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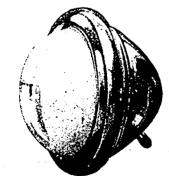
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## Weed Tire Chains

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ing of the Unitarian society will be held in the vestry Monday evening next, the latter opening at 6.45 o/clock.

The High school will open again

The Congregational church was very prettily decorated last Sunday with laurel and hemlock wreaths and much credit is due to the C. E. society who took a keen interest in decorating and did the work

The public is again reminded of the

In the minds and hearts of every-body who listened to Dr. Lincoln Wirt's wonderful lecture before the lyceum on Tuesday evening one sublect is supreme-the desire to avoid Weed Tire Chains

War in this country. To attempt a just account of his lecture would defy the powers of the most skilful and competent reporter. The impression made on all classes in his spellbound audience was the same. The small boy and the profession of the small boy and the sm

The Boston Ice Company bought at public auction last week Tuesday the property belonging to the Boston Dairy Company and situated near the Fitchburg railread tracks. The price is reported as \$5000.

Mrs. James C. Alvord went to St Johnsbury, Vt., Tuesday to spend the Christmas season with her parents She will return Saturday of this week The parish supper and annual meet

next Monday.

Mrs. Emma K. Lemley will address the Woman's club in the Orthodox Congregational vestry next Monday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. As previously announced Mrs. Lemley's subject will be "From India's coral strand to the Himalaya mountains." Misses Mildred, Olive and Laurice Flagg will furnish music for the afternoon.

holiday dance to be held this Saturday evening under the auspices of the Back-log club. Music will be furnished by the Colonial orchestra. George A. Cook, Mrs. Cook and their sons join the Walter Titcomb's for Christmas day.

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that It is the man and not the subject that engages the sympathy and wins the commendation of his listeners.

By human or divine intervention Dr. Wirt was influenced to give up his passage on the fated Lustania and on the same day and at the same moment that it started from America on its last trip across the Atlantic Dr. Wirt sailed from New York on the Canopic of the White Star line, taking the southern route through the influence of the American Board. In consummate eloquence he graphically portrayed his experiences in his mission to see the different phases of war that he might bresent them to the people of this country and ardently plead for the continuation of neace here in the United States. The modern methods of warfare, the men in the trenches, the conditions at hospituls, the women carrying on the work of men, the sad faces of widows and orphans, all these and much more he pictured in masterly language that will vibrate long in the ears of his appreciative audience, and never can the eloquent spieal for peace with which he closed his memorable-address be forgotten by anyone who had the opportunity to hear this literary classic from one of the most distinguished orators that has ever been presented to a Littleton audience.

Who Started It?

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It seems passing strange that although it has been well-known for years that all of the countries of Europe now engaged in war have been vigorously pushing various schemes of preparedness this country has looked on calmly with no material evidence of fright and without any acute sense of impending danger of invasion. Now when all of these countries are very busily engaged in trying to destroy cach other and putting men and money into the tremendous conflict to the limit of their polity we are apparently scared to death and notwithstanding the fact they are so extremely company and situated near the Fitching railroad tracks. The price is reported as \$1000.

Fishing through the ice and skating are popular pleasures during these mild days and moonlight nights. Particle are enjoying the fine skating daytime and evening, and not only the whildren, but grown ups. Many of whom have passed the meridian of life are engaging in this delightful winter sport.

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Dr. J. N. Murray has installed electives. For his temerity in during to accuse so august a body of such common-place actions he is threatened with a suit for libel by Col. Robert M. Thompson, president of the league. Up to date Congressman Tovenner refuses to be intimidated and says he oresent a resolution as soon a combles asking for an interest. will present a resolution as soon as congress assembles asking for an in-vestigation of the Navy League and calling on J. P. Morgan and other diectors to tell what they know about

it.

In his letter replying to Col. Thompson, Congressman Tovenner enumerates as directors, officers or contributors to the Navy League the following prominent citizens: Elbert H. tors to the Navy League the Islanding prominent citizens: Elbert H. Gary, of the United States Steel corporation, director and contributor; J. P. Morgan, former treasurer of the Navy League, now director and contributor; Mrs. Morgan's brother-inlaw, Herbert L. Satterlee, one of the incorporators and now counsel of the law. Herbert L. Sitteries, and incorporators and now counsel of the league; Edward T. Stotesbury, a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., a director in the Cambria Steel Company and fifty-eight other corporations, one of the honorary vice presidents. dents of the Navy League; Robert Ba-con, formerly a member of J. P. Mor-gan & Co., and now first director of United States Steel, a director of the Navy League; Henry C. Frick, director of United States Steel, one of the vic

presidents.

He calls attention to the fact that these gentlemen are more or less directly interested in the concerns that will probably furnish armor plate and other supplies to the government in case the preparedness program goes through. He also notes that the thir-ty-three directors of the Navy League ty-three directors of the Navy Leaguare worth on the average some three

are worth on the average some three millions each, and therefore do not represent the great common people. We have noted that most of the organizations giving notice in the press as pushing the preparedness program are composed of business men and so far as we have read we find no labor organizations or labor leaders taking any prominent part in the movement. We also note that where the ladies have been induced to push the defense measures they are invariably ladies of leisure and society leaders. fense measures they are invariably la-dies of leisure and society leaders.

We presume if the program is car-ried through and was in time follows the working man will get his chance— to go to the front and be shot up. It may be an unpatriotic view, but it looks like the working man as a rule is not particularly anxious for war and a chance to sacrifice himself for ence was the same. The small boy and the veteran alike sat in perfect slience, anxious to hear every word from the distinguished orator, and until Dr. Lincoln shall again grace the Littleton platform, a lecture of so pronounced merit will not be expected in our lyceum course.

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The small boy and the working man as a rule looks like the working man as a rule is not particularly anxious for ward and a chance to sacrifice himself for him country. It seems rather sensible of him at that, inasmuch as the only stake the average working man has in his country is a chance to work like a subject, had not appealed to as many of our residents as we could wish, and the audience was rather small, but the speaker well demonstrated the fact.

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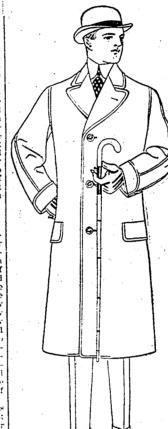
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Saturday, December 25, 1915.

#### WESTFORD

Harry Saxon, whose home is at Whidden's Corner, while trying to board a moving freight train in Gardner last week Wednesday evening, missed his foot and hand calculations, slipped his hold and the cars ran over slipped his hold and the cars ran over both legs. Companions who were with him all succeeded in boarding the freight except one, who sounded the alarm and Saxon was rushed to the Burbank hospital in Fitchburg, where it was found necessary to amputate both legs below the knee. The prospects for recovery are encouraging. Mr. Saxon moved to Westford from Billerica about two years ago.

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In the account printed last week of the address of Dr. Twitchell at the farmers' institute, one item was overlooked in the splendidly written account which the doctor laid much emphasis upon; "The farmers should raise more gorn for husking. I am raising 100 bushels of shelled corn per aere on chemicals alone, while the average, in New England is only 40 bushels per acre." There seemed to be an impression abroad that while the doctor owned a farm in Maine he in attendance. Trouble, Miss of the farming at the Parker

The lecturer's hour was in charge of Mrs. Josie Prescott, lecturer, and in harmony with her year of efficient work she arranged a discussion on the following question: "How far have we the right to make civic improvements and bind future generations to pay for the same?" Mrs. David Wallace and J. W. Rafter reasoned out the fundamentals of this question with two thoroughly prepared papers from which there was no attempt to reserve exceptions by those who followed, who were flev. David Wallace and S. L. Taylor, each with a few thoughts. Mis. Arvilla Wright gave an itemized account of the recent State Grange as seen from the balcomy of impreputiced epinion.

The first inseting in January will be devoted to the installation of the officers, followed by functions in Europe, and will be interest as connected with the present conditions in Europe, and will be metered as connected with the present conditions in Europe, and will be metered as connected with the present conditions in Europe, and will be metered as connected with the present conditions in Europe, and will be metered as connected with the present conditions in Europe, and will be metered as connected with the present conditions in Europe, and will be metered as connected with the present conditions in Europe, and will be metered as connected with the present conditions in Europe, and will be metered as connected with the present conditions in Europe, and will be metered as connected with the present conditions in Europe, and will be metered as connected with the present conditions in Europe, and will be metered as connected with the present conditions in Europe, and will be metered as connected with the present conditions in Europe, and will be metered as connected with the present conditions in Europe, and will be metered as connected with the present conditions in Europe and the cond

Graniteville.

The members of Court Graniteville.
F. of A., held a well-attended and insteresting intesting in their rooms on Thursday night of last week with F. G. Sullivan, chef ranger, in the chair, Much business of importance was transacted and diring the session the following efficers were duly elected for the ensuing term: Edward Riney, c. r: Charles A. Eaten, s. c. r.; P. Henry Harrington, treas; John Spinner, imsect Albert R. Wall, rec. see; Ansthony Piciralto, s. w.; Edward De Lorenze, y. w.; Joseph Wall, trustee a yrs; Dr. W. H. Sherman, physician, All of the anove officers will be duly instabled at the first meeting night in Japonary.

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The children of the Sargent school gave a line program of Christmas exercises in the schoolrooms on Friday of last week, which marked the last day of school before the two-weeks. Christmas vacation. The children were well drilled by the teachers and all did flowly in their respective parts.

Henry Morse is visiting here with all did finely in their respective parts. Excellent coasting and skating has been enjoyed here this week and both young and old have been taking advantage of the fine moonlight nights. Miss Anna Denahy, of Groton, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs.

James B. Healy. The usual Christmas tree exercises were held here in the different churches this week. The exercises in St. Catherine's church were held on Wednesday evening, and those in the Methodist church were held on Friday the H evening. Following the usual custom the Abbot Worsted Company donated generous checks to both churches.

Mrs. Maria McCarthy, widow of the late Thomas McCarthy, died after a long illness at the home of her son, Robert J. McCarthy, on Friday, December 17, aged 62 years, 9 months. She leaves to mourn her loss three sons, Robert J. and Thomas of Graniteville, and John E. McCarthy of North Chelmsford: also, four daught ters, Mrs. Nellie Tripp of Concord Junction, Mrs. Edward Defoe, Mrs. George Gower, Miss Catherine McCarthy of this village, and three brothers, Robert Jesson of Boston, Henry Jesson of England, and Thomas Joesson of Graniteville.

The funeral took place from the Christmas festivities in good style.

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mass being celebrated in St. Catherine's church by Rev. Henry L. Scott, that was attended by many relatives and friends. The regular choir was in attendance and under the direction of Miss Mary F. Hanley sung the Gregorian chant. There were many beautiful floral tributes that testified in a marked degree to the high estecnin which the deceased was held. The bearers were Joseph Wall. Thomas Ledwith, William J. Healy. Thomas Hughes. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery.

Forge Village. The Ladies' Sewing circle hold no meeting this week owing to the Christmas holidays.

Percy Kilminster, of Providence R. L. is spending his vacation at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred Naylor. Miss Eva F. Pyne is vision; with relatives in Boston this week.

The Young People's Social club held their meeting on Wednesday evening. Mrs. S. W. Sturgis, of Groton, entertained the club during the evening.

Holy communion services will be held at St. Andrew's mission Christ-mas morning at 8.39. On Sunday, children's day, services will be held at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon. The evening prayer at 4.30 will be omitted.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shakleton, who have been recently married, are settled in their new home on Bradford street. Mrs. Shakleton was formerly Miss Nora Holt, of this village.

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William Baker, overseer of the reeling room in the mill of Abbot & Co., splintered the bone of one of his fingers while at work on Wednesday morning. A physician was summoned who gave medical attendance.

James Daly is still seriously ill at the home of his son, John Daly, Pond

Robert Wetmore, who is a student at the Hackley school, Tarrytown, N. Y., is home for the holidays.

Miss Helen Lord is very ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lord, suffering from heart trouble. Miss Lord recently recovered from scarlet fever. A trained nurse is in attendance.

opinions.

Miss Luanna B. Decatur is home for the holidays from her school in New Rochelle, N. Y. Pleasant memories greet her at the old Capt. Peletiah Fletcher ancient homestead on the Lowell road.

Grange.

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The Christmas entertainment at the last meeting of the Grange was in charge of Mrs. Banister. There was Christmas songs by Grace Robinson, Mrs. Wallace, John P. Wright and Charles Robie. It was a good and true name and chime. There was Christmas fiddling on the violin by Rev. David Wallace, which had the ring of ability to it, and called out an encore, but the encore did not arrive. A solo by Mrs. Ella May Wright was greatly appreciated. Everybody passed themselves around to some candy and the whole affair was sweet with the taste of good things.

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his son, I. E. Morse, and family for

Cedric Webster, from Amherst Agricultural college, is having a holiday from school work and is home with his parents and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck, who have been spending a few weeks in Newton-Highlands, will remain over the holi-

The Parliamentary class will hold their next meeting on Monday after-noon, December 27, at 2,30 o'clock at the Hapgood Memorial. All members of the Woman's club interested are

ordially welcomed. The special music at the Unitarian church will be given by Frank Gale, bass soloist, Sunday morning.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will hold its last meeting of the year on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. The subject is to be "How to keep on the up-grade." Miss Harriet Mason will be in charge. The usual devotional service pre-ceding communion will be held in the church parlor on Wednesday after-noon at 2.30.

The Monday class met as usual this week. Miss Reed gave a summary of current events. Other papers dealing with early English history were read by Misses Bagster, Farwell and Pol-

н. w. с. H. W. C.

The Harvard Woman's club held another very interesting and profitable meeting on last Monday, when Miss Mary P. Abbot, of this town, spoke on "Home and school life in Germany." Miss Abbot, having spent part of her life in Germany, was well able to speak along these lines and handled her subject in a very chever and interesting manner. All club members are extremely grateful to her for a delightful and profitable afterfor a delightful and profitable after

At the business session of the meeting the offer which was made to the club by Miss Clara Endicott Sears was gratefully accepted and a committee of three were appointed to ascertain the actual expense to the club of starting and furnishing such a tea house and exchange. The committee consists of Mrs. H. H. Gale, Miss, C. E. Sears and Miss Ruth Whitney. The general feeling in the club is that this exchange, which is to include all townswomen, but which is to be conducted by the club, may prove to be At the business session of the meet raise more gorn for husking. I am raising 100 bushels of shelled corn per acre on chemicals alone, while the average, in New England is only 40 bushels per acre." There seemed to be an impression abroad that while the doctor owned a farm in Maine he didd most of his farming at the Parker House, Boston. Emphatic nonsense. He is down into the grim soil with solled hands which bore the trade marks of the farmer. Here is a man driven to the soil for health, got into it with both hands and some of his farming and succeeded in raising 190 bushels of shelled corn per acre.

The Massachusetts Agricuitural Extension school is coming January 17 and stay with us four days. This extension school course has some great surprises in store for the home of the soil for health, got into it with bis heavy it has been greated by a surprises in store for the soil or health, got into it with bis kextension school invites us to do and make it a clearing house of

the club sent a check for \$6.03. The club gave a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Austin Peters for the gift of two tablecloths with monogram and emblem embroidered in the club color, green; also, thanks was given to the club members who purchased the serving tray for the club.

The next club meeting will be on the evening of January 3. at eight o'clock in the town hall and will be an open meeting, when all the men and women of Harvard are invited to come and hear Charles R. Johnson, hairman of the State Board of Charities, who will speak on "The care of

ties, who will speak on "The care the town poor."

#### BROOKLINE, N. H.

#### News Items.

Wilfred Ouilette went to Lowell last reek Friday, where he has been spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker. Mrs. John Andrews was a recent

visitor in Milford. Mrs. George Nye and Mrs. Minnie Gove were guests last week Wednes-day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Almon Shuman in Ayer.

Frances and Jessie Farnsworth are home for their Christmas vacation from their school in Merrimack, Mass. Edward Lancey, Wallace Jenness and Harry Cores went out on the last day for deer hunting and were suc-cessful in bringing down a young

Miss S. M. Baer slipped a few week Miss S. M. Eaer slipped a few weeks ago and fell in such a way as to bruise her limbs quite badly. She nursed the injuries until they were apparently quite well, when they commenced to trouble her so much she has been obliged to call in a physician, who is at present treating her.

Mrs. Tables 1822 5 22.

Mrs. Jaines Hill, of Pepperell, was in town last week Wednesday and spent the day with friends,

Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Hall spent las week Wednesday in Manchester.

Alexander l'Ecuyer last week enter-amed his brother August. Miss Edith Lawrence was a recen cror in Milford,

The snowstorm of last week did not the snowstorm of last week did not also any serious damage about the town, although it was some time before the toads were passable. Thesday morning. Delbert Porter, road agent, had the plow out bright and early and had the sidewalks about town cleared of in the forencom, but the wind blow with such force that the snow drifted upon the walks again in some from one to three feet in depth

Mrs. Ralph Perkins and Mrs. William Shattuck were visitors in Nashua last Saturday.

Mrs. Augusta Gould was a visitor in Milford last week Thursday.

The twenty inches or more of snow and the drifts of even greater depth did not prevent some of the Loyal Workers from meeting with Mrs. Mallie Gilson at her home last week Tues lie Gilson at her home last week Tuesday. Among those present were Mrs. Hattie Stiles, seventy-five years old, as good and as spry a sample of old New England folk as one would wish to meet. She said the walk through the snow-made her "puff a little," but she took as many stitches as the rest of the gathering, and when seen a few days afterward she said she felt none the worse for her little outing.

Mrs. Charles Holcombe and daugh-

Mrs. Charles Holcombe and daugh ter Marian were visitors in Milford last week Thursday.

Mrs. Belle Hall and daughter Blanche were visitors in Lowell last week Friday.

Edwin Smith has moved from his home on the Pepperell road to the Cleveland house on Main street for the winter months.

New Advertisement.

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Corporators of the North Middlesex Savings Bank will be held at its Banking House on Monday, the third day of January, 1916, at two o'clock P. M., for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

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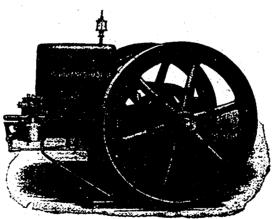
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#### HOLLIS, N. H.

On account of the snowstorm very few attended the illustrated lecture on last week Tuesday evening by Mr. Chamberlain, of Boston, an Armenian, who escaped the massacre in Turkey through the ald of the Ameri-can consul. The lecturer also sang

a good many songs.

Harvey. Powers is at home from At the Sunday school concert last Sunday a very interesting program of recitations, responsive readings, etc., was given.

and no accounts will be held open after that date.

The meeting of the Choral society last week Friday night had a small attendance, but much interest was manifested in the welfare of the organization. There was a free discussion of plans for the future, but as several members were unavoidably absent no definite work for the society was decided upon. There will be another meeting soon, when it is hoped that all members will be present and that all members will be present and vote on important questions now un-

Union building there were interesting Christmas exercises and songs appropriate to the scason, followed by the exchange of gifts between teachers and pupils, and much happiness was given to all through this demonstration of good will. The school physician was one of the many visitors present. He came officially and discovered a few cases of chicken-pox. Although the children whose disease was thus disappointment at the thought of spending part of the vacation in deors when coasting and skating offered grand opportunities for fun, they were pleased that the school register would be free from the ugly disfigurement of be free from the ugly disfigurement of absent marks during these two weeks.

Mrs. A. F. Conant has been in Wor-Mrs. A. P. Commit has been in Woi-cester for a week or more, attending her brother, who is very ill with pneu-monia. Miss Grace P. Conant, who came from Decatur, Ill., last week for the Christmas vacation, joined her mother in Worcester on Monday.

### LUNENBURG

The financial year of the town closes December 31, and all bills against the town should be presented before that date.

boy, will be pleased to learn that he represented Shirley Grange at the same meeting. A pleasant and prefitable meeting is reported.

wealed the exact nature of the brak. She was made as comfortable as pos-sible and Dr. MacAusland, of Boston, reduced the fracture.

The following officers have been elected to serve in the Epworth league for the coming year: Lewis Harrington, pres.; Carroll Magoon, Mrs. Carroll Magoon, Mrs. C. C. Marden, Jr. roll Magoon, Mrs. C. C. Marden, Jr., Carl Harrington, vice pres.; Gladys Sanderson, sec.; Gertrude Barter, trens.; Mrs. Carroll Magoon, organist. The fourth vice president has charge of the social affairs, and Miss Mildred

Barter has been appointed assistant Christmas Exercises.

Christmas Exercises.

All the schools in town held very appropriate Christmas exercises last week Friday afternoon before closing for the holiday vacation. In the primary and intermediate grades a Christmas tree laden with gifts and a real Santa Claus to distribute them, in charge of the teachers, Misses Ruth Goodrich and Alice Peabody, with a few program in which a large number

different members of the school.

Miss Hilda McIntyre, teacher of the grammar school, also had a very pretily decorated tree and a fine program, including songs by the school, recitations by Ruth Burrage and Edith Proctor, and a little drama, "Playing Santa Claus," enacted by Kenneth Cox, Eveline Burnap, Gordon Bailey, Mary Spencer and Elizabeth Gane.

The high school held their exercises in the town hall and presented a most enjoyable program, mingling both gay and grave, sense and sentiment, historical and modern. Many of the old English customs of the yuletide were enacted. The last feature of the entertainment was "just for fun." Every present on the tree was a joke and brought out a great deal of merriment.

With all the fun and good times the pupils of the various schools en-

The Cooking club meeting last week was postponed on account of the storm.

Eighteen attended the Woman's club meeting on last Wednesday afternoon. Miss Louise Stratton gave

storm.

Eighteen attended the Woman's club meeting on last Wednesday afternoon. Miss Louise Stratton gave a very interesting paper, entitled "True and false economy." The hostesses were Miss Mabel Guething and Mrs. Ralph C. Herrick.

Wallace Bascom is at home from Middlebury college, Vermont, for a short vacation.

Miss Louise Hardy, from Amherst, is home for two weeks.

The schools closed last week Friday for two weeks. Miss Hession, Miss Newton, Miss Proctor and Mr. Thiste have returned to their homes, Lowell, Ashburnham, Watertown and Chelsea, respectively.

Obituary. Samuel W. Smith, whose serious ill-ness has been mentioned in these col-umns, passed away at his home on Mulpus road last week Friday morn-At the Sunday school concert last Sunday a very interesting program of recitations, responsive readings, etc., was given.

Mrs. Francis K. Sweetser is at home from Auburn, Me., for the vacation.

Frank P. Quincy is home for a few days.

Herman Stickney shot two deer last week, the last day of the season.

William J. Mills has gone to Amherst to spend the holldays with his daughter and family.

At the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening the following program was given: Reading, Miss Hazel Marshall; recitation. Bert Keyes; on Christmas in olden times was to nave been read by Miss Josephine Adams, but was given by Mrs. Charles Smith; vocal solo, "The holy city," Miss Grace P. Smith. Then followed the Christmas tree and ocial hour in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shattuck. Popcorn balls and appies were served.

LITTLETON

News items.

The selectmen give notice that all bills against the town must be brought in on on before Saturday, January 1, and no accounts will be held open after that date.

The meeting of the Choral society last week Friday night had a small last week Friday morning. He was seventy years of age and well-known in this vicinity as an expert machinist, an honest, industrious and much respected man. His death followed a lingering illness of more than a year in duration. Occasionally he would seem better and be able to walk around his home a little, but he had a weak heart and other troubles, so that his apparent improvement was only temporary. He was for many years receting machinist, employed by the Brown Engine Co., of Fitchburg, and had charge of the erection and installation of the greater part of the engines sent out by the company.

Mr. Smith and his wife were charter members of Lunenburg Grange and that order had charge of his fully mentally the proposition of the greater part of the engines sent out by the company.

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The snow and the great drifts of last week's storm were of such depth as to seriously impede travel on nearly every road in town and automobiles were entirely out of commission. der consideration.

The schools all closed last week Friday for the holiday vacation. The grades will have two weeks and the high school one week. At the West school and the different rooms in the Union building there were interesting Christmas exercises and songs appropriate to the season, followed by the exchange of gifts between teachers and pupils, and much happiness was given to all through this demonstration of good will. The school physical properties of the school physical properties and properties of the school physical properties of the school physical properties of the drifts by the old-fashioned aut of the drifts by the old-fashioned automobiles en route for Fitchburg found motoring so difficult that it took them from seven o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon to on the state road, a distance of only two and a haif miles, leaving the road terribly torn up. Electric cars were not running at all, the last one leaving town for Fitchburg found motoring so difficult that it took them from seven o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon to on the state road, a distance of only two and a haif miles, leaving town for Fitchburg found motoring so difficult that it took to on the state road, a distance of only two and a haif miles, leaving one leaving town for Fitchburg found motoring so difficult that it took to on the state road, a distance of only two and a haif miles, leaving one leaving town for Fitchburg found motoring so difficult that it took them from seven o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon to only two on the state road, a distance of only two on the state road, a distance of only two on the state road and the difference of the took of the morning that the morning that the properties of the properties of the properties of the difference of the control of the difference of the took of the morning that the properties of the proof of the drifts by the properties of the properties of the prop eral were stalled and had to be pulled one leaving town for Fitchburg a little one leaving town for Fitchburg a little after nine o'clock Monday night, and not returning until 11.39 Wednesdry morning—storm-bound over thirty-six hours. No mail was received or sent out until seven o'clock Wednesday morning, when permission was received from the mail superintendent in Fitchburg for some one hear to be in Fitchburg for some one sworn in. Accordingly E. E. Tucker took the eath of office and was given an order for the mail for Lunenburg which he brought by team over the

state road.
So few pupils were able to reach
the schoolhouse there was no session
of school on Tuesday. The Epworth
league supper, business meeting and
social appointed for Tuesday evening was postponed until Friday. The Missionary Study club meeting ap-pointed for Tuesday at the Congre-gational church, was postponed for

BOSTON CORRESPONDENCE

December 5, 1915 against the town should be presented before that date.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Rockwood attended the State Grange in Springfield last week. The many friends of Harry N. Brown, a former Lunenburg boy, will be pleased to learn that he represented Shirley Grange at the same meeting. A pleasant and prefitable meeting is reported.

December 8, 1915.

Gov. Walsh, after two terms, leaves his party stronger than ever before, this party stronger than ever before, which party stronger than ever before, and the party stronger than ever before, this party stronger than ever before, and the party stronger than ever before, this party stronger than ever before, and the party stronger than ever before, this party stronger than ever before, and the party stronger than ever before, and the party stronger than ever before, this party stronger than ever before, this party stronger than ever before, and the party stronger than ever before, this party stronger than ever before, this party stronger than ever before, the party stronger than ever before, and the party stronger than ever before, the party stronger than ever before the party stronger than ever befor itable meeting is reported.

Much sympathy is felt for Miss type at Mrs. A. L. Hoising-ton's, who fell on the ice last Saturday and received a fracture of the thigh. She was removed to the Burbank hospital, where an X-ray examination report of the local type of type of the local type of type

A Strike Failure.

The strike by the freight handlers on the Boston and Maine, the Boston and Albany and the N. Y., N. H. and H. lines has many sad features. Men who had been employed for more than thirty years, were induced by their leaders to strike, to stop work and go out on the street. The failure of the strike leaves hundreds of them of the strike leaves hundreds of them out of work. The managers of the out of work. The managers of trailroads agreed to take the men bac without prejudice as fast as vacancioccur, but the men who took the places of the strikers are clinging to their jobs very tenaciously and seem to prize the chance to work very much more than did those men who had held the places so long. A strike is just what Sherman said about war. It is waste and destruction and all labor unions as well as employers of labor should seek every possible avenue to industrial peace

Senator Weeks.

in charge of the teachers, Misses Ruth Goodrich and Alice Peabody, with a fine program in which a large number of the pupils had a part, proved most interesting. The artistic programs made by the pupils themselves were very nice and reflected great credit upon both teachers and pupils.

The West school, in the Baker district, in charge of their teacher. Mrs. Viola Bickford, being of the same grades as Miss Blanche Lancey's at the Center school, united in their Christmas program. A Christmas tree and Santa Claus, personlifed by S. U. McIntyre, with apt and appropriate readings, recitations and carols by different members of the school.

Miss Hilda McIntyre, teacher of the ple. More than any other man at Washington he helped to secure the parcel post legislation. Massachusetts will give him a solid delegation and it will seem like old times to have a candidate at Chicago of whom every delegate will be proud, and for whos nomination all New England should

The City's Christmas Tree

A woman, they say, thought of the first community Christmas tree. was erected in Madison square, in New York city. There was something stimulating, something highly infectious, in the idea, for now cities and villages all over America are erecting Christmas trees in their public squares, says the Delineator.

They are wonderful things, these community Christmas trees, not for their beauty alone, but for the spirit they arouse in the towns where they are found. They are the village center for Christmas joy. Christmas services, without sectarian barriers, are held about them. Christmas carols are all and singular the premises convey sung at their bases. None so poor or so world worn or so hurried but he stranger alike to this tree for all the It brings the child in the manger to every soul in the community.

The Christmas tree is essentially a symbol of the north and of the home. Yet it is inextricably blended in our minds with our faith, which is desert

Most of the great religions of the world were born of some solitary spirit who sought the lonely sand waste and there wrought out that which made the desert of his soul "blossom like the rose," He who gave us the great faith went again and again out into the burning vellow barrens, where the tender, brooding, violet sky awaited him; where all the desert world, so fearful in its unadornment, so over whelming in its solitude, found focused in him all its pulsing radiance, as though in him were centered the heartbeat of the universe. In the verdure less, sand driven, star hung desert the Babe with his listening ear heard, with his dreaming eyes saw, with his throbbing heart felt, the faith that turned men's faces forever from the clod to the cross.

Why, then, should the fir tree stand in our public square, sign and symbol to an old road; thence Northwesterly of that desert birth? Whatever its by said road two hundred eightyphysical history, why should breathless thousands, hungry of body or of spirit. looking on the great pine tree hung with electric bulbs, backed by sky scrapers, topped by smoke, find in its incoherent beauty the urge set in mo-tion by the desert bred Babe?

One would have said of the home Christmas trees that, after all, it was the gifts that gave them their glamour. There are no gifts on the community Christmas trees, yet thousands and thousands of us look on them with the thrill that belongs to faith alone. One wonders why.

Perhaps this is the reason: The comwhich the home Christmas tree does the world. It means that the dawn of real brotherhood is tinting our horizon. It means, and particularly this Christmas it means, that in spite of poverty and bloodshed, in spite of greed and despair, there are in increasing numbers in the world those who would share with the world all that sacred beauty and hope that are the individ-ual's holy of holies, the most difficult of all one's spiritual riches to share.

It is the symbol of green forest beauty, of the druid's wild faith, of the Teuton's largess and always of giving, giving. Not strange that forever in our minds it should be inseparable from the birthday of him who gave supreme ly: not strange, but utterly soul sat isfying, that finally we have joined our hands and placed the Christma tree in the market place-symbol that, at last, man may give himself to man.

"God bless us." said Tiny Tim on Christmas day. "God bless us every one." Dickens dreamed of a Christ His Tiny Tim, lame and wistful, might have foreshadowed the joy starved world that now crowds around the market place tree, saving as he said. "God bless us every one."

Washington's City Christmas.

"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." This sentence, blazing from a brilliantly lighted electric placard raised almost to the dome of the capitol, reflected the predominant sentiment of thousands who assembled at the capitol plaza to celebrate Washington's "com munity Christmas." A giant Norway spruce, illuminated with glimmering red, white and blue electric bulbs; the Marine band, a huge electric star of the east and a chorus of 1,000 singers. with the capitol itself outlined as the background against the dark curtain of the sky, made a scene of impressive beauty. Tableaux representing the story of the Nativity were presented in the improvised amphitheater. In the audience were many men and women well known throughout the country including high government officials.



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#### REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Ray L. Meader to the Fitchburg Co-operative Bank, dated July 1, 1914, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 3896, page 143, and for breach of the conditions therein contained will be sold at public auction on the premises herein

after described on Monday, January 3rd, A. D. 1916 at two o'clock in the afternoon

ed by said mortgage deed, viz: A certain lot of land with the build must see, must thrill with friend and ings thereon, situated in Mill Village so called, in Ashby, Mass., bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning on the road leading from said Mill Village to Ashby Center at the southwesterly corner of land late of George M. Worcester; thence N 80° 30° E. by said Worcester land and land of A. C. Richardson two hundred and thirteen (213) feet to a corner of a wall; thence S. 7° W. one hundred and twenty-six (126) feet to by said Richardson land to a corne in the wall; thence S. 67° 30' W. sev enty-one (71) feet by said Richard-son land to an angle in the wall; thence S. 73° W. one hundred seven (107) feet by said Richardson land to the road aforesaid; thence by said road N. 12° W. one hundred fifty-five (155) feet to the place of beginning buildings thereon, situated in said Ashby on the westerly side of the road leading from said Ashby to Ashournham and bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning at the most southerly corner thereof on said road at an iron bolt at land of Daisy Robinson; thence by said Robinson land N. 58 W. two hundred sixty-eight and 4/10 (268.4) feet more or less to an iron pipe set in the ground; thence by said Robinson land S. 31° W. ninety-four and 5/10 (34.5) feet, more or less by said road two hundred eighty-three (283) feet, more or less, to a stake at land formerly of one Towne: thence by said Towne land N. 35" by the wall two hundred eighty-five (285) feet, more or less, to a stake on the shore of Stanley Mill Pond: thence seven (127) feet, more or less, to a stake at the shore of said Pond; thence by the shore of said pond southeasterly one hundred and thirtyseven (137) feet, more or less, to a stake in the ground at the end of the dam; thence N. 44° 34' E. thirty-seven and 7/10 (37.7) feet to a stake at said road from Ashby to Ashburnham; thence S. 10° 20' E. by said munity Christmas tree symbolizes that road one hundred seventy-two and 8/10 (172.8) feet to a stake at an not. It symbolizes Christmas for all angle in said road; thence S. 11° 43° E. by said road two hundred and nine and 8/10 (209.8) feet to the place of beginning. Containing two and 8/10 (2.8) acres.
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serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. & To all persons interested in the estate of CHARLES A. DENNEN late of Pepperell in said County, deceased. Whereas, Wilklam F. DENNEN the administrator of the estate of said deceased. Whereas, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the fourth day of January A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postipaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court, and by mailing, posting a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this four-teenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fiteen.

3t15 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

3115 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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 WASHINGTON STUART late of Ayer in said.
County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to FIORA M. STUART of Bridgewater in the county of Plymouth or to some other sultable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of December A. D.

1915. at nine o'clock in the forenoon; to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And 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, and by mailing a copy of said court, and by mailing a copy of said court, witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this second day of December in the year, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

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Saturday, December 25, 1915.

#### GROTON

Nors Items

The last period at the Groton high The last period at the Groton high school last week Friday was given over to exercises apropriate to Christmas. There were songs by the school. German carols by the students in German, recitations by different pupils, the reading of a pretty original story, "How Elizabeth found Christman," by Amer Donathy, and her by Anna Denahy, and her il prize essay, "The Christ of mas, by Anna Denany, and ner original prize essay, "The Christ of the Andes," by Ruth Bixby. The exercises closed with singing by the school. Only two parents accepted the invitation to be present.

The Christmas festival, with Christmas tree and exercises, annually given by Groton School to the employees mas tree and exercises, annually given by Groton School to the employees and their families, was held in the school symnasium Monday evening. The program consisted of a violin orchestra, comprising Mrs. Mary Sabine and sister, Miss Geraldine Lawrence, Miss Abbott, Miss Rose Peabody and Miss Griswold, who gave violin selections; there was quartet singing by Mr. Richards and one of the students, Miss Helen Peabody and Miss Rose Peabody. Selections by "The southern hell-ringers," all students at Groton School, songs by a number of the younger boys, and other singing and musical selections made up a pleasing program. This was followed by the distribution of presents, Mr. Belas personifying Santa Claus in a clever manner. Near ten o'clock the families returned to their homes.

The topic of the C. E. meeting on Sunday evening is "How to keep on the up-grade." Leader. Lewis M. Knapp. This is "new year's" meeting. There was a well attended meeting last Sunday, led by Miss Gibson. A Christmas song by Adams was sung by twelve of the young people. These meetings continue to call out good

There will be special Christmas music at the Unitarian church Sunday morning, consisting of a Christmas carol; anthem. "Sing O heavens"; solo, with violin obligato, "In a manger lowly"; violin solo; Mrs. a manger lowly"; violin solo; Mames and Miss Lawrence, soloists. Mrs. J. W. Wilson has gone to Collingswood, N. J., to spend the holidays with her sister.

The high school class of 1916 held The high school class of 1916 held a very pretty dance on Friday of last week, about 140 being present. They realized something like thirty dollars. The matrons were Mrs. Burton, Mrs. James Harrington, Mrs. Arthur Wood, Charles Lawrence and Mrs. ge Moison, the last two kept by illness.

item: "Frederick H. Baldwin, prin-cipal of the Pleasant street school, The meeting adjourned at Marlboro, has been elected principal Mariboro, has been elected principal A Letter.

of the twenty-four room grammar A Letter.

The foreign mail of last week Baldwin is a graduate of Dartmouth brought in word from the U. S. S. college and came to Marlboro from Brooklyn and H. W. Mason, who had Lawrence academy, Groton."

After a short business meeting of the Grange next week Tuesday even-ing the Grange will be open to the children and Grange members for the

Mrs. Needham has a family gather-

.The current events department of the Woman's club meets with Mrs. Charles R. Earle at 2.30 o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, Decemben

The Misses Ethel and Margaret distant Bruce arrived home last week Friday sides from quite a lengthy stay at Lake-wood, N. J. G. G. Smith, their cousin, at the same time from Lake-

Miss Helen Gay has gone to Brockton for a visit to her sister. Mrs. John W. Simmons, and family. Her father, H. H. Gay, went with Helen, but will home by Friday.

Miss May McKean returned from a visit at Methuen and left for another I seem to be at home in the old south visit in Nashua, N. H., to return home room, a flerce blizzard blowing out-

The W. R. C. take great pleasure

this year in sending out small bas-kets of fruit, etc., to the shut-ins of the E. C. Clark organizations, as a Christmas remembrance.

their hall. The picture is "Snerman's march to the sea" and is an exact duplicate of the one presented by Mrs. A. P. Carlton and others, which was burned with the destruction of the Oddfellows' hall on Hollis street a few years ago.

Fred Dodge is coming from Attle-boro to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Georgianna and his sister. Miss Alice Dodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Almon Gauthier of Concord, N. H., are to be Christmas guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Blood.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sawyer, W. A. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sawyer, W. A. Brown, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Messenger and Miss Hattle Messenger took the sixth degree at the State Grange meeting at Springfield, Mrs. Brown had taken it previously. The ladies of the party who went from Groton came home by train Thursday night. Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Brown spent Thursday night at the home of their old friend, Percy Benedict, in West Brookfield.

The Junior Bird club had their

The Junior Bird club had their Christmas exercises in the lower town hall Tuesday afternoon.

The Groton Sewing school were given their usual Christmas party in the town hall last Saturday afternoon.

The annual dinner and roll call of the Congregational church will be held on Wednesday, January 5. Dinner will be served at twelve o'clock, followed by the roll call and that by the annual business meeting.

Paul Wilson of Champney street has been elected president of the second-year class in architectual construction at Wentworth institute, in Boston. year class in architectual construction at Wentworth institute, in Boston, where he is continuing his studies this year. He is the first president of the class, the second-year course being given this year for the first time. Before attending Wentworth, which is an endowed trade school for boys, young Wilson studied two years at Lawrence academy. The course he is pursuing in Boston is designed to train its pupils to become foremen, superintendents and detail designers in all departments of the building industry and to fit young men to hold positions of responsibility with architectura@tirms or building contractors, building su-perintendence being one of the most important departments of architec-ture.

has returned from his leave of absence.

James Rowe has left town with all his belongings—gone to live in Worcester. J. E. Adams took his goods over by truck the other day.

At the meeting of the Middlesex Rebekah lodge, L.Q. O. F., on Tuesday evening, the officers for 1916 were elected as follows: Mrs. Alice Woods, n. g.; Mrs. Hannah Whitehill, v. g.; Mrs. Effic Harrington, rec. see; Miss Ellizabeth Whitchill, in, soc.; Mrs. Mary Bonton and Mrs. Blanche Brown, delegates to Rebekah convention. Other officers to be appointed by the noble grand.

The Herald of Tuesday has this Rem: "Frederick H. Baldwin, principal of the Pleasant streat school." The meeting adjourned at 9.20

not before been heard from since they started for the Asiatic station on Oc-tober 25. The following are extracts from his letter written at sea three days out from New York:

October 28.

Am starting you a letter tonight and an starting you a letter tonight and shall add some to it at intervals later on. We have traveled about 1900 miles east from New York. You will remember our first step is at Barcelonia, Spain, where this letter will start on its journey west. We have now covered about one-quarter of the distance and all has gone well. Be-sides the regular itinerary we may stop at Singapore or Manila. As we must stop for coal/and give liberty at different ports it will be far into De cember before we arrive at our desti

mmons, and family. Her father,
Gay, went with Helen, but will
only a short stay, returning
by Friday.

May McKean returned from a

the ship's side and listen to the wind

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS is to be a Christmas guest at S. P. Mckean's. Clay McKean has just been called to Providence, R. 1.; his wife,
Mrs. Mary Folkins McKean, is making a visit to her parents, Mr. and
JOHN II. TURNER, Editor

this Friday. Mrs. Landry of Nashua side, and in the distance I hear the whistle of an engine as it approaches the crossing near the old soapstone quarry. I can never forget how secure in garding a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odber Folkins. side, and in the distance I hear the of James and Amelia Lamb, who were whistle of an engine as it approaches taken ill on last Saturday. A trained the crossing near the old soapstone nurse is in attendance. all there safe, the lights turned low and a good warm fire burning. I expect to mail this composite letter at Barcelona, where we will probably stay four days in port and then on through the Mediteranean, I do not Christmas remembrance.

Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck and herbrother, C. B. Baldwin, left last week for Maplewood, where they expect to stay awhile.

Dr. Willey, who has been working for Dr. Gobie for the past few months, is opening a practice in Connecticut.

Mrs. George Meyet has presented the W. R. C. a beautiful picture all framed, which is soon to be hung in their hall. The picture is "Sherman's march to the sea" and is an exact dugger and my story.

November 3

Passed the Azores yesterday, taking a course midway between Fayal and one of the smaller islands. These seem to be well populated. I could see houses and evidences of cultivated see houses and evidences of chitvated fields, one of the mountains is covered with vegetation to the very top. There is a very high mountain on one of the smaller islands over which the clouds hang like a vast curtain. It clouds hang like a vast curtain. It would make a fine view for a picture. The people are industrious and fairly prosperous, but I should think they would feel lonesome separated from all continents and all around "old ocean's gray and melancholy waste." We are now 2439 miles from New York. We will pass Gibraltar early Monday morning and you can guess I shall be on the sharp outlook there.

captain is in a hurry to proceed and then there is a rumor of trouble between England and Exput. That, however, would not affect us as the canal and knee cap misplaced.

is heavily guarded. Had a pleasant visit in Barcelona and learned considerable about the Spanish people. They were very friendly to us, even more so than one might expect, since we were on the Brooklyn, a ship conspicuous in Spanish or Cuban war. Guess our money ish or Cuban war. Guess our money looked good to them as they said times were hard on account of the war. The people seem in favor of the Allies. A friend of mine went ashore with methere and as he speaks the language well our visit was most enjoyable. The some of these old polises were built before 1200 A. D., made of stone or cement, with the roofs supported by stone columns. Some of the walls were inlaid with various colored stones—Mosiac work. We bought some souvenirs, tasted of their food and drank.

George Moison, the last two kept away by illness.

There will be the Christmas festival at the meeting of the Grange on next the various mechanical trades, Wentral to the various mechanical trades, Wentral trades, Went

Miss Edna Barrett, of Brockton, her classmate at Framingham Normal school.

Young people not mentioned last week who will come home to spend Christmas day or a longer Christmas week who will come home to spend Christmas day or a longer Christmas was carried and the Low town hall of at Amherst college, Laurence W. Gay, freshman at Amherst College, Laurence W. Gay, freshman at Amherst Agricultural; for the previous meeting and brief representation at Amherst college, Laurence W. Gay, freshman at Amherst Agricultural; for the previous meeting and brief representation at Amherst college, Laurence W. Gay, freshman at Amherst Agricultural; for the previous meeting and brief representation at Amherst college, Laurence W. Gay, freshman at Amherst Agricultural; for the previous meeting and brief representation at Amherst college, Laurence W. Gay, freshman at Amherst Agricultural; for the previous meeting and brief representation of the previous meeting and brief reported to the previous meeting and brief reported to

Baptist Church.

The subject of the morning sermon on last Sunday was "Christmas re-joicings." The choir rendered special Christmas music

The subject of the sermon on next Sunday morning will be "Treasures of memory." The subject of the even-nig sermon will be "Waves of time or message from the ocean." Great interest is being shown in

next Wednesday evening will be thusiasm, or a candlestick in danger. The Boy's club held its fireside gathering on Monday evening. In the

glow of the camp-fire games were played after which Mr. Tucker told everal interesting stories. The Christmas féstival was held on evening, a full account of which will be given next week.

Charles M. Blodgett, who was present at the Rally Day exercises on November 7, was elected mayor of Malden on last Tuesday. His son Caleb is a member of Camp Idlewild, which conducted under the management of Mr. Tucker.

West Groton.

A number of young people are arriving for the holidays. Those noted are Miss Bertha Bixby of Radcliffe and Miss Grace Blxby of Lincoln at Mrs. Charles Blxby's; Miss Esther Jarvis of Attleboro and Miss Mary Clark of Fitchburg at their respective iomes; Miss Evelyn Fernald of Framingham at G. S. Webbers'. Others reported are Miss Helen MacChleria at her home and the Lawrence young people, including Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams of Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuttler of Groton, will enjoy the family Christ-nas tree and dinner at E. K. Harring-

Mrs. Enoch Small is very critically ill. An operation has been performed for cancer of the bowels, and her physician considers her condition ex-tremely serious. Her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Brown, of Leominster, is with

Miss Grace Bixby has a six-weeks' vacation from her duties at Farring-ton Memorial. She will visit New York city for a few days next week. Owing, doubtless, to the holidar season, with its many duties, the Im provement society had a smattendance on Tuesday evening. tendance on Thesday evening. Lat. Trowbridge gave an interesting talk on the history of the horse, its development, increase and use, while Clifford Bixby spoke on the late improvements in the village and others need-He suggested entertainments for the assistance of a lesschall nine.

Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge are en craining their daughter, Mrs. J. P. Catlin, of Pittsfield, and her son Priestly.

Bertha Harrington has spent the week with her aunt, Mrs. Clarence Tuttle, of Groton,

Christmas exercises were held in the primary and intermediate depart-ments of the Tarbell school on last week Friday afternoon. They consisted of Christmas songs and recitations A Christmas songs and recitations.
A Christmas tree laden with a gift for each little one added to the enjoyment in each room. Schools closed on Friday, the teachers going to their respective homes for the holiday re-

Monday morning and November 6.

Passed Gibraltar at \$.30 this morning. We were so far out that the big rock did not show up very well through the mist and fog. Saw a few merchantmen and some English or French men-o-war.

November 16.

Provost Thompson, a pupil at Lawrence academy, had enjoyed but five hours of his Christmas vacation when an accident crippled him for some time to come. He was descending a ladder to the basement of the barn with lantern and pail of water on Tuesday evening when his foot slipped to the basement of the barn with lantern and pail of water on Tuesday evening when his foot slipped to the basement of the barn with lantern and pail of water on Tuesday evening when his foot slipped to the basement of the barn with lantern and pail of water on Tuesday evening when his foot slipped to the basement of the barn with lantern and pail of water on Tuesday evening when his foot slipped to the basement of the barn with lantern and pail of water on Tuesday evening when his foot slipped to the basement of the barn with lantern and pail of water on Tuesday evening when his foot slipped to the basement of the barn with lantern and pail of water on Tuesday evening when his foot slipped to the basement of the barn with lantern and pail of water on Tuesday evening when his foot slipped to the barn with lantern and pail of water on Tuesday evening when his foot slipped to the barn with lantern and pail of water on Tuesday evening the previous accident to the barn with lantern and pail of water on Tuesday evening the previous accident to the barn with lantern and pail of water on the previous accident to the barn with lantern and pail of water on the previous accident to the barn with lantern and pail of water on the previous accident to the barn with lantern and pail of water on the previous accident to the barn with lantern and pail of water on the previous accident to the barn with lantern and pail of water on the previ

Mrs. W. B. Fleweiling, of New Brunswick, is visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity, and is expected soon in West Groton. Miss Venice Hough is expected nome for the holidays.

Miss Mary Clark, of Fitchburg Nor-mal, has entered upon her duties as pupil-teacher.

WESTFORD

A merry Christmas and happy new year to the readers of this column. Recent real estate transfers of in terest is the James Spinner property on Boston road to Harry M. Gumb, of Lowell; also, the so-called Hey-wood & Fletcher woodlot in the Burgess pond vicinity to Rev. Louis H. Buckshorn. Mrs. Etta Tyler, who is among the

shut-ins from extreme deafness and advanced years, suffered quite a serious ill turn this last week, but is now much improved.

There was a weading ceremony per-formed by Rev. David Wallace at the Congregational parsonage last Satur-day evening, the contracting parties being John Shackleton and Miss Flora both of Ferge Village. dose friends of the bride and groom ecompanied them.

and Mrs. Clarence Hildreth go to Rutherford, N. J., to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Hil-dreth's home people.

Interesting Christmas services are being planned for Sunday at the Con-gregational church. Mrs. Charles H. Wright and Miss Hazel Hartford are making special efforts with the music. here will be some pretty Christma lecorations and Mr. Wallace's mes sage will be in the form of an origi-nal Christmas story, entitled "Eleazar the first night of the cross."

Among those entertaining large family groups for Christmas day are the H. V. Hildreths, O. R. Spaldings and A. W. Hartfords,

At the business meeting of the C. E. society last week Wednesday even-ing the following officers were elected: Leonard Burland, pres.; Miss Mabe Leonard Burland, pres.; Miss Mabel Prescott, v. p.: Miss Helen McCoy, sec.; chairmen of committees, Fred Meyers, social; Mabel Prescott, pray-er; William C. Roudenbush, temper-ance; Mrs. Wallace, lookout; Mrs

Clarence Hildreth, music. Miss Marjory Seavey and Miss Pauline Wallace, students at Boston university, are at home for the Christmas vacation

Owing to the somewhat small at tendance at the farmers' institute held in the town hall last week the ladies of the Congregational church, who had the dinner in charge, cleared but about twenty-eight dollars.

In the County of London there is now a telephone to every twenty persons, in Glasgow one to every twenty-nine persons and in Liverpool one to very thirty-four persons.

NO PROOF.

"Did you actually see the shot fired" asked the judge, who was trying a case, "No, sorr, I only heard it," was the evasive reply. "That evidence is not satisfactory," replied the judge sternly; "stand down!" The witness proceeded to leave the box, and as soon as his back was turned to the judge he laughed derisively. The judge he laughed derisively. judge, indignant at this contempt of court, called him back and asked Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuttler of Groton, will enjoy the family Christimas tree and dinner at E. K. Harrington's, the old home of Mrs. Tuttle.

No further cases of scarlet fever have been reported with the exception

A HOLIDAY FROCK.

The Debutante Gowned For Her Holiday Ball. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*



DIAGONAL GRACE

Over silk net are draped two pale blue taffeta ruffles irregularly cut and embroidered with sequin disks. The bodice has been draped to keep the diagonal lines, and from the belt wreathe French roses, which extend over the right shoulder.

THE BOYS' CHRISTMAS.

How These Difficult Members of the Family May Be Pleased.

Christmas books are a safe and valuable standby. A subscription to any of the several good young people's periodicals is in the same category. A scrap album, with an accompanying pair of clipping shears, suggests itself with these, as does a portfolio, diary or pocket memorandum.

A fountain pen or a screw pencil, with always and forever a good knife. is more of the stationer's stock that is sure to please. A clock for the boy's room or a calendar may also be con-

A boy who has got to turnover collars and vests will rejoice in a card plate and cards, with, of course, a neat little case. The same young gentleman will also be glad of a natty um-brella, with his name somewhere on the handle. His less aspiring brother one or two years younger, will be quite Two as well pleased with one of the school sørt. His name may be stamped on a bit of white linen and fastened to one of the ribs on the inside, close to the stick. This is not for ornament, but solely for purposes of identifica-

If a boy is a camper anything to add to this outfit will meet with his approval. A rubber coat, extra high boots or a blanket of the same material, a field or opera glass, folding drinking cup, tourist's notebook-these and more readily suggest themselves.

Money in a purse or a purse without the money pleases a boy. So do a cup Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Meyers, of and saucer for his special use, a fruit the Griffin farm, 20 to New York for knife or napkin ring; games, either new ones or a good set of the old dominos, checkers, chess or a pack of cards in a case. Boys like any sort of nusical instrument, from a har-monicon up. A boy to whom Christmas last year brought one of the cheap but not unmusical music boxes amused himself for hours at a time with its

> to which the boy will not object. A and the Camp-fire Girls distributed desk is another piece of furniture which a boy of any size, from the which a boy of any size, from the four-year-old with his miniature one Helen Pond, who was doing such good work with the little tots in the first not a foot and a half high to his big brother who wants a "roll top" that brother who wants a "roll top" that and will remain at her home in Pep locks, will welcome. A chair for his perell on account of ill health. individual use at table is sometimes a doubly happy thought, gratifying its

> > The New Waists.

To be worn with the suit to give the effect of a complete costume is the waist that matches in color at least if not the material. Flesh color and white are always dressy and, with touch of the color of the suit added to them, give a charming effect and the necessary connecting link.

Chiffon, georgette crape, net or tulle in a shade to match the suit is made up over white lace. Often the lace sleeves are left uncovered with the darker hued material. Marquisette is a material that will be frequently used for this purpose. The less dressy waist of crepe de

chine is made on military lines, with high collar, epaulets, long sleeves and many buttons. Military colors are added as a decoration. Collars are either high or low and

flat, seldom a combination of the two or of the convertible type of which there were so many last season. Sleeves are, as stated before, long, and ta many cases they are tight fitting. while others are loose from shoulder to wrist, with tight wristbands.

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HARVARD

News Items. The holiday season brings many of the town families together. L. Harlow Morse, of Clark college is at home; the Misses Amy and Winnie Bryant, of Greenfield and Worcesiet, respectively, are with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gale have their daughter. Mrs. Henry Gale have their daughter. Mrs. Henry Atmend with Mr. Atwend and their den spent the day Monday shopping in Gale have their daugnter, Mrs. Harry Atwood, with Mr. Atwood and their-two children. Buth and baby, from Worcester; Dr. and Mrs. Royal have their sons, Kent from the Harvard medical school, and Ellery from Wor-cester Pol; technic with them for a

few days. Mr. and Mrs. Price, a young young on their wedding trip, are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Haskell, as guests of Lawrence fleath.

who was a neighbor of theirs at their home in Maine. Thursday evening the union Christvent a full house of the children from all over the town. The school barges all over the town. The school barges himself for hours at a time with its easily learned tunes. An accordion is acceptable—to the boy, not to his neighborhood.

To a young book lover a set of shelves for his treasures is a genuine pleasure. They may be had from \$3.50 and all the children were given one present the cheapest being well finished with brass rod for a curtain. finished with brass rod for a curtain, Fred Wrangham acted as Santa Claus.

> the presents. grades, has resigned her position here

The old Hynes' homestead, with the doubly happy thought, gratifying its recipient and usefully supplementing the dining room furniture.

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Grange.

The Grange closed a very interest-ng year's work on Tuesday evening with an entertainment in charge of the new members. The committee, Mrs. N. A. Dill, Miss Emila Hersey and Miss Iola Bemis, presented the following program: "The midnight alarm, or the cat came back," a one-act comedy, with Fred Wrangham, Miss Grace Morse, Mrs. Malcoim Campbell and Mrs. E. J. McLaughlin's angora cat in the cast. Incidentally some of Mr. McLaughlin's prime new cider figured in carrying out the comedy part. A chorus of mixed he new members. The committee comedy part. A chorus of mixed voices sang several Christmas carols and then Santa Claus appeared with a large wheelbarrow of presents for every member present. In most cases the presents were complete surprises, and everybody seemed to have a good

A class for membership has been started for 1916 and already a dozen names or more are recorded. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, January the regular installation of officers wi the regular installation of officers witake place. Rev. A. H. Wheelock, the chaplain of the State Grange, will install the officers. Those who have heard Mr. Wheelock, will anticipate this opportunity to hear him speak

GROTON

West Groton Items.

Mrs. E. Deltoche and Mrs. D. Lud-den spent the day Monday shopping in Lowell.

Mrs. Doherty and family are to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Chester Hill. The Misses Annie, Katherine, Nellie and Mary Cronin are to spend the holidays at their home here. Their mother, Mrs. Cronin, is slowly recover-

ng from a severe accident Mrs. Frank Murch is entertaining relatives from Lowell.

Joseph Brennan went this week Frispend the holidays at his a Walpole. Mrs. Wilder Blood is still under the care of her physician and nurse.

are of her physician and nurse.

William Kane, of South Boston, is visiting at his home here over the bothdays.

G. B. D. New Advertisements.

FOR SALE—A Fine Airedale Bitch with two pups, or will exchange for Sled or Farming tools. BOX 171, Ayer. BEANS FOR SALE CHEAP—A quantity of White Pea Beans (for baking, etc.) as they came from the faming mill; about 20% more or less spotted. W. P. WHARTON, Fiveoaks Farm, Groton, Mass.

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All we believe and almost all we know,"

Saturday, December 25, 1915.

#### AYER

Mrs. J. Strong visited last week in South Deerfield, Northfield and Clare-

These officers of Vesta Rebekah lodge were elected at the last meet-ing: Mrs. Nora T. Folkins, n. g.; Mrs. Mary E. Young, v. g.; Mrs. Mary L. (Prooks, sec.; Mrs. Ella F. Hovey, (reas.; Miss Myrtie B. Smith, trustee Walter B. Hayden has been drawn

water B. Hayden has been drawn as grand juror; T. Henry Donahue and Harry R. Draper as traverse jurors. They will report for duty at the opening of the January term of court in Cambridge.

Ayer Junction Aerie, F. O. E., have Chected these officers: C. R. Johnson, pres; F. A. Parker, v. p.; William J. Thompson, sec.; W. J. Donlon, treas.; Thomas McKay, chap.; Dr. L. D. Sullivan, phy.; Fred Coburn, i. g.; John Sherman, o. g.: Fred O'Clair, trustee

Paul Carrigan is home from Dart-nouth college to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Carrigan.

Thomas O'Meara, of this town, line-nan for the Western Union Telegraph ompany, was painfully injured last teek while at work in Springfield. A force of men were engaged in taising the heavy telegraph poles that had blown across the tracks in the storm, a tackle being used for the purpose. The tackle was fastened to long iron bar driven in the ground a long fron bar driven in the ground, the other end being attached to the tole. When the pole was being raised the strain was so great that the bar flew sharply striking Mr. O'Meara on the head. He was stunned by the force of the blow for a time. A gash was inflicted on his forehead which required several stitches to close and his nose and eyes were discolored. He has been off regular duty since the

Miss Marion Winslow, a school teacher, of Townshend, Vt., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wins-

Miss Velma Young, daughter of Mr.

disagreeable to the firemen, even though their services were needed; but to be called out by a false alarm was worse still. The men were much "het up" as they had good reason to be. The culprit pulling in the alarm could not be the found.

social success,

Services at the Unitarian church will be held at the usual time on Sun-day morning and will be conducted by Rev. Frank B. Crandall. His subby Rev. Frank B. Crandall. His sub-ject will be "Our aims for the new year." At this time he will also an-nounce-whether or not he will take charge of the parish for the coming year. It is hoped that as many as pos-sible will be out to welcome him. At a meeting of Ida McKinley chap-

E. S., held Wednesday evening ter, O. E. S., held Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Margaret K. Cushing, matron; Dr. B. H. Hopkins, patron; Mrs. Alma L. Brown, asso, matron; Mrs. Eva W. Harlow, con.; Miss Lucy B. Wyman, asso, con.; Mrs. Annie E. Fillebrown, sec.; Mrs. Elleen G. Sawyer, treas,; Mrs. Adelaide P. Turner, trustee for three years.

Parents and friends are cordially in vited to be present at the last meeting of the sewing school to be held in the upper town hall on Saturday afternoon, January 1, at 2.30 o'clock.

Contributions will be received for the Belgian yarn fund by the officers of the Woman's club up to and on

Board meeting of the Woman's club

sermon, "Making a wise choice." The Christmas tree exercises will be held

known colored organization, will hold their annual emancipation concert and ball in the town hall on Friday even-ing, December 31.

ing. December 31.

Rev. Michael F. Callahan, a former well-known and popular curate at 8t. Mary's church; was given a surprise by his many friends at his home in Charlestown on Tuesday evening, the occasion being the fifteenth anniversary of his ordination to the priest-hood. Large numbers of people from his home parish as well as many others from other places where he had been located personally paid their respects, while many others sent congratulations. Many presents were received by Mr. Callahan from near and distant friends. He has been for several years a curate in St. Clement's parish, Somerville.

When Chief Beatty was going off

Lowell to Ayer, and from here to Pepbowell to Ayer, and from here to Pep-perell and return Wednesday and was bound for Clinton when he was found. He wanted to walk to Clinton that night but the chief advised him to come to the police station and get warmed up before leaving for that blace. Sullivaryant the scientific place. Sullivan spent the night in the lockup and on Thursday morning departed for Clinton where he claims to have friends. He said that he walked all day Wednesday and that night in the effort to get something to do, but

Jenness W. Brown is still confined to the house through illness.

Chief Beatty assisted the Shirley of-ficers in seizing a large quantity of liquors in Shirley from the automobile truck of August Beck, of Fitchburg, Wednesday night. The truck and contents were in charge of two of Beck's The liquors were taken to the Ayer police station.

Pheasants have appeared this week, on upper Pleasant street. They are very tame and come to the yards about the houses looking for food. They are very handsome and make a very very hands pretty sight.

E. D. Martell is visiting in Chelsea. A Christmas tree with appropriate xercises attracted a large gathering of the Sunday school pupils of St. Next Sunday will be of Christmas Sunday. The troop. The event was in charge of ternoon. The event was Rev. Thomas P. McGinn.

Manager Poulius will put on the best show Christmas afternoon and evening that has ever been placed on the screen. "The spoilers." in pine the screen, "The spoilers," in nine reels, featuring William Farnum and Kathlyn Williams. The piay is a virile masterpiece and is adapted from Rex Beach's book of the same name. The Miss Velma Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Young, is spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Ethel Reed, in North Adams.

Some one pulled in a false alarm from box 7 at 1.15 Saturday morning. The hour, the bad traveling and rain made a combination which was very disagreeable to the firemen, even the state of the same name. The play is powerful, thrilling and picturesque. An advertisement in another column tells more of the story. Because of the extreme length of the same name. The play is powerful, thrilling and picturesque. An advertisement in another column tells more of the state of the same name. The play is powerful, thrilling and picturesque. An advertisement in another column tells more of the story. Because of the extreme length of the same name. The play is powerful, thrilling and picturesque. An advertisement in another column tells more of the story. Because of the extreme length of the same name. The play is powerful, thrilling and picturesque. An advertisement in another column tells more of the story. Because of the extreme length of the same name. The play is powerful, thrilling and picturesque. An advertisement in another column tells more of the story. Because of the extreme length of the same name. The play is powerful, thrilling and picturesque. sented a wonderful production featuring Beatriz Mickelena, California's beautiful prima donna, in the stirring, gripping, punchful story of the days of '49, entitled "Salomy Jane," a motion picture masterplece, founded in Bret Harte's famous story of the California beautiful in the california beautiful.

	Males	Females	Total	191
Ashby	150	442	922	88
Ayer	1359	1420	2779	279
Groton	1026	1237	2333	215
Littleton	608	620	1228	122
Pepperell	1409	1430	2839	295
Shirley	1227	1024	2251	213
Townsend	904	968	1812	176
Westford	1392	1451	2843	285
Harvard	538	566	1104	103
Boxboro	173	153	326	31
Lunenburg	788	822	1610	1393

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burleigh, of South Berwick, Me., came Wednesday evening to visit Mrs. Burleigh's sis-ter. Mrs. Frank Whitcher, returning to their home on Friday morning.

Mason Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Berton Williams, leaves for Til-ton, N. H., academy on Monday morn-

The Brownell Manufacturing Com-pany, of Providence, R. I., the own-ers of the Chandler Planer building. ors of the Chandler Planer building, announce officially that they have leased the building to a Worcester Irm, who it is said will take possession January 1. The Brownell Company have ordered the property of Obherty Brothers, of Lowell, removed to make way for the new firm. The new concern manufacture lathes and machine parts. machine parts.

Board meeting of the Woman's club will be held at the home of Miss S. A. Blood, Friday afternoon, December 31, at three o'clock.

The subject of the pastor's sermon at the Baptist church on Sunday morning will be "Things that abide." Sunday school at twelve. Praise meeting at seven in the evening; subject of Walsh, trustees.

Ayer Grange had Christmas tree ex-ercises and a judge party on Wednes-day evening which proved very en-joyable. There was a piano duet by Christmas tree exercises will be a wells of the vestry this Priday evening at 7.30.

Leo Martell is again at his duties at the Ayer Auto Station after being laid up with severe gasolene burns which he sustained last week.

day evening which proved very enjoyable. There was a piano duet by Mrs. Mary O'Clair and Miss Alice Leahy, and readings by George Barrows and Mrs. Mary Brooks. After the program the gifts were distributed, James M. Boutwell acting as

W. E. Murphy, who has been laid o with a severe attack of the grippe, able to attend to his usual duties, is. Murphy has also been sick with

It is now twenty-one years since the lower town hall was first used for occasional special efforts to promote the largest mutual good will among all ministers of the different denominations, of every pame. The nearly forparish, Somerville.

When Chief Beatty was going off duty at 12:30 Thursday morning he encountered a man giving his name as James Sullivan, and his residence as New York, who was suffering severely from the intense cold. Sullivan told the chief that he had walked from Lovell to Ayer, and from here to Pep-Lovell to Ayer, and from here to Ayer to defer the tors, and the various can often who are the various can often who are the various can often who and the form to dever here they have can often who are the various can often who are the various can often who have the various can often who are the vario

of Harvard, Hodgman, long of Mil-ford, Voorhees, who died in Groton, and others have now passed on.

This meeting next Tuesday invites the public in for the afternoon session at two o'clock, We have always been indebted to lay people for valued encouragement and we still hope for continuance and increase of the same. The war topic and perhaps better the peace topic will be before us and we hope to interest all who may hon-or us with their presence. W.J.B.

At five o'clock there will be a spe-cial service for the children of the Sunday school. Mr. Strong will preach a Christmas tree sermon

Meeting of the C. E. society at 6,15 Topic, "How to keep on the up grade, Evening service at seven o'clock. choicest gift." There will be special music

Christmas lunch and entertairmen On next for the children this Friday evening at half-past five..

#### Excellent Program Arranged.

after others of the neighy delection of the neighy factors and control of the neighbor of the There will be an unusually the ob-servance of Christmas at St. Mary's church on Sunday. The masses will

sanday morning by Rev. J. E. Bentley.

Mrs. Martha B. Bartlett died on Sunday December B. If she had by testaken of this town, and who for the past few years has made his home in St. Cloud, Fla., was last week stricken with a paralytic shock and he was taken to the hospital.

A social dance will be given by the Sandy Pond School association next Tuesday evening.

At the meeting of the W. R. C. on Tuesday foremon, then called South Groton, and Carried on a tallering business on mor at cleven clock. The amounts the control of the halfs were dash if the world circle. The following is taken from the men was in Townsend.

The following is taken from the men was in Townsend.

The following is taken from the male persuasion the very large and Martinet by Eigen G. Sawyer, president, the recipients being requested to step to the platform and unwrap and exhibit each gift. The varied character of the platform and unwrap and exhibit each gift. The varied character of the presents caused much meriting and the evening was a social success.

Mrs. Mortha B. Dartlett died on Sunday December 18. If she had by the Statistics Bureau. The first long proposition of the several towns of figures denote the flatten of the plantiffs this week priciple or count at Lowell for husband, Rector T. Bartlett, who was reveal days, returned a verillet for husband, Rector T. Bartlett, who was reveal days, returned a verillet for husband, Rector T. Bartlett, who was lone of the first business men in town, then called South Groton, and carried on a tallering business on Merchants row. He died over twenty years ago. Mrs. Bartletts human summare company \$1542. Promotomers are but little more than those retails the various campanies shall pass follows: Connecticut Fire Insurance Company \$1545. Norwich has been minety-one passenged the form the superintendent of Spokano passenged the passenged that the various candidate

pany of New Jersey \$3351.83. Phenix y Assurance Company \$1108.68. Liverpool. London and Globe Fire Insurance Companies total \$3351.83. New Hampshire Fire Insurance Company \$1289.16. Sun Insurance Company \$1289.16. Sun Insurance Company \$1289.16. Sun Insurance Company \$1108.68. The Insurance Court was out for twenty-three hours. Friday morning.

The case which has been in court for several days was given to the jury at noon Thursday. At 5.10 the jury at noon Thursday. At 5.10 the jury failed to reach an agreement and court was adjourned until this week Friday morning. When the case was presented to the jury they were required to answer three questions: First, "Did the plaintiffs or someone procured by them set the fire?"; seen ond, "Is the award valid?"; third, "Was the policy of the London Assurance cancelled before the fire occurred." The London Assurance is not one of the thirteen defendants. There was evidence given of request for the cancellation of the policy in their company, but the parties differ as to the agreement which was purely verbal.

At 3.40 the jury came in for special instructions. They wished to know whether if they answered "Yes" to the second question it would mean that the plaintiffs would receive the entire award. The court answered that in case they answered "Yes" to the question "Is the award valid," it would mean that the plaintiffs are entitled to recover the full amount of the insurance, \$27,800, with interest added, provided they answered the first question in the negative.

third question, whether of the London Assurance Company was cancelled before the first will also enter into the first will also enter into the first will also enter into the first will be the The third question, whether or no policy was cancelled before the fire occurred, will also enter into the amount of the award. If the jury answered that question in the affirmative the plaintiffs would be entitled by the verdict to recover \$28.671.03. If they found the policy was not cancelled before the fire it meant that the jury finds that they are entitled to recover \$28.325.22.

the jury finds that they are entitled to recover \$28,325,22.

The jury answered "No" to the first question and "Yes" to the others. The defendants will take the case to the

supreme court on law questions OPEN LETTER TO GEO. H. HILI Douglas Co., Wash., Dec. 6, 1915.

My Dear Hill: Your letter describing many inter-Your letter describing many inter-esting experiences on your trip to the Pacific coast by way of the Canadian Pacific last August was duly received. With most of your conclusions 1 am in complete accord. California, to those traveling by rail in select par-ties and receiving every possible cour-

only this side of the picture. To one observing the state as it appears to an automobile tourist who motors through the rural sections the impression is quite different.

Lindh, then of West Acton: Porter, at Ayer; J. Torrey, now of Burlington, Vt.; Weston, now of Georgetown; Burlington, now of South Ashburnham; Clodes, our first president, now of Newton; Hewitt, then of Fitchburg; Allen; then of Ashby, and perhaps others now removed from this region. But of those two score good men, Dr. Young, then of Groton, Dr. Putnam, then of Concord, Mrs. Amelia A. Frost, long of Littleton, and Rev. Rich our second president, Wood; long of Acton, Shaw, after a remarkable pastorate in Ashby, Peterson of Lunenburg, Hudson and Holmes of Ayer, C. S. Brooks of Fitchburg, C. C. Torrey of Harvard, Hodgman, long of Milford, Voorhees, who died in Groton, and others have now passed on.

This meeting next Tuesday invites the public in for the afternoon session of the grave hie to that state while that many poor people with one foot on the grave hie to that state, while there is a possibility of regaining

on the grave hie to that state, while there is a possibility of regaining their health, explains that.

You remember the proverb the father quoted to his son to effourage promptness: "The early bird catches the worm." To this the gouth retorted: "Served him right, he had no business to be up so early." It all depends on your point of view. Had you motored to California or traveled thither as Sam Blanchard of Harvard did several years ago on a plebeian Next Sunday will be observed as thither as Sam Blanchard of Harvard Christmas Sunday. The subject of the morning sermon will be "The prince of peace and the present world crisis." The Sunday school will meet at noon. magnificient railroad that spands the continent from ocean to ocean, I had the pleasure of traveling on a Lilliputian railroad in this county, which is said to be the only railway line in the United States that has no station between termini. As its entire length is but five miles you see the absurdity of the comparison. It extends from Douglas station on a branch of the Great Northern to Waterville. It seems that when the Great Northen was surveying its branch line from

seems that when the Great Northen was surveying its branch line from Wenatchee to Mansfield, they wished Waterville the county seat to donate the right of way through their town. As they declined to do this the town. As they declined to do this the town was left five miles from the Great Northern. So the people of Waterville at an expense of \$80,000 have a road nine and of their own to Douglass, which has been the subject of many jokes of the traveling public. The Great Northern their junk pile. The functions of ticked under et seller, conductor, baggage master

is experiencing an unusually early winter, the ground in the central part of the state having been covered continuously with snow since the middle of November, its maximum depth being a foot. It caught many farmers with their potatoes, etc., undug. D. H. Felch.

### LITTLETON

News Items.

Mrs. Lawrence went to Beach Bluffs to enjoy the Christmas season as the guest of her cousins, the Norman Delinghams

Miss Helen Dodge is in Beverly cel

obrating Christmas with her grand-mother and her aunt, Mrs. Wood-bury. Other members of the Jesse Dodge family are Christmas guests of the F. A. Hosmer's. Miss Lucy and Emily Adams and the Misses Porter of West Acton en-joy the hospitality of the N. H. Whit-comb family in Newtown.

comb family in Newtown.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens went to Marblehead Thursday and later in the week Mr. Stephens followed her to their daughter's home, where they will spend the holidays with the

will spend the Frank Plummer's. Among the home returning students for the holiday season we notice Misses Aria Stone. Olive Thacher, Marion Whitcomb, Prisellia and Faith Fairfield, Mary, Katherine and Evelyn Kimball, Miss Carey, John Fairfield, Warren Hartwell, George Hartwell, Norman Bonnell, Roland Houghton, Heywood Knowiton, Edwin Esten. Teachers at home are Herbert Whit-

comb, Esther McEnnis, Cora Warren, Abby McNiff and Mirlam Cash.

Mr. and Mrs. George Canney and sons Hayward and Roy, have gone to Cambridge to spend Christmas day with Elmer Canney and family. Misses Gertrude and Fannie San

sister, Mrs. Arthur Blanchard, West Acton. Herbert Sanderson and his sister

will enjoy the hospitality of daughter, Mrs. George and family Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith and aughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Rob daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Robbins and C. W. Perry will be enter-tained at F. C. Hartwell's Christmas Glenore Shedd is reported making satisfactory recovery from scarlet

The King's Daughters will hold as open meeting in the Congregational church Tuesday afternoon, January 4 in observance of the twenty-fifth an-niversary of the circle. Miss Ayer of the Morgan Memorial will give the address. There will be a reception and other features, a full announcement of which will be made in next week's column.

The G. M. Lovejoy's of Hartford, Conn., are at Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb's, Together with Mrs. Whitcomb they will join the H. A. Robbins' family in Newton for Christmas day

The W. T. Tenneys will spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Peck, and Mr. Peck in Brookline and with cousins in Boston

Noted Musicians. Edmund Wall, sr., and his sons, Edmund and Charles, all of Pennsylvania, were guests of the W. H. Tenney's this week. Mr. Wall, the father, was once a resident of Littleton, when he was agent for planos and Esty organs. He has been around the world and visited every known country. He circumparities and his sons. try. He circumnavigated the globe as a member of the band that accompanied General Grant, and twice went with Sousa's band around the world. He was director of an orchestra in New York at the Fifth Ave. hotel many years and also of an-orchestr many years and also of an-orchestra in the Adirondacks. His sons, like himself, are famous clarinetists, and the older of the two, Edmund, is con-sidered the best in the world. The three men gave a recital at Mr. Ten-ney's Wednesday afternoon before a three men gave a recital at Mr. Tenney's Wednesday afternoon before a few neighbors. Among the selections they played was a composition by Beethoven arranged by themselves for clarinets, an especially fine piece of music. Mr. Wall. sr., played several old tunes and gave the interesting history of the changes through which they have passed. He played the clariner without the mouthpiece, producing music much like that of the flute.

#### Death.

Very great was the surprise of Lit-tleton people to hear the news on Sunday of the sudden death of Wil-liam Lawrence Kimball in Weymouth Sunday of the sudden death of William Lawrence Kimball in Weymouth the evening before. Without a moment's warning Mr. Kimball threw up his hands and fell from his chair to the floor dead. He was confined in a hospital for several weeks three years ago and came out of that serious illness with a weak heart which ous illness with a weak heart which probably accounts for the sudden

death,
Funeral services were held in the
Unitarian church, Littleton, Tuesday
afternoon, and were attended by several relatives from Greater Boston
and some of the former neighbors
and other Littleton friends, Rev.
William Channing Brown officiated
and George A. Cook sang "The plains
of peace" and "Crossing the bar,"
Mrs. Jessie Young arcompanying him
at the organ. The casket was surrounded by choice floral tributes.
Burial was in Westlawn cemetery beside the first wife of the decased.

connection with his brother, the late George A. Kimball, civil engineer of Boston and Arlington. Mr. Kimball was an able man, public spirited and interested and active in the welfare of the community where he lived.

### HARVARD

### Still River.

better.

Miss Ethelyn Russell is at home for ner mid-winter vacation from her chool duties in Vermont. Mrs. Ord of West Townsend is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hutch-

Mrs. John R. Bigelow returned from the Clinton hospital last week Friday and seems to be getting along nicely Little Edwin Haskell has been very ick with serious cold and no in face and head, but is now much

Ruth Willard is at home from her teaching in Lunenburg, until after New Year's. Miss Edna Rebinson is busy

Gale Bros, store in Haravrd getting used to the books, as she is to be the bookkeeper for the new firm after Next Thursday evening there will

a supper and entertainment in

vestry. Owing to hard walking there was but a small attendance at the excel-lent Christmas concert exercises last Sunday evening at the vestry.

### TOWNSEND

Center.

The children have been rehearsing their exercises and carol singing for the community Christmas tree and have been looking forward to the coming of Friday evening when their happy anticipations will be realized. The grown-ups as well have been filled with the Christmas spirit of the children and it is expected that all roads will lead to Memorial hall on Christmas eve, the scene of glittering trees, happy children and Christmas Joy. Center. joy.

At the Congregational church Sun-day morning Rev. A. L. Struthers sermon subject is "Rejected gifts." C. E. evening topic, "How to keep of

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interment in the family lot on Tues-day, Older residents remember Mrs. day, Older residents remember Mrs. Bartlett as having lived here in the house built by her late husband on Main street, now occupied by F. B.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O. Reed, of Manchester, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Shirley and little daughter Catherine, of Swampscott, are enjoying the holilay season with Mr. and Mrs. Henry

B. Hildreth. On last week Friday afternoon the on last week Friday afternoon the members of the Country club were entertained at the home of Miss Julia Herlihy. South row. This being the Christmas meeting a very pleasing entertainment had been planned. A large stocking had been arranged by the herest of the country of the the hostess, filled with gifts contribu ted by the club members. Much en-joyment was derived by the exchange of gifts and Christmas greetings. An excellent luncheon was served by the The next meeting will held on January 12 with Mrs. Lik Hayward, Bayberry hill.

ions of people are engaged in agriculture in India.

OPENED THE WRONG BOOK. As Jones wended his uncertain way homeward he pondered ways of concealing his condition from his wife.
"I'll go home and read," he decided.
"Who ever heard of a drunken man reading a book,"

reading a book?"

Later Mrs. Jones heard a noise in the library. "What in the world are you doing in there?" she asked.

"Reading, my dear," Jones replied choosifully. cheerfully.
"You old idiot," she said scornfully,
"You old in at the library door.

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Cello Nickel Hot Water Bottles \$2,00 50¢ to \$1.25

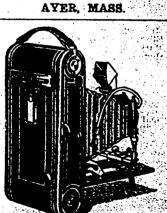
5¢ to 50¢ Flexible Flier Sleds \$1.00 to \$3.50 50¢ to 85¢

Food Choppers \$1.00 and \$1.25 \$1.25 Clothes Wringers \$2.50 to \$4.50 \$1.50 and \$2.00 35¢ to \$2.25

25¢ to \$1.00 Electric Flat Irons \$3.25 Pyrene Fire Extinguishers \$7.00 50¢ to \$1.25 Driving Lamps \$1.50 and \$2.50 Iron Vises 75¢ to \$2.25

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#### TOWNSEND

Center.

Friends in town received word last Friends in town received word last week of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Howard at Walalua, Hawali. Mr. Howard writes that while we are enjoying the snow and the winter fires they are reveling in sunshine and flowers and "living with doors and windows open night and day." In Walalua there is a population of about 6000 Chinese, Japanese, Portugues Philipoples, and tion of about soud chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, Philippinos and natives. Very few English-speaking people. Everything but autos are different from Massachusetts. He writes that he has just seen a Chinaman ploughing with a Chinese ox which is very and with a Chinese ox which is very different from ours, but using an American one-horse plough. The buildings are one-story, of bungalow style, but ideal for the climate and location; that back of his son Lewis' home there is a very high mountain home there is a very high mountain peak, so that they are hemmed in by mountains and ocean. During the quiet hours of the night they can hear the roar of the waves as they break upon the shore. During the

upon the shore.

At the recent business meeting of the C. E. society held at the home of Milton Wilder the following officers and committees were elected for the new year: Harold Swicker, pres.; Ralph Bush, v. p.; Helen Whitcomb, sec.; Amy Whitcomb, cor. sec.; Francis Struthers, treas.; Albert G. Scaver, organist; committees, Hilda Johnson, Mrs. Struthers, Helen Whitcomb, look out: Harold Swicker, Mrs. Cartland out; Harold Swicker, Mrs. Cartland, Maude Hyde, prayer meeting; Arline Clarke, Helen Higgins, George Searles. Gertrude Higgins, Florence Lancey, Charlotte Struthers, Orville McKenzie, social; Mrs. Struthers, Mrs. Clement, Amy Rixford, missionary; Alice Davis, Ralph Bush, Helen Tarbell, Milton Wilder, Ano Notoman, music; Amy Whitcomb, Miss Donnell, Albert Cowland, Mabel Temple, Harley Parker flower; Miss Twombly, Alice Davis, Hilda Johnson, reception. out: Harold Swicker, Mrs. Cartland Hilda Johnson, reception.

The many friends and former schoolmates of George R. Davis will be sorry to hear that he is at a Boston hospital, ill with water on the lung. His lung has been tapped and he is as comfortable as could be expected at last reports.

Mrs. Abbie Shattuck and her daugh. ter, Miss Gladys, have gone to Gard-ner to take charge of a lodging house.

Parke Struthers, instructor in bi-ology at the Pennsylvania State col-lege, is enjoying the holiday season with his parents. Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Monday morning he wen to Maine in the interest of his college work, his father accompanying him. While there they visited friends in Alfred, their former home and parish, returning home on Thursday.

The next meeting of the Monday club will be held on Monday afternoon, December 27—a thimble party, in charge of the hostess, Mrs. Evelyn

At the Grange on Monday evening the literary program will be a mis-cellangous one, including reports of delegates attending the recent State Grange in Springfield.

After the concert program to be iven in Memorial hall on new year's we by the Townsend band there will be dancing by the full band; also, ring pitching for attractive prizes, guess cake, home-made candy and ice cream and ribbon contest, as well as other features that have made former band concerts popular.

Methodist Church Notes.

Christmas Sunday will be observed Christmas Sunday will be observed at the Methodist church by appropriate music and sermon by the pastor, "Interpreting Christmas music." At the evening service, in place of the usual sermon Dr. Charlton has promised to tell an original Christmas story, entitled "The first Christmas tree," Both sermon will story will be a former. Both sermon and story will be of more than usual interest.

The officers of the Junior Epworth league were installed by the pastor on last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Alfred M. Smith is the superintendent of the

The Epworth league officers elected The Epworth league officers elected are Mrs. Icea Cowdrey, pres.; Miss Emelic Lawrence, Miss Electa Bolliver, Miss May Parker, Miss Kitch Stearns, vice pres.; Miss Minerva Felch, sec.; George Upham, treas.

The Townsend Brotherhood met the Methodist parsonage send following officers: Alfred M.
ith, pres.; George Wilder, v. p.;
orge Upham, sec.; George L. Eastn, treas.; Thomas T. Goodwin,
drman literary com.; Samtel A. Woods, chairman social com.; Walter

D. Farrar, chairman lookout com. The Squannicook patrol Boy Scout are studying first aid to the coin under the guidance of Dr. Charlton 1.3123 446

There will be a union watch make service at the Methodist church of service at the Methodist charch in new year's eve in which the Congregational and Methodist churches will join, and they have the promise of assistance from Rev. Joseph MacKean of the Baptist church. The Thursday evening service will be emitted and merged into one grand Friday even-

The election of a lay delegate and an alternate to the New England Con-ference will be neld in the vestry of the Methodist church on Friday eve-ning, December 31.

At the session of the Baptist Sanday school last Sanday plans were cone pleted for the Christmas concert to be held in the church on Sunday evening under the direction of the superin tendent and assistant and the Ali Ready class of girls. Mrs. Charle Hodgman took charge of the primary department in the absence of Mrs. Frank Hamilton.

Mrs. E. R. Brayton and son Randell. from Providence, R. L. are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George

Edward Morey, who has been guest of Rev. Joseph MacKean, has re-turned to his home in Worcester. Miss Helen Plummer, who is teach

ing in Fitchburg, spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely. Miss Marion Boutelle and her little sister Florence are on the sick list

Mr. and Mrs. George Thorning soon

go to Temple, N. H., to spend the win-ter at the home of their daughter, bound first mentioned; containing and their son, Charles Thorning, will about forty-three (43) rods to first mentioned; containing about Twelve acres more or less spend the winter near Boston, where he will be employed. Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin and daugh

ter Dorothy are spending a few weeks with relatives in Quincy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton of Stevens Hill spent the week-end with friends in Worcester.

Miss Isabelle Hayward of Bayberry Hill is boarding at the Center at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mead and attending the high school, Mrs. Frank Farnsworth is quite il at her home, suffering from an attack whooping cough.

Miss Ada Clark has closed her cot-tage here for the present and expects to spend a part of the winter with relatives in Connecticut.

Mrs. William W. Webster, of Josselynville, is spending the holidays with relatives in Cambridge and Cliftondale.

Mrs. E. R. Brayton and son, from Providence, R. I., are guests, of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams. Mrs. Denault and children and Miss Carrie Denault, of Hollis, have been

recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McNayr, of Josselynville. Rev. Joseph MacKean will give a Rev. Joseph Mackean will give a Christmas address at the Baptist church Sunday morning on the topic, "The world's reception of Christ." The Y, P. S. C. E. and evening service will be omitted and a Christmas concert will be given in the church at six o'clock by the Sunday school.

The annual Christmas tree will be held at the close of the dinner in the vestry on Saturday afternoon, about two o'clock.

The Ladies' Study club will hold their meeting in the reading-room or Monday evening, the topic being "Forest reservations," by Mrs. Charles E. Patch

Mrs. Lizzie Glazier has been spend ing a few days with relatives in Worcester. Owing to Saturday being Christman

the regular meeting of the eng company will be held in engine h on Tuesday evening of next week. Miss Georgianna MacKean, who teaches in Brattleboro, Vt., is spend-ing the holidays with her father, Rev

Joseph MacKean.

Death.

The body of Ford Reed, a former resident here, who passed away in Boston last week Thursday, was brought to town Monday afternoon, accompanied by the widow, a daughter, Mrs. T. Edward Davis, of Stoddard, N. H., and a party of relatives and friends. The funeral services were held in the Baptist church. Rev. Joseph MacKean officiating, and the burial was in the family lot at the Joseph MacKean officiating, and the burial was in the family lot at the Genter. Two selections, "Face to face" and "Rock of Aces," were rendered by Mrs. E. J. Lees, Mrs. Alexander Reed, Mrs. I. P. Sherwin and Clarence E. Streeter. Relatives were present from Boston, Fitchburg, Ashby, Mason and New Ipswich, N. H. and the bearers were young men who were relatives of the deceased, while the beautiful floral pieces surrounding the casket expressed the love and sympathy of friends and relatives.

Mr. Read was a little over eighty-six years of age and though in falling

Mr. Road was a little over eighty-six years of age and though in failing health for a few years past, died as a result of dropsy. He was a native of Mason, N. II., and most of his life has been passed in this vicinity, in his younger life being at one time a resident at the Center and a few years ago ha spent a year or more as a resident of this village, living in the F. W. Scaver cottage on Elm street. He was at one time a hotel keeper in New Ipswich. N. H., and also carried on a farm very successfully in that village. He was a kind and loving husband and father and is sadly mourned by his wife and only surviving daughter, as well as by a circle of relatives and friends. resident at the Center and a few

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estate in said mortgage deed, namely A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon together with water power and privileges thereto belonging, situated in the Northwesterly part South side of the Turnpike road, so-called leading from Townsend to New a word which to the dwellers in Pales-Townsend aforesaid County, on the Ipswich, bounded and described as fel- tine could hardly have any other meanows, viz.

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the premises on the southwesterly ide of said road and at the corner d land late of James and Lather dams; thence running Northwesterly by said road about forty-two (42) late of William J. Walker: thence Southwesterly eleven and one half (1115) rods by said Walker land to a pitch pine tree marked with stone about it; thence in the same direction by land late of said Walker to the midthe of the brook, there southeasterly by the middle of said brook by said Adams land to a stake and stones in the fence; thence Northeasterly by land late of said James and Luther Adams about fourteen (14) rods to he bound first mentioned.

Also a certain other tract of land ituated in the Northwesterly part of aid Townsend on the Northeasterly side of the aforesaid road, bounded as

Beginning at the Southeasterly cor ner of land of the Inhabitants of lownsend; thence running North 57 degrees East by land of said Inhabit ants of Townsend fifty-three (53) rods to a stake and stones; thence North about 33 degrees West by land of said Inhabitants about forty-four (44) rods to a stake and stones; thence South about 57 degrees West about fortythree and one half (43½) rods to a stake and stones by the side of the road; thence Southeasterly by said Hereby conveying the same two tracts of land as conveyed to me by Levi E Flint by his deed dated December 1913, and recorded with Middlese South District Registry of Deeds, book

3845, page 316. Subject to any liens for taxes o other public assessments. 3t16

THE A. E. LYON CO., Mortgagee. By Alfred P. Cate, Mgr. Fitchburg, Mass., Dec. 22, 1915.

P. F. Ward, Atty.

## The Christmas Season

Not a Day but Weeks Needed to Manifest lts Spirit.

HRISTMAS proper is never a day. It is really a week or about a month. When the almanac says December has come, then all hearts begin to feel the presence of that midwinter festival. Each day adds to this feeling.

The Romans perceived that one day did not contain all the import of the midwinter gavety. Their Saturnalla continued seven days. It began as a one day celebration and was observed Dec. 19; but, as it was soon found that brief period was a cup too small to contain the wine of pleasure, it was extended to three days. At last it was enlarged by the Emperor Claudian so as to take in the 26th. In form the festival has now been changed back into the one day shape, but in reality Christmas is much larger under our presidents than

it was under Claudian and Caligula. It is a great midwinter period and may well be looked upon as a type of the public happiness or the public misfortunes of a given date. In the early Christian church it became a single day, because being asked to stand for the birth of Jesus it had to be a formal day rather than a week, but no such limitation could keep it from having adjacent times which partook of its spirit as dawn partakes of day .- Pro fessor David Swing



The Story of the Magi.

The story of the Magi, as it is given by the evangelist Matthew, is astonishingly brief and unadorned. He tells us without preface that when Jesus was born in Bethlehem certain foreigners arrived at Jerusalem.

He does not tell us how many they were nor of what race nor of what station of life, although it is fair to infer from the consideration with which they were received at the court of Herod and from the fact that they carried treasure bexes with them that they were persons of distinction.

The most important statement in regard to them is that they were Magians-that is to say, disciples of Zoroaster and members of the sacred or priestly order of Persia, which was then widely scattered among the oriental nations and included mon of exing than the ancient region of Chaldea.

lying beyond the Jordan and the desert. Their explanation of their journey to Herod was that they had seen an appearance in the heavens (whether one star or many or a comet they did not say) which led them to believe that the King of the Jews had been born. and they had come to do reverence to him. Herod was greatly troubled at hearing this and sent for the chief priests and scribes to inquire where the prophets had foretold that the Messiah should be born.

They answered at once that Bethlehem was the chosen place. Then Hered, having asked the Magi how long it was since they first saw the annear. ance in the sky, sent them away to Bethlehem, promising that when they had found the young Christ he also would come to do reverence to him.

Having set out on their journey, they saw once more the celestial sign, and its motion was such that it guided them to the place where Jesus was. Coming into the house-for Joseph had now found better shelter than a stable -they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and prostrated themselves before him in worship. Opening their treasure chests, they presented to him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. Then, being warned in a dream heart. not to go back to Herod, they took an-

other road into their own country. The conjunction of the planets Jupisidereal events. It occurs only once C., shortly before the birth of Christ.

of this beautiful story of religion, a

The light that led
The holy elders with their gifts of myrrh.

#### Capid's Christmas Frolics.

Christmas would be almost as incomplete without its love superstitions as without its holly and plum pudding, and the maid who cannot forecast her matrimonial fortune at least once a year is scarcely worth a lover at all.

She ought to know, whether she does or not, that if she wants her husband to be to reveal himself in her dreams she has only to eat the egg of a black hen on Christmas eve and any fears or hesitations she may be troubled with will soon be dispelled when once her head is cozily pillowed. If she wishes to make the spell as potent as possible she will boil the egg hard, remove the yolk and, after she has filled up the cavity with common or table salt, will eat egg, shell, salt and all. If she doesn't dream of her lover then it will certainly not be the hen's fault. If she is not partial to eggs our curious young lady may peel a St. Thomand place it under her pillow on Christmas eve, reciting these mystic lines as she does so:

Good St. Thomas, do me right And see my true love come tonight. That I may see him in the face And him in my kind arms embrace.

It is just as natural for a maid to speculate as to the ardor of her swain's affection as to wish to settle the young man's identity, and if she will she may know to a nicety how far his infatuation for her has gone. This is what she must do to gain this desirable knowledge: When she retires to bed she must place three pails of water in her bedroom and attach three holly leaves to her nightdress. Then let her slumber in full assurance that her lover in dream form will present himself and touch one or other of the three pails. And all depends on what particular pail he touches. If it is No. 1 it is a sure sign that his affection is out skin deep; if No. 2, he worships the very ground she treads on, but if he touches the third pail, alas, for her expectations, for he loves her not at

But Cupid has no monopoly of Christmas superstitions. Did not Shakespeare himself lend his sanction to the belief that the cock by its crowing on Christmas night keeps all evil influences at a respectful distance?

Some say that over 'gainst that season Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated, The bird of dawning singeth all night

long. And, then they say no spirit dare stir

Because a Little Child Was Born. Because a little child was born The earth is filled with peace

The earth is filled with peace;
Old wrongs, old sorrows are forgot
In suffering's sweet surcease.
Oh, men that strain for empty gain,
Oh, hearts with hatreds torn,
There is no room for strife today—

A little child is born -Teresa Beatrice O'Hara in Ladies' Home

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Christ and His Birthday.

As to his birth, Christ gave no thought to the manner of its celebration by his disciples. They do not appear to have remembered it during his life. Had he ever any knowledge of the adorable stories begarlanding his crib for us? It is hardly probable. And, behold, that forgotten, neglected birthday has conquered a place of honor! It is celebrated in conditions in which the Saviour might recognize his own purposes. To speak of one aspect only, Jesus loved children as no one has ever loved them. "Let them come to me," he said to the lofty apostles. anxious to guard him from that merry, unruly crowd suspected incapable of edification. No doubt those most serious ancestors of our tenditions had oceasion that day and often in similar circumstances to believe the Master touched with insanity.

No matter, the intentions of the Son of Man have been largely realized. His birthday has become the day of the children. No earthly day has shed more brightness upon their path. No church festival gives more life to the immeasurable truth of the promise, "I shall be with you to the end of the world." None makes it sweeter to the

Christmas has a charm beyond them all. It was the Christian soul, filled full with Jesus, created this festival. ter and Saturn is one of the rarest of Every generation has given it something of its own. There has been a in 800 years. This conjunction, all as. rivalry of good will. In the Eucharist, tronomers agree, happened no less according to a doctrine the abuse of than three times in the year 747 A. U. which must not make us forget its true and sorrowful profoundness, Christ It may be that we have here, in this dies from age to age for our sins and "fairy tale of science," a confirmation will suffer until the last sinner is saved. In the radiance of Christmas Christ smiles eternally upon the little ones \* \* \* and the grownups who can make themselves children again .--Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke if Harper's Charles Wagner, Author of "The Simple Life."

## In "Christmas Town"

How the Day Is Celsbrated in Bethle-

HRISTMAS TOWN" is in its grory on Christmas. Christmas town is the quaint old village in Pennsylvania which was named Bethlehem 174 years ago by Count Zinzendorf, head and founder of the Moravian faith

The count arrived in the settlement on Dec. 24, 1741. That evening he took as' onion, wrap it in a handkerchief a lighted candle and entered the stable belonging to the single tiny stone dwelling of the place, and then and there, with the smell of the hay about him, he named the town that was to be Bethlehem-"Nicht Jerusalem, son dern Bethlehem" ("not Jerusalem, but Bethlehem").

Every Christmas eve since then has had its "vigil."

Every Moravian home has its Christ mas tree, flanked by "putzen." A putz is a beautiful bit of indoor landscape gardening, with fuzzy white cotton for snow and always a tiny stable of Bethlehem, with a doll Christ in a six inch manger, and doll Joseph, Mary and wise men standing by, while a tinsel star of the east shines with undimin ished ray.

Three o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 24 finds every Moravian family in the great stone church, built in 1806. All the babies are there, hundreds of babies, wide eyed in admiration of the decorations. The vestibule is full of baby carriages. The pulpit and reading desk are concealed by a big picture of the Nativity.

Classical music of the utmost beauty is sung at the love feast service. It is special Moravian music, often suns from manuscript scores over a hundred years old, which when not in use are kept in the great archive vaults of the church. Peals out the great chorus, thanking the infant Jesus for his benefactions.

Then the "diener," or sacristans, men and women, enter the great front doors The men carry huge trays of steaming cups of coffee, the white capped women delicious Moravian buns, those wonderful buns prepared by three generations of hereditary Moravian bakers.

Dinner at 5 o'clock over, the men, women and larger children return at 6 for the "vigil." The church is ablaze with lights, crowded to overflowing There is a choir of about sixty, married women wearing pink ribbons in their caps, the unmarried girls blue. There is the famous Moravian trom-

bone choir, with a full string orchestra and the skillful organist at the organ. And the children do their share of the singing. Again each person in the audlence, young or old, receives a lighted candle in memory of the one borne by Count Zinzendorf so many years ago. Even the choir members hold

tapers as they sing. The Christ Child. Oh, the beauty of the Christ Child, The gentleness, the grace. The smiling, loving tenderness, The infantile embrace All babyhood he holdeth, All motherhood infoldeth Yet who hath seen his face?

Oh, the nearness of the Christ Child When for a sacred space He nestles in our very homes, Light of the human race! We know him and we love him No man to us need prove him. Yet who hath seen his face?
-Mary Mapes Dodg

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o, they hear the joyful lidings—
Jesus, Prince of Peace, is born!

Sweet and clear those angel voices, Echoing through the starry sky, As they chant the heavenly chorus, "Glory be to God on high!"

And this joyful Christmas morning Breaking o'er the world below Tells again the wondrous story Shepherds heard so long ago Who shall still our tuneful voices,
Who the tide of praise shall stem
Which the blessed angels taught us
In the fields of Bethlehem?

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an other persons interested in the estate of MARY F. BROWN late of Ayer in said County, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by MARY L. BROWN who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the eleventh day of January A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known nersons literested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MARTHA B. BARTLETT late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by ARY J. FARR who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the eleventh day of January A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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yourselves, for there is no joy in self-

ishness. Dispel the grief and want

you see everywhere around you. Give freely of what you have and thereby

Thus chime the bells, and he who

heeds their solemn warning while mer-

rily they ring may have his Christmas

Happiness! It is a divine gift, and

man is godlike, if ever, when he fills some human heart with joy.

What was it but a laudable desire to

render all mankind joyful at Christ-

mas which impelled people in the old

en time to open their homes and their

hearts as well to all alike at Christ-

mas that all might enter and share the Christmas feast? Friend or stranger.

it mattered not, the master welcomed

all, and all men who would partook of

his bounty. No man sat down alone

beside his Christmas fire, wrapped in

his own selfishness and careless of

others' comfort. No; the great Yule

log was brought with pomp and much

rejoicing from the wildwood, a mighty

fire was kindled upon the hearth, and

the whole neighborhood gathered

around to share the genial warmth

while bright eyes danced with glee as

the Christmas boughs cracked merri-

ly in the ruddy blaze. The flush of joy was on every cheek, and every honest

heart throbbed with gratitude and

and merry lads and maidens danced

Christmastide, which was also called Yuletide, lasted a fortnight, and every-

body had leisure to spare until the

Christmas revels ended with the

masques, the plays and the mad frolics

how things are changed! Even the

week between Christmas and New

Year's is full of industry, and few are

joyment. The great hearthstones of

Plays on Christmas Eve.

first noticed in the west of England.

For several hundred years "St. George

and the Dragon" was the most popular,

The actors, always children, were fan-

tastically dressed and decorated with

wooden swords. The theme was war

and love. There were debate, battle,

death and mimicry and a physician

ever ready to restore the dead to life.

chivalry and the romantic extrava-

gance of knight errantry that are pre-

served to this day in a modified de-

Masking, which is practiced to some

extent among Scotchmen, is derived

from the Roman Saturnalia, when peo-

ple disguised themselves and practiced

tricks upon their neighbors. This is

now but scantily indulged in, but such

of it as exists has been preserved

tince the fifth or sixth century. The

Survey of London mentions n splen-

did "mummerie" which was performed

by the citizens in honor of Prince Richard, son of the Black Prince, in

We do not hear very much nowadays

about the lord of misrule or the waits,

but both are remembered. The former

Bioney was bestowed upon them.

ribbons, brightly colored paper and

A Christmas custom of ours and the one possessing the greatest antiquity is that of presenting plays the evening of the 24th of December. This was

comfort, and heaven only

under the mistletoe boughs.

lay up treasures in heaven."

blessing if he will.

OW plainly the Christmas

chimes seem to ring out to all

"Ye who would be truly hap py, do good, do good! Live not for

Chimes Say

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#### SHIRLEY

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant and daughter Gertrude are spending) the Christmas holidays at the hope of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Manning, Upper Montelair, N. J. Mrs. Conant, with Miss Gertrude, left on Thursday; Mr. Conant Friday night. They will be gone about a week.

Frank W. Snell has received a number of offers for his well-known summer resort at Fort pond the past few months. A syndicate has made him months. A syndicate has made him an offer within the past month and it is known by a number that the best offer Mr. Snell has received is from a club of twenty Finns, and Mr. Snell has received to January 1. Mr. Snell declines to discuss the matter for publication. the matter for publication.

At the Congregational church last At the Congregational church last Sunday the pastor preached a fine sermon appropriate to Christmas with special and pleasing music rendered by the choir. The decorations were simple but beautiful, consisting of holly and winter evergreens and follage. In the evening, at seven o'clock, Theodore Holman gave the story of Ecn Hur, which was an inspiration to age. In the evening, at seven o'clock, Theodore Holman gave the story of Ben Hur, which was an inspiration to all present. It was a union service, members and attendants of the Bap-tist and Universalist churches being

At the regular meeting of the mem At the regular meeting of the members of the Sodalité l'Assomption held last Sunday afternoon at the Franco-American club rooms the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Michael G. Gionet, pres.; Fred M. Smith, Joseph Chaisson, vice pres.; John J. Chaisson, fin. sec.; Sylvester Thomas, cor. sec.; Auxias Chaisson, treas.; William Glonet, Sylvester Thomas, Henry Arsenault, cred.; Frank N. Thomas, Charles Chaisson, rergt, attarms. Installation will take rergt.-at-arms. Installation will take place on Sunday, January 16.

place on Sunday, January 16.

Mrs. Julia F. Kilburn will entertain Christmas day Rev. and Mrs. Thomas J. Farmer of East Boston, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Allen of Brookline, Miss Annie Snell of Northampton and Frank W. Snell of Shirley.

The Alliance meeting, December 30, at Mrs. Luther Holden's, will be observed as "peace day," and members are requested to bring quotations, etc., bearing on that subject.

Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman returned ome from South Carolina on Wednesday evening, where she has been visiting her son, Francis Ir

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Poinfret will spend Christmas with their son George

Amily in Waverley.

Miss Gertrude Provost will spend Christmas with her uncle, T. E. Mc-Carty. Her mother expects to return home with her Carty. Her mo home with her.

The President Suspender company will, as usual, this Christmas give tur-keys to their employees and in addi-tion twenty-five dollars in gold to all who have worked for the company twenty-five years or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen will entertain Christmas day their two daughters, Miss Mabel Hazen of New Haven, Conn., and Miss Barbara Hazen of New York city; also, the Misses Helen and Harriet Winslow of the

Fred Provost of the U. S. navy i this week home on a furlough, staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Provost, Center road. Fred is now Stationed at the Brooklyn navy

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Park are spending Christmas with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. William Adriance of Winchester. Misses Annie and Nina Hollcrook

are spending Christmas with relatives Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen are

spending Christmas with their daughter and family at Boston, Mr. and Mrs., Dana B. Somes. Miss Rena Churchill of Boston is spending Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence, Center

Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook and her sister, Miss Mary A. Park, are spend-ing Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Abbie Longley of the Center.

and 16 kegs of beer and 26 packages of liquor. The officers making the raid were Constable Thomas C. Burrill and Arthur H. Bassett and special police officer, Frank Pelote, assisted to Physicians. police officer, Frank Pelote, assisted by Chief of police Beatty of Ayer. Mr. Beck bailed out his men. The case came up for trial in the Ayer court on Wednesday morning, but was continued until January 15. The load of wet goods was taken from the Shirley lockup to Ayer Wednesday evening to keep them from freezing.

The sale of candy and fancy articles by the grammar school held on Wednesday afternoon in the high school room was a pronounced success. The teacher, Mrs. Collins, was present and directed the sale. The sum of \$15.80 was cleared.

Married in Worcester on December 18, by Rev. Andrew J. Lofgren, William T. Lawrence and Mrs. Emma E.

Fuller, of Shirley, Mrs. Joseph C. Provost has recovered sufficiently to leave the Ellot hospital and is convalencing at the

home of her brother, T. E. McCarthy, Miss Lena Gately, of Somerville, is

a large concern in Rensselaer. N. Y...
a suburb of Albany, and will commence his new duties on January 1.
Mr. Wilson has made a practical and valuable man for the town of Shirley and one which the town can iil af- Center. ford to lose.

by Theodore Holman. It was the most wholesome and cleanest show of its kind Shirley has been privileged to witness for some time past. The play represented New England farm life in ts purest sense.

James H. Gately fell off the President Suspender Company's team on Monday while on a trip for Christmas trees and broke a rib on the left side. Miss Agnes Holden is spending this week with her brother, Granville Holden, in Concord.

The Alliance will meet with Mrs Luther Holden on Thursday after Lether Holden on Thursday after-noon, December 39 at three o'clock, The program is in charge of Mrs. Mary M. Nickless,

Miss Hazel Storer, a student at Sea Pine school at Brewster, is spending the holidays with her sister, Miss Sybil Storer, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Balcom, with son, of Cranston, R. I., is spending this week with Mr. Balcom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Balcom. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dyke are spending the holidays with Mrs. Dyke's son in Weymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French, of Mr. and Mrs. riaroid W. French, of Fitchburg, with baby Ruth, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, parents of Mrs.

Deaths.

Beaths.

Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Rugg, aged 53 yrs., 3 mos. 13 days, passed away last week Friday afternoon at the home of her sister. Mrs. Andrew H. Phelps, after a lingering illness. Death was caused by melancholia which commenced after the death of her husband, the late Frank P. Rugs, who died a year ago last March. Persistent but kindly persuasive efforts of relatives and friends, who were aware of the fact that her general health was being undermined by continued brooding over the loss of her husband, totally failed and the inevitable followed.

Mrs. Rugg was born in this town

husband, totally failed and the inevitable followed.

Mrs. Rugg was born in this town and attended the public schools here. She was married in 1888 to Frank P. Rugg by Rev. Horace Parker, pastor of the Congregational church. She was highly esteemed throughout the town, being a lady of sterling qualities of character. Mrs. Rugg was a member of the Congregational church and a member of the Congregational church and until her illness was active in the church work. She was also a member of the Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge and for many years held the office of chaplain for which she was especially adapted.

The near survivors are one brother. Joseph H. McClellan, of this town, and three sisters. Mrs. Richard Pomfret, Mrs. Andrew H. Phelps, of this town, and Mrs. James Hawksworth, of Washington, D. C.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, service being held at the home of her sister. Mrs. Phelps, Rev. G. E. Woodman officiating. The bearers were J. Edwin Pomfret, Andrew H. Phelps, Arthur H. Jubb of Shirley

ers were J. Edwin Pomfret, Andrew H. Phelps, Arthur H. Jubb of Shirley At theips, Arthur H. Jubb of Shirley and George Pomfret of Waverley. Interment was in the family lot at the Village cemetery. The floral tributes were numerous and choice. Relatives were present from Waverley, Lexington, Ayer and Marlboro.

John Flynn passed away on Sunday morning at 2.39, o'clock at the home of his bleec, Mrs. Jeremiah Gleason, Chapel street. The cause of death was loss of vitality incident to old age.

Disbanded.

Abbie Longley of the Center.

Miss Inez McMurray of Boston will spend Christmas holidays with friends in town.

Miss Margaret Love leaves for Deland, Fla., next Sunday evening, where she will be head waitress at the College Arms hotel and will return to Shirley about next April.

Miss Bianche Wells who has a position in the New York city public library, will spend Christmas at her home in town.

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Frank Parmenter, freight clerk at the depot, has been confined to his shome the past month, more or less, with sickness Walter Desimond is substituting for him.

August Beck's auto truck of Fitchburg loaded with beer and liquor came into Shirley Tuesday evening and while delivering goods at the Phenix the chauffeur and helper were placed under arrest and taken to the lockue the feature with the assistance of friends, campad in the woods for primary and exammar school; recitation "the American Stocking," Midrod Carson, Song, "Santa Claus," grammar school; was where to distand while active the fourteen members, with sickness, Walter Desimond is substituting for him.

August Beck's auto truck of Fitchburg loaded with beer and liquor came while delivering goods at the Phenix the chauffeur and helper were placed in the cooler. It consisted of 23 cases and 10 kegs of beer and 26 packages of liquor. The officers making the fluor, and the proposal can be provided belance at large of the poor. They have been did in the cooler, it consisted of 23 cases and 10 kegs of beer and 26 packages of liquor. The officers making the college of the poor. They have held four the poor is the primary and grammar school; recitation, The Center primary and excises. The following program was substanted to continue the chairs, as decided that the chairs was decided that the girls finding the contribution of the ton physicians.

Improving in Realth

Improving in Health.

The Charles W. Marshall residence on Center read will be illuminated on Christmas eve and on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Marshall will entertain Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dean of Charlestown and Mr. LaPrade of Boston. A brief musicale on Christmas afternoon will be one of the entertaining features. Owing to the decided improvement in Mrs. Marshall's health the social atmosphere at the home is becoming more apparent. Mrs. Marshall has recovered sufficiently to walk in and around the house most of the time without the aid of her crutches, and her large circle of friends will be pleased when her general condition will allow her to abandon them for all time. It is pleasing to note that during Mrs. Marshall's leaves and Mrs. Marshall's leaves and the same of the condition will allow her to abandon them for all time. It is pleasing to note that during Mrs. Marshall's leaves and time. It is pleasing to note that dur-ing Mrs. Marshall's long confinemen at home she has always showed a deep concern for the welfare of the town and its people, always generous and considerate to the poor and un-

Miss Lena Gately, of Somerville, is spending the Christmas holidays at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gately.

Ezekiel J. Wilson, for some time past mechanical draughtsman at the Samson Cordage Works, has accepted Samson Cordage Works, has accepted the spending master mechanic with a position as master mechanic with flowers near the house and Mr Marshall has now five beautiful clu

Robert H. J. Holden, of Harvard A good-sized audience greeted Quincy Adams Sawyer Monday evening in Odd Fellows' hall, which was portrayed by moving pictures and talk Holden, Horsepond road.

Luman Sargent, of Williamsville, Vt.f. has been spending a few days with his mother at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Carey.

Miss Merle Crockett, of Brookline, and James McGiliup, of Boston, whose engagement was announced last week spent the week-end at the home of Miss Crockett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. L. Crockett, at the North.

The Center primary and grammar schools have been closed this week for the Christmas vacation and will reopen on Monday.

An error appeared in this column ist week. The Misses Pray, of An error appeared in this column last week. The Misses Pray, of Brookline, were guestr at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard rather than at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.

E. Bradford, as stated.
R. G. Dort, of Groten School, conducted the service at Trinity chapellast Sunday afternoon. For the next three Sundays Mr. Dort will be unable three Sunday atternoon. For the next three Sundays Mr. Dort will be unable to be present. It is expected that Rev. Endicott Peabody, of Groton School, will conduct the service on December 26; S. W. Sturgis, of Groton School, on January 2; Malcolm Ptabody, of the Cambridge Theological school, on January 9 January 9. Service at 3.15 in the af ternoon.

The next meeting of the Girls' Sew ing Guild occurs on Saturday, Jan-uary 8, and will be held with the Misses Erndford.

The meeting of the Matrons' Aid society, which was postponed on account of the storm, was held on last week Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. A. Adams. The next meeting of the society will not be held until January 11.

Mr. Newell of Description

Mr. Newell, of Boston, spent the week-end at the home of Miss Millie Parker on Center road.

Harry N. Brown, master of Shirley Grange, and Arthur R. Holden, lecturer, attended the session of the Massachusetts State Grange in Springfield last week, Mr. Brown staying during the whole session and Mr. Holden going for one day. Mrs. Clinton Lovell, of Henniker, N.

H., was a guest at the home of M and Mrs. W. E. Barnard last week. Mr. and Mrs. Gideon West, at Woodsville, received a visit from their grandson from Brighton over the week-end. He leaves this week on a visit of several weeks in Nova Scotia.

A portable sawmill and camp have been set up on the Kittredge lot at Woodsville. It is the same outfit which recently was located on the Pray lot on Flat Hill road.

An error appeared in an item in the Shirley column last week which should be corrected. The Carchia st town, red Pomboy who recently accidentally shot his father in Weymouth is not the same one who held up Atty. Emerson Baker, of Fitchburg, last year, but his brother. The family moved to Weymouth about two weeks ago, instead of several months ago, as stated.

Miss Vera Bradford, of Emerson College of Oratory, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford, for the Christmas vacation, Miss Ruth M. Graves arrived home this week Thursday for a ten-days' vacation from her duties as school teacher in Lancaster.

Charles E. Bradford has recovered sufficiently from his accident to be out again.

The annual Christmas tree for the The annual Christmas tree for the children of Trinity chapel was held in the tewn hall on last week Thursday evening with a good number present. The program consisted of Christent Chapel street. The cause of death was loss of vitality incident to old age, He had lived with Mrs. Gleason for the past ten years and had been retired for the past twenty-live years.

John Flynn, aged 82 yrs. 2 mos. 25 days, was born in London, England, and came to this country forty-eight years ago. He was a carpenter by trade and for thirty years worked in that capacity for the Boston and Albany railroad. Before coming to this country Mr. Flynn worked as a ship carpenter and has traveled extensively to all parts of the globe. His wife and only son died many years ago.

The funeral took place Tuesday morning at 7.20, high mass of requiem being celebrated at St. Anthony's church. The remains were taken to Worcester for burial in the family lot.

Children of Trinity chapel was held in the tewn hall on last week Thursday chay end any evening with a good number present. The program consisted of Christmas carols by all: recitations, Ruth Taylor, Richard Cameron, Alta Graves, Mary Grout, Richard Cameron, Alta Graves, Mary Grout; Richard Cameron, Alta Graves, Mary Grout, Richard Cameron, Alta Graves, Mary Grout, Richard Cameron, Alta Graves, Mary Grout, Richard Cameron, Alta Graves, Mary Grout

The Center primary and grammar schools closed last week Friday after-noon with a Christmas tree and ex-

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will by auction, 19 cows belonging to P. J Gleason, Newton Lower Falls, Monday afternoon, December 27, at one o'clock This custom sprang from the ancient crusaders, consequently the feats of

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so still that the state of the second application was as good as new."

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Sing a Song of Christmas.

Holy, happy day. Sing of Bethlehem's manger Where the Christ Child lay, Sing of love unbounded,
"Peace, good will to men."
Sing a song of Christmas O'er and o'er again.

Sing a song of Christmas; E'en on this glad day There are griefs and heartaches All along the way. Hearts that wait the uplift Of your note of chee

Strong and sweet and clear.
-Edith Virginia Bradt in Ladies' Home



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Christmas jesto il

[The region between Jerusalem and Bethlehem was formerly covered with a forest of pines, which has since entirely

By trembling radiance of the star.

The trees a coming wonder told While yet the birds, their songs unsung, Dreamed of the coming of their young.
But, though of splender bright The forest breathed, its boughs were hun With sable shade; no taper's beam Cast through that dusk its happy gleam.

The angels sung; the shepherds came; In the lone manger shone a flame.
That burned with supernatural light.
The pine trees whispered through the night. homely pleasures. The wassail bowl went round, blithe carols were sung,

night,
And, though the Saviour's birth
Changed not their shadowy gloom to
white,

They in a patient darkness still

of Twelfth Night. But nowadays And withered wholly, root and bough And withered wholly, root and boug Yet in all Christian realms of earth Springs a new forest, full of mirth That lights with radiant cheer The evergreen's enduring worth, And to that whispering prophet brin A glory of the King of kings. those who devote all their time to en-

Live upright, gladly die our penates hide-perhaps in the piano box or up in the chandeliers.

Knowing that they to God are dear, And bring to man, illuminate, A torch that leads to heaven's gate.

So shines the forest when we meet With light and song, Christ's birth to

-George Parsons Lathrop.

maintained in Italy-indeed, on the continent caroling at Christmas is almost universal-and particularly in Rome, where, during the season of Advent, Pifferari may be seen and heard performing their novenas, These pilgrims, who, by the way, are

shepherds from the Calabrian moun tains, annually flock to Rome at this season. Their picturesque costume is thus described: "On their heads they wear conical felt hats, adorned with a frayed peacock's feather or a faded band of red cords and tassels. Their bodies are clad in red waistcoats, blue jackets and small clothes of skin or yellowish homespun cloth. Skin sandals are bound to their feet with cords that interlace each other up the leg as far as the knee, and over all is worn a long brown or blue cloak, with a short buckled closely round the neck. Sometimes, but rarely, this cloak is of a deep red with a scalloped cape."

Good Fellows' Christmas Tree.

had license to do everything he could think of to keep up the follity during The Good Fellows, an organization the "twelve days," and the latter re-ferred to wandering minstrels, who of men who help to make poor children happy every Christmas, are beserenaded houses and waited until hind the municipal Christmas tree idea food and wine or, more acceptable, in Columbus, Ind. They will erect a big tree in Commercial park, which is Our games on Christmas night of just across Franklin street from the cards, billiards, shuffleboard, musi-city hall. Christmas carols will be clans, dancing and the tales that are sung around the tree on Christmas told of knights, ladies, lovers, queens, eve by the combined church choirs of kings, giants, dwarfs, witches, fairles, the city. The other exercises will be goblins and the rest were played and held in the city hall, where the poor indulged in so long ago that the rechildren of the city will receive presmotest historian has been unable to ascertain the correct date of their beents. Baskets of provisions for the needy adults of Columbus will be dis-

Sing a song of Christmas, Gladdest day of all: O'er the hills and valleys See the splendor fall. Sing of gleaning holly; Sing of mistletee— Sing a song of Christmas Everywhere you go.

Sing a song of Christmas,

Sing a song of Christman

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HE forest in a whisper spoke,
Vine to flower and plac to oak,
From holy hilled Jerusalem
To where, upon its leafy hem,
The humble village clung—
Calm Bethlehem, dark, yet like a gem,
Enwrapped with light, as jewels are,
By trembling radiance of the star.

Bowed, sighing, and obeyed his will, Vanished is that old forest now

ancestral halls have disappeared. For all our merry Christmes trees Glow fair with fame and revelries That cluster round them year by year, and heaven only known on the comfort, and heaven only known only the comfort, and heaven only known only the comfort and pine, or far or near,

Even so the measure slow of time. Like a rhythm closed with rime, Like a rhythm closed with rime, Raises the patient soul on high, Prings joy to life, even from a sigh, And in conclusion sweet Dark grief with gladness can ally.

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said County, deceased,
Whereas, FREDERICK H. STEB-BINS and ARTHUR H. TURNER the trustees under said will have presented for allowance the sixteenth and final account of their trust under said will and have made application for distribution of the proceeds among the persons entitled to the same by the provisions of said will.

titled to the same by the provisions of. said will.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the fourth day of January A. D. 1916, at aline o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why said account should not be allowed and said distribution made according to said application.

And the petitioners are ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the list cessive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, 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, fourteen days at least, before said Court.

Court.
Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire.
Judge of said Court, this thirteenth do
of December in the year one thousand
nine hundred and fiteen.
HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register.

AYER, MASS. NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Stock holders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Banking Rooms on Monday, January 3, 1916, at ten o'clock A. M., to choose a Board of Directors for the year ensuing, and act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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Saturday. December 25, 1915.

#### PEPPERELL

News Items.

Frank Ryan, a resident of the west-ern part of the town, beyond Oak hill, who has been suffering repeated at-tacks of asthma, started for Florida on last week Friday to receive the benefit of the warmer climate. He was somewhat undecided as to his destination on starting, but in a letter received by Mrs. Ryan on Monday, which was written by him from Florence, S. C., Saturday, he stated that he was standing the railway journey well and intended to go to Jackson-ville; Fla:, arriving Sunday morning and from there to Orlando, arriving somewhat undecided as to his Fla:, arriving Sunday morning from there to Orlando, arriving Sunday afternoon. As Mr. and Mrs. Allan Parker are there, and Mr. Pat-terson, the father-in-law of A. H. terson, the father-in-law of A. H. Harris; he would feel more at home than among strangers.

Charlle Parker came from Exeter school vacation at his home in

Bernard Shattuck, son of Mr. and over one day at Cuba. the voluce the ing five days. They are to be con-nected with Hotel Pitchfield at Port Antonio, Jamaica, whose proprietor is the same as of the Ocean House. Swampscott, where Mr. Bolles has

Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw will spend their Christmas in Worcester with their daughter, Mrs. G. F. Mar-tin, and family, who have recently moved just over the line into Shrewsbury. Mrs. Shaw went on Thursday and Mr. Shaw after work on Friday. Ralph Willoughby is working with his father at the paper mills in West

Frank Williams, who has been tution working in Gardner for the past two last weeks, removed there with his wife tion. The truck which came for

their furniture concluded there was too much snow and the goods were loaded in the cars instead. loaded in the cars instead.

Nearly all the autos were tied up by the snow last week, the only ones much in evidence this week being the adoctors and workmen from the Shir-Alonzo ellood, had suffered a stroke of baralysis on Thursday. The shock

on Monday evening. These games was postponed indefinitely on account of the storm of the evening and the later, to the winners of the games.

The usual refreshments were served.

Miss Sallie McKinnon, of Newton.

Miss Sallie McKinnen, of Newton-ville, is visiting her brother, Joseph Donnelly, over the holidays. Miss Laconia, N. H., came home Sinday to Edith Annis is also the guest of her spend her two-weeks' vacation with ther mother. Mrs. G. W. Parker, Shoffeld street.

with Mr. and Mrs. Amos Grenier.

News was received this week of the illness of Harold Dunton, son of Mr and Mrs. Frank Dunton, at Portland, Me., of an attack of measles. He was Me., of an attack of measles. He was loy reported as "comfortably sick." He dolla is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry

Mrs J. M. Graham went to Derry, N. H., Tuesday, to remain over the holiday with her daughter. Mrs. Byrne. Mr. Graham will go over for

Louis Robbins, who resides on Hollis street, has been under the care physician a part of this week as the result of a cut received on the hand while opening a glass jar on Saturday of last week. A deep wound was re-ceived from the broken glass, cutting

hand, severing the arteries and causing profuse bleeding. Margaret Boynton arrived from Mt Holyoke Tuesday to spend the holl-days at her home in town.

the flesh of the thumb away from the

Marguerite Donnelly, from Dear academy, and Eugene, from Andover, are spending their holiday vacations at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donnelly.

Mrs, Elmer Gilson and son Charlie visited relatives in Lowell over the week-end, taking in the Christmas sights in the big stores of that city.

Miss Mary Pearson, of Reading, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Lewis,

Miss Marguerite Carter came from

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS

Tilton, N. H., Friday of last week, where she is a student at the girls academy, to spend the holiday with her guardian, Miss. Abbie Carter, River street.

E. Boynton Merrill, who is a student in a school of theology in New York, is enjoying a short vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Merrill, Oak hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Humphrey left on last Saturday for Boston, intending to take the boat for St. John. N. B., on Monday. Their little boy, Amos, has been there some weeks with rela-tives. They will remain until after the holidays.

Charles Baker is recovering from a illness, caused by stomach, which has confined him to his nome on Heald street for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller are ex-pected to arrive home next week. They have already left the home of their son at Berkley, Cal., and were journeying south through the states at last accounts. The son, Lester Miller, and family are also to leave their home at Berkley after Christmas and come East, as his work will be at Pittsburg.

Dartmouth last week and went into Boston the next day to work with his cousin, Harold Hayes, in the railway mailing department during the holiday cation at his home.

Miss Gladys Williams is expected to spend the holiday and Sunday at her

Miss Annah P. Blood is expected on Friday afternoon from New York to spend Christmas at her old home in own. Her school vacation extends over New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Cook go to South Lancaster to spend Christmas and Sunday with relatives.

The Christmas dancing party held under the direction of the committee of the Village Ald society is something all should remember and from the elaborate plans which are being made there is no doubt it will be something the committee of the com o remember pleasantly afterward. It s to occur at Prescott hall December 7. Monday evening.

The meeting of the Woman's club The meeting of the Woman's cito on Tuesday afternoon was well attend-ed, the two circles of Camp-lire girls and the Boy Scouts being invited. The speaker, Winthrop Packard, took up the subject of the preservation of the

Bernard Shattuck, son all array and speaker. Winthrop Packard, took up Arthur Bolles to Jamaica last week the subject of the preservation of the for the winter. They sailed from New birds and spoke at some length, en- York on Thursday afternoon, stopping livening the instructive talk by many over one day at Cuba, the voyage tak-Mr. and Mrs. Albert Everts of Roxbury are expected to spend a part of the holidays at Mrs. Everts' old home.

is the same as of the Ocean House.

Swampscott, where Mr. Bollos has been employed.

Earl Parker and Ray Willoughby came from Boston to spend Sunday in town, Earl at the home of his about Mrs. Fred Hartwell in the absence of his parents in Florida.

Miss Mas Mas Shermal in the spend Sunday in saturated the back of her hand and her hair was instantly in flames. She Miss Ida Shattuck is spending a also seemed to have inhaled the name short time in Everett with a friend and was in an extremely critical consider whom she was formerly association. Dr. Lovejoy attended her and the district nurse, Miss Hamilton, rendered most efficient assistance, being sted as nurse.

Some of the store windows have presented a very Christmas appearance the past week, and the various traders speak of a very good trade.

Philip Púccia, who has resided just over the town line in Groton, having senducted a milk route in this town. Philip Paccia, who has resided jist over the town line in Groton, having conducted a milk route in this town for some time past, moved back to Boston the first of the week, where he formerly conducted a fruit store.

Mr. Groten Sharman Theorem and by Wednesday her breathing became easier and she was able to swallow nourishment. Although not yet out of danger, her case is considered more hopeful at this writing. This incident is another proof of our need of a district nurse is considered more noperal at this writing. This incident is another proof of our need of a district nurse and a good demonstration of her worth to the community.

Mrs. Bessie Allen's fine Airedale Myown, the advertisement appears again this He was seen, it is thought, it

Miss Mae Merriam, an instructor a Mt. Ida school in Newton, and Adele Boynton, a student at the same instilast week to spend the holiday vaca

Howard Denham, of Lowell, is expected home for Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Den-

Miss Lillian Dunton arrive home affected the entire left side and the from Yale for the Christmas vacation throat. Their sister, Mrs. A. A. Pellast week. Owing to the trains being ton, also visited him on Monday of late in Worcester she missed her contituding this week, finding him slightly indrovester on Kalley manager with wastern and the work. nection on Friday evening and was the guest of Miss Florence True, who is now an operator at the telephone to assist Mrs. Blood and the drughter exchange in that city.

The "Five Hundred" club members is the five Hundred of th

of Beacon lodge were entertained at the home of Ernest Melindy. Sheffield held by the ladies' society at the Methstreet, in the fifth game of the series, odist vestry last week Friday evening.

er mother, Mrs. G. W. Parker. Shef-eld street.

Roscoe Hayes, Dartmouth '18, with over the heliday and Sunday.

a college room-mate, is spending the holidays at the home of his parents, his trip to California on Saturday, his Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hayes. son. Jesse, remaining over in Boston until Tuesday. He reports many won-Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gagnen and until Tuesday. He reports many wonthree children are expected here from derful sights at the fair and during Nashua, N. H., where they now reside, to spend Christmas and Sunday in California he says anyone can live the journey. Speaking of conditions in California he says anyone can live there much more cheaply than here. A good restaurant dinner costs only about half as much there as here clothing is less costly, and you can en was loy a very long ride in a litney for He dollar, and other pleasures accordingly

Lakin, of this place, and is well-known here.

Miss Bertha Johnson, who is employed in a Boston office as stenographer, will spend the holiday and Sunday.

will spend the holiday and Sun-with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. again, illing his place in the store of ohnson.

Ingalls Kittredge is able to be out again, illing his place in the store of W. A. Kemp, after being confined to his home several weeks from strained

muscles across the back. Miss Kathryn Thayer, who is teaching at North Brookfield, is at home for

the holiday vacation. Wendell Lovejoy has been doing lumber teaming this week in connection with Charles Spaulding, of Holls which is quite a change from running an automobile. He is earning his experience, however, as one of the load: left over night near Saunders' store without skids, was found to be pretty solidly grounded by morning. It re-quired the assistance of Driver Lakir with the town team, combined with liberal advice from by-standers,

umber had been piled off. Mrs. Elmira Burns is in town from Bradford, N. H., where she has been teaching. She finds the work very congenial. She will be entertained

dart the load, even after some of the

Attridge Brothers grocery horse slipped on the ice Tuesday and fell, receiving quite a gash on the foreleg, probably from his own foot. There was no other breakage except a part of the bridle, which gave way when the driver attempted to hold him up. A few stitches by a veterinary were required to close the wound.

Spurgeon Cuthbertson will take hort holiday vacation from his duties at the freight office, Milford branch of the Boston and Maine railroad, of the Boston and Maine railroad, which he will spend with his family at Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker's, in Hanover, N. H. Mrs. Cuthbertson and Kenneth went there last week taking back little Nathaniel Parker to his parents.

The sleighing just about town is becoming very thin in spots, although there is still quite a little ice. The three Misses Deware are at home for the holidays from Smith

college and the girls' school in Northampton Miss Elizabeth Wright will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Frank T. Wright, Park street. Miss Marjorie Sherwood came home from Fitchburg last week Friday, being on the sick list with a grippe cold. Mrs. Sherwood's father, Mr. Marshall, who lives with her, has also been rather poorly of late.

A letter recently received by a friend in town contains the message that Mrs. Herbert G. Way, a former resident here, now living in Ware, fell and broke her hip last week and at that writing, December 16, was in a hospital. The fracture must have been a complicated one, as she expected to be there about three months.

Miss Ethel Kemp has been officiating as clerk at the candy counter in converse with.

E. E. Tarbell's during the holiday She retained her interest in Pepperrade

his family removed to White Plains, and showed much pleasure at he

luring the rush of holiday trade. Richard Cotton and family moved; staying with Mrs. Boynton, her great- of this town. A large auto truck came aunt, returned to her home in Hollis. from Lunenburg with the girls of the N. H., for the holidays. team and their friends.

A. H. Gilbert has been confined to is home for two weeks with an attack his home of lumbago.

Rayetta Boynton, who teaches in ittsfield, is at home for the holidays. Mrs. Frank Bolles is recovering rom an attack of bronchitis which he suffered last week.

from Saturday to Monday evening on account of the weather and traveling.

It proved to be a good success, however, in spite of the postponement. The music of the fine Victroia furnished by Frederic Mills, made a decided addition. The program included readings by Mrs. C. C. Tucker, Miss Florings by Mrs. C. C. Tucker, Miss Floring and Mrs. F. S. Blood who mine, "Waiting," was enacted by Mrs. and also the following:

Mawell, and the farce, "Frank Glynn's attack and suffering from a savage Mrs. 6. B. Olsen, Mrs. Paul Mawell, free, others are known to have oc-Mrs. George Stewart and the Misses Flynn, every character being well taken. George Stewart also rendered several short dialect selections. This program was followed by an amusing "dance of the wall flowers,"

ind a pillow march, in which Everett and a pillow march, in which Everett Scott won first prize. In the march for the selection of the smartest man O. B. Olsen was awarded first prize. An "auction of partners" followed, the ladies in white shrouds of sheets, which caused much wrong guessing. A final grand march was the conclu-

ion, after which games followed and ttending to the food sale.

About fifty enjoyed the social evenng and the committee were satisfied at the financial results.

Florida Pleasures.

A package was received from Mis Elsie Northrup by relatives this wool Northrup by relatives this week from Palatka, Fla. In company with her kind friends. Mr. and Mrs kins, she reached there from Washington, D. C., a short time ago, and all were staying at the residence of Mr. Jenkins, D. A short time ago, and an were staying at the residence of Mr. Jenkins' son, Dr. Jenkins, in Palatka, on the St. Johns river. The box sent contained several large oranges picked by Miss Northrup, specimens of the tangerine and satsuma orange, a Florida lemon which more resembled large grapefruit, and tiny kum a large graperruit, and this kuniquarts, just as they grew on their branches. These were all packed in the Florida moss, gray like the soil. There were also sprays picked from the camphor tree, with its small dark berries, misletoe with its berry so insignmeant, an solution with a differ-ent leaf. There were shining mag-nolia leaves, although she wrote the shrubs were not yet blossomed, and

congenial. She will be entertained during the holidays at the homes of Ruth Wilson. Carrie Sylvester, Mrs. Harris and many other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Perry and three children recently moved here from near Lyndonville, Vt., into one of I. J. Rowell's cottages on Tucker street, as Mr. Perry has entered his, employ.

Death of Former Resident.

A notice of the death of Mrs. Eliza E. A. Going, widow of Aaron Going, at her residence in Roxbury, in her innety-seventh year, appeared in the Boston Herald, dated Saturday, December 18. Mrs. Going was for many years a resident of Pepperell, going to Roxbury to reside with her grandson, and afterward with her daughter, Mrs. Abbie Newcomb, 23 Hampden street, a little less than two years ago.

It is thought by her friends here that her death must have been sudden, as one of her old neighbors visited her shortly after Thanksgiving and found her in about her usual health, in spite of her extreme age.

Mrs. Going was of English descent and when young resided on Cape Cod.

She was twice married and the moth er of three children, two of whom survive her. She first came to Pen perell about 1890, in answer to an advertisement placed in a Boston paper by the late Dr. William Heald for a capable woman to assist and care for Mrs. Babbidge, the mother of Mrs. Heald, who was III. She proved in-valuable in the household of Dr. and Mrs. Babbidge, remaining with them many years. After the closing of the Babbidge home she assisted for a time in the household of Nathaniel Shattuck, on the Dunstable road, and later went to the home of Mrs. Ann Blood on Groton street. At her death, several years ago, she continued to kee house for Mrs. Blood's grandson, Ra where she continued until her fall and consequent hip trouble caused her to remove to her grandson's in

Mrs. Going was a most conscien-ous woman of fine moral character, nd by her integrity and worth won many friends. She possessed, even at her advanced age, a remarkably alert mind and clear understanding. being a great reader all her life she had a fund of useful information which made her most interesting to

ell people to the last, and to the neigh Leonard Brumby, who has been bor who visited her last month she serving Chories W. Keyes as kennel intrusted messages of friendship to man, has left the position, and with all she had ever known while here. : visit.

ceipts, the score being 12 to N in favor Richard Cotton and family moved Wednesday from the house they have occupied for some time on Cottage street, into a part of Mr. Rowell's double tenement house on Cross street.

Miss Ethel Goodwin, who has been Boynton. The referee was Jack Kerin

Interesting History.

Certain facts have recently been Certain facts have recently been brought to our notice of a bit of history of the settlement which forms the nucleus of the St. Regis Indian reservation, which have a local interest. The legend concerns this village on the banks of the St. Lawrence riv Mr. Kennedy, foreman on the Pres-cott farm in North Pepperell, had the mistoriune to silp on the ice this week and break his arm. Mary Gilhooley, a student at the Fitchburg Normal school, is a guest the name of the boys was Tarbell, at Mrs. P. F. Sullivan's, as the school and that being taken as captives to a was closed there last week owing to village near Montreal, they becames everal cases of diphtheria. It will contented there, growing up in the not-reopen until after the holidays.

curred, of which there is more or less authentic evidence, one is that of two authentic evidence, one is that of two lads, John Tarbell and Zachariah Tar bell, the sons of Thomas Tarbell, whe were taken in captivity and carried

"The story is told of the Indians coming suddenly upon the inmates of a garrisoned house, which stood where Sanderson's house now stands. (As this was written in 1848, it may be possible that some of the older inbe possible that some of the or habitants may remember the

tion.)
"All escaped and got safely into the garrison except these two boys. The precise time of this event is not known that he entirely lost his native lan-guage, and the records of Groton show guage, and the records of Groton snow that John was born in 1695 and Zachariah in 1709. So it was prob-ably between 1704 and 1708. "Some years after they both came on a visit to Groton, but having be-

come accustomed to savage life no persuasions prevailed on them to reurn and live with their relatives "The present inhabitants of tha their descendants are still among the

Indians in Canada Death.

The death of George H. Johnson oc-story his home on Lawrence street, after an Bethlehem illness of some days from stomach and illness of some days from stomach and intestinal trouble. The deceased was a native of Groton, having been born there December 14, 1843, the son of Phineas and Julia Johnson. He was one of a family of seven children. His brother, Stillman, who lived on the old home place, died a few years ago. The other members of the family still living are H. A. and Maitland Johnson is de walls to the center of the church of Groton, Mrs. Newton Colby of North

and Mrs. Henry Williams of Brookline. N. H. The deceased was a papermak-er by trade and in 1868 was connected with the mills of Ex-gov. Chency at West Henniker, N. H. In a disastrous fire which occurred shortly after the mill was running he lost everything and removed to Franklin Falls, N. H. About 1870 he returned to Pepperell and opened a market under what is now the Pepperell house ever run in town. Later, with his family, he moved to the Col. Jones place on Heald street, where he kept a boarding house for about two years. He then purchased the "Old Prescott which was conducted by him until about 1891 when the large present thotel, which was named the "New Prescott," was built by him, being opened to the public in February 1892. le conducted this until it was sold. Thomas F. Graham, the present pro-

Thomas F. Graham, the present pro-prietor, becoming the purchaser. Mr. Johnson has been in poor health for some time past, residing on the Nathaniel Parker place on the road leading to South Brookline. Services were held at his late home on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, lead in the Law officiating which

Rev. J. B. Lewis officiating. key. J. B. Lewis omerating, minebers of St. Paul lodge of Masons, of which the deceased was a member. The remains were placed in the Pepperell tomb.

Christmas Services at the Churches,

An appropriate Christmas sermon on "The magi, or wise men of the east." was delivered at the Methodist cast, was delivered at the Methodist church on Sunday morning by the pastor to a well-filled house. The old, old story was rendered in a most im-pressive manner to his hearers. The song service of the morning also possessed a true Christmas significance The anthem "Come and worship," by Wilson, was finely rendered by the full chorus choir, with the duet by Mrs. Copp and Mrs. Beers. A contraito solo, "Night of nights," by Van de Water, was effectively rendered by Mrs. Copp., also. Ralph Buck accompanied the organist, Mrs. Nash, on the

panied the organist Mrs. Agsn. on the clarinet, both during the morning and the concert in the evening. The concert was held at seven o'clock in the evening with a full at-tendance. The musical part of the program was rendered by the Sunday. his family removed to White Plains,
N. Y., Monday.

A son was been to Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Goodwin, Crescent street, on
Friday, December 17. He is to be called John.

Mrs. A. H. Harris went to Lowell
on Monday Christmas shopping, having recovered from her recent attack
of rheumatism in the neck and shoulders.

Mrs. Abbie Shatuck, formerly of
this town, but more recently of Townsend, has purchased the ledging house
of Mrs. A. Blood in Gardner, and
with her daughter. Miss Gladys, will
conduct the same.

Judson Willoughby has been ill with
stomach frouble and unable to attend
to his work in West Groton this week.

Gerald Shatuck, Dartmouth, is at
home for the Földays. He is assisting this week at the store of C. A.
Swasoy, J. W. Bartz is also helping
during the rush of holdday trade.

Hiskel General and Mrs.

Basketball Games.

The high school girls' basketical
team in Hollis last week Friday even
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ing. The Popperell team won by a
score of 8 to 3. The Hollis team made
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and two by Dorothy Dennen, If:
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John the Hollis last week friday evening the remained of the choir; secondary the school and the world."

Raph Brack's class; song, Mary also
do Durant's big barys, of
the team, he flower in the
program was held at seventeam in Hollis last week friday evening the program was redde

Arthur Grow.

The committee for the evening program were the three young ladies, Misses Bessie Farley, Hazel Soule and Carrie Sylvester, and the entertainment proved a credit to their efforts.

The auditorium presented a pleasiantly significant Christmas effect, having numerous sprays of feathery green, along the side walls, with Christmas bells and banks of the Carristenas cens and banks of the feathery; evergreen about the altar and pulpit and choir rail. Mr. Beers was chairman of the arrangements, assisted by Mr. Greenough and others, and much praise was given the result of their labors.

pastor gave an address, interesting to counz and old, on the subject, "How the prophecy of the angels' song may the projected of the angels song may come true." emphasizing the true meaning of "Peace on earth, good will to men." Special music was rendered by the full choir under the direction of the chorister, Mrs. E. H. Bliss, Mrs. of the chorser, Jars, R. H. Diss, Ms. Tarbell presiding at the organ. The anthem rendered was "Hailelagah to the king," by C. H. Gabriel. The andformum was appropriately deco-rated by wreaths of laurel and mini-

t Mrs. P. F. Sullivaris, as the school case closed there last week owing to everal cases of diphtheria. It will be the respect that the holidays.

The Popperell Military band will hold a new year's dance in Present hall on Friday night. December 31.

Oak Hill Entertainment.

The entertainment given to raise funds for the Christmas tree at Oak Hill hall, was necessarily postponed from Saturday to Monday evening on regimally appeared in the Platisburg for the weather and traveling.

A success, howand Margaret Pike, Gerry Lawrence and Gwen and Albert Parker, Jr., re-cited short bible verses and a recita-tion was given by Constance Parker.

The committee in charge of the eve ning's program were Mrs. J. B. Lewis, Miss Martha Swinerton and Miss Ellen

Miss Martina Swinerion and Susserion Miller.

The gathering of articles for the gift manger was duly observed. Several boys from the Sunday school area. assed along the aisles with large askets, gathering up the many pack-iges and conveying them to the altar. A committee had been appointed to that all were fittingly on Monday and thus finish this very mmendable deed, for "Inasmuch as e did it to the least one of these, my orethren, ye have done it unto me."

The observance of Christmas at the

Unitarian church was finely carried out by sermon and song at the morning service. In his sermon on the subject "Following the star," the pastor was inspiring and eloquent, engaging the attention of an unusually large audience. The pro-music by the full vested The program twenty-one voices was of a Christmas character throughout and exceptional-ly well rendered. The processional, with Mrs. J. O. Bennett presiding at with Mrs. J. O. Bennett presiding at the organ, was the carol "Waken, christian children." The selection "It came upon the midnight clear." by Gounod, was rendered effectively by a part of the choir, with Mrs. C. A. Mills as soloist. Following this the other members of the choir rendered "In the fields with their flocks hristmas carol, "Oh the beautiful old " was rendered for the off Recessional, "Oh, little town dory,

brother, Stillman, who lived on the chairman of the committee, old home place, died a few years ago. The other members of the family still living are H. A. and Maitland Johnson of Groton, Mrs. Newton Colby of North Berwick, Me., Mrs. Charles Eames of The altar and pulpit were banked of Groton, Mrs. Newton Colby of North and toward the onless, and the same of South Framingham and Mrs. James with feathery evergreen and ornaries and sisters of the deceased.

Mr. Johnson was married in June, 1866, to Miss Elmira Gordon of Henniker, N. H. She survives him with meaning the survives with surviv

The Christmas atmosphere

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Place two pieces of canned asparagus on a white lettuce leaf. Across the asparagus put two strips of sweet red pepper. Dress with French dressing, well seasoned with paprika.

Remove the top from a sweet red present.

The usual ritual exercises opened the regent Mrs. pepper and fill it with Camembert and cream cheese mashed together. Cut it in quarter inch slices. On each plate place a couple of lettuce leaves and on them put a thick slice of sweet, juley them put a thick slice of sweet, juley men of national and state committees the control of the cont orange. On this place a slice of the

Put a slice of pared tart apple on a lettuce leaf and on it place a thick slice of tomato, then another slice of

tuce, dressed either with French or mayonnaise dressing. On a piece of endive place alternate-

Three or four pieces of canned asparagus, drained and chilled, served on a lettuce leaf with French dressing, to which a chopped sweet green pepper has been added, make another good salad that is not much trouble.

Roast Duck.

For the roast duck or duckling, as the case may be, there is nothing nicer than a good savory bread stuffing, though many people like an oyster or some other fancy dressing. For the savory bread stuffing take the day be fore it is needed a loaf of baker's bread and with a sharp knife cut off very thinly the crust of the entire loaf Then break the bread into pieces and but it into a square of cheesecloth, tie

it up and hang it in the air. When ready to make the stuffing crumb the bread fine and add to it the tuice of a large onion, pepper, salt, a quarter pound of butter cut into small pieces, a teaspoonful of powdered sage a dash of mace, a little sweet basil, s little sweet marjoram, a gill of cream and one beaten egg. Mix the dressing thoroughly; if it seems a little dry add nothing more, as the butter and meat juices will moisten it sufficiently.

A Sunny Morning Face. A principle of psychology which ev ery mother should know is that the last thought before going to slee

last thought is sure to be the first wak ing thought. A child should never be punished just before going to bed if you wish to create in him a joyous dis position. A happy bedtime will mean a sunny morning face.

makes the deepest impression. Th

No one can be at his best morally and spiritually unless he is at his best physically. No child can be improve morally by, being injured physically To send a child away from the table hungry or to send him supperless to bed is a relic of barbarism. A happy bedtime and a happy mealtime are the right of every child.

PEPPERELL.

Church Notes.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning J. B. Lewis, of Bos-ton, father of the pastor, will give a temperance address. Sunday school at noon as usual. The pastor will

preach is the evening. The entertainment and Christmas tree comes this Friday, evening at 7.50 in the vestry. A farce, "Aunt Peggy's woodpile," will be given by Billy Hutchinson, Charlie Dennen, Edward Cooney, Everett Scott and Harold Otsen. "Santa Claus at home" will be given by Leander Stewart, Ruth Chapman, Gertrude Greenwood, Wisser. man, Gertrude Greenwood, Wisner Hutchinson and Worcester Smith Tableau, "The night before Christ-mas," will follow, and there will be a mas, will follow, and there will be a Christmas tree for the primary de-partment. There will be music during the evening. Friends of the school and all interested are invited.

At the Methodist church Sunday At the Methodist church Sunday, morning the pastor will preach upon the topic "Choosing a king." In the evening, at seven o'clock, the subject will be "A song of joy." Sunday school at noon and the Junior league at three o'clock as usual...

The Epworth league service at six will be conducted by Miss awrence. Subject, "Looking Helen Lawrence. onward to the God of all the years.

About Town.

The Center Bird club of the Junior Audubon class held its Christmas festivities on Monday afternoon, when the children trimmed a tree for the birds on the lawn at Highledge. Miss Merrill's home. The tree looked very gay when finished, garlanded with strings of popcorn and cranberries and hung with red apples, baskets of cracked nuts and boxes of seed, topped off with a cheery little 'Santa Chus bearing a tiny flag that floated merrily in the wind. The feathered guests appeared much interested in all the The Center Bird club of the Junior appeared much interested in all the proceedings, attracted by food boxes filled with seed and cracked corn, a hanging lunch counter stocked with nuts and sunflower seeds for the spe-cial delectation of the chickadees and nuthatches and suct and marrow bones fastened on neighboring trees for the bluejays. It was a very joll afternoon for both birds and children

The Village Aid society of Peppere. with black fur gives this jaunty effect, will hold a Christmas dancing part with black fur gives this jaunty effect, in Present hall on Monday evening. with black fur gives this jaunty effect, will note a Christmas dancing part in Prescott hall on Monday evening the coat is popular for motoring, being December 27. Music by Thayer's orgular as impervious to cold and lighter chestra. Miss Andrews will sing. The than a fur garment. Trig skating suits Wright. The patronage of the publi-both old and young is solicited as the work of the society is most worthy and their need of funds at beginning of the winter strenuous.

The regular monthly meeting of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., was held on Thursday, December 16, at the home of Mrs. John O. Bennett. chairman of the hostesses of the atternoon, in honor of the 142nd anni-versary of the Boston Tea Party, with about thirty members and their guests

tees, but no action was taken, cheese stuffed pepper. Pour French dressing over it and serve.

Put a slice of pared tart apple on a Frederick Worcester, of Hollis, members of the property o bers of the Anna Keves Powers chap ter. D. A. R., of that town, who have

slice of tomato, then another slice of apple and another of tomato. Top with a spoonful of mayonnaise.

Remove the pits from dates and stuff with cream chéese. On each plate put a slice of pineapple on a lettuce leaf. Add three stuffed dates, pour French dressing ever and serve.

Add chepped pecans to cottage cheese and form into small balls. Serve three and form into small balls. Serve three that has been secured by the N. S. D. or four with each service of crisp let- A. R. in Washington, adjoining Me-

building can be enlarged.

The historian's item for December was a little tale of the tea-drinking On a piece of endive place alternately segments of orange from which the
inner skin is removed, and similarly
shaped pieces of tart apple. Dress with
French dressing.

Avocados or alligator pears make a

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