolger, guards-at-arms; John Langlais, John J. Chaisson, Alex P. Gionet, auds. John J. Chaisson, of the Shirley court, presided at the installation, assisted by Willie Bolger.

Frank C. Brockelman, who has been confined to home with a hard cold, is some better.

A pansy with a cluster of blossoms was picked from the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Marshall the first of the week by Miss Sadie Hurley, Mrs. Marshall's maid, and quite a number of pansy blossoms were also in evidence in the garden, which is something very exceptional for the month of January.

Mrs. Inez Sawyer, who was taken very seriously ill on last Sunday, giving her family and friends quite a scare, is decidedly better.

Mrs. Emma Kane, assistant in the home of Mrs. Hattie Shearer for the past year, has gone to Sheldon Falls, where she will make her home in the future.

Henry O. Dow, a resident of this town for the past twenty years, left on Monday for the home of his aunt in Franklin, N. H., where he will make his future home. Mr. Dow is broken down in health and leaves Shirley with the best wishes of the townspeople for a speedy recovery.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will install officers at its regular meeting on Monday evening, Edward H. Harlow, d. d. g. m., and suite, of Leominster being the installing officers. Two of the grand lodge officers will be present and address the members. A collation and entertainment will follow the installation ceremony, and the evening promises to be one of enjoyment. Every member is requested to be present. Supper will be served at eight o'clock sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. William Porter, of Almeda, Cal., spent a couple of days last week with Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant. Mr. and Mrs. Porter sailed on last Saturday morning for an extended trip of three months through Europe, which will include Egypt. Mr. Porter, who is a brother of Mrs. J. G. Conant, is on a business trip to the old world.

Elmer H. Allen started on Tuesday for New York city on a business trip and will return home the first of next week. Mrs. Allen will spend the time during Mr. Allen's absence in Boston with her daughter, Mrs. Dana B. Somes.

The officers of Harvard lodge, I. O. O. F., of Harvard, were duly installed on Monday evening by Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, d. d. g. m., and suite, which consisted of S. B. Haynes, of Still River; Harlan B. Howe, of Lunenburg; Harry E. Tower, of Fitchburg; Richard Pomfret, J. Edwin Pomfret and George W. Balch, of Shirley.

George J. L. Colby, of Mitchellville, has sold his place where he has resided for the past five years, to A. B. Lunn, of Boston. Mr. Colby, who is a music teacher, has gone to live in Boston.

Miss Arline Wilbur has returned to her school duties at Cushing academy.

Stanley F. White has returned to Yale college, where he is a student.

Walter and Arthur Desmond have returned to Manchester, N. H., the former to St. Antholom college, and the latter to St. Antholom high school.

Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon is at Keene, N. H., visiting her father, who is critically ill.

George E. Byram's telephone number has been changed to 15-3, instead of 15-2.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rivers spent last Sunday at the home of his brother in South Acton.

Mrs. Michael Day, with daughter Gertrude and son Frank, went to Boston on Wednesday to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Mary Kelly, which took place on Thursday.

Miss Edith Conant returned on last Saturday to Chicago.

Miss Grace M. Kilbourn entertained on last Sunday a former school teacher of this town, Miss Ethel L. Stratton, of Watertown, where she is the editor of the local paper.

Burt Seymour, a former employee of the C. A. Edgarton Company, has moved his household goods and family to Worcester.

The ladies of the Universalist church are planning a poverty ball to be held in Odd Fellows' hall on Friday evening, January 31.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., held its regular meeting on Monday evening with Mrs. Cynthia Lynch and Miss Minnie L. Hobbs. Mrs. Laura Hobbs, Mrs. Etta Holland and Mrs. Alice L. Wright were guests of the evening. Business consisted mostly of correspondence to be read and acted upon. The following entertainment was in charge of Miss Mary Park and Mrs. Ella F. Lawrence: Piano duet, Mrs. Bessie Collyer and Miss Annie Park Holbrook; readings, Miss Lena Fuller; vocal duets, Mrs. Bessie Collyer and Miss Nina Holbrook, Miss Annie Holbrook, accompanist. Mrs. Lynch read one of her very interesting stories, "The golden web of the King's Daughters." It was one of the most interesting meetings of the chapter. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Rev. J. H. Coté, parish priest at St. Anthony's church gave his annual report at the church service last Sunday for the year 1912. A large audience was present. The report showed that the sum of $1500 had been paid on the church debt last year. The net receipts from all sources during the year was $4,575. The church is now in debt to the amount of $10,000. The property of the parish, which comprises the church, convent and parochial house, cost $35,400. This makes a total of $25,400 which the parishioners have subscribed since the church was dedicated in June, 1905, besides meeting all current expenses. Mr. Coté took this opportunity to kindly thank his people for the good work they done in so brief a time, and encouraged them to continue in the good work.

The regular monthly social, supper and entertainment was held at the Universalist church on Wednesday evening under the direction of the Ladies' Aid society of the church. Supper was served at seven o'clock under the direction of the following committee: Mrs. Laura Ballou, Mrs. Carrie Tilden, Mrs. Lydia Binney and Mrs. Lavonne Edgarton. The waiters were Austin Fish, Arthur Annis, Frank Wheeler and Hazel Ballou. The following program of entertainment was given: Selections by Ladies' quartet, of Littleton; recitation, Miss Bertha Weeks; piano solo, Mrs. Page; selections by Ladies' quartet, of Littleton; piano and 'cello, Edward J. Colburn and Fred Saboll; reading, Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen; selections by Ladies' quartet, of Littleton.

Mrs. John Babb received by parcel post this week one dozen eggs from North Bridgton, Me. The eggs were packed in an ordinary pasteboard box. Three of the eggs were faintly cracked, but aside from this the eggs were in good shape.

A number from Shirley will attend the performance of "The colonel's maid," at Ayer on Tuesday evening, January 14, which will be given under the direction of Mrs. Charles R. White, of this town. "The colonel's maid" is being presented under the auspices of the Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S.

The Shakespeare club held its regular fortnightly meeting with Mrs. Abbie J. Wells on Tuesday afternoon, eight of the members being present. The teacher, Mrs. Andrew H. Pratt, of Fitchburg, was present, and the play, "A winter's tale," was read and studied.

Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, who has been confined to home with sickness for the past few weeks, is improving very slowly.

Lenten Ward and Clayton Wells have returned to their studies at the University of Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arsenault, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boucher and Frank Arsenault, all of Leominster, were week-end guests in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gionet and Patrick and Frank Gionet, of Roxbury, were visitors in town on last Sunday.

The members of l'Union St. Jean Baptisté will install officers on Saturday afternoon, January 11, at four o'clock.

Open Meeting.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening, January 13. Supper will be served at 6.30 in the vestry. At the close of the supper hour an address will be given by Ex-representative Frank H. Pope, of Leominster. The president of the Brotherhood, F. H. Fowler, was very fortunate in securing Mr. Pope to address the meeting, and in order that everyone may have an opportunity to hear and meet Mr. Pope it has been decided by the executive committee of the Brotherhood to have this an open meeting, and everybody is most cordially invited to be present at the meeting, which commences at eight o'clock. It is hoped that everyone will avail themselves of the privilege of this cordial invitation and be present to hear Mr. Pope, whose message and discourse will be of equal interest to both ladies and gentlemen. Do not forget the date, Monday evening, January 13, at eight o'clock.

"Mr. Bob" Presented.

A good sized audience greeted "Mr. Bob," at Odd Fellows' hall on last week Friday evening. This charming two-act comedy was staged by the Altrurian club under the sole direction of Mrs. C. R. White, who had worked incessantly for weeks past in coaching the cast and arranging the many necessary details. The hall was very tastily decorated and the stage appointments were original in every respect, the breakfast room scene being not only home-like, but ideal in every sense of the word. The ushers were Frederick W. Holden, Harry H. Lynch and John M. Stevenson.

The cast consisted of Earl C. Merriman, Walter Knowles, G. Stanley Wells, Mrs. Abbie J. Wells, Miss Gertrude L. Conant, Miss Margreta S. Hastings and Miss Bertha L. Weeks. It is safe to say that no play has been given in Shirley that gave such satisfaction to the general public, as all concerned, Mrs. White and the entire cast, were the recipients of congratulations, and a vigorous demonstration of applause went up from the audience as the curtain was rung down on the final act.

It would be difficult to single out any one of the members in the cast for special mention, as all had given their best efforts to the parts assigned to them, and the unanimous verdict of the audience was that these efforts had been crowned with success. The many bright, snappy points in the comedy gave each member of the cast an opportunity to display their talent along this line of endeavor.

Mrs. C. R. White turned over the proceeds of the play to the Altrurian club to be placed in their club home fund. In this it is only just and fair to say that Mrs. White has added another golden link to her long claim of social and financial successes.

A short dance followed the play with good music by James Horan, of Ayer, who played the drum with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Harry Collyer. Mrs. White was very ably assisted by Mrs. Mary M. Nickless, president of the Altrurian club, and Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman.

Bowling.

The Ayer bowlers came to Shirley on Tuesday evening and played a match game with the Shirley team at the local alleys. The visiting team won out by good margins, taking three points in the game, winning the first and last strings and the highest total pinfall. Honors were even on the second string, both teams scoring a total of 406.

Reynolds, of the victorious team, was the star bowler of the evening and the only one to reach the century mark in a single string, his score being 102, 91 and 99, which gave him a total of 292. The Ayer team rolled a total pinfall of 1295, as against 1165 for Shirley.

Three of the regular Shirley players were unable to be present and substitutes filled their places, which in a measure accounts for the slow bowling of the home team. The summary:

AYER

Ryan	72	78	88	238
Robbins	88	89	84	261
Guilford	76	80	83	239
Reynolds	102	91	99	292
Fitzgerald	98	68	99	265
Totals	436	406	453	1295

SHIRLEY

Lambert	79	88	79	246
Bodah	79	84	72	235
Day	70	82	82	234
Wheeler	66	75	71	212
Burrill	84	77	77	238
Totals	378	406	381	1165

Center.

A social dance will be held on Saturday evening, January 11, in the town hall. Music for dancing will be furnished by Thayer's orchestra, of Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodspeed and family, of Wollaston, spent the week-end at their summer home on Center road.

Miss Annie Costern, of Boston, is spending a few days at the home of Miss Elsie Kirby.

Miss Marion L. Holden returned on Monday to Bartonsville, Vt., to resume her duties as school teacher there, after a vacation of two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden. Miss Holden was recently offered a position as teacher of the sixth grade in Bellows Falls, but decided to keep her present position for this year.

The next meeting of the Matrons' Aid will be held on Tuesday, January 14, at the home of Mrs. Homer P. Holden on Center road. The meeting will be an all-day meeting. At this meeting the officers for the coming year will be elected.

The Girls' Sewing Guild held a small, but very pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. William E. Barnard on last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Whitford has returned to the home of Miss Elsie Kirby after a stay of several weeks in Boston.

Mrs. Irving Thompson is confined to her home on Flat hill with a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Jane Murray, who has been employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, now has a position at the home of Miss Elsie Kirby.

Miss Helen M. Winslow, of Boston, was in town on last week Friday to look after the furniture which she has stored at the house recently purchased by Mrs. Dakin, of Buffalo. The house is at present undergoing extensive repairs under the direction of M. W. Carey, preparatory to Mrs. Dakin's moving in, in the spring.

Mrs. Mackay and daughter, Miss Constance Mackay, who have been staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard, have left for the winter.

Mrs. Bedell left on last Saturday for her home in Waterford, Vt., after a visit of several weeks with Miss Elsie Kirby.

Holy communion will be held at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon at 3.30. Rev. A. L. Bumpus will give the address. The Sunday school classes which have been conducted the past two Sundays by members of the bible class, will again be taken charge of by the young men from Groton school on Sunday.

Harry N. Brown was called to Fitchburg on Friday by the illness of his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Evans will move soon to the large woodlot near the Townsend line, which is being cut off by the Jones Brothers, of Pelham. Mr. Evans has secured a portable sawmill and has taken the contract to convert the wood into lumber. About 350,000 feet of lumber is expected. Among the choppers who are employed in cutting off this lot is Mrs. Delfonte, a Canadian woman, who some years ago was left a widow with six children to support. Since that time she has supported herself by wood chopping, and although she is now sixty-seven years old, she can chop and stack as much wood in a day as any ordinary man can. Mrs. Delfonte has at times in the past received considerable newspaper space with accounts of her strength and endurance, which certainly are well worthy of mention.

Surprise Party.

A large party of friends tendered a surprise party on last week Friday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Evans at the home of Mrs. Homer P. Holden. The party was a complete surprise to both Mr. and Mrs. Evans. In behalf of those present, Ardie A. Adams presented several silver pieces, consisting of a butter knife, sugar shell, salad fork and tablespoons to Mr. and Mrs. Evans, who replied with a few well chosen words. The evening was spent in playing games. Refreshments of cake, cookies, punch and wedding cake were served. Those present were Ralph Graves, Thomas H. Evans, Mildred Evans, Mrs. J. W. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon H. Price and family, Olive Evans, Amos Farrar, Margaret Longley, Pauline Sweetser, Priscilla Sweetser, Horace Harris, Ernest Bohanon, Margaret Evans, Gilbert Evans, Mr. and Mrs. George Buxton and family, Frank J. Lawton, Shirley Lawton, Robert H. J. Holden, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden, John Bohanon, Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, Ora E. Holden.

LITTLETON.

About Town.

Mrs. Amelia Wakefield is visiting in Worcester with her brother, Prof. L. L. Conant, acting president of the Worcester Polytechnic.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton were in Barre over Sunday with her sisters, the Misses Reed.

On Tuesday evening, Edgar S. Wiers will speak on "Social reconstruction," before the lyceum.

The meeting of the Woman's club on Monday evening will be guest night, when Rev. Robert Walker, chaplain of the Concord reformatory, will give a talk.

Fred H. Lawton, of Boston, assistant superintendent of the Massachusetts Anti-saloon league, will present its work on Sunday morning in the pulpit of the Unitarian church.

At the annual meeting of the King's Daughters' circle on Tuesday afternoon the officers were all re-elected as follows: Mrs. Alice Kimball, pres.; Mrs. Annie Brown, Mrs. Gertrude Hosmer, vice pres.; Mrs. Edith Jacobs, sec.; Mrs. Adeline Knowlton, treas. This past year has been a prosperous one and generally satisfactory.

To the Editor:

On reading an editorial in the Littleton columns of the Littleton Guidon of January 4, on "Our wonderful civilization," by "V. T. E.," I wish to reply to some statements and assertions which I find there.

To "V. T. E.": Had your article been published in some humorous paper, I should have laughed heartily at its original wit and rare, trenchant satire; but when presented as a serious discussion, directed to a thinking community, I feel bound under the rules of courtesy to give it a few moments' serious inspection.

Yes, we are a "long way from perfection." You have made a remarkable discovery and I admit its truth; but as to these "news items" about the apples and oranges destroyed at New York to prevent a glut in the market there seems to be a discrepancy. Had you used this only as an argument to show that the world is still in the embryo state, I would not attempt to refute it, but it seems that by this you attempt to prove the awful existence of an organization to which we are "paying out such extortionate tribute."

In the first place, I do not believe that any shipper purposely side-tracked his apples so that they might be kept off the market and become a dead loss on his hands. He might have better shipped them abroad and received a little return for his product and still have attained his vile purpose. Why didn't you tell us where you found these "news items" so that we might look them up to our own satisfaction, or why not state what leads you to present them as undeniable facts? Think a minute—twelve carloads of apples would have no more effect on the price of apples in New York city than the loss of that apple you threw at the cat this morning will have on the price of apples in your own town. Look up the statistics of how many cities at home and abroad the New York market supplies before you attempt to prove anything from an argument like that.

Moreover, everyone knows that there is no trust or corner on apples, so that it would be to no purpose for one sole producer to hold up a few apples to keep up the price for the benefit of other producers all over the country, even had he the potential backing to do it. I would treat your orange item in the same way; four carloads of oranges would hardly feed the animals in the Bronx zoo for two days.

Beyond these two exposures—the apple and the orange scandal—I can find nothing in your article but sweeping theories of universal application. Sociological generalizations are vague and easy. With them you can satisfy loose thinkers, and it is a matter of regret, when in any society, they get the currency of fashion. I am thankful they have not, and I prefer to believe, that there is still some "genius for organization" turned to other than evil purposes. Sincerely,

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Taken on execution and will be sold at Public Auction at my office, East Main Street in said Ayer, on **Saturday, February 8th, A. D. 1913, at eight o'clock and thirty minutes A. M.**, all the right, title and interest (not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution) that Sylvester R. Crimmins, of Leominster in the County of Worcester and said Commonwealth, had on the twenty-third day of May A. D. 1912, at twelve o'clock M., that being the time the same was attached on mesne process, or now has in and to the following described Real Estate:

Two certain tracts of land with the buildings thereon situated in Townsend, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, each tract being situated in the northerly part of said Townsend on the opposite sides of the road leading from Townsend Center past the house now or late of Joseph Baxter, in Brookline, N. H., together containing sixty (60) acres, more or less, each tract bounded as follows:

First, on easterly side of said road, bounded beginning at the northwesterly corner on the easterly side of said road at a stake and stones at a corner of land of Joseph Baxter; thence easterly by said Baxter's land to an oak tree at land of heirs of A. M. Adams; thence southerly by the land of heirs of said Adams to a stake and stones at corner of the Aaron Fessenden land; thence westerly by said Fessenden land to the road aforesaid; thence northerly by said road to the bound first mentioned.

Second, on westerly side of said road, bounded, beginning at a stake and stones at the southeasterly corner of the premises at a corner of said Fessenden land; thence westerly by said Fessenden land to a stake and stones at a corner of land of one Bennett; thence northeasterly and easterly by land of said Bennett and land of said Baxter to the aforesaid road; thence southerly by said road to the first mentioned bound.

Said premises being conveyed to said Sylvester R. Crimmins by Charles R. Farwell, by deed dated Nov. 14, 1905, recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Deeds, Book 3200, page 26.

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LAND COURT.

To Hugh McNamara and Burpee C. Steele, of Boxborough, in the County of Middlesex, and said Commonwealth; Maggie A. Barber, George Whitcomb and Frederick C. Hartwell, of Littleton, Ferdinand A. Wyman, of Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex; Ethel L. Taylor, James E. Taylor and Rex H. Taylor, of Rochester, in the State of New York; and to all whom it may concern:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Olive L. Hall, of said Littleton, to register and confirm her title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate partly in said Littleton and partly in said Boxborough, bounded on the east by land of Hugh McNamara and road leading from Boxborough to Littleton Depot and road leading from West Acton to Littleton, on the north by land of Maggie A. Barber, on the west by land of Ferdinand A. Wyman, on the south by land of George Whitcomb and Burpee C. Steele.

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

You are hereby cited to appear at the Land Court to be held at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on the third day of February A. D. 1913, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. And unless you appear at said Court at the time and place aforesaid your default will be recorded, and the said petition will be taken as confessed, and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, Charles Thornton Davis, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this third day of January in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen.

Attest with Seal of said Court.

(Seal.)

CLARENCE C. SMITH,
3t18 Recorder.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of GEORGE D. FIELD late of Orange in the State of California, deceased, intestate, leaving estate in said County of Middlesex.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to ANNA C. FIELD of said Orange, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth 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 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 twenty-sixth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

S. M. Spaulding and Miss Clara Smith returned last week from their trip to Michigan. They were gone from home just five weeks, spending about one week of the time in New York, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Hills. Mrs. Hills accompanied them to Hollis last week and will visit with her friends here for a while.

Rev. T. C. H. Bonton, of Hudson, occupied the pulpit on last Sunday forenoon and evening. It is expected that Rev. Frank Park, of Boscawen, will preach on Sunday as a candidate.

The gale on last week Friday created considerable havoc in South Hollis. The old barn owned by Pierce Brothers was blown down. They had some of their farm wagons and tools in the barn, which were damaged. One of the windmills on the C. J. Bell farm was blown over, as was the one on the Hanscom farm at East Hollis. A well-house at Arthur Strong's was also laid flat.

Miss Mildred Rogers returned home on last week Friday from a six-weeks' visit in Portland, Me.

Miss Bertha Colburn returned to New York last week after spending a two-weeks' vacation with her father and sister. She entertained an attack of tonsilitis while here.

The basketball team of Hollis high school went to Milford last week Friday evening to play against the Milford high team. Hollis lost by a score of 14 to 11.

Herman Stickney met with a serious loss last week. He was driving on the Nashua road when his horse became frightened and shied out of the road. The heavy rain of the forenoon made the meadow so soft that the horse fell, and kicked so hard that the calks on his shoes tore him so badly he had to be shot where he lay. He was a valuable horse, which Mr. Stickney recently purchased.

Miss Hanson, of Winchester, Mass., who spent the summer with Mrs. Geuthing, but has been away during the fall, has returned to Mrs. Geuthing's.

Phenix Baker, E. A. Hills and Mrs. Hattie Hardy have been recent victims of the grippe.

The Hollis Woman's club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Anna Bell. The program for the afternoon was roll call, responded to by the members giving Scotch anecdotes.

Annual Meeting.

The annual reunion and church meeting occurred on January 2, at Grange hall. The meeting was called to order at 11.30 in the morning by F. A. Lovejoy, the senior deacon in point of service. After singing a hymn, and scripture reading followed by prayer, the clerk read the minutes for the year 1912. Adjournment was then made for dinner in the vestry, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayden, with able assistants.

At 1.30 o'clock, the gathering returned to the hall, and after singing a hymn, listened to the annual reports of the treasurer, the Sunday school, the J. O. S. C. E., the Ladies' Reading and Charitable society, the Female Cent society. Next in order was a ballot for deacon, W. P. Farley being elected, but declined to serve. M. J. Powers was then elected. Miss L. F. Read was er-elected as clerk, Miss L. M. Stratton as treasurer, and Mrs. C. E. Hardy as a member of the standing committee.

It was voted to have the church records printed; to return to the former method of raising money to pay for communion expenses.

The meeting closed with roll call by the clerk. A motion was carried to send through the press a message of love to all our members eighty years and older, and it was also moved that a vote of thanks be extended to the dinner committee.

After the close of the annual church meeting, the Sunday school held its annual meeting. This was presided over by the superintendent. After a prayer by W. P. Farley, the report of the nominating committee was given. The following were the names they presented: Mrs. Emily K. Jewett, superintendent; Miss Lucinda F. Read, asst. supt.; Ralph Lovejoy, sec. and treas.; Edward A. Hills, Miss Hattie B. Hayden, Francis A. Lovejoy, directors; Miss Minnie A. Bancroft, supt. primary dept.; Mrs. Mary S. Powers, supt. home dept.; Mrs. Nellie Lougee, librarian, all of whom were elected.

The Sunday school has contributed during the year for benevolence the sum of $43.10, $20.20 of this to the A. B. C. F. M., towards building the new Republic hospital in China. Besides this the school paid to the state association $10.25, making more than fifty dollars paid, besides paying all bills for supplies and annual picnic, three new tables for the primary department, and concert exercises. Hollis Sunday school provides free all quarterlies and teachers' helps, which makes our expenses considerable.

Current Events.

Miss Grace Marshall is nursing in the home of Samuel A. Bascom, caring for George T. Patch, who is in very poor health.

Miss Annie B. Newton made a short visit with cousins in Hudson during the Christmas vacation.

Thomas A. Greenleaf has sold his place in Florida and returned to New England.

Mrs. George F. Hale was unable to attend the installation of officers at the grange on Tuesday evening, having been called out-of-town to the bedside of her mother, who is very ill.

Harvey Powers returned to Dean academy at Franklin, Mass., on Monday after having had a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Powers.

Miss Bessie Robbins returned to her studies in the Normal school at Keene on Monday afternoon.

Nellie Denault is assisting with the household work in the home of Matthew Jameson.

Miss Daisy Woods returned to Keene on Monday after a two-weeks' vacation with her parents.

Members of the R. and C. society passed a pleasant afternoon on Thursday at the home of Mrs. M. L. Richards.

Mrs. William Gates has been on the sick list the past week, being confined to the house with the grippe.

Miss Bertha Colburn has returned to her school duties in New York.

Mrs. Eva J. Wheeler, widow of the late S. B. Wheeler, passed away on January 3, at the home of Herbert S. Spaulding. Mrs. Wheeler had been living alone until recently at her old home at Patch's corner. Owing to failing health it was considered unsafe for her to live alone, and so was taken to the home of her niece, Mrs. Herbert S. Spaulding. She took cold at the time of the chimney fire there, which developed into pneumonia and caused her death. Funeral services were held at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon from the home of Mr. Spaulding. Mrs. Wheeler leaves a sister, Mrs. Frank Libby, of this town, who is the last of a family of six children.

Mrs. Abram Wentworth, of North End, has been on the sick list the past week and was attended by Dr. Wallace, of Nashua.

Mrs. Helen Gray Hills, of New York, has been a visitor in town the past week, and remembered each little pupil that used to be in her Sunday school class with a handkerchief. The class that she used to teach, is now being taught by Mrs. Flora E. Hardy.

All the public schools re-opened on Monday after the Christmas vacation, which consisted of two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Lund visited in Dunstable, Mass., on last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Rideout.

Mrs. Howard White, of Ayer, visited with her aunt, Mrs. John A. Colburn, recently.

Mrs. Georgiana Kimball, of East Pepperell, was in town last week.

Miss Lena Ladd was at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Ladd, over Sunday.

William E. Lund and Edwin S. Stratton are putting on galvanized eave-troughs at the new home of John A. Colburn.

Charlie Keyes and his sister Lillian, who has been under quarantine for a few weeks with scarlet fever, are out again and attending school.

Raised Havoc.

The large poplar tree that stood in the yard at the home of Charles Smith was blown down during the wind storm of last week. This tree has served for many years as a support for the guide board.

Robert W. Leslie, one of our enterprising young farmers, at the expense of a great deal of time and labor, had thoroughly banked his house with sawdust preparatory for winter. Upon going out-of-doors the next morning after the blow, his "banking" was not to be found.

A fallen tree blocked the road near the Erskine farm. One of the pretty maples at the home of S. Fred Woods was blown across his lane. One of the old poplar trees that stood at the west side of the home owned by Mrs. Sarah Sullivan broke off several feet from the ground and fell against the chimney, displacing some of the bricks. C. A. Colburn lost his skylight, the wind having blown it out. Two henhouses at Almond Wheeler's were over-turned.

During the wind storm eight lines of the telephone company were out of commission. The glass and warrant were blown out of their frame on the front of the church. These different incidents made it quite lively for Hollis.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Current Events.

A horse owned by Victor Maxwell was taken suddenly ill last week and for a time it was thought he would die, but at last reports he was improving.

The officers of Brookline grange were installed on Wednesday evening by Clara E. Russell, past master, assisted by Mrs. Clara Kilduff and Mrs. Minnie Maxwell.

Among those that have been suffering from the prevailing distemper are Miss Caroline Shattuck, Miss Josephine Seaver, Mrs. Hattie Stiles, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Willoby, Frank Kilduff, Mrs. George Betterley, Miss Matilla Betterley, Mrs. Grace Campbell and Mrs. Mary Gerrish.

Mrs. Sarah Colburn has returned from her visit at Townsend.

Mrs. Ella Blood, who has been assisting Mrs. Harry Campbell for several weeks, left town on last Saturday morning for San Francisco, Cal.

The first parcel post package received on route 2, Arthur Brown carrier, was received by Mrs. Clara E. Russell, and the first one sent out on the same route by Mrs. Lucretia Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barnaby and child are on their way home from China. They expect to arrive in town sometime in March.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark Barnaby announce the marriage of their daughter, Alma E. Barnaby, to Dr. William Van Pelt, of Philadelphia, on December 2, at Denver, Col.

Warren Shattuck attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Shattuck, widow of the late Col. Samuel P. Shattuck, of Pepperell, last week. Mrs. Shattuck was ninety-one years old.

The high wind of last week did no serious damage in town, at least none has been reported with the exception of a pine tree, which was blown over onto the south primary school.

Mrs. Walter Corey and children have returned home from a week's visit with her mother at Pepperell.

The Fresh Pond Ice Company are making arrangements to board the most of their help this year through ice cutting time.

Mrs. Estella Hughes and daughter Edith returned to Townsend on Monday.

Arthur Bartlett and Arthur Green spent the day on Monday at Townsend.

The carpenter work on the town house began on Monday.

Frank Bennett, of Pepperell, was a recent guest in town.

The grange programs are being distributed by the lecturer, Mrs. Katherine Cady. They are a neat and tasty booklet, and each evening has a good entertainment planned.

Miss Elizabeth Tarbell, of West Roxbury, Mass., has been a guest in town this week.

PEPPERELL.

Florida As We Find It.

On Thanksgiving day, the Greenleafs were with the Van Dykes in the western part of Florida, and with the Wyeths that used to live on Townsend hill. We had southern roast pig and the day seemed little like any we had ever passed. After a week's visit the Greenleafs returned, and on the following Friday afternoon one of our neighbors noticed that a hog that was fattening acted like he had been bitten by a rattlesnake, and he died the next morning. Facts revealed that the hog had been struck in the eyes, and that also showed that the rattler had a wide reach of fangs. They knew the field where that snake was, yet no one proposed a game trip for his snakeship. In a field just this side little children were going barefoot all of the time.

I heard of a big rattler being killed the other side of the brook that was sold for a half a dollar. Knowing the value of rattlesnake oil and the skin, I asked one man, who is a good shot, why he did not hunt the rattlesnakes for profit. "You see," he said, "I might travel these swamps for a twelve month and never see one." A few mornings later Mrs. Greenleaf found a ground rattler sunning itself and it was soon killed.

A man near here had driven in from the woods a drove of wild hogs to fatten, and one evening he heard a great commotion among the hogs. He lighted a lantern and cautiously approaching, he saw the hogs formed in a circle and watching, and discovered seven dead hogs in the bunch. In the center was a large rattlesnake, writhing and coiling. It was a battle of the mob to one, and he was going to sell his life dear or escape. The farmer returned to the house and got a pole, and so arranged a strong line that he got a slip noose. Coming back, he edged easily among the hogs and let the rope over the snake and secured the reptile alive, boxed it and sold it for four dollars. I had hoped that some of our party might see one, but I don't want to be the one. That night one of our neighbors called, and naturally the conversation drifted to rattlesnakes, and he told stories.

I received the following letter from Mr. Dickson while I have been here and it was a welcome visitor:

Hollister, Cal., Dec. 1, 1912.

Mrs. L. E. Starr.

Dear Friend: In the Groton Landmark of November 16, I saw an article entitled "Florida as we find it," from your pen, and thinking perhaps that you might like to hear from an old friend and townsman, I take the liberty of addressing you in your southern winter home, where I doubt not you are enjoying the warm sunny days under a bright and cheerful sky. I hope you are realizing as much pleasure and enjoyment in your southern sunny home as we are in our temporary western home, far towards the setting sun.

We (Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dickson) left Massachusetts on September 3, via Boston & Maine and Grand Trunk to Montreal and Chicago, and from there over the Santa Fe system to Kansas City and Los Angeles, where we arrived on September 8, being five days and nights on the road. We came on the special G. A. R. train right through, without any change from Boston to Los Angeles, and had a most enjoyable trip all the way, with very nice people for traveling companions.

After arriving there took part in the National G. A. R. convention, parade, etc., taking in the sights and scenes of interest in and about the big and hustling city, a city of 400,000 inhabitants, covering 320 square miles, being about fifteen miles across in either direction. Ver avenue is forty miles long, straight as a line from the mountains to the ocean, and eighteen miles of it in the city limits. We staid in Los Angeles for three weeks and then came here, 400 miles north. My sisters, Almira and Carrie, have lived here for nearly forty years, and it is home to them—a small place of 4500 inhabitants. My wife and I stopped here a short time and then went to San Francisco, twenty-five miles farther north.

We staid there a few weeks taking in what there was to be seen in that stirring, wide-a-wake city of 450,000 people of all nations, colors and kinds. They are making great preparations for the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915, and are planning on spending $50,000,000 in getting ready for it. They have 600 acres of land graded already to be covered with buildings by all the civilized nations of the world who are to take part and exhibit their products of every kind in their buildings of their own construction. It is planned to be the biggest world's fair that has ever been held, and California is the state that carries out a thing when once they get started on it.

It is wonderful how they have built up since the earthquake and fire of 1906, when so large a part of the city was entirely destroyed. Of course there are many ruins and scars of that fearful disaster, but most of the city in the business section is all built up again, with buildings from six to fourteen stories high. They don't seem to be afraid of their being thrown down again by an earthquake, for they claim that they are building earthquake proof buildings now; re-enforced concrete over steel frames, they say they can't be shaken down. Time only will tell.

On November 18, we came back here and are settled down for the rest of the winter with my sister, Carrie Dickson. She is a widow, lives alone in a nice house of seven rooms, so she had plenty of room for us and here we are. Sister Mira and her husband live just around the corner only a few rods away, so they are very near each other which makes it pleasant for both. Mira and her husband are both over eighty and quite feeble, especially Mr. Steinback.

We plan to remain here till the last part of January, then go to Oakland, across the bay from San Francisco, and stay there for a few weeks until we start for home by way of Seattle, Wash., Puget Sound, etc., planning to get to Massachusetts about April 1, if everything goes all right, and it has so far. We both had colds when we got to Los Angeles, which kept with us for a week or more, but after we got over them we have been very well, not a sick day. Yours truly,

H. A. DICKSON.

I am in hopes that I will be able to bring back some of the Florida Easter lilies with me. On January 1, it was 70°, but as yet the lots of robins have not arrived. We are eating some of the things I planted on our arrival here—radishes, turnip greens and young cabbage. I set out one hundred plants Thanksgiving and they are in blossom. There are plenty of strawberries in town selling at thirty-five cents a box, and eggs at thirty-five cents a dozen. I have peas in blossom, also. Yesterday I set out Spanish bayonets, roses and comelias.

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Whereas, GEORGE F. BALCOM trustee under said will has presented to said Court his petition praying that he may be authorized to sell, at public sale, certain real estate held by him as such trustee situated in Groton 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 ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person 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.

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

3t16 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

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Saturday, January 11, 1913.

PEPPERELL.

Current Events.

Miss Della Kemp was in town over Sunday visiting relatives. She returned to her duties in Winchester on Monday.

Miss Jennie Deal passed a part of her Christmas vacation with her parents at South Boston, but has now returned to her aunt's, Mrs. J. E. Andrews.

The young men of Dunstable will hold one of their popular dances in the town hall of that town on Friday evening, January 17. Robbins' orchestra will furnish music. The last dance, held January 3, was attended by a large number of Pepperell young folks, although it was not a pleasant evening. All report a good time.

Station agent Harris entertained his uncle, Charles Harris, of Lowell, last week.

George Granger has been a visitor in town the past week, coming from Virginia with his daughter, Mrs. Walter Errington.

Mrs. E. G. Chapman, of Elm street, is sufficiently recovered to dispense with the services of her nurse and helper.

Bert Brainard has been confined to his home on Pleasant street for two weeks past with rheumatism. Dr. Heald is attending him.

A. H. Harris and wife attended the poultry show in Boston on Wednesday.

On last week Friday evening, at the time when the wind was blowing the strongest, people were considerably startled by an alarm from box 37. It proved to be a chimney burning out in Pike's house on Chase avenue, and was subdued by extinguishers before the arrival of the apparatus.

At a recent meeting of the U. O. G. C., the election of officers was held with the following results: Rufus S. Merrill, n. c.; Mrs. O. M. Nash, v. c.; O. M. Nash, prelate; L. G. Robbins, sec.; H. L. Lawrence, fin sec.; George Jenks, treas. O. M. Nash was chosen representative to the grand commandery, which meets in Boston in April, R. S. Merrill, alternate.

The second operation on the injured arm of Frank Messer was performed on Friday of last week. The amount of benefit he is expected to derive from this can hardly be estimated until he is released from the cast.

Considerable damage was done by the high wind last week. Windmills were wrecked, trees blown over and in some instances small buildings were twisted off their foundations.

The guessing contest on the name of the doll displayed in Drummey's window is postponed. All proceeds are to be used for the Washington trip for the seniors of the Pepperell high school.

Mrs. Edward Whalon has been very ill at her home on Tarbell street. At her advanced age, over ninety years, her recovery seems doubtful.

The officers elect of Court No. 41, F. of A., will be installed on Tuesday in the Foresters' new headquarters in the Aldine block by Robert McCarthy, d. g. c. r., of Graniteville. They comprise the following: Joseph Paradis, jr., c. r.; Daniel Donahue, s. c. r.; R. J. Tumpney, fin. sec.; Frank Powers, treas.; A. R. Richards, rec. sec.; Henry Powers, s. w.; William Paradis, j. w.; Mark Riley, s. b.; Patrick Whalon, j. b.; Thomas Malley, lec.; Joseph Davis, John Morrissey, Joseph Tierney, trustees.

A. S. Woodward has been seriously ill, but at time of writing is more comfortable, though not considered out of danger.

The officers of Acoma Rebekah lodge will be installed on Tuesday evening, January 14, by Kate Dunlap, d. d. g. m., and suite.

Mrs. Wells Woodward has been critically ill of heart trouble at her home at East Village.

Mrs. F. O. Parker has been entertaining her sister, Miss Eleanor Mason, at her home at East Village.

Mrs. Mary Butler, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Upstone, returned from her trip to Denver, Col., on last Saturday. Contrary to their expectations, Mr. Upsone was slightly improved by his stay in Colorado, and they left him in more comfortable condition.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Joseph's church on Wednesday afternoon, January 8, the contracting parties being Miss Nellie Obea, of this town, and James Howard, of Nashua, N. H. The bride looked very charming in white chiffon, with lace veil. She was attended by her sister, as bridesmaid, and the brother of the groom acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Howard left on the evening train for a short trip, and on their return will reside in Nashua, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. P. W. Flynn has mostly recovered from her recent illness, but is still under the care of the district nurse, Miss Green.

The ladies of the Unitarian church are to have a supper and entertainment on Thursday, January 16.

Miss Barbara Bancroft has returned to Boston, where she is going to school after two weeks' at home.

Eugene Fletcher, of Oak hill, was in Boston on Wednesday attending the Boston poultry show.

On last week Friday night a severe wind storm struck Pepperell, and in its wake left much damage to property in and about town. Some of the following things are in the list of damages done: The windmill that has always looked so attractive on the estate of E. L. Tarbell was blown to the ground, and near this spot more damage was done by glass being blown in on the Unitarian church. C. A. Dennen's pig house on Park street lost part of its roof. Many apple trees in all parts of the town were blown down.

The Oak Hill Improvement society is to hold an invitation dance in their hall on Boynton street on Monday evening, January 13.

Albert F. Saunders, of West Medford, will speak on Sunday morning at the Congregational church. Mr. Saunders is a representative of the Massachusetts Anti-saloon league.

Harold Farley left Pepperell on Monday to take up a position in a Worcester wholesale boot and shoe house.

It is understood that two members are to be admitted to the M. K. club of Pepperell. The initiation is to take place on February 8, in I. O. O. F. banquet hall, followed by a social dance. Dancing will be from eight until twelve o'clock, and the initiation is to be for club members only.

Charles Spaulding, of Mt. Lebanon street, attended the Boston poultry show on Wednesday.

James Freeman is out again after a severe attack of neuralgia.

MRS. MARY LUCINDA SHATTUCK.

Obituary.

Mary Lucinda Shattuck was born in Pepperell December 7, 1821, and after a long life of niety-one years died in her home in her native town December 30, 1912. She was the wife of Col. Samuel P. Shattuck, who died January 11, 1907, in the ninety-fourth year of his age. They were married May 9, 1844. She was the daughter of Capt. Vryling Shattuck and Lucinda Parker, his wife, both of Pepperell. Mrs. Shattuck's great-great-grandfather Shattuck was an original settler of the town.

To Col. Shattuck and his wife were born four daughters—Mary Lucinda Parker, Mrs. Harriette A. S. Phelps, Mrs. Elizabeth P. S. Boynton and Carrie Gay who died in 1884.

They also had four grandchildren—Winfred Shattuck Boynton, Mary Adele Boynton, Beatrice Boynton and Elizabeth Lucinda Boynton who died in infancy.

Mrs. Shattuck was one of a family of nine children, one of whom, Samuel Augustus Shattuck, now in his eighty-eighth year, survives her.

Col. Shattuck and his wife passed their long lives in their native town, she never having been absent from her home more than three weeks at any one time.

One of their marked characteristics was their ability to make a home and identify it with the social life of the community, making it always the gathering place of relatives and friends and many, many times it has been filled to overflowing with the always welcome guests.

When the friends of youth passed on their places were filled by the younger generations who had grown to be such, and when the Colonel joined the great majority of his friends in the beyond, the home still continued to be the same social centre with "grandma Shattuck's benign presence in the midst, extending the same cordial welcome to all who came.

It is sixty-eight years since Mrs. Shattuck helped found her home and in all these years there has never been a time when she has not administered the affairs of her household and she guided the family life to the hour of her death. The joy of responsibility must be deeply laid in the foundation of such living and she had it. She gladly accepted the privilege of responsibility and found in loving service her rich reward. It was this that made her so attractive to everyone.

Those who came to do honor to her birthday three weeks ago, remember her gracious presence on that occasion, in no way dimmed. Her age set lightly, a crown of glory.

Mrs. Shattuck was a remarkably well poised woman possessed of excellent general health throughout her life. Her senses were, practically, unimpaired. Mentally, she never ceased to grow. When we consider the great changes in opinions and the results of discovery and invention during the past seventy years, it is saying much. Her interest in all the great questions of the day never abated. She was a constant reader of the daily papers, magazines, religious periodicals and history and in full sympathy with all progressive ideas.

She never forgot her friends; her quick sympathy and sound advise were always ready and often sought.

In middle life she had a wide circle of relatives and friends with whom she corresponded. As the years passed death narrowed the circle, but she never gave up writing letters to those who remained.

When she was a little girl she had a playmate who left the town never returning to live in it. The children opened a correspondence and eighty-one years after—some four months ago—she wrote the last letter to her friend, selecting for a birthday greeting Robert Browning's words:

Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be
The last of life for which the first was made.
Our times are in His hands
Who saith, "A whole I planned,
Youth shown but half.
Trust God, see all nor be afraid."

Both are now on the other side.

Her religious life found expression in good deeds, and helpful, cheerful words, patient living and charity for all.

Mrs. Shattuck was deeply interested in the welfare of her church. As a child she was a member of its first Sunday school, as a girl of sixteen a charter member of its benevolent society and for many years a member of the church, which she knew in every phase of its development for eighty years. Love of country was a part of her religion. She was always one of the women who worked for the soldiers during the civil war. Later in life this sentiment found expression in the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she was a charter member in Prudence Wright chapter.

Her last evening was spent in discussing with her family recent events in China and Europe and the present aspect of religious thought, confident of a richer, fuller life coming to the world.

One of her wishes was that when her work was done she might go at once without giving "a single day of trouble to anyone," and it was granted, for while sitting at the breakfast table, apparently in her usual health, she passed on to join the friends gone before, just at sunrise.

In acknowledgement of many attentions received two years ago, she sent the following lines to her friends, she would send them again this new year to every friend and all the world beside:

A bright New Year and a sunny track
Along an upward way;
And a song of praise on looking back,
When the year has passed away.
And golden sheaves nor small nor few;
This is my New Year wish for you!

"Who can find a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

"Strength and honor are her clothing and she shall rejoice in time to come.

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

"She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness.

"Her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also and he praiseth her.

"Give her of the fruit of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates."

There was a private party at the home of Miss Margaret Donnelly, of River street, on last Saturday night. Among those present were Misses Madeline Graham, Mildred Lunt, Lydia Waitt, Edyth Bailey, Francis Fisher, Harold Farley, Walter Reed, Raymond Paull. A very interesting reading was given by Miss Donnelly. Francis Fisher and "Ned" Skinner played a solo on the xylophone by special request of those present. The evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner.

Mrs. Rebecca Miller, who is the mother of Elijah Miller, of Park street, celebrated her ninety-eighth birthday on Wednesday. Mrs. Miller has the honor of being the oldest resident of Pepperell.

Miss Lillian B. McCarthy, of Fitchburg, is at present teaching the Pine Orchard district school. Miss McCarthy is a graduate of the Fitchburg Normal school, and comes to Pepperell to succeed Miss Lydia M. Sullivan.

Miss Madeline Graham returned on Tuesday to Dean academy, Franklin, after the holiday vacation at home.

Raymond Paull returned on Monday to Tilton academy after spending the holidays at home.

There is to be a social dance in I. O. O. F. banquet hall on January 17, under the management of the Committee of Four.

The guests at the Homestead at present are Misses Annie Churchill, Eliza O'Rourke, Lillian McCarthy, Miss Green and Mr. Fisher. Mrs. Whittier, who has been a guest for many weeks, has gone to Brookline on a visit of a few days.

The annual business meeting of the Congregational church was held on Thursday afternoon.

The Pepperell Card and Paper Co. are to run the shop five nights a week, probably for the rest of the month, on account of many rush orders being on hand.

Louis J. LaChappelle, of Worcester, is assisting at the printing office of G. M. Coffin during Mr. Coffin's illness. He was formerly in business in Pepperell.

Miss Lillian Frost has returned after a pleasant visit with friends in Boston and Waverley.

The Nelson estate, which is one of finest in this section, has been sold to Joseph B. Henderson, of Brookline. The sale was negotiated by Kemp & Bennett, local real estate men.

The annual meeting of the L. B. S. of the Congregational church will be held on Thursday afternoon, January 16, at 2.30 o'clock. A supper will be served to members of the society at 6.30 o'clock.

Miss Greene will fill the position of district nurse for the association this month, and will be found at Mr. Hamilton's on Main street.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., held their meeting at the home of Mrs. E. A. Williams on Park street. The delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress to be held in Washington, D. C., were chosen. The regent, Mrs. Nellie M. R. Gutterson, and Mrs. Henry F. Tarbell were chosen delegates, and Mrs. Jessie Marshall, of Somerville, and Mrs. Nellie M. Blake Appleton were chosen as alternates. After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed by all and a very dainty lunch was served by the hostesses.

Arthur Tower, of Dartmouth college, will go to California the first part of February for a few months.

Edwin Richardson and wife will start for California the last of this month. Mr. Brown will accompany them.

Mrs. Walter E. Corey has been at home with her parents on Mt. Lebanon street for the past week with her three little boys, Lawrence E., Walter Junior and Elmer W. K. M. Lawrence, their grandfather, has seven fine colts which they took much pleasure in seeing them prance around the field.

Mrs. Lillian Stevenson, of Groton, was a guest at Mrs. Julia Lawrence's recently.

George E. Lawrence is doing quite an extensive piece of repairing on the old home place.

Mrs. Robert Sherwood and son Bernard, was in Worcester recently on a visit.

Miss Lydia Goodnow is on the sick list.

Miss Marion Clapp has got through at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital and is at home, where she will assist her mother with her laundry duties.

K. M. Lawrence is on the sick list.

Mrs. Julia A. Lawrence and Mrs. George F. Lawrence were recent visitors in Fitchburg.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending January 6: Frank C. Baker, Mrs. G. Batchelder, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Carver, Percy Craven, Miss Eleanor Harris, Mrs. A. Howe, Mrs. George Willett.

Methodist.

Rev. P. R. Stratton will take for his subject on Sunday morning, "Perfection is progressive." At seven in the evening a picture sermon will be given by the pastor upon the subject "Why we have the bible." This will be illustrated with sixty stereopticon views, beginning with the "Angelus," and closing with "Col. Ingersol." There will be colored views of Yellowstone, Yosemite, Hawaii, the cliff-dwellers and many other nationalities showing why all nations need the bible.

The bright hour service of the Epworth league will be held at six o'clock. The subject will be "Obedience the open door to certainty," and the leader, Miss Lizzie McNayr.

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 o'clock.

A musical entertainment will be given in the church on Wednesday, January 29, at 7.45 in the evening, under the auspices of the Epworth league.

District Nurse Association.

The annual meeting of the Pepperell District Nurse association occurs on the last Monday of January in the evening; the place of meeting is yet to be designated. The attention of the citizens is called to the fact thus early that they may bear it in mind. Every resident of the town is most earnestly urged furthermore to interest himself or herself in this movement which has been carried on now for three years.

The matter of having a trained nurse in the community is constantly growing in importance in towns and cities alike, all over New England and in the country as a whole. The movement is no longer an experiment nor can such a nurse be called a luxury. As a movement the nurse association everywhere is assuming a place as one of the regular agencies and the district nurse is coming to be more and more one of the necessities of community life. The co-operation of such a nurse with the physicians and those who are seeking better conditions of life for all, is of untold value. Nearly if not quite as much importance attaches to proper care of patients, today, as to proper medical advice and treatment; while the social side of a district nurse's work makes it of even greater importance. "To save our baby's life" and start it on the road to a healthy manhood and womanhood is worth all the cost to the community of the support of the trained nurse, while her aid in the prevention of illness by proper direction and friendly advice is invaluable.

Membership in the association is secured by the payment of the nominal fee of one dollar per year. Surely we should all feel that amount of interest at least in the general welfare even if thus far we have had no immediate use of the nurse's services.

Such a movement, however, can be continued successfully only by the co-operation of the many, but if such assistance is assured the movement will grow in value and importance until it repays many times over the time and expense to those who carry it forward.

Keep the date of the annual meeting open, show your interest by coming and help carry on successfully this most worthy effort.

HARVARD.

News Items.

George H. Fales, of Fitchburg,, but for many years a resident of this town, and well-known here, died suddenly in his office at Fitchburg on Wednesday morning. He leaves a widow, one son, Ralph Fales, and one daughter, Bessie Fales.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, d. d. g. m., with suite, from Shirley, installed the officers, of Harvard lodge, I. O. O. F., on Monday evening. The officers installed were: William Hanna, n. g.; James L. Whitney, v. g.; Perley Beard, sec.; Frank Houghton, treas.; Herbert B. Royal, con.; Silas B. Haynes, chap.; George Hardy, r. s. n. g.; R. C. Davis, g.; A. H. Turner, r. s. v. g.; Clarence Beard, l. s. v. g.

Miss Etta Sweeney has been visiting the past week with relatives in Lowell.

The first parcel to be sent from the Harvard postoffice by parcel post, was sent out by Edward J. McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin was on hand bright and early on January 1, and opened the parcel post service of this office.

Harvard grange installed the officers for the current year on Tuesday evening, January 7, H. A. Knight, past master, doing the work. J. E. Gifford, past state overseer, of Sutton, was to have installed, but at the last moment was obliged to disappoint the officers here. Visitors were present from Groton grange. The feast committee served a lunch of coffee, sandwiches and cakes. The officers installed were: S. H. Waters, m.; B. S. Keyes, o.; W. J. Kerley, chap.; Mrs. A. F. Ripley, lec.; J. B. Harlow, treas.; M. E. Tooker, sec; W. B. Willard, stew.; Harold Tooker, g. k.; R. A. Reed, asst. stew.; Grace Morse, l. a. s.

Andrew Haskell arrived on Thursday with a car of twenty-seven sleek looking Vermont cows.

Fire in the chimney of the house of B. J. Priest in Bare hill that worked out into the wood work and threatened to do considerable damage called out the chemical engine on Saturday last. Prompt work stopped the flames before serious damage was done. Both Mr. and Mrs. Priest are sick abed, but showed remarkable coolness while the fire was being subdued. Though still quite sick, both Mr. and Mrs. Priest are gaining and will be about again before long.

P. H. Babcock, who has been on a hunting trip through Virginia the past few weeks, returned to his farm here this week.

Sunday morning, at the Unitarian church, the chorus choir will sing and special music has been arranged. Rev. George Jones will preach.

Frederick Thomas Blanchard, who was married to Miss Mary Helen Webster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Webster, of Coronado, Cal., on Saturday, December 21, is a son of Frederick G. Blanchard, formerly of Harvard, and he was a son of the late John Blanchard, of old mill district.

To the Editor:

Your reference to the loss of valuable fox hounds snared to death in fox traps in Pepperell is appreciated. In the Harvard district several valuable cats have been seriously hurt in these traps. We hate to discourage the "trappers," but as the farmers have to keep domestic animals, it seems as though they should have the first consideration. Harvard.

Congregational Notes.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church was held in the church parlors on Tuesday afternoon. The report by the secretary and treasurer showed that the past year had been an unusually prosperous and busy one. The ballot for officers resulted as follows: Mrs. S. A. Lawrence, pres.; Mrs. H. B. Mason, v. p.; Mrs. N. A. Dill, sec. and treas.; Mrs Warren O. Willard, chairman of the work committee.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Congregational church will hold its regular monthly meeting with the president, Mrs. S. A. Davis, on Tuesday afternoon, January 14, at 2.30 o'clock. "Mission work in Turkey," will be the theme of discussion. All ladies interested are invited.

At the special offering for the Balkan sufferers taken at the Congregational church on a recent Sunday, ten dollars were received and the amount has been forwarded to those in charge of this worthy work.

The missionary schedule of offerings this year at the Congregational church will be the same as that in force last year, with an offering for each mission board of the denominations and a special offering for the Seaman's Friend society, of Boston. The offering on Sunday morning, January 12, will be for the Congregational Education society.

The pastor of the Congregational church will take for the theme of his sermon at the morning service on Sunday, "Appealed to the supreme court." The subject of the prayer meeting to be held by the Y. P. S. C. E. in the church parlors at seven in the evening will be "Become a christian—why not?" This meeting will be led by Mrs. E. F. Houghton. All interested are cordially invited to attend these services.

The boisterous weather of last Saturday prevented many of the younger members of the Willing Workers from attending the meeting held that afternoon. The leaders of this organization are planning an extra meeting which will be announced soon.

Still River.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stone, Miss Helen Stone, Miss Eleanor Haskell and Mrs. Adeliza Turner attended the Masonic installation in Ayer on Monday evening.

Mrs. Anna Flanders, Mrs. W. B. Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stone, Miss Eliza Bateman, Henry Harrod and daughter Alice, attended the funeral of Mrs. Adeline Butterfield at Ayer on Tuesday. Mrs. Butterfield had spent several summers in Still River with her daughter and her sunshiny presence will be missed.

F. W. Bateman, Miss Eliza Bateman, William B. Willard and Mrs. S. B. Haynes attended the concert given by the Clinton Choral union on Monday evening.

Mrs. Henry Harrod is suffering with bronchitis, others are reported as improving.

S. B. Haynes has been at the Massachusetts General hospital for treatment for nasal trouble.

Word was received on Thursday morning of the death of George H. Chase at the Clinton hospital. More particulars next week.

On account of Mrs. Butterfield's funeral the Tuesday club postponed its meeting until next week, when they will be entertained by Mrs. L. H. Morse.

SHIRLEY.

Center.

Miss Angeline Farnsworth has returned to her home in West Groton, after spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth, at North Shirley.

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gionet died at seven o'clock on Thursday evening from the effects of being scalded with hot water. The little girl at about ten o'clock on Thursday morning, while playing around the house, pulled over a tub resting on a wash stand, which contained boiling hot water, receiving the full contents all over her body. Her suffering was pitiable until death claimed her.

New Advertisements.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. George H. Brown, her daughters, Misses Alice and Mattie, and son Walter, desire to express through the columns of the Tocsin, their deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks to their neighbors and friends for the sympathy and assistance rendered them in their recent bereavement of husband and father, and for the many beautiful floral offerings.

Townsend Harbor, Jan. 10, 1912.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to extend to the neighbors and friends, the King's Daughters and all who so kindly gave me the comfort and helping hand in my recent hour of trial, my hearty thanks and appreciation.

MRS. MARGARET DESMOND.

Harvard, Mass., January 10, 1912.

FOR SALE—One Post Runner-sled, nearly new, with adjustable side boards. Every post in first-class condition. It has both pole and shafts, and can be used for one or two horses. Anyone in need of a sled of this kind can make no mistake in seeing this one. Inquire of F. S. PIERCE, Ayer, Mass. 18

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of CAROLINE A. OSBORN late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, 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

FRED G. OSBORN, Adm.

(Address)
14 James Street, Boston, Mass.
January 8, 1913. 3t18

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of JAMES J. DESMOND late of Harvard, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to MARGARET M. DESMOND of Harvard, in said County of Worcester, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the twenty-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 granted.

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

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

3t18 JOHN W. MAWBEY, Register.

Collector's Office

East Pepperell, Mass.,
January 9, 1913.

The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate situated in the Town of Pepperell in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as collector of taxes for said Town of Pepperell by the assessors of taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Collector's Office, 27 Aldine Block, in said Town of Pepperell on **Monday, February 3, 1913, at ten o'clock A. M.**, for the payment of said taxes with interest, costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged:

Charles H. Hynes, Owner

A certain lot of land situated in the east part of the Town of Pepperell, Mass., on a private way, leading easterly from Groton Street and bounded by land now or late of W. E. Sartelle, Louis Delphe and said private way, conveyed by William E. Sartelle to John B. and Mary Hynes June 20, 1891.

Tax for 1907	$1.67
Tax for 1908	1.90
Tax for 1909	1.70

GEORGE A. MAHONY,
Collector of Taxes for the town of Pepperell 1907, 1908, 1909.

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Tax for 1905	$1.54
Tax for 1906	1.60

EDWARD A. JOHNSON,
Collector of Taxes for the Town of Pepperell, 1905, 1906.