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The Ayer Branch Alliance will meet in the Unitarian vestry on Friday afternoon, January 14, at 230 o'clock, and will be entertained by Mrs. Susan Barker Mrs Loretta Graves Mrs. D. W. Fletcher and Mrs. Almeda Lawton

The Ladies' Benevolent society of The Ladles' Benevolent society of the Federated church will serve a sup-per in the church parlors on Tuesday evening, January 11, at 6,30 o'clock. Social evening after supper. As this is the first supper of the Federated church it is hoped that all people of the parish will endeavor to be present.

Div. 7, A. O. H., will hold their annual concert and ball on March 17. Miss Gertrude Carrigan returned to her duties as teacher at Langdon, N. H., last Sunday, Paul W. Carrigan H., last Sunday. Paul W. Carrigan left Monday for Dartmouth college to resume his studies.

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Ayer lodge, A. F. of R. W., have elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: E. E. Lewis, pres.; John Craig, v.p.; Joseph Kyle, fin. sec.; C. L. Washburn, sec. and treas.; H. Davenport and Henry Picard, trustees; Joseph Kyle and E. E. Lewis, representatives to system council.

Allan MacDonald was given a birthday party by friends at his home on Pleasant street Tuesday evening, the occasion being his seventeenth birth-Refreshments were served and y pleasant evening spent. Those very pleasant evening spent. a very pleasant evening spent. Those present were Miss Marion Farnsworth, Miss Helen and Llewellyn Savage, Miss Elizabeth Bennett, Miss Charlotte Sanderson, Percy and Everett Fowier, Miss Bertha Phelps and Reginald and Allan MacDonnell.

Miss S. A. Blood, Mrs. S. M. Barker. MISS S. A. Blood, MISS S. A. Barker.
Mrs. Edith Hassam, Miss Blanche
Livingston and Mrs. Blanche Whitney
from the Woman's club attended Reciprocity day with the Pepperell Woman's club on Tuesday. Mrs. Barker
represented the Ayer club with a read-

A special convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, January 11, at 7.30 o'clock. Work—Mark Master degree.

News Items.

The fourth quarterly conference of the M. E. church, of the Federated church, will be held at 2.30 in the afternoon on January 16.

The subject of the Sunday morning service at the Federated church will be "Gideon, the warrior of Jehovah."

Sunday school at noon. Meeting of the C. E. society at six o'clock; topic. "Why join the church?" Evening service at seven o'clock; subject. "The awakening of the boy Jesus." Midweek service on Thursday evening at 7.30 in the vestry.

The new year's eve party given for St. Andrew's choir and their friends was voted a great success. The host-cases devoted themselves to seeing that the young people had a good time. There were miny out-of-town guests coming from Providence, Boston, Fitchburg, Leominster, Harvard and Littleton. Music for dancing was furnished by Mudgett's orchestra of Shir-level and the work.

w.: Ellis B. Harlow, J.W.: L. G. Dwinell, treus.; E. H. Bigelow, see,; Philip R. Adrew, marshal; Kimbail W. Martin, s.d.: Herbert B. Priest, J.d.; Herbert H. Proctor, s.s.; Earl C. Merriman of Shirley, J.s.; Victor LeForest Fillebrown, 1s.; Holden C. Harlow, organist; Warren L. Preble, tyler.

After the installation the meeting was taken in charge by the newly installed master, H. E. Evans, who introduced as the entertainers of the evening the Harvard Male quartet of south processing the Harvard Male quartet of south processing the Harvard Male quartet of the south process of the content of the process of the content of the south process of the content of the process of th Boston and the reader, Mrs. Ada Phil-lips of Boston. This lodge always has inps of Boston. This fouge always has fine talent for this entertainment and the music this year was quite up to the standard and the reader in a some-what unusual and difficult program acquitted herself admirably and to the great delight of a very enthusiastic

> Stephen N. Lougee, the chaplain who has not been absent during the past sixteen years, was ill and not able to be present. That part of the work was done by Rev. Frank B. Crandall the paster of the Unitarian church who is a Mason of high rank.

Board of Trade Meeting. The board of trade had its regular monthly meeting in their quarters in Dickinson's block Wednesday evening. monthly meeting in their quarters in Dickinson's block Wednesday evening, the president, Thomas F. Mullin, presiding. Thise officers and committees were chosen for the ensuing year: Thomas F. Mullin, pres.; E. A. Richardson, Geo. H. Hill, v.p.; L. H. Cushing, r.s.; J. J. O'Brien, f.s.; Geo. H. Brown, treas.; Geo. H. Brown, John M. Maloney, Eugene Barry, William Brown, C. H. Hardy, Charles Sherwin, directors. Committees—E. A. Richardson, F. S. Pierce, C. H. Hardy, J. M. Maloney, A. M. Phelps, town affairs; John Traquair, Geo. L. Osgood, F. S. Bennett, H. S. Turner, John R. Murphy, manufacturing; Geo. H. Hill, W. A. Wright, A. E. Lawrence, Chas. E. Sherwin, Berton Williams, mercantile; L. A. Carman, Dr. H. B. Priest, F. C.

Sherwin, Berton Williams, mercantile; L. A. Carman, Dr. H. B. Priest, F. C. Johnson, E. E. Sawyer, L. K. Clark, public buildings and parks; Geo. H. Brown, Dr. B. H. Hopkins, John H. Hooley, Herbert L. Hardy, entertainment; J. L. Kennison, H. C. Harlow, H. P. Fletcher, E. D. Stone, J. C. Anno, statistics.

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After the transaction of this and other routine business the members and guests listened to an interesting and instructive address by John M. Maloney, associate justice of the district court, who had for his subject,
"The swing of the pendulum." Under
this head the speaker showed how Tuesday evening. January 11, at 1.30 trict court, who had for his subject, o'clock. Work—Mark Master degree. "The swing of the pendulum." Under that of the public schools and its sestible head the speaker showed how sloops held during regular school time peoples and governments are swayed. The annual installation of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons took place in Masonic hall on Monday evening. This at any point between the end of the school larger, pupils more is one of the brilliant events of the swing on either side. This point was regular in attendance and securing the

illustrated in the history of the government of this country from articles of confederation adopted by the thirteen original colonies down to the present time. During that time many changes had been made in our fundamental form of government, the constitution, which after the articles of confederation became the basic law of the nation, being amonded many times to meet the desires of certain factions in the country in the interest of justo meet the desires of certain factions in the country in the interest of justice to all. One of the quickest and most radical swings of the governmental pendulum occurred a couple of years after the Civil war broke out when the political rights of foreign born citizens, which had a few years before been curtailed, were restored to them in full.

The reason of this action was that the foreigners showed such indisputable loyalty to the country in the war as to effectually remove any suspicion of distrust which had been prevalent among the native born citizens prior to the great conflict.

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Governments are established to protect the minority: the majority can always take care of itself.

Referring to the three latest proposed amendments to the constitution—the initiative, referendum and recall—the speaker said that there was danger in the initiative and recall unless they were intelligently and carefully used, which would not be probable. The referendum has been used and is now used to good advantage, and is now used to good advantage, but there is also some danger in this.

At the conclusion of his remarks Mr. Maloney was given the thanks of the members. Lunch was served.

Horses For Europe.

services of teachers who could not be had on Saturdays. There have been ninety-nine pupils, sixteen regular teachers and half as many substitutes.

The closing exercises on Saturday were attended by a large number of friends of the school. The work was on exhibition and was carefully examined. A brief program was arranged by Mrs. Bigelow, which included remarks, of appreciation by Frank S. Johnson, superintendent of Horses For Europe.

The beginning of the shipment of \$0,000 western horses over the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine, for shipment from Boston by steamer for the allies in Europe, is expected to begin in the immediate future, the latest report being that entire train loads of valuable horsefiesh, destined for the European battlefields, will begin passing through this town before the end of the present week. The current report is that the legal department of the railroad has finally succeeded in adjusting the difficulties encountered with the town authorities in Wateradjusting the difficulties encountered with the town authorities in Water-town and that the new paddocks and shelters recently erected in that town, covering twenty-eight acres of ground, may now be used for the purpose for which they were directed. These have a capacity of 3000 horses, it being planned to keep them there while awaiting the sailing schedules of the transports which are to take them to Europe. It is said that agents of the allies have already purchased \$0,000 horses and arranged to have them shipped over this route, and that continuation of the war will result in tinuation of the war will result in further purchases and continuous traffic of this nature as long as the var may last.

Annual Parish Meeting.

The annual parish meeting of the Unitarian church was held in the vestry on Wednesday evening. It was preceded by a fine supper served to eighty people in charge of these members of the Girls' club: Mrs. Callie P. Murphy, Mrs. Paul Fillebrown, Mrs. Fairchild, Mrs. Margaret Cushing, Miss Elinor Clark, assisted by Misses Alice Sanderson, Doris Fletcher, Lilly Baker, Lucy Wyman, Lilly Wright, Grace Murphy.

number of our members I shall from time to time make use of space in the public press. It is your right to know what your minister's policies are and why he adopts them.

Many of you have no doubt heard christians dispute about the relative merits of liturgical and free prayer. Those who oppose the use of the former denounce it as a mechanical and soulless utterance while the opponents of free prayer denounce the same as undignified or sentimental. We have all heard liturgical prayers chattered or mumbled or otherwise uttered in a manner most execrable. On the other hand we have heard free prayer uttered with a familiarity so flagrant or a sentimentality so aggravated that we must wish that some men would indeed pray in secret. Some of the high-salaried and professional evangelists are chief among those addicted to this perversion.

Manifestly the fault lies in both instances not in the form of prayer used, but with the individual himself or with his religious instructions. All the great prayers that have come down to us in liturgy were no doubt originally spoken under inspiration and were free prayers. Occasionally in our own times the human soul finds in free prayer the very loftiest expression. There are, however, certain general and fundamental needs that are permanent, such as divine aid and guidance, the fidelity of rulers. Murphy,
Immediately following the supper the parish meeting was called by Howard M. Beverly, clerk, who read the warrant. Dr. H. B. Priest was chosen moderator. Six people united with the parish, after which these officers for the coming year were elected; Howard M. Beverly, clerk; George H. Hill, treas.; Dr. H. B. Priest, I. G. Dwinell and Herbert L. Farnsworth, parish com.; Miss Alice Sanderson, col.; Miss Nettie B. Roe, asst.; Miss Elinor Clark, Mrs. Daisy Beckford and Miss Mona Kittredge, music com. miss Mona Kittredge, music com.
It was voted to ask the Alliance and
Girls' club to choose two members
each from their number to be assesoffice of prayer the clergyman must make intercession for these permanent needs. He has, therefore, the alternative either of devising—if indeed he can—fifty-two or more ways of wording the same prayer or of adopting from the world's treasure of prayers some classic that can never grow old

sors.

The pastor, Rev. Frank B. Crandall,

The pastor. Rev. Frank B. Crandall, read several letters announcing gifts to the church, and outlined his plan of work for the coming year.

The meeting was very enthusiastic and the spirit of harmony and energy was very contagious. The outlook for the coming year is very bright and promising. The reports of the varius officers showed a sound and satis factory condition of affairs.

A. W. C.

The next regular meeting of the Woman's club will be held in Hardy's hall and will be an open meeting un-der the auspices of the public health committee: lecture, "Relations of women to the social problems of mental hygiene," Dr. Frankwood E. Williams; usic in charge of Mrs. Helen Rey-

The music study class will meet with Mrs. Rachael Barry on Wednesday at-ternoon, January 12, at 2,30 o'clock The subject will be "Russian and Italian music." All interested are cordially invited.

Those interested in the formation of a chorus of club members will meet at the home of Mrs. Nellie Kittredge on Friday evening, January 14, at 7.30 o'clock. The rehearsal will be devoted to music for the club meeting, February 2.

The concert given at the Congrega The concert given at the Congrega-tional church on Tuesday, under the direction of J. Vernon Butler, of Wor-cester, assisted by Mrs. Butler, planist, Miss Anita Charron, violinist, Cliff Perry, baritone, and Miss Jane Prendeville, soprano, afforded the members of the club and their friends an un-

The Altrurian club met in the Congregational vestry on Thursday afternoon. The president, Miss Grace M. Kilburn, being absent on account of lilness, the vice president, Mrs. Mary E. Lilly, presided. After a short business meeting Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead, secretary of the National Peace leakue, was then introduced. Mrs. Mead is a very talented lady and gave an excelent address on "Preparedness," not for war, but for the needs in other directions; for our country. She held the subject well in hand and gave The literature committee will hold the first meeting of the club year at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Clara Hill, on Wednesday afternoon, Jan-uary 12; at three o'clock. All interest-

ed are cordially invited.

Closed Its Year.

The Sewing school conducted by the Woman's club closed its sixteenth year of work last Saturday with the usual party to the children given in the town hall. Several things have joined to make the year one of great interest. Mrs. Carrie B. Bigelow has been superintendent. She has been at thoroughly devoted to the interests of the school and succeeded in securing a very efficient company of teachers. The work of this school has this year for the first time been coördinated with or the first time been coordinated with

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ranged by Mrs. Bigelow, which in-cluded remarks of appreciation by Frank S. Johnson, superintendent of schools, and Geo, H. Brown, chairman

of the school committee. There were also selections by the Mandolin club and musical parts by several of the children.

The year has been a fine success and has greatly encouraged the friends of the school.

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends—In the hope of reaching at once the largest possible number of our members I shall from time to time make use of space in the

that are permanent, such as divine aid and guidance, the fidelity of rulers, the zeal and nobility of the clergy, the welfare of all people. In the public office of prayer the clergyman must

In our petitions for particular bless-

ings free prayer naturally is to be used. If it cannot show inspiration it can at least manifest the graces of simplicity and reverence. In our in-tercessions for general and funda-mental blessings permanently need-

ed we shall draw on the treasury of ed we shall draw on the treasury of prayers, chieffy those which have come down from the most ancient liturgies and which are preserved in the prayer book of the English church. Compared to these classics

of devotion other prayers in the Engmish language seem poor indeed. Here we have the noblest meditations of the heart expressed in the most glorious English. Frank B. Crandall.

SHIRLEY

The Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church will hold a social and supper in the church on Wednesday evening. Supper will be served at

even o'clock, followed by an enter

The Altrurian club met in the Con-

directions; for our country. She held the subject well in hand and gave many statistics of the war and of our

resources. Close attention was given her and also a rising vote of thanks. All were much pleased with her dis-

course. The program was in charge of the educational committee. Mrs.

Mary C. Park and Mrs. Emma S. Hor-ton. The meeting closed with the singing of "America," Mrs. Horton at

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Saturday, January 8, 1916.

WESTFORD

The annual appraisal and dinner for the town officers took place at the town farm last Saturday, new year's day. Those in charge of the appraisal of town property for this year at the farm were Samuel H. Balch. Fred R. Blodgett and Leonard W. Wheeler. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Barnes, master and matron, in charge of the buildings, had everything clean and well kept, and in the best of order. buildings, had everything clean and well kept, and in the best of order. An appetizing dinner finely cooked and well served was enjoyed by the town officers in the early afternoon. Besides the appraisers those present were O. R. Spalding and Frank L. Furbush, selectmen; J. Willard Fletcher and Charles D. Colburn, assessors; Charles L. Hildreth, A. R. Choate, Fred R. Blodgett, overseers of poor; Edward T. Hanley, auditor, and Dr. C. A. Blancy, town physician. Sherman H. Fletcher, selectman, Austin Healy, assessor, and H. L. Wright, treasurer, were unable to be present. were unable to be present.

The severe snowstorm coming the first Sunday of the new year made attendance at church very limited. At the Congregational church there were thirty-one present and adjournment to

the Congregational church there were thirty-one present and adjournment to the vestry for the service was in order, using the plano for musical accompaniment. Mr. Wallace preached an eloquent new year sermon.

The Edward M. Abbot hose company held their regular monthly meeting with supper at the firehouse on Boston road Tuesday evening, thirteen partaking of the good supper prepared and served by Mrs. J. E. Knight, with a menu consisting of clam chowder, cold ham, coffee, rolls and pies. It was voted at the business session to request the selectmen to place in the town to consider the question of a firehouse in the center of the town. The committee for the annual firemen's ball, which comes next Thursday evening at the town hall, were busy completing plans for that event. Poole's orchestra, of Boston, will furnish music for the concert and dancing. The efficient committee in charge are Robert Prescott, S. B. Watson, William E. Wright and Edward Clement. ing. The efficient committee in charge are Robert Prescott, S. B. Watson, William E. Wright and Edward Clem-

Mr. Wallace's and John M. Wright's army of the Potomac, and at one time class and the girls' class did the honors of the occasion. Mrs. John Perkins furnished music on the Victrola for the gathering and Mr. Wallace had general charge of the evening.

Nature almost invariably balances her accounts and Mr. Osgood, shut off

gram has been arranged by the execu-tive committee. All members who

week of one of its long-time residents.

Mrs. Mary E. Heywood died at her home on Monday evening after an ill"ness of several weeks, aged 69 yrs."

bought and established for herself the cosey home near the soldiers' monument.

Mrs. Heywood (Mary Cushing) was born in Roxbury, but at the time of her marriage to Mr. Heywood was the widow of Capt. Mellen, her home being in Medford. Mrs. Heywood was a member of the Unitarian church and of the Tadmuck club. She was a devoted wife and mother and a good friend and neighbor. She gave her late husband the most devoted care during a long period of invalidism.

Mrs. Heywood is survived by an only son, Albert Whittemore Heywood, and an only daughter, Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth; also, three grandchildren.

Among those substantial and much missed former residents of Westford who were visiting in town and present at the Unitarian church, were Mrs. John William Abbot and Mrs. Katherine Kebler.

> Read the large posters and the smal programs telling all about the large doings that is coming to undo some o doings that is coming to undo some of our small doings and set up better and larger housekeeping and better and larger farm keeping. Get right into the current my lads and lassies and let it propel you right up to the frontage of the town hall on January 17, at one o'clock in the afternoon. This current is safe form all unturnated currents. rent is safe from all submarine attacks.

Harry A. Whitney and Miss Sadio Harry A. Whitney and Miss Sadie A. McMaster were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McMaster, last Saturday afternoon by Rev. David Wallace, pastor of the Union church. Hugo T. Page was best man and Miss Annie Chandler was bridesmaid. The house was all alive with eloquent beauty, the decorations of hemlock, holly and laurel, with white and yellow streamers, wreathed into an arch in the ceneral control of the contro ers, wreathed into an arch in the center of which suspended a large white

ing. The efficient committee in charge are Robert Prescott. S. B. Watson, William E. Wright and Edward Clement.

A very pleasant new year's eve party took place at the home of Misses Beatrice and Lillian Sutherland last week Friday evening, when sixteen of the younger'set of the town were entertained at a social evening of whist. Leonard Burland and Miss Rita Jordan secured the highest scores and Leon F. Hildreth and Miss Maud Robinson the lowest. At the close of the evening the young people welcomed in the new year with songs and good cheer, and afterward departed with many good wishes to their hostesses and to each other for the new year. Incidentally it was Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland's twenty-fourth wedding anniversary and they were presented with some beautiful carnations in honor of the event.

Gould Buckle, of Wilmington, was a week-end guest of Bertram Sutherland. a nowerful argument for the appro-

a meek-end guest of Bertram Sutherland.

Mrs. Charles H. Wright was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Henry L. McCluskey at their home in Worcester on Monday and Tuesday of last week and enjoyed the pleasure of attending the presentation of "The Messiah." given by the Worcester Musical society on Monday evening.

Members of the Sunday school of the Congregational church had a supper and entertainment at the vestry last week Friday evening. The supper was a competitive event between Mr. Wallace's and John M. Wright's class and the girls' class did the hon
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Mrs. Sarah T. Harris, who suffered a stroke of paralysis at her home last saturday, is resting as comfortable as gan be expected. Mrs. Harris came up from her daughter's in Somerville, where she was staying, to attend to some matters at home, and was stricken while at work in the kirchen. She mad hen she do not appear at him of time specified Mr. Wright, and when she do not appear and found her helpless Mrs. Harris is hing cared for at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

The annual meeting and dimer of the members of the Congregational church will be held on Monday, January 10. Reports of officers and elections for the ensuing year will take place.

A great deal of sickness is prevalent in the village. Mrs. Frances B. Prescott is sick and under the doctor's care. Emory J. Whitney has been quite sick for a week past. The little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Day is among the sick ones. Miss Hilda 1ses' prompt and cheerful voice at the local exchange has not answered the subscribers this last week, being shut in with sickness. Willard T. Millis, who has been confined to the house for two weeks with an injured knee, is able to be out and at work again.

"Gentlemen's night," or guest night in the Tadmuck club will be observed to strong allowed and an insurance company.

J. Willard Fleicher is the hostess of the evening and a most attractive program has been arranged by the executive committee. All members who have not received their guest tickets to the committee. All members who have not received their guest tickets to the committee of the town of the committee, the interest and on the committee of the town of the committee of the committee of the safe of the safe of the Massachusetts volundary to the committee of the town of the safe of the Massachusetts volundary to the committee of the commit

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Death.

The community mourns the loss this week of one of its long-time residents. Mrs. Mary E. Heywood died at her home on Monday evening after an ill-ness of several weeks, aged 69 yrs.

boyhood Westford, his mind began to revert to these early scenes, and on May 31, 1910, he presented to the town the substantial soldiers' monument that adorns with memory the village green and the memory of the soldiers of Westford in the civil war; also, in memory of Col. Metcalf stather, William Metcalf, who enlisted from Westford in Company C. 16th Massachusetts regiment at the outbreak of the civil war. At the dedication of this monument the ever-to-be lamented ex-Gov. John D. Long was orator of the day and Hon. Charles S. Hamlin followed in an appropriate vein section of this boyhood days Col. Metcalf.

9 mos. 7 days. Mrs. Heywood was the widow of the late George W. Heywood and for many years lived in the Westford depot neighborhood, where Mr. Heywood was in the grain business with W. H. Burbeck. After his retirement from business Mr. and Mrs. Heywood lived at their pleasant home at the Center until after the former's death two years ago, and more recently Mrs. Heywood had bought and established for herself the cosey home near the soldiers' monument.

Mrs. Heywood (Mary Cushing) was born in Rosbury, but at the time of her marriage to Mr. Heywood was the widow of Capt. Melclen, her home be
Mich his parents, was an attendant at the memory of this mother and in memory of this mother the Unitarian church, and in memory of the union, presided, and made it contagious for the Union, presided. Mrs. Janet Wright, president of the union, presided, and made it contagious for attendance. Mrs. Janet Wright, president of the union, presided, and made it contagious for the Union, presided, and made it contagious for the Union, presided. And made it contagious for the Union, presided. And made it contagious for the Union, presided, and made it contagious for the Union, presided, and made it contagious for attendance. Mrs. Janet Wright, president of the union, presided, and made it contagious for the Union, presided, and made it contagious for attendance. Mrs. Janet Wright, president of the union, presided, and made it contagious for attendance. Mrs. Janet Wright president of the union, presided, and made it contagious for the union, presided. And made it contagious for the union, presided, and made it contagious fent of the union, presided. And made it contagious fent of the union, presided. And made it contagious fent of the union, presided. And made it on the union, presided and maders of the enternon was given by Mrs. Etta Frisbee, of Boston, business stap and sparkling eyes to w



Spasmodic Attacks of Hay Fever May Be Relieved-Distressing Feature of Head Colds Helped by Pressure.

By DR. R. KENDRICK SMITH.

XYBODY can prevent a sneeze by the simplest needs. by the simplest possible applica-tion of home osteopathic treat ment. There is always a little warning preceding one of these annoying ipasms, and it is sufficient to give one fine to apply this treatment and avert the explosion. This is often of decided idvantage when a sneeze would create embarrassment, as in church or during i dramatic pause in the theatre or in the midst of beautiful music. This must not be taken to mean, however, that sneezes should always be stopped mmediately, for sometimes they are if decided advantage and have a dis finct purpose to fulfil.

An Act of Nature.

The act of sneezing is an effort of sature to expel some invader from the rose or to stimulate head circulation of blood, or to increase the secretions of mucus. In such cases it is a mistake to prevent it. But when the ineeze is caused by an abnormal exitement of some of the nerves in the nose or by a bacterial inflammation it may become an intolerable nuisance and not serve any useful purpose.

This treatment is so simple that it can be administered by the patient just This treatment is so simple that it can be administered by the patient just is well as by an osteopathic practicioner, although not until one acquires a certain definess as a result of repeated experiment. If the reader fails to obtain the result from his first attempts he should persevere until he acquires the technique of applying the pressure tactfully and in the right spot. The reader must not, however, within the removal of the cause. He can stave off any sneeze and he can often decrease the frequency and sometimes even cause the attacks to cease, but he must remember that he is only treating a symptom, and that the real osteopathic way to look at his case, if he does not get sufficient results, is to avert repetitions, the pressure should be annoyance of those within hearing. The osteopathic home to avert repetitions, the pressure should be continued for two minutes, but what the choick tells you is two minutes. The pressure treatment and should be relied upon for convenience and immediate relief only, the removal of the cause. He can stave off any sneeze and he can often decrease the frequency and sometimes even cause the attacks to cease, but he must remember that he is only the fine of the cause of the victim, however, will be glad to learn that the clock tells you is two minutes, but what the clock tells you is two minutes, but what the clock tells you is two minutes, but what the clock tells you is two minutes, the clock tells you is two minutes, the clock tells you is two minutes, or the clock tells you is two minutes, the clock tells you is two minutes, or the clock tells you is two minutes. The pressure must be on the upper part of the lip, and it must be concentrated in the very middle line of the clock tells he does not get sufficient results, is to linquire into the underlying cause pro-

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nose a conspicuous portion of the face, sible for a person to sneeze when this
curved so as to press over a greater to the intense embarrassment of its pressure is properly applied.

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You've hit the

right tobacco

HOW TO STOP A SNEEZE.



Hold forefinger firmly and steadily on the upper lip for two minutes.

lip on the skin.

to the underlying cause producing these symptoms and to have an obsteopathic practitioner remove it by adjustment.

Hay fever, rose cold and other relief to the foreinger firmly and some pressure may also be used for the control of the streament. The is to hold the foreinger firmly and same pressure may also be used for the control of the streament.

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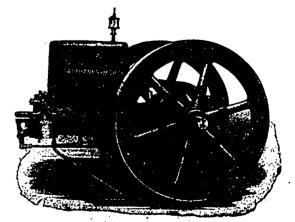
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Everywhere tobacco is sold you'll find Prince Albert ausliling your cheerful visil, Buy it in toppy red bags, 5c; tidy red tins, 10c; handsome pound and half-pound humidors—and—in that classy pound crystal-glass humidor vith a comment of the contraction.

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officer, assisted by Miss Carrie Bradford. During the business session Mrs. Luther Holden, president of the Matrons' Aid, presented in behalf of that organization, a set of new regalia. After the business session the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: Harry M. Brown, m.: Thomas H. Evans, o.; Arthur R. Holden, lec.; Horace C. Harris, stew.; Elmer Wilkins, asst. stew.; Bessie Buxton, chap.; Arthur G. Dunn, treas.; George F. Buxton, sec.; William Freeman, g. k.; Helen Bradford, Ceres; Agnes Lynch, Pomona; Sibyl Storer, Flora; Mildred Evans, l. a. s.; Gertrude W. Farnsworth, pianist. A bountiful collation was then served in the lower hall by Mrs. Lydia Wood, Mrs. A. A. Adams Mrs. Lydia Wood, Mrs. A. A. Adams and Mrs. William Wilkins.

Stephen Cary, the G. A. R. veteran, observed the eighty-third anniversary of his birth last week Friday at his home with Mrs. Wilson, Leominster road. Mr. Cary passed the day quietly at home, receiving a number of his ly at home, receiving a number of his friends who called to extend greet-ings and congratulations. He was also the recipient of many postcards. A pleasing feature for Mr. Cary was the large birthday cake made for him by Mrs. Wilson. Mr. Cary enjoys fairly good health for a man of his years and is held in high esteem by the people of the town. people of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allen were called to Mariboro last week Thursday to attend the funeral of Mr. Allen's uncle, Louis LaForme, who died at the age of eighty-three years. He also was a resident of Shirley in 1864.

Burt Dempsey and Robert Stacey of Montreal, Canada, in company with Mr. Stacey's two children, Miss Doris Mr. Stacey's two Cinidren, Miss Doris and Master Joseph, returned home Monday, after spending a pleasant visit of a week or so at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gately, Mr. Dempsey is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Gately.

Mr. and Mrs. Engene Allen of Bos-ton with son Lester were visitors over the week-end and Sunday at the home of Mr. Allen's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, Harvard road,

Harry Hocquard and Miss Minnie returned home last Sunday evening from Lowell, Vt., where they have spending a week with Miss Gelo's

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant re-Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant returned home the latter part of last week from a week's visit at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Manning at Upper Montelair, N. J. Their daughter, Miss Gertrude, who accompanied them did not return with them, but will remain with home with Mrs. Manning from for sister, Mrs. Manning, for a few

John Cornier is substituting for N. Dana Sanderson as express driver while the latter is serving on the jury. Mrs. Arthur H. Bassett spent New Year's day and Sunday with her parents in Salem.

Anxias Chaisson, 4½ years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anxias Chaisson, passed away last week Thursday, Funeral last Saturday from St. Anthony's church at 9,30 a.m. The thony's church at 9.30 a. m. The bearers were Richard Murray, Albert Glonet, Arthur Bolger and David Thomas. Burial was in St. Anthony's

The last in the series of entertainmeats held under the auspies of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., will be held to in Odd Fellow's hall, Tuesday evening, ling January 18. The attraction will be Squire's illustrated lecture on "South

The children of David Lambert assembled at his home New Year's day has week turning home? The motive that prompted the gathering was the fact that Mr. Lambert is critically ill with a cancer with no possible hope of recovery. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Anthance Perrault, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Tisdale and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bourgois of Leominster, Mr. and Mrs. choyed a sleig trank Cheek 152.

meeting next Tuesday evening. Supper will be served at 6.45 o'clock, under the direction of the following committee: O. W. Balcom, C. H. Tewksbury, J. H. McClellan, T. S. Nickerson, Lanton Ward and Willard Knowles. At 7.45 the meeting will be open to the public and a fine program 'of entertainment has been arranged. Rev. Samuel D. Ringrose of Fitchburg will be preaent in company with W. Gardner Stockwell, the Swiss bell ringer, who will give charming waterlook of Halfax, after a two weeks' bell ringer, who will give charming waterlook between the direction of the following two waterlooks and the fit of the direction of the following two waterlooks and the fit of the direction of the following two waterlooks and the fit of the f bell ringer, who will give charming vacation spent with her mother, Mis selections with his bells. In brief the M. W. Longley. evening's program will consist of readings, music, etc.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will ternoon, Bradford. Monday evening, January 24, the last meeting night of the month.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fremont Weston
Keyes returned on Taesday from their
lioneymoon. They stayed at the home
of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Ernest Harris, Maple street, until
Thursday, when they went to their
home in Newtonville. Mrs. Shipley
W. Hicker, who came from New York
city to attend her sister's wedding,
will remain at the home of her parcepts for another week or more.

Eugene Smith of New Bea visitor last week at the hom
a visitor last week at the hom ents for another week or more.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will install its officers-elect for the ensuing year on Friday evening, Jan-uary 14, at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Martha A. Holden is recover-ing nicely from her sickness, doing far better than was anticipated by her friends and the attending physician.

Mrs. Charles W. Wolff is again confined to home with sickness and on Tuesday received a visit from an eminent physician of Boston. The townspeople have greatly missed Mrs. Wolff from the church and social life the town and sympathize with her

Hospital Board Meeting. The Shirley Hospital Board held its regular meeting last Saturday evening. Dr. Charles J. Pelree presiding. Grange for 1916 are out and are being the town were represented and the some very entertaining meetings for

News Items.

D. Chester Parsons, who has been confined to his home with sickness for the past two weeks, is improving a little each day and is planning to go out to business about the first of next week.

Last Tuesday evening the Grange held its installation of officers, Millard Sawyer, of Groton, acting as installing officer, assisted by Miss Carrie Bradford. During the business session Mrs. Luther Holden, president of the Matorganization, a set of new regalia. After the business session the following officers were installed for the ensuing officers. The formal formal entries and a similar sum of money described by the sum of men's degree two trude W. Farney Mrs. Mrs. Julia Holden, Lester G. Holden, Mrs. Julia Holden, Lester G. Holden, Mrs. Julia Holden, Lester G. Heilary Mrs. Mrs. Julia Holden, Lester G. Heilary Mrs. Mrs. Julia Hold bution and respectfully requested t

It is pleasing to note that a few individuals have been generous con-tributors to the board fund which has been much appreciated.

In brief, those who give to the Shirley Hospital Board, either individually or collectively, are doing something worth while.

Roll Call and Dinner.

The Congregational church held its seventeen annual roll call and dinner Wednesday evening in the church vestry. Dinner was served under the direction of the following committee: Mrs. L. Louise Butler, Mrs. John G. Conant, Mrs. Martha Hunter, Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook, Miss Mary A. Park, Mrs. Annie Brockelman, Miss Leona Lee and Mrs. Walter Knowies, Dinner was followed by roll call with responses by members present and letters from absentees.

The regular order of business was then taken up, the pastor, Rev. G. Ed. eventeen annual roll call and dinner

The regular order of business was then taken up, the pastor, Rev. G. Edwin Woodman, was chosen moderator. The report of the clerk, Miss, Mary A. Park, showed the following: Male members 32, female 56, resident 71, non-resident 17, removed by death 2. The report of the clerk, treasurer, Sunday school superintendent, parish committee, Ladies Circle, King's Daughters, C. E. society and Brotherhood showed the church to be in good condition.

A brief address was then given by the pastor. Mr. Woodman outlining the work of the various organizations of the church during the past year.

the work of the various organizations of the church during the past year. The following office's were then elected for the ensuing year; Miss Mary A. Park, clerk and treas, [J. H. McClellan, S. S. supt.; Miss Altie F. Howe, asst. S. Supt.; Miss Altie F. Howe, asst. S. Supt.; Miss Altie F. Howe, asst. S. Supt.; Miss H. M. James, church committee, three years; Williard Knowles, Haymond Harris, Chester Hooper and Linton Ward, ushers, About sixty-five members were present and a number of invited guests.

Miss Ruth M. Graves has returned to her duties as school teacher at Lancaster, after a ten days' vacation spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves. Miss Margaret Longley returned to

Bryant and Stratton's Business col ege on Monday, after a vacation of me week. Miss Elsie Graves of Boxboro was

a guest over the wack-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves. Miss Vera Bradford returned this week to Emerson College of Oratory

after spending a two weeks' vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford. Born last week a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Comstock at the

On account of the stormy weather no services were held at Trinity chapel on Sunday. On Sunday, January 9, it is expected that Malcolm Peabody of the Cambridge Theological school, will be present and conduct the service. Service at 3.15 p. m.

Robert H. J. Holden has returned to Harvard Law school, after spend-ing a ten days' vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hattle P. Holden. quire's illustrated lecture on "South" Miss Ruth M. Graves spent several days last week in Hinsdale, N. H. remembled at his home New Year's day.

Miss Marion L. Holden, who has been mending a two weeks' vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden, left on Sunday

possible hope of recovery. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Athanece Perrault, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Tisdale and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Tisdale and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Tisdale and Mr. and Mrs. Pred Borry of Sixteen from the Center clios of Leominster, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Fred Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William Gronet of Athol and Mrs. William Gronet of Shirley

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold its annual meeting next Tuesday evening. Supper will be served at 6.45 o'clock, under the direction of the following committee: O. W. Balcom, C. H. Swight, J. H. McClellan, T. S. Nickerson, Lanton Ward and Willard Knowles. At 7.45 the meeting will be opgn to the public and a fine present and the present and street of the public and a fine present and the public and a fine present and the public and a fine present and the present were from the Center of the Groton on the Center from the Center of the Groton on the Center from the Center of the Groton on Instruction of the Groton on Instruction Inn, where they were served with a fine supper entertained at the Groton Inn, where they were intertained at the Groton Inn, where they were supper out," Those in the parfy were: Miss Edin Heubner, Lewis Graves, Ralph Graves, Ralph Graves, Ralph Graves, Ralph Graves, Ralph Graves, Italph Graves, Italph

The Girl's Sewing Guild will hold

its regular meeting on Saturday af ternoon, January 8, with the Misse Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodsnee Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodspeed and family of Wollaston with a party of friends spent several days last week at their summer home on Center road. Forrest B. Wing and his room mate. Mr. Raysor of Harvard college, were

Miss Mildred Evans returned to Fitchburg Normal school on Monday

Eugene Smith of New Redford was a visitor last week at the home of Miss Elsie Kirby. Mr. Smith was in the camploy of Mrs. Grace Winslow for several months after she first moved to Shirley. He now has a position as an instructor in a private school in New Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodspeed and family with the members of their house par-ty and several friends from the Cen-ter enjoyed a sleigh ride to Groton last week Thursday evening in Park-er's sleigh.

Miss Hazel E. Cummings returned home Monday after spending the Christimas recess with relatives and friends in Fitchburg and has resumed her studies at the New England Con-

Grange Program.

A goodly number of the societies of the town were represented and the various organizations of Shirley who have not as yet pledged to the support of the hospital board will be requested to do so. It is interesting to know that this is one of the most practical and worthy objects the people of this town have ever undertaken. There is no limit to the amount of good this board may accomplish in the future, and the results obtained in the past is a sufficient guarantee of its value to the people of the town.

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in wages with less hours and is much appreciated by the employees. The appreciated by the employees. The cet was entirely voluntary on the part of the company, which is now enjoying good business.

ng good business.

Notices have been posted in the Abbot Worsted Company's mills here stating that there would be an advance in wages commencing Monday, January 3. A schedule of prices will be posted later, informing the employees just what the advance will be. Miss Delia Dudevoir, of Manchester, N. H., has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dudevoir.

The sessions in the Sargent school were resumed here on Monday after the customary Christmas vacation. James Daley, who has been ill with

an attack of pneumonia at the home of his son John in Forge Village, is slowly improving in health, with slowly improving in health, with

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLenna, of Norton, have been recent guests of Mrs. Lillian McLenna.

Miss Helen Furbush has been ill at er home during the past few days. W. Carrol Furbush left on Wed-nesday to join his ship, the U. S. S. Connecticut, in Boston, where they will at once start for southern waters. Mrs. Jennie Grant, with her daugh-ter Mary, of New Brunswick, and Mrs. Hester Grant and daughter Vera.

of Beverly, have been renewing old acquaintances here this week. Many of our young men have only accepted positions with

Mrs. Sarah E. Gliman, of Nashua, N. H., spent last week Thursday in town and attended the annual church inceting. Mrs. Frea B: Dudley, of Reed's

Ferry: was a visitor in town on las week Thursday. While grinding an axe recently Robinson Crusoe cut his hand quite se

verely. Rev. Mr. Crathern was the speaker last Sunday at the church and brought with him the painting of Christ by Darius Cobb. He emphasized the fact that we have a living Christ, and not

dead one. àrious homes in time to open schoo

on Monday. Tuesday evening the officers for the ensuing year were installed by Fred W. Dudley, of Thorton Grange, being assisted by his daughter Elizabeth of the same Grange, and Miss Bernice Holmes of Prescott Grange. Miss Bertha Clinton resigned from the of-fice of Circs and Mrs. Sellie M. Lou-Bertha Clinton resigned from the of-fice of Ceres and Mrs. Nellie M. Lou-gee was elected to that position. A bountiful oyster supper was served by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shattuek. Dur-ing the evening the following program was given: Phano solo, Evelyn Wheel-er; recutation, Mrs. Albert C. Wet-more; vocal solo, Miss Hazel Marshall; posterion, Eggel Spector.

Fred Farnsworth, with his family

and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farnsworth left last week for Florida, where they are to spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. George Nye entertain

ed their son Ernest and family o Sandown Christmas and last week and Misses Anna and Josephine Syl van, of Dorchester, Mass.

Mrs. Victor Maxwell, as lecturer lect of the Grange, attended the lec urers' conference which was held in difford on last week Wednesday. One of the beautiful large elms

which stood on the grounds of the Elmwood hotel had to be cut down ecently as the elm beetles had com

Cards announcing the engagemen Caros announcing the engagement of Blanche Evelyn Fessenden and Clarence Andrew Morse have been sent out. Congratulations and good sent out. Congratulations and good wishes from the many friends of this popular young couple are pouring in upon them.

Alberta, the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs. Oscar Eliot, last week scald-ed her chest quite badly by upsetting ome hot tea.

There is an epidemic of colds and sweeping through the that is claiming many victims. Among these are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rus sell. Alpha Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Oscal Eliot, Mrs. John Lover, Milo Proc-tor and several others whose names ve could not learn.

Mrs. Sarah Corey entertained her sister and niece last week Friday, Mrs. Josephine and Miss Marian

Mrs. George L. Perrin and son, of Brookline, Mass., were visitors last Friday and Saturday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Llewellyn Powers.

Mrs Harry Whitney was pleasantly surprised last week at receiving a dist from her father, who is here

Miss Cecile Boncheman, of Filch-burg, was the guest las week of her sister, Mrs. Alexander | Ecuyer. Miss Mary Reagan enjoyed a week's vacation at home last week from her business college in Nash in.

George Betterley last week enter-tained his daughter, Miss Matilla Beterley, of Worcester. Alton Jensen was a sitor in Bos-

PINECREST ORCHARDS ton last week Friday Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall entertained a party of friends at whist at their home on Bond street list week Friday evening.

day evening.

A jolly party of about twenty friends piled into Delio it Porter's big pung last Saturday evening, and to the accompaniment of sieighbells and songs, rode up to the heavy remodeled home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farnsworth, where there was a housewarming. They were cordially welcomed by the host and hostess and a happy evening was enjoyed by all Wilfred Soucy last week entertained his brother Alfred from Vermont

Mr. and Mrs. George Rockwood en-tertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wil-liams, of West Acton, over the last week-end.

LUNENBURG

News Items. Small changes and repairs have been made as recommended by state inspectors at the schools during the Christmas vacation.

Rev. James Chalmers entered upon his duties as supply for the Congrega-tional church and preached his first sermon in that capacity on the first Sunday of the new year. The day was a very stormy one, but he was greefed by a good audience. In the evening there was a union service beginning the week of prayer which oc sured this week.

sured this week.

The board of selectmen have a meeting in the town hall this Saturday evening at which they hope to close all the bills and accounts for he year of 1915.

he year of 1810.

Quite a company of the young per to of the fown accompanied the I Many of our young men have recently accepted positions with the
Fitchburg Machine Company, Fitchburg, and appear to be pleased with
their new surroundings.

The members of St. Catherine's scores of 37 to 17 and 8 to 4.

The latest real estate transactions for Lunenburg are Charles B. Tapply to Frank C. Blood fand on Hollis road; Frank C. Blood fand on Hollis road; Frank C. Blood to Charles B. Tapply to Frank C. Blood to Charles B. Tapply to Frank C. Blood to Charles B. Tapply land on Hollis road; John E. Enwright to Ralph P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; Still P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; Still P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; Still P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; John E. Enwright to Ralph P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; Still P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; Still P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; John E. Enwright to Ralph P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; Still P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; Still P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; John E. Enwright to Ralph P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; John E. Enwright to Ralph P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; John E. Enwright to Ralph P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; John E. Enwright to Ralph P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; John E. Enwright to Ralph P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; John E. Enwright to Ralph P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; John E. Enwright to Ralph P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; John E. Enwright to Ralph P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; John E. Enwright to Ralph P. Lowe, land on Mulpus road; John E. Enwright to Ralph P. Lowe, land on Hollis to Ralph P. Lowe, land on Holli

The Lunenburg Melitary band are planning to hold a kalendar kirmess at the town hall on Thursday after-noon and evening, January 20. Costumes appropriate for the occasion are to be worn. Another entertain-ment will be given on January 21. Carl Harrington, Howard Frye and

Howard Whitcomb went to Amherst on Monday to enter the winter course at the Massachusetts Agricultural col-lege, and Orville Mutin takes the horticultural course. Charles B. Longley is very sick at his home with pneumonia and is in the care of a trained nurse.

Charles S. Alexander, director in the practical arts department of the Flichburg Normal school, and for years a teacher in other schools, died at the Massachusetts Genéral hospital in Boston, aged 52 years, 4 months, 5 days, early Sunday morning. Mr. Alexander had been in rather poor health for several months and suffer-led years severe tain which provided to neath for several months and suffer-ed very severe pain which proved to be caused by a serious intestinal trouble which caused his death. He was a most estimable man and every one knew him feel that they have lost a personal friend. His wife and three doughters survive him and have three doughters survive him and have the sincere sympathy of the whole community. The functi was held at his late home on Tuesday morning at 19.39 o'clock, and the Fitchburg State Normal school, with all the schools of observation and practice which have been under Mr. Alex-ander's direction closed for the day in respect of their much-loved teach-

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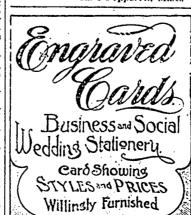
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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH ELIZABETH BARR late of Groton in said County, deceased.
Whereas, a certain Instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by LUCY ANN DODGE 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 nineteenth 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.
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ininh day of December in the year-ont thousand nine hundred and aftrem.

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Saturday, January 8, 1916.

GROTON

Rev. Endicott Peabody was among those having table parties for the sup-per dance at the Homestead, Virginia Hot Springs, Friday night of last week to usher in the new year.

Albert P. Warren left last week Friurse at Amherst Agricultural col-

The Alliance meets with Miss Boutwell on Thursday afternoon, January 13, at 2.30 o'clock.

tendance. Mrs. Sturgis, on account of illness in her family, was not able to be present to read the letters, but in her stead they were read by Mrs. John Lawrence, The next meeting will be held as usual with Mrs. Shaw on Mon-day afternoon between two and four o'clock. Every woman in town is corer stead the,
Awrence, The next includes a usual with Mrs. Shaw on said as usual with Mrs. Shaw on said afternoon between two and four o'clock. Every woman in town is cordially invited to come. Since November 15 there has been made 1110 sponges, 295 bandages, 217 absorbent pads, 1 pair pajamas, 1 pair socks. Yarn in quantity is at Mrs. Shaw's, Yarn in quantity is at Mrs. Shaw's, and the will be pleased to sell at the will be pleas

A number of children in town have

been ill, thought to have symptoms of the new disease, acidosis, which has caused considerable alarm. The trouble was really an influenza with compli-

Among the premiums awarded this week at the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture at Horticultural hall. Boston, were the following on plate exhibits to George S. Knapp: Firsts Boston, were the following on place exhibits to George S. Knapp: Firsts on Wealthy, King, Wagner. Sutton. Winter Banana, Delicious; seconds on McIntosh Reds and special package; third on Palmer Greenings.

Groton School will reopen on Tues-Mrs. Needham closed her house Thursday and is at the Groton Inn for

The body of little Helen Hope Lounsbury was brought from Swampscott for burial in Groton cemetery on Thursday. She was the only child of Ralph and Helen Lounsbury, and was 3 years and 6 months old. Up to 3 years and 6 months old. Up to Monday, when she was taken ill, the little girl was in her usual good health. She died on Tuesday morning. The cause of death was the dreadful new disease, acidosis. The mother, Mrs. Lounsbury, is a cousin of James T. Bennett.

The officers of the Middlesex Rebekah lodge were installed by Mrs. Susie W. Dort and suite of Pepperell on Tuesday evening.

The little boy of S. W. Sturgis, whom report has had attacked with acidosis, really had a sharp attack of influenza, with intestinal indigestion, and is recovering.

giving time he came from his own to seen that it had an individuality of its own, making a familiar object in a stretch of country for miles around. One man here was heard to say "they almost ought to put a marker or some kind of substantial monument to show where the old pine stood alone year after year wrestling with the winds and storms."

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Percy Gordon of the Groton School and able conductor, ighborhood received a telegrap the

nan's club will be next week Friday afternoon. This is Federation day.
Mrs. J. Harry Poole of Brockton will be present and address the meeting.
Music and tea.

Mr and Mrs Edward Balcom were er from Harvard to attend the E. S. irk post and W. R. C. installation

Thomas Gilson took his part in the installation exercises Tuesday, the first time he has been out to any public function since his fall.

Richard Lawrence, son of Mrs. James Lawrence, has been chosen by Gov. McCall to be a member of his staff with the rank of captain.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Torrey of corps respectively, were missed by the other members on Tuesday. They

were both ill with an attack of grippe ere both ill with an attack of grippe, the blister rust means more than Grant W. Shattuck, whose health might appear at first thought, for if has lately been improving, left by the disease escapes into the natural steamer, sailing from New York Wednesday for a voyage first to New Orproduction of the species, and thus leans, thence to Panama and then to Jamaica, the whole trip covering a ter of fact, however, the rust attacks other, Dr. Albert M. Shattuck of

Born Tuesday morning, January 4. a son to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Tolles. Hazel Randall is a patient at the roton hospital, recovering from an Groton hospital, recoverin operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. C. L. Wood came up this week for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Mose-ly Gilson, and was joined by her hus-band on Thursday, both returning to the rust becomes generally distributed their home in Woburn on Friday.

Robert Lloyd Smith, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith of North Groton, died Tuesday night, child of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith high a degree of botanical knowledge reported a deficit of \$95.41.

G. H. Bixby was elected moderator rants and gooseberries which grow and the following officers were elected: parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maitland A. Wild. As a result, the state will be confronted with the choice of spend-child would have been two years old ing large sums of money in this work Messrs. Thompson, Lamb and Roy. Described a deficit of \$95.41.

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on January 12. He had been staying with his grandparents, because they wanted him and was a great comfort o them. He seemed taken only a lit to them. He seemed taken only a lit-tle ill on Monday, January 3, but grew no better and a physician was called, who found he was suffering from in-fluenza, complicated with intestina-indigestion, resulting in Convulsions. He died the next night.

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The funeral was neid on Thursday, Rev. G. M. Howe officiating. The lit-tle casket was surrounded with beau-tiful flowers from relatives and neigh-bors and from the Grange. The inter-ment was in Groton cemetery. There are other children in Mr. Smith's famare other children in Mr. Smith's family who will miss this baby brother.
Mrs. Agnes Johnson Evans and the grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. George L.
Smith, are among others who are saddened by the baby's sudden death.

Roll Call.

The village improvement section of the Woman's club meets on Monday afternoon, January 10, at 3.30 o'clock with Mrs. F. P. Woods. This is the annual meeting.

The meeting at Mrs. Shaw's on Monday afternoon for soldiers' relief work was attended by only thirteen. Probably the storm prevented a larger attendance. Mrs. Sturgis, on account of illness in her family, was not able to sary duties which enforced the absence of many members. George E. Meyet had charge of the bountiful dinner, assisted by Deacon Ansel M. Shattuck, Mrs. Meyet, Mrs. Leonard and others. H. W. Whiting, who usually has charge of the dinners was not able to do so this year, but was able to be present. Mrs. Whiting, who usually assists, was absent for the first-time in twenty-eight years.

ception that George S. Knapp was elected trustee in place of H. H. Gay, whose term of office expired and who did not wish to serve again.

Baptist Church.

The subject of the Sunday morning sermon will be "The sentinels of the soul." The subject of the evening praise service will be "A full priced religion." The subject for the prayer meeting on Wednesday evening will be "Enthusiasm."

The regular fireside gathering for the boys was held on Monday evening with fourteen boys present. Magical tricks were worked out and games were played, after which stories were told. During the evening starlight sparklers illuminated the room. The evening closed with a heart-to-heart talk by Mr. Tucker on the subject. "The kidnapped boy." The subject for the next gathering will be "The best boy in Groton, who is he?" Arrangements were made to send greet-ings to the members of Camp Idlewild. who live in Malden.

The regular meeting of the Girl's club was held at the parsonage on Tuesday afternoon. Games were played and a general social time was enjoyed.

The annual business meeting and roll call was held on Wednesday, a full account of which will be given

next week.

Death.

Walter James Culver, born in Groton on September 29, 1877, the eldest in the family of Jan es Fl and Mary A. Culver, died at his parents' home early Sunday morning, January 2. In February of last year he passed throughean illness of pneumonia, but did not recover well from it, and has since then been failing. At Thanks-

and 14. Tickets on sale and exchanged after nine o'clock at Bruce's Monday, January 15. All seats reserved. The parts are taken by the following local networks: George E. Hodgman, George E. Hodgman, George E. Hodgman, George E. Hodgman, Goorge E. Hodgman, Goorge E. Hodgman, Goorge E. Hodgman, Grotton School opens and make the respondence of the expected officer. Mrs. Nales Gleason.

Lawrence academy opened on Tuess.

Grotton School opens next week on Tuesday.

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neighborhood received a telegram this week, giving word of the death and funeral of his mother, but he was unable to attend the funeral.

After the installing exercises were were greatly enjoyed. All joined in singing "America" and then came the After the installing exercises were The next meeting of the Groton Wo. march to the dining-room, where an appetizing supper was served, an orchestra furnishing inspiring music. The old comrades joined with great gusto in singing the old war songs until all present were making the hall resound with their united voices.

DANGERS OF THE WHITE PINE Spaulding. BLISTER RUST

In the opinion of many experts the menace to American forests from this disease is as great as, and perhaps greater, than the menace from either the case of the olister rust there is frequently an opportunity, by imme-duate and drastic measures, to prevent the widespread destruction and econamic loss from the rust which is now Concord, members of the post and being carried by these well-known pests.

The killing of young white pines by

the woods it will render impossible the re-production of the species, and thus ultimately exterminate it. As a mat-He was accompanied by his trees of all ages, severely damaging. Dr. Albert M. Shattuck of ler.

Tuesday morning, January 4, by Mr. and Mrs. Willard Tolles.

While it is true that the fungus joyed by seventy-five people. The spreads from pine to pine only number present at the roil call service through plants of the currant or was much smaller than usual, owing gooseberry kind, and can probably be largely to illness in the village. The gooseberry kind, and can probably be controlled by the eradication of all customary opening service, including plants of this kind within and adjointhe rust becomes generally distributed factory and cheering reports from the in the natural woods this method of combating it will not be used by the the L. A. and C. E. societies; also, of average wood lot owner, because it the Sunday school, reported a balance will be too epensive and require too on hand, while the church treasurer high a degree of botanical knowledge reported a deficit of \$95.41. high a degree of botanical knowledge

on private property, or else of allow-ing the chief timber tree of the north-east to be virtually eterminated.

Some persons have expressed doub as to the probable destructiveness of the blister rust in this country. Very the blister rust in this country. the blister rust in this country. Very few trained scientists share this doubt. Within a few weeks I have heard the opinion expressed by several of them that it is likely to become even more destructive, here than in Europe. There we know that it has rendered within a few weeks I have heard the opinion expressed by several of them that it is likely to become even more destructive, here than in Europe. There we know that it has rendered the growing of American white pine impossible in many sections and very difficult in others. In this country we know that it has already completely killed trees eighteen or twenty feet in height. Furthermore, the position of this pest in the United States is analogous to the chestnat bark disease or blight. Normally it is a parasite on the European tree known as Pinus (Cembra, which has developed a high degree of resistance to its attacks, just as the Chinese and Japanese chestnuts have developed a high degree of resistance to the bark disease. The rust became transferred to our American white pine and proved fatal to it nuts have developed a high degree of resistance to the bark disease. The rust became transferred to our Ameri-can white pine and proved fatal to it in the same way that the chestnut in the same way that the chestnut be-came transferred to our American chestunt, with results which are well known. The only difference in the two cases lies in the fact that the chestnut bark disease was probaly in-troduced in this country on imported foreign chestnuts, while the blister rust was introduced on imported stock of American white pine, raised in Europe from seed. On general principles, scientists expect a disease to prove far more virulent when transplanted from its natural habitat.

In view of the above facts it is appreciated that the investigation of the control of

parent that immediate and drastiparent that immediate and drastic action is necessary. Next summer the spores of the disease will break out on many pines and currants, and will be blown broadcast by the wind and carried by insects and other agencies. The state nursery inspector, who has this matter in charge, must be given a liberal appropriation and enlarged powers, if necessary, to destroy all infected plants which can be found, and to employ trained men to make a careful must be in all more of the state for ful search in all parts of the state for evidences of infestations which have evidences of intestations which have escaped discovery so far. A committee appointed by a recent conference on this matter is preparing to present a bill embodying these requirements to the legislature, and the Masaschusetts Forestry association is working in hearty accord with the committee. Forestry association is working in hearty accord with the committee. When the bill is presented public opin-ion should demand its passage without reduction of the appropriation or oth-er material change, since any delay in the work or handicap placed upon it may mean a blow to the forestry in-terests of New England, from which they will take long to recover.

William P. Wharton. Five Oaks, Groton, Dec. 26, 1915.

West Groton.

Mrs. Charles Webber, of Ayer, vecent guest at G. S. Webber's. Miss Carrie Cox, of Mattapan, ha visited Mrs. W. F. Lane this week.

Farley Kilbourn, of Idaho, coming in Thursday, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. H. Spaulding. Scarlet fever has been reported at the home of C. R. Dudley, and later at E. F. Sleeper's. The latter report has

not been verified. Little Francis Hallett has been in

Born on Christmas eve, a son to ir. at Mrs. Boyce, of Main street. Little Joseph Church Cottrell pass-

shock a few days ago and was taken to the Groton hospital.

The Oddfellows' hall building association give a play. The woman hater' in the town hall next week Thursday and Friday evenings, January 13 and 14. Tickets on sale and exchanged after nine o'clock at Bruce's Monday, January 16. All seats reserved. The parts are taken and sufficient on the same taken to the first of the language of twenty-six years. The young man had by his widow. Mrs. Lillian E. Culver, and their one child; also, three brothers and gradually. failing for many months. Funeral services were held at the Sacred Heart church in Groton on Tuesday morning. Interment was a first reserved. The

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Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bixby, with Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge, as guests, attended the Masonic installation and banquet of the Caleb Butler lodge, Ayer, on Monday evening. G. H. Bixby retired as treasurer of the lodge after eleven years of service. years of service.

The Ladies' Aid society will hold its annual business meeting on Thursday afternoon, January 13, with Mrs. H.

At the regular meeting of Squanna cook lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., on Thursday evening, C. R. Dudley was initiated into the order. Installation of officers was deferred, owing to the enforced absence of the deputy, A. F. Bates. An oyster supper was served by a succial committee. The followby a special committee. The following are officers-elect. G. W. Wheaton, ning are officerselect. G. W. Whisaton, g. m.; John Robinson, n. g.; Fred Reid, v. g.; E. K. Harrington, lect master and chap. C. R. Dudley, elect sec. Minor offices will be filled later Permanent officers are H. Spaulding, per, sec., and F. E. Harrington, war

Electric lights are being installed in home of Patrick Kane by J. M Wallace, of Ayer.

Roll Call Supper. The roll call supper of the Christian Union church, held on Wednesday evenling in charge of the L. A. society, Mrs. F. E. Harriman, chairman, was of the usual excellence and was enby the pastor, was followed by satis

Arrington, A. W. Adams, C. E. Dud-ey and George Lee Bixby.

All auxiliary societies were reported in a prosperous condition. The Sun-lay school has 103 members; the tradle roll 28 members from 21 fam-lies, Mrs. C. R. Dudley, shepherdess. Thirty-six responses were given in enswer to the fifty names called by the church clerk, Mrs. M. E. Williams. Many of these were given by friends of absent members.

Reports from the C. E. society will hereafter be given under the head-ing of "Christian Endeavor Inklings." The first meeting of the new year was very interesting and enthusiastic, twenty-five being present in spite of bad weather and the enforced absence of members because of scarlet absence of members because of scarlet fever. A short installation service pre-ceded the regular prayer meeting. The following offices were installed: Lee Bixby, pres.; Miss Sylvia Lawrence, v. p.; Miss Doothy Thompson, sec.; Mrs. orence Briggs, treas.; Miss Ruth

The new bulletin board was hung for the first time. All were pleased with it and felt that it filled a special

need.
The society is engaged this year in an efficiency campaign, and although its percentage is rather low, it hopes to be very nearly 100 percent society before 1917.

The subject for Sunday evening is "Why join the church?" Leader, Lee Bixby. It will be an interesting and helpful meeting and it is hoped all will try to come, whether members or

ot.
The regular monthly business meeting was held on Friday evening. Jan-uary 7, at the home of Miss Marian

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Center.

During the past year the circulation of books from the public library was 10.502; 1608 volumes were distributed through the delivery station in West Townsend, and 1461 at the Harbor de-

Mrs Frank M. Warren attended the first of the week the golden wedding anniversary of friends in Athol, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Brooks.

The annual meeting of the Congrea physician's care with a very severe gational Parish society will be held cold which for a few days threatened on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock more serious trouble.

Notwithstanding the slippery travel-Nowithstanding the slippery traveling the attendance at the week of prayer union services have been good and the various sermons by the local pastors on "Religion," "Christianity," "Fruit bearing" and "Fellowship" contained spiritual food and serious thoughts for all at the beginning of the new year. The new purious tions the new year. The new upright plano presented by the Dorcas class of the Methodist church was used for the first time at the Wednesday evening meeting.

the Squannicook steamer company, tations were extended to neighboring held Tuesday evening, the following friends to call at the house on Friday. officers were elected: Mark B. Colby, capt, and stew.; Joseph W. French, lst lieut.; Edward E. Temple, 2d lieut.; At the Cape the John W. Livingston, clerk; George L. cred in with m

on Monday evening, January 24, the instillation of the new officers of the Townsend Grange will take place, when Mrs. Margaret B. Sarre, of Low-ell, will be the installing officer, as-sisted by Mrs. Hattie E. Misner of the

b cal Grange Birthday Club.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Birthday club was held in the vestries of the Congregational church Thursernoon. At the business meet following officers were elected ing the following officers were elected for the new year: Mrs. Annie N Greenleaf, pres.; Mrs. Fannie Meade y p.; Mrs. Lilla Seaver, see and treas.; Lilla Hayward, Mrs. Brackett, Mrs. Gertrude Hodgman, ex om. After the business meeting the fol-

lowing pleasing program was given. Violin solo, Miss Gertrude Wilson, Mrs. Gertrude Hodgman, piano accom-Mrs. Gertrude Hodgman, piano accom-panist; song. Esther Bagley; piano duct. Mrs. Edith Tenney and Mrs. Hodgman; reading, "For the love of Mary Ellen." Miss Alice Seaver; violin selection, Miss Wilson; piano duct, Mrs. Tenney and Mrs. Hodgman. Following the musical and literary lowing the musical and literary pro-gram the members had a jolly time engaging in contests and stunts. The first was a ribbon cutting contest, won by Mrs. Mary Spring; the second, a candlelight race, won by Miss Edith Tenney; third, a clothesline contest, the prize being awarded Mrs. Emma Lancey for hanging articles, single-handed, on the line the quickest; in the hammer and nail contest Mrs. the hammer and nail contest Mrs the nammer and hall contest Mrs. Angie Lang won the prize; threading the needle and button sewing stunt, Miss Helen Higgins and Mrs. Fannie Meade proved the winners, Miss Higgins for threading the needle, and Mrs. Meade for button sewing; for carrying the orange on the knife successfully to the goal Mrs. Flora I Atcessfully to the goal, Mrs. Flora I. At-wood received the medal; in the "make-up story about the war," Miss Alice Scaver won the laurels by her quick thinking, elaborate gestures and

forty were served an excellent oyster

assessors; Messrs. Lamb, E. K, Harrington and Boutelle, trustees; Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge, Sunday school supt.
It was voted to use duplex envelopes in raising money for church expenses and missionary offerings.
Following the elections Mr. Lamb addressed those present, urging an even greater enthusiasm in church work a more generous giving that the

Mrs. Alice Bowley, asst. guard; Mrs. Alice Bowley, asst. guard; Mrs. Elia Wilson, guide; Mrs. Hattie Cook, Mrs. Lillian Floyd, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, trustees; Mrs. Hattie O'Brien, Mrs. Rena Lavoire, Mrs. Hattie Spaulding.

Rena Lavoire, Mrs. Hattie Spaulding, Mrs. Annie Dow, color bearers.

The following officers of the Sons of Veterans were installed by Edward Holmes, of Boston, assisted by Leon Watkins, as guide: Harold Parker, com.; T. James Harvey, s. v.; W. E. Robinette, j. v.; Robert G. Fessenden, treas; John J. Harvey, sec.; Albert Dow, guide.; W. L. Bruce, chap.; Frank Brown, color bearer; Carl Willard, pat, inst.; R. Bush, inner guard; Leon Watkins, outer guard.; F. Brown, Carl Willard, Ralph Bush, camp council.

Harbor Items.

Mrs. S. I. Austin and daughter. Miss Vera, of Cambridge, recent guests at Sachem Villa, returned home on Mon-

Mrs. C. A. Smith is visiting friends n Boston and Jamaica Plain The donkey received by Lew Crouch

it Christmas is affording its master nuch pleasure. Mrs. B. C. Cummings, who is a victim of pneumonia, is no worse than may be expected. A trained nurse is in attendance.

The Poultry club held its weekly Dr. Peters, who intended to visit his country seat, Hickory farm, during the holidays, on account of influenza was unable to leave his home. This week, however, he is attending as usual his classes at Harvard college.

Lester Spear, who last October en-tered the employ of a dairyman in New Britian, Conn., spent a portion of the holidays at the Cape.

Members of the Social club have re ceived cards relative to the desirability of a full attendance at the meetng Saturday evening, January Mrs. Lizzie Baldwin, Miss Blanche Baldwin and Carl Liddell spent a por-tion of the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baldwin in Provi-dence, R. I.

Mrs. T. Hollohan was recently presented a fine piano, her husband's gift complimentary to the season.

Death.

On Thursday morning, not far from one o'clock, occurred the death of Charlie LaFountain at the home of his Cape. Young Charlie, a youth of seventeen, had been a sufferer from tuberculosis of the stomach for over a year. For several weeks he has been able to help himself but little, gradually graving weeker until his energible. ually growing weaker until his ener-gies were exhausted. Throughout the gies were exhausted. Throughout the sickness of their oldest son Mr. and Mrs; LaFountain have had the sympathy of their neighbors and the affected parents have feelingly expressed their appreciation of the many

kindnesses bestowed upon them of those among whom they live.

Besides his parents Charlie leaves two sisters and three brothers. The funeral will be on Saturday at the catholic church in Pepperell. Invitations were extended to neighboring South Acton, Mass, were in town and felowly to call at the house on Friday.

At the Cape the new year was ush John W. Livingston, clerk; George L. Eastman, treas.

We read in another item that the ladies on Townsend hill are deriving study of "What one woman did." | Cards held sway until 11.39, when the party was invited into the dining-room was a ladie of the form of Polynt Cards.

would be desirable.

The host presented the guests with "Spifs" on which to toast their sausages over the open fire. When these were done they were placed in the regulation split rolls and smeared with mustard. Then followed coffee, with cakes in the content of cakes in the form of hearts and clubs. While the fun was at its height the clocks chimed twelve and the

William Buckley and Miss Alice Ames were the guests of honor. The pleasure of the evening was enhanced y the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Noves first appearance at an evening since Mrs. Noyes' accident ter weeks before.

HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town.

Graham Blood has been a suffered rom several painful boils on his neck. Charles E. Hardy is having a wood-ot cut off this winter and is teaming the lumber to Hollis depot. It is sold to Roby & Swart, of Nashua. James Thistle, principal of the high

chool, has changed his boarding place from Mrs Eugene Wheeler's to Mrs Mrs. Georgiana Kimball, of Pepwas at Mrs. John A. Coburn's

Theresa and Clarence Stickney came home on Monday after spending their vacation with relatives in Waltham,

house last week, but he is much bet-ter now and is able to attend school. Mrs. William J. Gates was ill a few days recently. A regular meeting of John H. Wor-cester W. R. C. will be held next Tues-day afternoon, at which time the in-

Allen Ord was ill and confined to the

stallation of officers will take place. John Boynton, of Pepperell, was a caller at Mrs. Mary S. Hildreth's on

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A new year's eve house party was held at Mr. and Mrs. Leslie B. Locke's.
Those present were mostly relatives.
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LITTLETON

Donald Leighton, of the David Hall place, had the misfortune a few days ago to gut off one of his fingers.

prised to receive a printed certificate of award of prize and a check for Then followed coffee, with seventeen dollars from the meeting it Mechanics hall, Boston results in the pure milk hired man, Patrick M ceived a prize of five dollars in the em-ployee class of the same contest.

The Riflemen's club will meet in Odd Fellows' hall on next Wednesday evening at eight o'clock for the an hual election of officers. After the business there will be a collation. All who are interested in the movement or hoping to join the order are invited to attend.

Officers of the Grange were install-ed on Wednesday evening by James Tuttle, of West Acton, assisted by Mrs. Hutchinson and Miss Tibbets, both of Lexington all of whom won highest Lexington, all of whom won highest encomiums for the manner in which they filled their office. Carnations were furnished for the occasion by Supt. Hill, master of the Grange, Mrs. Carr, mother of Mrs. Hutchinson, was among the guests present. Mrs. George H. Cash gave an excellent report the recent State Grange meetings held in Springfield, supplemented by sev-eral other speakers, who attended the meetings. Coffee, doughnuts, cheese and sandwiches were served by Mrs Alexander Gregory and assistants. The young people remained for a social

The Grange will meet again in two weeks, when a costume party will be given. All Grangers present are regiven. All Grangers present are re-quested to appear in costume or sub-ject themselves to a fine. At nine o'clock the meeting will be open to the public, when dancing will com-plete the entertainment. Miss Durkee of West Acton, has been engaged as A few new names were announced Wednesday evening as candidates for admission to the Grange, two of whom

were by demit. Death. David Wilcox, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Littleton,

passed away on Wednesday afternoon

Samuel Bascom; reading, "The little old town," Lucinda F. Read; recitation, Ella Farley; music in charge of bianist.

Death came as a welcome release after a lingering illness of many months, due to the infirmities of advanced planist.

Mr. Wilcox was born in Strat-

and a member of the Odd reflows or-der. Throughout his business life Mr. Wilcox and his family resided in Cam-bridge. He was engaged in the manu-facture of men's felt hats and had factories in Boston or Cambridge, at one time in both cities, for a period of forty years. With his family he moved to Littleton in 1904, purchasing and taking possession of the Shatuck Hartwell famin, which he has stocked with choice breeds of cattle

and improved in many ways. Funeral services were held at his late home on King street Friday afterate nome on King street Finday after-noon at two o'clock, Rev. James C. Alvord, paster of the Congregational church, officiating, and interment was made in the family lot in

cemetery.
The deceased is survived by a daughter, Miss Florence Wilcox; a son, Elbert P. Wilcox, and a grandchild, Marcia Wilcox.

Mr. Wilcox was a quiet man, who interested himself chiefly in his home and family, his business, and the Ma-sonic and Odd Fellows' orders, of which he was a devoted member.

To recover for alleged breach of contract to supply the Boston Con-lensed Milk Company with ice, should its ice houses at Littleton be destroyed his ice noises at Littleton be destroyed by fire, a \$100,000 suit has been enter-ed in the Superior court against the Boston Ice Company by Charles P. Curtis and Samuel H. Hudson of Bos-ton and Harry N. Stearns of Cam-bridge, as trustees in bankruptcy of the milk company the milk company.

The plaintiffs say that the contract was made on May 3, 1911, by the defendant with the Boston Dairy Company; that the contract was assigned pany; that the contract was assigned by that company to the condensed milk concern without the knowledge milk concern without the knowledge and consent of the defendant on December 1, 1911, and that on July 4, 1913, the milk company's ice houses at Littleton were destroyed by fire. But the defendant, the plaintiffs say, then refused to sell the milk company ice at a cost of sixty-five cents a ton and up to the amount of twenty thousand tons annually, as per contract, so the milk company had to pay more for ice, buy it elsewhere and was unable milk company had to pay more ice, buy it elsewhere and was unable ice, buy it elsewhere it is elsewhere and was unable ice, buy it elsewhere and was unable ice, buy it elsewhere it is elsewhere it i to get the amount it needed. The Boston Condensed Milk Company was adjudicated bankrupt on January 14 last in the Federal.

New Advertisements.

CARD OF THANKS

To all who so kindly remembered s, and to each who assisted us in any ay in our hour of bereavement wo ish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude. MRS. JENNIE E. BROWN,

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Saturday, January 8, 1916.

AYER

Rev. Frank B. Crandall, pastor of the Unitarian church, will have for Lis subject at the morning service at 10.45. "The house of God and the gate of heaven." Sunday school at twelve. Morgan Madden, a brakeman in the

Harry Brooks Swett, who studied erchitecture at Harvard and is now a gractising architect in Boston, has ofpractising architect in Boston, has of-fered, through his friend, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the gift to the Unitarian church of his professional services in making both prellminary and final studies and sketches for the altera-tions to be made in the eastern end of the church. He will make the de-

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vp.; B. T. Larrabee, treas.; P. R. Mason, sec.; C. A. Putnam, ex. officer. The club is making arrangements for an indoor rifle range, which will be located in the west side of the building W. Carley's in the rear of the

The officers of Div. 7, A. O. H., and Ladies' Auxiliary were installed last Sunday afternoon in their quarters in Sunday atternoon in their quarters in Turner's block. Daniel Riley of Low-ell, county secretary, assisted by Chas. A. Mullin, installed the officers of the division and Miss Mary Driscoll of Holliston, assisted by Miss Annie Ryan. performed a similar service for the Auxiliary. Lunch was served after the installation, followed by a social hour. These were the officers installed: J. J. Foley, pres.; J. F. Ryan, v.p.; D. H. Waish, f.s.; John O'Neil, r.s.; John Skerritt, s.a.; Martin McGuane, sen. Ladies' Auxilir.s.; Miss Harriett Cu Kato Carrigan, treas.

Beginning Tuesday the washing street primary school grades one and knew the effort it required for them two resumed full time, instead of half to do so.

The dinner was splendidly prepared and Mrs. Greene received

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS the work. Miss McAloon of the Lowell three hearty cheers for her untiring Normal school is now assisting the efforts and the success of her plans to make the day a happy one for her Neylan, in doing the extra work. A parents and all concerned. teacher from the normal school will substitute each month attended substitute each month till the end of

the school year in the above grades. Levi P. Moore broke his left leg between the ankle and knee while at and must always be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good taith, and will always be considered strictly confidential. Kindly mail items soon after the day of occurrence and do not wait unnecessarily.

Charles Briggs underwent a surgi-cal operation at the Clinton hospital last Saturday and is reported as doing well. Other Ayer news will be found on

Golden Wedding.

A fiftieth anniversary which is of interest to this section took place in Dorchester last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Payson Boutelle, 9 School street. Mrs. Boutelle was Miss Mary D. Pierce and was born in the old Pierce homestead in this town, near the Groton line on this town, near the Groton line, on the Westford road. She is the eldest daughter of the late Oliver and Eliza-beth Pierce, and sister to Oliver K. Pierce and Mrs. Lucie S. Richardson, of this town. cal yard, was slightly injured and peth Fierce, and Pierce and Mrs. Lucie S. Richardson, of this town.

The registrars of voters will hold Miss Pierce received her education with the Canada nond school and at Lawlocal yard, was slightly injured last last last work.

The registrars of voters will hold regions on Thursday evening, January 20, from seven to 9.30 o'clock, and on Saturday, January 25, from twelve at moon to ten in the evening, continuously, for the purpose of registration for the annual town election, February 7.

Freight and passenger traffic, especially on the through trains, was much delayed by the heavy storm of last Saturday night and Sunday.

At the last meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club, December 29, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Callie Murphy, fres.; Lillian Wright, v. p.; Edith Priest, rec.; Maud' Whitcomb, treas.;

"The masked dancer," in three parts, is the feature of this Saturday oights moving picture show. Two one-reel dramas, "The drug clerk" and "The sheriff's baby," the latter a western drama, are interesting pictures. The humorous part of the rhow will be in two farce-comedies, the short of the price of the conding many and "His birthday of hiller grew up around them—Lillie, sisters, Mrs. Katharine, wife of the cottages; Mrs. Katharine, wife of the drawth at Lawnic and at Lawnic the backed and at Lawnic the backed and at Lawnic the backed parts, is the feature of the same transport of the price how of the price home on January 1, 1866. The parts is chosed to the parts of age to the coming from the effects of a shock will be in two farce-comedies, the feature of this birthday of the price have the price of the price have the price have the price of the price have the price have the price of the price have the price have the price of the price have the price of the price have the price have the price of the price have the price of the price have the price have the price of the price have the price have the price of the pr

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uine as the metal they contain.

Toasts were given to the bride and groom who look far too youthful to be celebrating a golden milestone.

Amusing anecdotes were related concerning the wooing of the "baker and the weboolman", by the weboolman. the schoolma-m" by those who could remember back to the early sixties An honored guest was the venerable partner of twenty years in business in Fitchburg, Henry Houghton, now of Boston, Mrs. Frank S. Pierce was also a welcome guest. Mrs. Boutelle's wo sisters, Mrs. Emma Nutting Westminster, and Mrs. Lucie Richard son, of this town, were unable to be present. Mrs. Richardson is slowly recovering from a serious surgical op-eration, but she wrote a letter; also, a little poem which was read by Mrs Greene, as were several other letter from near and dear relatives who were detained at home by illness, among them Mrs. Nutting and Mr. Boutelle's brother Charles of Gardner, and his Ryan, treas.; John Skyri Auxiliilin McGuane, sen. Ladies' Auxili-Miss Mary McCarthy, pres.; Miss
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Many beautiful gifts came from friends near and far, and congratula-tions and greetings poured in. Tele-grams and telephone messages and bouquets of lovely flowers came all Mr. and Mrs. Boutelle are well he-

day long.

Mr. and Mrs. Boutelle are well beloved by all who know them and descree the success and prosperity that attends their later years. Three of their children reside near them, Mrs. Lillie Greene and husband and son Ray, on West Park street; their daughter, Helen Greene, now Mrs. Leonard Howell, resides in Worcester and has a little daughter Katharine; William Pride Boutelle has a restaurant in Boston and lives in Dorchester; his son Carl is well-known in the cottage colony at Sandy pand; Mrs. Bessie Kelley, with her husband and little Albert and Elizabeth, reside next door to the parental home in Dorchester; Grace, now Mrs. Kelley, lives in Aliston; her little daughter, Jeannette Nadine, is not yet three months old; Fannie, Mrs. Willem Mrs. Universide hers. three months old: Fannie, Mrs. William V. Lowe, of Fitchburg, has four interesting young people in her family—Miss Mildred, who played so acceptably at the golden wedding, Misses Mary and Hester and Richard, who is also well-known in this town. Mary and Hester and Richard, who is also well-known in this town at the cottages; Mrs. Katharine, wife of the late Dr. Boutelle, has bravely turned her home into a hospital, and is serving as head durse. It is called the Boutelle Memorial hospital and already it has become a valuable institution to the city of Danvers.

Mr. and Mrs. Boutelle have many friends here, who congratulate them at this time, and who wish them continued health, peace and prosperity.

Nelson Root fifty years ago last June. Mrs. Root leaves her husband, two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Donahue and Mrs. Annie McDonald of Ayer, three daughters, Mrs. B. E. Teller of Newfield, Me., Mrs. Edward Johnson of Rutland, Vt., and Mrs. Edward O'Brien of Ayer, and ene son, Nelson H. Root of Fitchburg. The funeral took place Wednesday morning from St. Mary's church at nine o'clock, St. Mary's church at nine o'clock St. Mary's church at nine o'clock, where a requiem high mass was said by Rev. Francis Houston. The hearrers were four nephews of the deceaned, Thomas F. McDonald, Thomas and James Donahue of Ayer and Daniel Donahue of Groton. The interment was in the family lot in St. Mary's geometry. cemetery.

Triple Installation.

The triple installation exercises of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., W. R. C. and Capt, George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., were held in G. A. R.

nome on Washington street.

Stephen N. Lougee is confined to his home with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. He is getting better, but is still quite weak.

The rigorous censorship maintained in the mode of the officer of the three organizations were unable to be installed and they will be inducted into office this particular occasion, with the full at the next meeting. Commander Stephen N. Lougee of George S. Boultwell post was enable to be presented in the mode of the officers of the three organizations were unable to be installed and they will be inducted into office organizations. Stephen N. Lougee of George S. Boultwell post was enable to be presented in the organization and the officers of the three organizations were unable to be installed and they will be inducted into office of the officers of the three organizations were unable to be installed and they will be inducted into office of the officers of the three organizations were unable to be installed and they will be inducted into office of the officers of the three organizations were unable to be installed and they will be inducted into office of the officers of the three organizations were unable to be installed and they will be inducted into office of the officers of the three organizations were unable to be installed and they will be inducted into office of the officers of the officers of the officers of the organizations were unable to be installed and they will be inducted into office of the officers of the officers of the organizations were unable to be installed and they will be inducted into office of the officers of the organization and they will be inducted into office of the officers ed at his home.

the Feculose Company in a letter he received from a friend in Scotland. The letter had been opened by the official censor and considerable of the writing erased. The erasures made the rest of the letter almost unintelligable. Personal letters are rarely censured, but the government of Great Britain is strong to keep any information that might be of any assistance to Germany and her allies from becoming public.

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music was given, which was followed by the ball. Joveph J. Munroe, the president of the club, in behalf of the organization, made a few remarks in which he thanked the people for their patronage and wished all a happy new year. Mr. Munroe had charge of the concert program. The grand march concert program. The grand march was then started and was followed by dancing until one o'clock. The floor was in charge of H. J. Chester and he was assisted by C. C. Harris, H. W. Hazard, W. H. Chester and G. E.

Twine.

The following comprise the commitee of arrangements and the officers mitee of arrangements and the officers of the club: Mrs. F. A. Chester, Mrs. A. E. Hazard, Mrs. G. R. Hazard, J. G. Whitted, S. H. Piper and Mrs. M. E. Chester, arrangement com.; J. J. Munroe, pres.; S. Munroe, v. p.: Miss M. C. Chester, sec.; Mrs. A. M. Munroe, asst. sec.; F. H. Hazard, treas.

The concert program was as follows: March, orchestra; introductory remarks, president: Worcester, Man-

ward Peel; selection, orchestra; violin solo, Miss Grace Fountaine of Cambridge; piano accompanist, Miss Gladys Fountaine of Cambridge; cornet solo, Henry Letters; song, Mr. Saunders of Boston; violin solo, Frank Donahue; chorus, Missea Josephine and Bernice Munroe and Mrs. Helen Dupree of Cambridge; xylophone trio, Messrs. Letters, Donia and Bonnette; song, Miss Hernice Wolf of Leominster; trombone solo, Leo Bissonette; finale, selected, orchestra. The Union orchestra of Leominster furnished the music.

Clipping.

ness of the town is conducted. With one person wishing another a happy new year, it is likely to be accompanied by the thought that it is likely to be so, for the town, on account of the probability of activities being resumed in the long idle planer plant. The industrial hopes of the people of the town have been very much buoyed up the past week as they have witnessed the efforts being made by the firm which is to utilize the plant to get it in working operation as quickly as in working operation as quickly as possible. Ayer has been unfortunate n connection with a few industries which were started there, whose bustwhich were started there, whose business life was a comparatively short one, but the business contingent has ever maintained a hopeful spirit. The Board of Trade has not ceased its activity to try to induce new business to come into the place, and it is a sur-prise to all who are familiar with the almost unsurpassed railroad facilities which the town possess that it has not developed its industrial life to a great-

To the Editor:

At the close of each year we feel a disposition to look backward to see what we have accomplished and whether we can profit by any mistakes that we have made during the

At the last annual meeting the town ledected two selectmen who were not elected overseers of the poor, to wit, Mr. Carney and Mr. Smith, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Clark were elected overseers of the poor, and Mr. Mullin was elected to both offices. These boards differed in membership for the first time within my recollection.

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In an article, published in your paper prior to the annual meeting. I predicted that the separation of the two boards would result in a less efficient expenditure of the money appropriated for their u.e. I am confident the forthcoming annual report will completely verify my prediction. But it is not necessary to wait until the report is published for a partial verification. Anyone who has had occasion to use our streets knows that not for many years has their condi-

benefit or not.

with the election of the present selectmen came a change in the attitude of the majority toward certain public questions. Mr. Mullin alone representing the ideas of town government which had prevailed for many years. The change was evident in the organization of the board. Mr. Carney hecame chairman and Mr. Smith, clerk. Mr. Mullin, in view of his fively ears' previous satisfactory service, including three years as chairman, the fact that he had received the highest yote at the election, the fact that Mr. vote at the election, the fact that Mr. Carney had had no experience and Mr. Smith very little, and that of no value, might naturaly expect that he would be made chairman if his associates had the welfare of the town in mind. He realized that the other two

them the benefit of his advice when they asked for it.

I think the organization was wrong because it has always seemed to me, other things being equal, that the chairman should be the one who is most easily accessible to the public. Acting on this belief when selectman, I repeatedly declined the position of chairman which my associates were kind enough to offer me, because I Slaysky. has for many years had a Kate Carrigan, treas.

Beginning Tuesday the Washington street primary school grades one and two resumed full time, instead of half time which has been in force because of the inability of one teacher to do

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perintendent of streets and was also forest warden, tree warden and local moth superintendent.

I am not one of those who are opposed to having one man hold several town offices. On the contrary, I believe that one of the weak spots in town government is the lack of a salary sufficient to enable the official sanry summent to enable the officials to devote a substantial part of their time to their duties and to have regular and convenient office hours. The only practicable way in which this can be done in a small town is to elect one man to several offices, the combined salary of which will amount to send them. to something worth while. Therefor The following is taken from the Boston Globe of January 2. "Certain preliminaries in connection with the Chandler planer shop in Ayer has caused a feeling of bright anticipation to sweep along Main street, especially where most of the retail business of the town is conducted. With name of something besides the town meetings.

If a man is incompetent for one of-fice, however, it doesn't do much good for him to have several others. And, in my opinion, Mr. Smith is incompe-tent as a selectman, inefficient as superintendent of streets, and so lax in his methods as moth superintendent that the assessments of the moth tax for private work were improperly made and cannot be collected if re-sisted. And I say this without the slightest ill feeling toward Mr. Smith who is a likeable man of good intentions.

. I have referred to Mr. Mullin as sume the other two ought to be called reformers, for in these days every new office holder is a reformer and every new idea is a reform. And they certainly have had some new ideas. I shall have space for only a few of them, to wit. I. Druggist's licenses. 2. Pony express licenses. 3. Junk licenses. 4. Pole locations. 5. Exceeding appropriations.

1. The legislature of 1915 passed an act which made the granting of sixth-class liquor licenses (druggists) discretionary with the selectmen insume the other two ought to be call-

discretionary with the selectmen in takes that we have made during the year. It is sometimes well to do the same in our public affairs.

I desire to say at the outset that I am not a candidate for any office at the annual election; that I intend no reflection upon the personal honesty of anyone; that in speaking of the selectmen I do not include T. F. Mullin for the reasons hereinafter given; and that I do not know whether any of the officials mentioned will be candidates for re-election.

At the last annual meeting the town elected two selectmen who were not the state board of registration in stead of compulsory, if one of the ap the state board of registration

year upon physician's certificates.

2. The law provides that the selectmen in no-license towns shall annually in the month of April grant one or more permits to transport in toxicating liquors to a person or cor toxicating inquors to a person or cor-poration conducting a general ex-press business. Two applications were made for such permits, one by Oren N. Kidder and the other by The Na-tional Express Company, both holders of permits since the law required

ncient expenditure of the money approprinted for their use. I am confident the forthcoming annual report will completely verify my prediction. But it is not necessary to wait until the report is published for a partial verification. Anyone who has had occasion to use our streets knows that not for many years has their condition been so bad. This is due in part to the fact that more than \$800 has been paid by the selectmen to the overseers of the poor for the use of the town horses and their driver, diminishing by that amount the money available for highways.

The town owns four horses which are kept at the farm and heretofore have been used both there and on the highways as occasion warranted. For many years one pair of horses did the farm work and a good deal of road work. The extra pair were purchased when the town voted to water the

Harry was taken in the prime of his bears. Mrs. Charles Daniels set the CUty operation for maxicolis performed on hereafter 55. She is gettine along the configuration of the state of the set of the

other horses.

This condition of things should not be permitted another year. Every candidate for selectman should be a candidate for overseer of the poor also. Or the town should vote, as soon as lawfully can be done, that the selectman shall act also as overseers of the poor which would make it unnecessary to elect such officers.

A minor difficulty which bordered upon the ridiculous arose ever the payment of the salaries of the two boards. The town voted that the salaries of all town officers should be the same as last year. The salary for many years has been \$125 for both offices and no division has been made. This year, however, Mr. Mullin, as the only member of both boards, was alone entitled to the full salary. For a time it looked as though none of the others could be paid as they could so mot agree on how the \$125 should be divided. But, as the report will show, an agreement was finally reached and the money has been distributed among more persons than usuil, whicher the town has received more benefit or not.

With the election of the present se-The result is that a man who votes National Express Company to bring

vote for no license analyze carefully the motives of the majority of the se-lectmen in refusing to grant these permits and licenses. Their first immind. He realized that the other two had combined against him with the chairman as the dominant member of the combination, declined to be clerk and left the others to run things to suit themselves except that he gave them the benefit of his advice when they asked for it.

I think the organization

until October. Now it

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may be that, in some minor matters Sam has not always been an idea citizen. Still, he is a hard working man with a large family, and refusing him a license practically took away his means of getting a livelihood. This ought not to have been done unless the public good required it. it seems strange that Sam's morals of the public good should have changed so much between April and October. The power to license junk men, bowl-ing alleys, billiard tables, innkeepers, common victuallers, dance halls, theatrical exhibitions, etc., is vested in the selectmen for the public good. In many cases it is exercised so little that the public does not know it exists. It is capable, however, of being used in a petty, tyrannical way and I hope the selectmen will set forth in their report the reasons that actuated them in Slavsky's case as well as in refusing the pony express licenses.

4. For many years the pole locations granted by the selectmen have

prepared for this town and intended safeguard the town's This form has been very distaste ful to the telephone company which made many efforts to have it chang It has been done now, however, and the selectmen obediently sign form which the company's agents are form which the company's agents are kind enough to fill out for them, leav-ing them nothing to do but sign their names. We shall hear from it bye and bye, I fear, and we may not then appreciate their kindness.

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5. The law provides that no department of the town shall incur liability in excess of its appropriation except in cases of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of per sons or property, and then only by a This law has been plainly violated by the superintendent of streets and there is now an outstanding liability in excess of his appropriation which the town will have to repudiate or pay. And nothing but the refusal of pay. And nothing but the refusal of the treasurer to pay orders kept him from overrunning his appropriation as a matter of course. He got him-self into such a hole that for a time he had a couple of men at work on his

promise to pay them out of his own pocket. Fortunately this was not necessary as a transfer of balances at the end of the year saved the situa-There is much more that might be said, but this article is already said, but this article is aiready too long and I will close by repeating the words of the supreme judicial court which are my text: "It is not for public officers to refuse to obey the law."

John M. Maloney.

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TOWNSEND

At the Congregational church, Rev A. L. Struthers' Sunday morning sermon subject is "Beyond expectation."
C. E. topic "Why join the church?"
At last Sunday's communion service
Mrs. Joseph Sawyer united with the church by letter from the First Evangelical church of Clinton. By invita-tion from the Walnut street Congre-gational church, Roxbury, the Towns-end church has voted to send the pis-tor and Dea. George L. Whitcomb to council which is to install Rev. Benjamin A. Willmott at the Walnut street Congregational church, Rox-

The ladies of the Townsend Hill Im-The ladies of the Townsend Hill Improvement society are receiving much pleasure and profit from their weekly Wednesday afternoon meetings at the club-room, where they are taking up the study of "What one woman did for the farming community."

Mr. Leiman, who lives on what is known as the Wyeth farm, is very seriously ill.

At the Methodist church the pastor announces a new series of Sunday morning sermons on "The relation of the holy spirit to the modern church." At the evening service the Epworth league officers are to be installed by the pastor, after which Miss Ina Wilder will have charge of the service. Tuesday evening, January 11, the Brotherhood will meet in the social Brotherhood will meet in the social hall. An entertaining speaker from Boston' is expected to address the Brotherhood. This will be followed by a social hour during which lunch will be served and a nut cracking contest indulged in. The Boy Scouts will be prepared to give first aid to the injured-nut-cracker.

The Squannicook Steamer Company announce their annual concert and ball for Friday evening, February 11. The Salem Cadet orchestra will pro-vide music as in former years.

During Leister Swicker's Christmas vacation from college, a very pleasant T. H. S. '15 class reunion was held at The evening was delightfully spent in class reminiscences. Refreshments were served by the host. The next meeting of the Monday club will be held January 10 with Mrs. Iva Shores Worcester as hostess. Af-

Iva Shores Worcester as hostess. Af-ternoon subject, "Little journeys," in charge of Mrs. Louise S. Tenney. At the annual meeting of the direc-At the annual meeting of the directors of the Townsend National bank held Monday, Henry A. Hill was elected president and Charles B. Stickney, vice-president; Henry A. Hill, Julian W. Eastman, Charles B. Stickney, W.

F. Rockwood and Robert G. Fessen-Mrs. Roy Brown is very ill with chial pneumonia at her home,

A good congregation was present at ie new year's watch night service the new year's watch night service held in the Methodist vestry. Appro-priate and helpful talks on making the Christ first in our lives, counting our many blessings, and taking an optimistic view of life at the beginning of the new year was given by Rev. George Newhall, Rev. A. L. Struthers and Rev. Joseph MacKean. At ten o'clock a social season was held of exchange greeting and christion fellowship and songs of praise and prayer were sung. The closing hour of consecration in charge of Dr. Charlton was very impressing and uplifting service.

Annual Concert.

The annual band concert given by the Townsend band in Memorial half new year's eve was well attended and

asked the audience if many of then realized that the band had a 're young fellow' in their mads' who ha been playing with the band for tift five years, and asked John Arin i escort "this young man" to the from of the stage. Mr. Flarity said th band members had intended to honor band members had intended to none his fiftieth anniversary and had planned to observe his seventy-fourth birthday anniversary during the past cummer. Continuing, he said: "By reason of your modesty you have been too smart for us and did not let us know of these occasions until too late, but now, we're going to improve the opportunity. Now deacon, you have been playing in the Townsend bard for fifty-five years and during all that time you have been an interested member and rarely, if ever, have you missed a rehearsal. You have seer the changes in the boys coming and going, but you remained loyal to your is an honorable record and I doubt if anyone can boast of such a record, and the members of the band and citizens of the town feel proud of you and proud of your splendid record.
"In behalf of the members of the

to you this solid oak Morris rocker as a token of the esteem in which you are held by your associates and trust you may enjoy its comforts, and that it may give you many pleasant recollections of the many happy hours you have spent as a member of the Townsend band."

Mr. Tyler thanked the band sincerely for their kind token of appre ciation and said he certainly would enjoy the comfortable chair and asfeeling which prompted the gift and thanked them all for their expression

of esteem and good will Mr. Tyler said the first time that he was with the band was in 1860, when he went to Ayer and carried the

and has since played that part with marked efficiency. Since becoming a member of the Townsend band in member of the Townsend band in 1861 he has only been absent twice on public occasions; he has always worked for the success of the band and has given many a word of encouragement to the young and new members. Mr. Tyler comes from a musical family, an older resident, who lived in the vicinity of their home. South row, has been heard to remark that long the years back the four brothers had often been seen together on their way to band meeting. Stephen Tyler, now of ten been seen together on their way to band meeting. Stephen Tyler, now of Seattle, Wash., was director and teacher of the local band for several years. Another brother, the late Parker Tyler, was a cornetist of note and was connected with the firm of Lyons & Healy & Co., Chicago, dealers in musical instruments and musical instruments. cal instruments and music publishers

He has one sister living, Mrs. Abel Stearns, of West Townsend. Mr. Tyler has been deacon of the Orthodox Congregational church for over forty years, and at the present time is its senior deacon. He has also held various public offices in town—assest or overseer of the poor and select various public offices in town—assessor, overseer of the poor and selectman for eighteen years. He is a cooper by trade, having entered the employ of the B. & A. D. Fessenden Company in May, 1867. Since the following June he has occupied the same berth in the shop and has the distinction of being the oldest employee of the company.

the company.

Mr. Tyler was born in Townsend seventy-four years ago last July at the Tyler homstead in the south part of the town. He has always remained in town and since leaving the farm has resided at his present home on Brook-

West A. Woman's Auxiliary to the West Townsend Brotherhood was formed at the Baptist parsonage on Tuesday evening, Mrs. Frank Boutelle being elected president; Mrs. Harriet Stickney, v. p.: Mrs. I. P. Sherwin, sec.; while the committee on constitution shock this week and his considered quite serious. and by-laws is Rev. Joseph MacKean. Mrs. Albert H. Wilson, Mrs. C. B.

Stickney. Word has been received that Mrs. Roy Brown, a native of this town, is quite seriously ill with pneumona at her home in the Center, and at last reports grave doubts are entertained

a visit with relatives in Somerand The morning service on Sunday will under resumed her teaching in the in charge of the pastor.

The Bilde school will meet as us at

The public schools commenced the mid-winter term on Monday morning. Mass Bertha Beid returning from Aorth fleading and Florence Blaisfell Roy Houghton was awarded a pin for puls resuming their trips to the Center.

The PLEO of the pastor.

The Blide school will meet as usual at twicke o'clock. Last Sunday every class was represented in the attention from her home in Maine, and the pulsary attendance. The V. D. S. C. E. 2000.

to the high school

Miss Georgiana MacKein, who enjoyed a week's vaction with her father, Rev. Jeseph MacKein, returned on Saturday to Brattleboro, Vt. where she teaches

Wilbur Z. Sherwin, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, has returned to Carney hospital in Bostion, for special treatment, going Satsia.

found their package they were ex-hanged until the owner had received their own package, and only opened as each one guessed correctly the con-tents of the package. The remainder of the time was passed in games and

Miss Grace Thompson, who has seen spending her vacation with her Charles E Patch eturned to her teaching in Dover,

Little Faith Tucker has been on the sick list this week, suffering from an attack of the grippe.

Owing to the storm the Sunday serv-

ange, who passed away on Sunday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hayward, in Temple, N. H., where she and her husband went about Thanksgiving time to spend the winter. Although in feeble health for some years her death was not expected

and was a great shock to her family and friends. The funeral was held in Temple on Tuesday and the body was taken to the Ashby cemetery Thursday morn-

ing for burial, a prayer service being held at the grave. Mrs, Thorning leaves three children. Mrs. Annie Blatchley of Guilford, Conn., Charles Thorning, who is now employed in Littleton, and Mrs. Hayward, with whom she made her home, She was a native of Mason, N. H., her maiden name being Eaves, and most of her life was spent in West Towns-

The deceased was a woman of fine christian character and a faithful worker in the Baptist church until ill health prevented her attending. She joined the Baptist church about forty years ago and she makes the second of its members to pass out since the last roll call in October.

Another former resident of this vil-Another former resident of this village who passed away this week is James Bisbee, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Studley Bisbee, of Josselynville, who died on Sunday at his home in Athol. He was about sixty years of age and had been in poor health since having, pneumonia last winter. He will be remembered by the older memwill be remembered by the older mem hers of the community where he spen his boyhood. Funeral services we at his home on Tuesday afternoon.

HARVARD

News Items. At the annual fall apple and corn show held at Horticultural hall last week H. A. Thayer, proprietor of "Fruit Aeres," took two prizes with gravensteins and red russets.

Stowell W. Davis suffered a severe shock this week and his condition i

The Ladies' Unitarian Sewing Circle will hold an all-day sewing meeting on Tuesday, January 11, at Mrs. A. W.

The annual men's supper given by the men of the Congregational church parish, will be given at the town hall on Friday evening, January 14. Supreports grave doubts are entertained of her recovery.

The friends of Mrs. Ormsby, whose summer home is in Josselynville, were shocked and grieved to hear of the death of her mother. Mrs. Walter Byther, who passed away the day before Christmas at her home in Winthrop Highlands after a sudden and brief illness of a complication of diseases. The burial took place on Sunday afternoon, December 26. Mrs. Byther spent a part of her time in the summer with her daughter here and was very much liked by all who had the privilege of her acquaintance, and much sympathy is expressed for the daughter in her sorrow.

Miss Alice Sanders, of Malden, has been spending a few days with Mr, and Mrs. Walter Weston, of Josselynville, where she formerly made her home.

The Ladies' Laterary and Social circle met on last week Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Josephine.

At the mornic placure show Saturday content in which five highest number, six rings, and on the highest number, six rings, and was writted by George H. Brown, clothier, of Ayer, and for putting on five rings, and with the world of the power of their powers with the contributed by George H. Brown, clothier, of Ayer, and for putting on five rings, and with the world of the power of their powers were really findly contributed by George H. Brown, clothier, of Ayer, and for putting on five rings, and with the world of the power of their powers were really findly contributed by George H. Brown, clothier, of Ayer, and for putting on five rings, and with the care of the power of their powers were really the body of the power of their powers were really by the foreign was followed by donny region of the power of the power

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Mrs Luev Thompson is on the sick list at her home on Main street.

The Ail-Ready class held their regular monthly meeting in form of a new year's party at the home of their teacher. Miss Alice Seaver, on last Saturday afternoon from three until five o'clock. Ten members were present and after the regular business meeting, which was presided over by the president, Miss Doris Tenney, an initial gift hunt caused much merriment, a gift beginning with one of the initials of their name being hidden in the room and after each child had found their package they were extracted a very stappy and enjoy the meeting. A class of twelve names are mown on the waiting list and decree work will begin on February 5. The regular work for last Tuesday was the installation of officers and the following were the officers installed for the current year: B. S. Keyes, m.; George Tooker, c.; F. J. Wrangham, stew; Chas. Sammorian, asst. stew.; F. P. Abbot, lec.; Rev. A. C. Fuller, chap; H. A. Thayer, treas; H. A. Knight, sec.; Morrill Sprague, c.k.; Luana webster. Flora; Elsie Knight, Pomona: Beryl Bigelow, Ceres; Eva Earles (a.s.; Frank O. Ryan, ex. com three years.

three years.
Rev Albert H. Wheelock of Marlboro, worthy chaplain of the State Grange, officiated as the installing of ficer, assisted by Miss Grace E. Morand their work was exceptionally well done. The feast committee served a lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee and the members knjoyed a general social good time. The next meeting social good time. The next meeting will be given up to a state lecturer, J. A. McLean, formerly of the animal industry bureau at M. A. C. and now

bass drum for the old band; that eyer since he joined the organization in the spring of '61 he had always enjoyed the friendship of its members; that during the past summer he had misgivings as to giving up playing, but he had inally decided that he would stay along with the band boys. At his request the band then played "Yankee Doodle," the first piece he ever played with the band.

Mr. Tyler joined the band when General Taylor, of Townsend Harbor, was its director, and Sumner Hopkins, of Shirley, was teacher, and commenced to play the E flat bass horn, and has since played that part with such as since played the such as since played the such as since played the such as since played that part with such as since played that part with such as since played that part with such a tract of land between the mounse and were passing through orgroves on each side, the rising
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tracts on the trees was a sight that
new to us. Everyone who comes
goes out to Ramona's marriage
this an adobe house built a
dramy years ago, I believe 135
to the floor of the building being
the made by the Indians. The roof
and of logs and covered with tile,
logs being brought here from he logs being brought here from some thirty-five miles away on the rocks of Indians in relays—that is, he logs were transferred from the he logs were transferred from the acks of large gangs to another gang, would think the courtyard contained an acre, is surrounded by an adobe wall eight feet high, and must say that the garden in this innercourt is very beautiful. You see orange and lemon and banana trees and such roses, and every kind of cactus, and just outside of Ramona's home we see hedge of whith roses four feet high. a hedge of white roses four feet high, in one place we saw one six feet high. You also see roses some twelve and fitteen feet high, and oleanders fifteen feet high with a trunk eight inches through. We also saw the first stage through. We also saw the first stage coach that came here seventy years

I have not been out to Imperial Valley yet, but will give some idea of it. It is southeast of us here and while most of it is in California part while most of it is in California part with the world well into Mexico. Part of it extends well into Mexico. Part of the yalley is seventy-five feet below sea level. It is very hot there, the mercury going up to 125. Very few white men can work there, mostly Japs and Hindu. It is forty miles in

Japs and Hindu. It is forty miles in length and thirty miles wide, and most of the water they use for irrigation comes from the Colorado river. They raise very large crops. Alfalfa grows to 2½ and 3 feet. They ship in carloads of poor cattle to fatten them. Mr. Houghton, who was there and spent some three weeks, informs me he saw herds of cattle grazing there of several thousands; 300 cars of canteliapses in one day are shipped from one town alone. A good many acres of asparagus are raised there, Mr. Houghton taking a picture of 100 acres in one field.

cores in one field.

One day last week Mrs. Savage and it went out to the ostrich farm. We saw 150 birds, the mile bird weighing from 300 to 350 pounds, the female about 250 pounds. They can reach up some ten feet high and their average age is thirty years. A young ostrich chicken is about the size of ducks. They do not take the feathers off until they reach two years of age. They use the Cyphers incubator, and use the Cyphers incubator and takes six weeks for them to hatch. The birds average about fifteen eggs ach a year; some will lay only three or four eggs, while some other birds will lay thirty eggs.

will lay thirty eggs.

I had the pleasure the other day of hearing the Persian consul general of New York, Mirza Ali Kuli Kan, speak, on three different subjects, "World races," "World religions" and "World peace." I wish you could have heard him. He has had charge of the Persian withit at Sar Espain. of the Persian exhibit at San Francis of the Persian exhibit at San Francis-co, which has been declared by many, because of its rich and antique splen-dor, to have been the gem of the ex-hibition. A large part of the exhibit was from Mirza Khan's own private was from Mirzal Ranns own private collection, which is valued at over a million dollars. We have been up to the exposition several times since my last letter. So much to see up there so can write only a few things that night interest you.

We saw a canoe in the Indian build-

We saw a cance in the Indian building forty-two feet long, four feet wide and about two feet deep in the center. It was hewed out of a cedar log and could hold some twenty Indians, being made and used by them in the Puget Sound country. There were about 106 different tribes of them, all talking a different language. I wish you could see the arts and industries of the Indians—all kinds of pottery and so many kinds and different desums of pitchers, bowls, plates, jars. signs of pitchers, bowls, plats, jars, etc., and if you could see the different designs of rugs and shawls and table covers you would want to buy them all. If you could see how ingenious they are in making all their own tools of every description for all kinds of

teamers for transportation. It is the argest plantation in the world. argest plantation in the world. Then you see the French, Russian, Italian, Armenian and Egyptian arts; also, the Japan exhibit. So much of their work that is exhibited is very wonderful. Then there is the Science of Man sulding that you cannot go through end see all you want to in less that

two hours.

The isthmus here in the exposition is one mile long. It is here you see all the attractions. They have reproductions here of the painted desert, dobbe villages, the Panama canal, the war of the worlds which cost \$350,000 to reproduce. The stage for this last play is 360 feet long and the canvas russ back ninety feet. Here you see some 100 battleships on this canvas supposed to be in New York harbor. All at once they commence to open fire on each other and at the same time the air above seems to be full of Zeppilins and aeroplanes dropping Zeppilins and aeroplanes dropping hombs on the ships. You can see th hombs drop, explode and set fire to the ships. It is something wonderful

the ships. It is something wonderful when one can hear and see this. There was one shipment of 2000 curs of oranges the other day to the istern states for the Christmas trade Houghton took Mrs. Mr Mr. Houghton took Mrs. Sourse, Mrs. Savage and myself out to ride vesterday afternoon and called on Charles Spencer, east of us. He is interested in a fruit ranch some twen ty miles out. miles out. We drove through and also through 150 acres of muscal grapes that they make raisins of, and on our return we stopped at a ranch end bought two turkeys for our Thristmas dinner. On the return of our party Mrs. Houghton invited Mrs. Swage and I to spend the afternoon with them on Christmas. She has also invited Mr. Spencer and Fred Blanchard, so we may expect a good old New England gathering of friends F. S. Savage, Sr.

DRASTIC MEASURE Doctor-You must go away for

ong rest.
Overworked Merchant—But doctor,
am too busy to go away to rest.
Doctor—Well, then, you must stop dvertising.

The Russian Empire has an area with the Quaker Oats Company. He not including internal waters, of 19, will speak on the subject, "Feeds and 155,587.7 versts, or 8,417,118 English feeding." a subject of intense interest square miles—that is to say, one to all dairymen. The date is January seventh of the land surface of the



Economy Hints

a penny earned,---Bonjamin Franklin.

ATHITE silk stockings have a most annoying habit of acquiring a yellowish tinge after two or three washings, and this is usually due to their being washed out in a basin and hung up to dry without bleaching. Soak the stockings half an hour in cold water into which a pinch of borax has been dropped; then wash them in warm, not hot. water made sudsy with pure white soap. Rinse in three watersthis is very important, for the least bit of soap remaining will yellow the silk-and blue the last rinsing water just a trifle. Then hang the stockings in the sun and wind to bleach and dry. Never touch them with a hot iron, but when thoroughly dry smooth out and roll up. Never put white silk stockings to soak with black or colored silk stockings, for the dye is apt to run out and streak the white hose. White cotton stockings, now considered better taste with sport shoes than silk hosiery, may be washed in the same manner, but the cotton stocking looks best if pressed with a hot fron so that the fuzzy nap in the weave is laid perfectly flat.

A HYGIENE NOTE.

How to Care For Your Teeth and So PURE LARD Your Health.

Some startling theories have of late been brought out as to the part played by bad teeth upon the welfare of the BEST SIRLOIN STEAK human race. It is indeed about time that people were made to realize the importance of sound teeth and the LAMB CHOPS, RIB proper care of decayed teeth. In no BACON line of physical development is the ounce of prevention of more importance than in the mouth.

Not only is an unclean mouth a harborage of germs of any and all descriptions, but many authorities now VAN CAMP'S SOUPS claim that defective teeth result in moral turpitude, as in the case of defective and delinquent children, as VAN CAMP'S CATSUP, large well as in physical diseases. This is by no means impossible, for, since degenerates are usually found to have ment as well as wrong influences which might not have harmed them had they been rightly built up mentally and physically, what can be more to blame than the teeth which, being decayed, could not properly masticate the food which passed, through the mouth?

If poor teeth can cause disease's en trance to the heart, lungs, digestive tract, and the like, it is safe to as sume that the malnutrities and infection will affect the brain asswell.

Dental floss, careful brushing after meals and an alkaline mouth wash at bedtime is not too much care to give teeth.

How to Make Delicious Sauces For

Meats and Fish. For drawn butter mix one-half a cupful of butter and add two tablespoonfuls of flour, a quarter teaspoonful of salt and a dash of white pepper, and when these are blended add a cupful of boiling water. Let these come to a boil and boil one minute. Egg sauce work.

At the Brazilian exhibit I saw a reproduction of a coffee plantation of small pieces to one cupful of drawn butter. For caper sauce add one-quartivation, picking and loading on the ter cupful of capers to a cupful of ter cupful of capers to a cupful of Probate

drawn butter. For fish sauce to one cupful of drawn butter add one tablespoonful of lemon juice and half a teaspoonful of chopped parsley. For shrimp sauce to one cupful of drawn butter add the volk of one raw egg and a third of a can of shrimps cut in pieces. For sauce supreme to one cupful of drawn butter add one raw yolk of egg, quarter of a cupful of cream, half a tablespoonful of lemon juice and half a teaspoonful of chopped parsley.

How to Amuse Your Children on Rainy

Days Indoors.
To amuse the kiddies on rainy days cut numbers off of old calendars and paste to small blocks of wood. On the other side put a staple tack. Make a fishing pole out of a stick, a piece of string and a bent pin for a hook. Place the blocks on the floor with the numbers down and let each child fish in turn. The one getting the highest number added together after so many turns wins the game.

Provide each one of the children with a card cut from bristol board, a toothpick and a stick of gum. Tell each to chew the gum and when soft to transfer it to the card and with the toothpick model a pig. Give a prize to the one who models the best pig.

How to Fasten a Baby Dress In a Novel Way.
The dress for the little one two years

old can be given a different touch and one that is entirely appropriate by lacing it down the back with white cord at the ends of which there are single tassels. If the dress is of heavy material, such as heavy linen, the little sleeves may be laced at the top. If only laced at the back fastening a pink or blue cord may be used instead of the white, but if laced on both sleeves the plain white should be used, the col or being too much in the three places for the simplicity required by tasteful baby garments.

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ner, the executive therein hamed, 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 forencon 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 deilvering a copy of this citation to all
known torsons interested in the estate,
seven days at least before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McInitie, Esquire,
first Judge of said Court, this twentyfirst day of December in the year one
thousand nine hundred and fifteen
3116 W. E. ROGERS Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, ceditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of DAVID A WESTON late of Pepperell 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 DAVID E. WESTON of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth 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.
And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Pepperell Clarlon-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-eighth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that th ubscribers have been duly appointed dministrators of the estate of SUSAN 2. SHATTUCK hate of Groton in the county of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and have taken upon themselves that trust by giving bond, as the law

directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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LITTLETON

News Items.

Sunday evening, January 9, a union meeting of the churches will be held in the Congregational church, when Rev. J. C. Alvord will give a talk, illustrated by stereopticon pictures.

The Nashobah class of boys lately presented to the Congregational Sunday school a tablet for attendance and contribution records.

Miss Julia S. Conant, who has been housed with laryngitis and bronchitis, requiring the services of a physician and a trained nurse, is now convales-

Several members of the C. A. Hartseveral members of the C. A. Harvich well family, including himself, have been sick with heavy grippe colds. Among the many others who have been indisposed because of the prevailing disease are Miss Famile A. Sanderson and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitzersh

Fred C. Hartwell has been ill and continues under treatment of his physician, although he busies him-self some of the time at his mill.

The Congregational church and so clety will hold the annual dinner and business meeting in the vestry on Sat-urday, January 15. Dinner will be served at 12,30 and the business will served at 12.30 a follow promptly.

The drama committee of the Back Log club has selected for presenta-tion the royalty farce in three acts, entitled "The arrival of Kitty," which will be given in the town hall on February 10 and 11. Rehearsals have al-

The service at the Baptist church on art Sunday evening was exceptionally good and attendance was beyond expectations. Morton Alward, as cornetist, accompanied the singing. A tenor solo by Fred Perham, of Cambridge, and a solo by Frank Piper also constituted to make the control of t tributed to make the service attractive.

The high school play, which has long been under preparation, will be given in the town hall next week Friday evening. The amusing farce, entitled, "Prof. Pepp," will be presented by a cast of sixteen pupils who have been coached by the principal and assistants. Daily rehearsals have been in progress for two weeks and will continuously the natural conformation. in progress for two weeks and win continue until the actual performance. The leading parts will be taken by the following: Whitney Caulkins, Jack H. Hardy, Eugene W. Esten, Winthrop Kelley, Marcia Wilcox, Elizabeth Brown and Margaret Conant. Tickets re on sale at Conant's store at the

Common and Thacher's store at the Depot. Look for posters.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Kimball, Miss M. H. Kimball and Mrs. Emma K. Lemley oftended the inauguration of Goy. Mc-ball at the state house Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kimball attended the governor's reception in the evening.

John Callahan was taken to a hos-ital for treatment last Wednesday offal for treatment last Wednesday. His many friends hope for complete restoration to health in the course of time. Mr. Callahan has enjoyed a splendid reputation and has been one of the popular boys in town for many years. It is with deep regret that his mates have noticed the decline in health due to nervousness and they sincerely hope that new conditions sincerely hope that new conditions may supplement the affectionate care of the family in making his recovery possible within a few weeks or months

Mrs. William Proctor is reported on

Mrs. Albina Love as hostess received Mrs. Albina Love as nostess received the United Workers at her home Wednesday afternoon. Twelve members were present. The subject was "The opportunity in China;" and Mrs. C. V. Plagg had charge of program, taking an important part in the discussion. One phase of the subject was presentone phase of the subject was presented in a paper written by Mrs. William Dodds and read by Mrs. N. B. Conant. Mrs. Chase read a chapter from the text book in use and Miss Bertha Love and Miss Ruth Thacher sang a duet. accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Christie.

Miss Hannah Dodge, who underwent a very serious operation for appendicitis at Groton hospital ten days ago, is making good improvement. Her mother visits her almost daily and is very hopeful of her speedy recovery.

owing to the severe storm has; similarly the attendance was diminished nearly fifty percent in the Littleton churches. Chicken-pox and violent coids also may have been a contributory cause of the small attendance Edmund Wesley and E. P. Wilcon book high school parties for sleigh

rides last week. The Congregationalist and Christian World issue of December 26 contains a brief, spicy article by Rev. Samuel Lane Loomis on "The gospel of neutral ground." in which he tells how the problem of attracting larke Sunday evening audiences was met by one church, probably his own.

The violent wind of two Sundays so uprooted one of the old sentinels i E. P. Sheehan's dooryard, an ash of more than a hundred years

growth. work as librarian last week. She has served the public faithfully and ably for many years, and we regret tha with her as she enters a new sphere and we congratulate purselves that the trustees have been so happy in the choice of her successor and her

Eight hundred books have been taken from the branch library at the West End this last year.

The pastors of the local churches have extended to their parishioners and other friends the greetings for Christmas and new year in pleasing

Nine young people were received into fellowship with the Unitarian church on Sunday, December 26.

Miss Emily Adams started on Monwill remain for a short time, after county orders in such a proposition.

which she will leave for the Bermuda Islands, where she hopes to spend the winter months,

We were sorry to omit most of th Littleton items received last week Thursday. Had they reached the of-fice a day earlier they could have been nce a day earlier they could have been printed in the sheet that goes to press the middle of the week. In this par-ticular instance an unusual amount of legal notices reached the office Thurs-day and those claimed precedence ver news items.

Rev. William I. Lawrence, president of the Unitarian Sunday School association, is the newly elected president, and Thomas H. Elliott, president amd Thomas H. Elliott, president amd Thomas H. Elliott, president comeritus of the Isles of Shoals association and Rev. John L. Sewall, secretary of the Congregational Summer Conference association, are two of the directors of the new corporation that is establishing Star Island of the Isle to Knowlton, Miss Ellishots summer conferences under Miss Elizabeth L. H. is establishing Star Island of the Isle of Shoals as a permanent place for reliations summer conferences under Joint control of Unitarians and Congregationalists.

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The object was to form a circle that

Miss Hannah Dodge, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Dodge, was carried to Groton hospital and underwent an operation for appendicitis last week Wednesday. Her condition was considered serious, but the operation proved successful and latest reports are favorable.

tended the banquet given by G. W. Field in Brockton.

Senator and Mrs. Charles A. Kimball attended the dedication of the ball attended the dedication of the new state armory for mounted troops, M. V. M., in Allston, on Thursday evening, December 39. Mr. Kimball began his second term in the senate on Wednesday.

The parish supper and annual meetng held in the Unitarian vestry on Monday evening of last week was at-Monday evening of last week was attended by a little more than 100 people. A good supper was served and the spirit of sociability was well in evidence. Hon, F. A. Patch was chosen as moderator. Reports of the various officers and committees were read and accepted. The society begins the new year free from debt and a little to the good financially. The parish committee consists of F. C. Hartwell, E. H. Priest and A. F. Bradley. The officers were all redected.

Bradley, the officer of selected.

The Misses Alice and Vera Libby, teachers, were at home for Christmas vacation. Miss Vera Libby returned to her school in Plymouth last Saturday. Miss Alice Libby, who has been teaching in Orleans, has accepted to the annual reception to our townspeople-seventy years of are and been teaching in Orleans, has accepted to the consequence of the general points of the general points of the consequence of the conseque urday. Miss Alice Libby, who has been teaching in Orleans, has accep-ted a desirable position as teacher in the fourth grade at Winthrop and en-tered upon her duties there last Mon-

day.

Mrs. Lucy Pickard, Mrs. Emma Lembey and Miss Ellen Kimball attended the funeral of their cousin, Frank B. Trull, in Lowell on last week Wednesday, Mr. Trull died in a Lowell hospital the Sunday before. He had undergone an operation from which he had not sufficient vitality to recover. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Fannie Edwards, two daughters and five sons, besides asset laughters and five sons, besides sisers and brothers.

Ruth Titcomb parted with her ade-noids during the Christmas vacation. Mildred, youngest child of David Millett; has been ill with tonsilitis. A. Cox is reported as having ought an automobile.

Parties were held on last week Fri-day night at Warren Hartwell's and Margaret Thacher's to watch the old year out and the new year in.

"The making of the Panama canal" will be the topic of the Young People's meeting at the Unitarian vestry Sunday evening at 6.30 o'clock,

Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

Miss Hannah Dodge, who underwent a very serious operation for appendicities at Groton hospital ten days ago, as making good improvement. Her raother visits her almost daily and is very hopeful of her speedy recovery. Warren Hartwell entertained several of his schoolmates and other friends at his home last week Friday night by giving a watch out party. Games and refreshments kept all busy until the new year, when the guests exchanged greetings and took their departure after a most delightful evening.

The Littleton Woman's club will meet in the usual place on Monday afternoon. January 16. The prostant which heards of the household economics committee, Mrs. L. B. Miller, head of the persond service bureau at Filenc's store in Boston, has been engaged to talk about "our Foliothes." This is a new lecture and the chairman of the federation commisses committee, assures us that the lecture is well worth hearing. A vocal solo by Mrs. Hazer and a plano duet by Mrs. Haughton and Miss Sanderson are the other numbers included.

Owing to the severe storm last Sunday to the attendance was dimmished on the Littleton receipting the Littleton receipting and the Littleton receipting the properties of the stream of the character of the receipting the properties of the state of the program consisted of the devotional solo by Mrs. Hazer and a plano duet by Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, first problem of the program and miss Broedenshire, that treasurer, Mrs. Greig of South Chelmsford, president of the commission program and such as the program consisted of the devotional solo by Mrs. Hazer and a plano duet by Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, first problem of the pleasure and electure is well worth hearing. A vocal solo by Mrs. Hazer and a plano duet by Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, first problem of the pleasure and electronic committee, assures us that the lecture is well worth hearing. A vocal solo by Mrs. Hazer and a plano duet by Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, first problem of the pleasure and electronic and the store and the character of the commission of the program The twenty-lifth anniversary of the organization, a historical sketch by Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, first posident of the Forget-not circle, and an address by Miss Amelia Ayres, field secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Morgan Memorial.

Mrs. Farley gave pleasing reminiscences of two former visits to the

ences, of two former visits to the arcle and congratulated the members circle and congratulated the members on their twenty-five years of faithful, efficient services. She spoke of this society as one of the strongest and most dependable in the state. Mrs. Farley gave a report of the state con-vention held in November, described vention neig in November, described the cradle roll lately organized, and noted the increasing interest in the K. D order. She emphasized the importance first of possessing the spirit of the king which she believes characterizes the Forget-not circle, and

acterizes the Forget-not circle, and second, loyalty to the organization.

Mrs. Brockenshire expressed her pleasure at being here on this occasion and assured her hostesses that she had a very tender spot in her heart for the Littleton circle, which, by the way, seems to her a very sprightly young circle at the advanced age of twenty-five years. The K. D. circles in general, she finds, are growing stronger, more beautiful and wide. she must sever her connections with this position which she has filled so courteously and to the satisfaction of the library. However, the good wishes of all are She laid stress on the influence of see and stress on the initionic of wearing the silver cross emblem or the purple ribbon. She told of the sacri-fice of King's Daughters in Moham-medan countries and their happy triumphs. She gave an encouraging report of the new kitchen at Gordo Rest now under construction, and the favorable financial outlook. Briefly, she alluded to caring for two missionaries in Korea and of voluntary

> ed with a plea for happy service in the interest of the king.
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> Mrs. Greig brought heartiest greet-ings and an assurance of her interest in the Forget-not circle. She expressed an earnest hope for a country hom for aged couples and a desire to en-list the sympathies of the Middlesex

funds received from friends, and clo

tuted an encouraging and inspiring feature of the afternoon. We would

feature of the afternoon. We would gladly report every word, but must confine ourselves to a few salient facts. Nine young women met for organization in the West schoolhouse shortly after the new years in 1861. They were Miss Alice Merrill (Mrs. Wilmot Mitchell), Miss Gertrade Merrill (Mrs. George H. Kindad). Miss Wilmot Mitchell), Miss Gerfreiche Mer-rill (Mrs. George H. Kimball), Miss Anna H. Whitcomb (Mrs. Paul Brown), Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb Miss Neva Sawyer (Mrs. Fred Chapmann, Mrs. J. W. Ireland, Miss Havae Shaf-ter, Miss M. E. Sping is and Mrs. A. W. Knowlton. Other charter mem-

would do some Level to an to themselves. The were hardly more than hers as well first meetings informal talks A committee was A committee was chosen to prepare a service and the Borist psalin was selected to be memorized. At a fair held in the spring the princely sum of seventeen dollars was malized. In recent years the Easter sale has netted

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Miss Anna Doyle, of New York city, approximately \$125.

There are now forty members, all approximately \$125.

There are now forty members, all of whom are willing, ready workers. The circle has always enjoyed the hearty support and co-operation of our townspeople. Many gifts have been received by the order and sums have been willed to the K. D. Small gifts frequently are turned into the nave been willed to the K. D. Small gifts frequently are turned into the treasury. The circle helps seventy-five homes a year on an average; \$200 to \$300 is spent yearly for flowers, food, rent, nursing and sunshine boxes. Holiday postcards are sent to many

Holiday postcards are sent to many, birthday gifts are presented to the elderly friends and other good work is done for our own people. Outside of the town contributions are made to Korea, the Salvation Army, Gordon Rest, Morgan Memorial, Ingleside Home, etc.

The circle does much to beautify the cemetery and has placed a flag there. They line the graves of the dead. There is little red tape in the circle; an emergency committee has the authority to decide many questions that need quick consideration; thus

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that need quick consideration; thus
the society often works quickly.
The first program contained musical and literary numbers, but that
practice was soon discontinued to give
place to sewing, etc.

Mrs. Knowlton referred tendelly to
the secont on temples, who have been

occasion.

She characterized the circle as a company of faithful werkers who try to do their best, and thanked the townspeople for the sympathetic and hearty co-operation, concluding with a very hopeful sentiment in happy Miss Ayres admirably outlined the

Miss Ayres admirably outlined the work of Morgan Memorial in South Boston tenement-house district which is doing a splendid home and foreign missionary work. This institution places the eliphasis on the religious side. The key-note of the industrial work is self help. It tries to find employment for men and women. It is now working with 1400 children. She described the efforts and achievements of the Woman's Auxiliary associated with Morgan Memorial. A good working incomirer from each K. D. circle with Morgan Memorial. A good work-ing member from each K. D. circle affiliates her order with Morgan Me-morial. She told of its day nursery that cares for the children while their needy mothers cain daily bread. Two hundred or more churches are affil-ated with this good order. On Feb-tuary 21 they new hundling will be men with this good order. On Feb-ruary 21 their new building will be opened. This memorial to Fred II. Seavey is to be the home of homeless men. A church for people of all pa-tionalities is now being erected in South Beston.

debate the following question: Re-solved, "That the United States should adopt some complehensive system of preparedness against invasion." In compliance with a request Mr. Fanfield prophesied somewhat in regard o different nations following the war He asked secretary C. F. Watts to ac in the capacity of time-keeper and introduced the speakers G A Cook and J. E. Smith, affirmative, and Rev. H. L. Caulkins and Supt. F. H. Hill, negative.

Mr Cook opened the discussion with

Ar Cook opened the discussion with a voltey of arguments that seemed all convincing and was well approach-ing his climax when the time-keeper called a halt. Mr Caulkins followed, presenting the other side with sub-stantial logic. Then came the inimistantial logic. Then came the inimitable J. E. Smith with the fire of the battlefield and the wit of Erin ready to overpower his assailants and throw his audience into coavulsions of laughter. Supt. Hill, with fine rhetorical precision, seemed hardly to have entered upon his piece of oratory when he reached the time limit.

Short speeches were made from the floor by V. T. Esten, F. B. Priest, Rev. W. C. Brown, Principal Greenfield, Ivo Russell and Mrs. A. F. Conant. Mr. Russell and Mrs. A. F. Conant. Mr. Cook and Mr. Caulkins then closed the Cook and Mr. Callikins then closed the debate for each side and a vote was called for on the merits of the question, the affirmative winning by an overwhelming majority. A vote of thanks to all who had taken part in the program was unanimously given the program was unanimously given and "America" was sung by the audi-

In annual business meeting followed when the officers were all released. It was voted to have the secretary's books placed in the town safe. It was also voted that the officers of the lyceum constitute a committee to consider the advisability of incorporating the lyceum and report at the next annual meeting. This follows the next annual meeting. This follows the next annual meeting. This follows the next annual meeting.

Mrs. Knowlton's history of the Forget-not circle, which of necessity dealt chiefly with generalities, was listened H. L. Caulkins, v. p.; Charles F. Watts, to with closest attention, and constito with closest attention. sec.; W. E. Conant, treas.; Supt. F. H.
Hill, F. B. Priest, Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, Cornellus Dailey, Mrs. F. C.
Hartwell, Hon. C. A. Kimball, Rev. J.
C. Alvord, ex. com.
The year closes with nearly ninetyfour dollars in the treasury to begin

the next season. It is universally acknowledged that this has been one of the best courses in recent years, and knowledged that this has he he best courses in recent the patrons are indebted to mittee for their wise scient tertainers and the method the course has been conducted. which

How Shall It Be Done? Granting for the sake of that the program of the madvocates of preparedness. ost rabid is neces sary, the most important stion to considered is how shad be done. In their anxie: extensive increases as the mand in army, cavy and equipment it seems our enthusiastic friends have proved

.oo 'much. If, as they claim, we are man atte-state of helplessness, what has be come of the hundreds of millions o one has be-d millions of expended in dollars the country has expended in the last ten years for the precise pur poses they now claim to have in view If all these millions have been ex ended and we have almost absolutel off it must go in for greatly increased expenditures for army and may) took into its own hands the expenditure of the hundreds of millions yearly it is

isked to appropriate. If our intensely patriotic, prepared-If our intensety parriotic, prepared-ness advocates are so anxious for the welfare of the country they ought to jump in and with all their power ad-vocate government manufacture of arms, ammunition and ships that we may get full value for every dollar with no private rake-off for any indi-viduals or firms in the business.

If the danger of invasion is so greates to require it, let the governmentake over at a fair valuation such plants now in operation as repeals to to the business required. All Europe has shown us the way to do it and if to much haste is necessary it should so much haste is necessary be promptly done. If the mo-be staved off for a time it better to build the necessary plants a comething could probably saved in this line. It has been government manufacture oved that cuttin out private profits, will s try from 29 to 40 perce transactions involving millions, and in a few p

s worth while. Our worthy president ends on the patriotism of pends on the patriotism of the people of the country to carry out the program he mapped out in his message to congress. His definition of patriotism in that message is not particularly inspiring to the working man it is true: "It would depend upon the true: "It would depend upon the patriotic feeling of the younger men of the country whether they responded to such a service or not. It would depend upon the patriotic spirit of the employers of the country they made it possible for the younger men in their employ to respond under favorable conditions or not. I, for one, do not doubt the patriotic devo-tion of either of our young men or of those who give them employment— that after due notice and hearing as those for whose benefit and protection provided by law, they may be granted

they would in fact enlist."
In other words patriotism in the young working men means a willing-ness to risk his life for the benefit of his employer and to hold his job, and in the employer a willingness to temorarily forgo the profits of exploit ng the employee for the greater serv ice the employee would render by helping to protect the employer's interests permanently. It cuts down the old ethical stand-

ards of patriotism, but is undoubtedly a sound business view. This definition confirms three positions socialists hav maintained for years. First, that the wage workers have to do the fighting if there is fighting to be done. Second, that the wage workers are not free nien under the present system Thud that if the wage workers enlist for military service they do it, not for their own benefit, but for the benefit of the employing class. A constantly increasing number of

workingmen are beginning to understand these matters and it is not strange they are not wildly enthusias-tic for a military training or vast preparations for war. V. T. E.

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along and across the public way or ways hereinafter named Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it may be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it annual business meeting fol. may find necessary, said poles to be

space for one cross-arm at a suitable on. . Attest: the next annual meeting. This followed a discussion in regard to the fire and police signal wires owned by

highways above referred to Old Groton Road, as per Sketch No. 29

8 poles Harvard Road, as per Sketch No. 30 13 poles

Ayer Electric Light Company. By L. WHITCOMB, Basiness Manager

Dated this eighteenth day of No.

PETITION of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for Pole and Wire Locations.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts,

Respectfully represents the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts that it deto construct a line of poles, wires and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures. along and across the public way of ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it may be granted a location for and nothing to show, is it not about time to look into the manner the cash has been spent and to devise some method whereby we may get something to show for our money? Why keep on throwing good money after bad?

It seems to us high time the country of the country o ted substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked 7.5, dated 12-21-15, proposed pole locations of the N. E. T. & T. Co. of Mass. chusetts.

Your petitioner agrees to reserv space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on said poles for the telephone fire and police signal wires owned by the town, and used for municipal pur-

The following are the streets and highways above referred to Snake Hill Road, from Littleton Road to the residence of H. J. Webb,

thirteen poles. The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts

By GEO. H. DRESSER,

General Manager. M. S. B. Dated this 21st day of December

PETITION of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the Ayer Electric Light Company for Joint or Identical Locations for Poles. To the Board of Selectmen of the

Town of Ayer, Massachusetts. Respectfully represent The New England Telephone and Telegraph company of Massachusetts and the Ayer Electric Light Company, that they desire to construct a line of poles and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the public way ways hereinafter named, and to be owned and used in common by your

Wherefore your petitioners pray that after due notice and hearing as joint or identical location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining or protecting fixtures as the business of each of your petitioners may require, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked 9/2, dated 11-17-15, proposed joint poles bet Ayer El. Lt. Co. and N. E. T. & T. Co. Your petitioners agree to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point upon each of said poles for the telephone, fire and police signal wire

owned by the town and used for muni cipal purposes. The following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Washington Court between Pleasant and Washington St., one pole. Washington Street between Washing

ton Court and Nashua St., thirteen poles. The New England Telephone and Telegriph Company of Massachusetts.

By GEO. H. DRESSER, General Manager. M. S. B. Ayer Electric Light Company.

By L. WHITCOMB, Supt. Dated this 17th day of November,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Aver. December 29, 1915 Ordered, that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petitions on Saturday, the 8th day of January 1916, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., at Selectmen's Room in Town Hall in said Ayer at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that the petitioners give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publish my an attested copy of said petitions and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News newspapers published in said Aver at least seven days prior thereto and that the clerk of the board mal written notice of the time and place of said hearing at least seven days prior thereto to all owners of rea estate abutting upon that part of the way, upon, along, across or under which the line is to be constructed as such ownership is determined by last preceding assessment for taxation.

JOHN D. CARNEY, THOMAS F. MULLIN. DOUGLAS C. SMITH, Selectmen of Ayer.

A copy of petition and order there-

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given to The A. E. Lyon Co., of Fitchburg, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by Matti-Ekola of Ashby, County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dated July 3, 1915, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 3553, page 570, for breach of a con-dition of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on the premises hereinafter described. Tuesday, February 1, 1916, at three o'clock in the afternoon all and singular the real estate in said mortgage deed, namely: A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, together with water power and privileges thereto belong-

ing, situated in the Northwesterly part

of Townsend, aforesaid County, on the South side of the Turnpike road, so-

called, leading from Townsend to New

Ipswich, bounded and described as fol-

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the premises on the southwesterly side of said road and at the corner of land late of James and Luther Adams; thence running Northwesterly by said road about forty-two (42) rods to a stone post at a corner of land late of William J. Walker: thence Southwesterly eleven and one half (11½) rods by said Walker land to a pitch pine tree marked with stones about it; thence in the same direction by land late of said Walker to the middle of the brook; thence 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 situated in the Northwesterly part of said Townsend on the Northeasterly side of the aforesaid road, bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning at the Southeasterly cor-ner of land of the Inhabitants of Townsend; thence running North 57 FANCY CHEESES ants of Townsend fifty-three (53) rods to a stake and stones; thence North degrees East by land of said Inhabit-We carry in stock the following about 33 degrees West by land of said Inhabitants about forty-four (14) 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 road about forty-three (43) rods to bound first mentioned; containing about Twelve acres more or less Hereby conveying the same two tracts of land as conveyed to me by Levi E. Flint by his deed dated December 1, 1913, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, book

3845, page 316. Subject to any liens for taxes or other public assessments. THE A. E. LYON CO., Mortgagee. By Alfred P. Cate, Mgr.

Fitchburg, Mass., Dec. 22, 1915. P. F. Ward, Atty.

Sheriff's Sale

Middlesex ss. December 24, 1915. Taken on Execution and will be sold at public auction on Saturday, January 29, 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon; at my office, room No. 219 in the Hildreth Building, socalled, on Merrimack Street, opposite Central Street in Lowell in said County, all the right, title and interest. hich Patrick J. Allen of Concord in said County had, not exempt by law-from attachment or levy on execution on the 25th day of August, 1915, at five o'clock P. M., being the time when the same was attached on nesne process in and to the following

described real estate to wit: A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situated in the easterly part of the Town of Pepperell in said County, on the southerly side of Leighton Street, and bounded northerly by said Street easterly by land of ohn Kendall, southerly by land of Anno Blood and westerly by a private leading southerly from said Leighton Street. Being the same premises conveyed by Eugene H. Coughlin to Patrick J. Allen et al, by deed dated Sept. 22, 1910, recorded with South District Registry of Deeds for the County of Middlesex, Book 3552, Page 351.

GEORGE F. STILES, 3w17.

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PEPPERELL

News Items.

The annual reception to those at the town farm is postponed until Tuesday, January 11, by the commit-tee of the W. C. T. U.

The Paugus Camp-fire circle held a ceremonial meeting at their room on Friday evening of last week. The object of the meeting was also the making and sending out new year postcards to other circles and individuals. Miss Anna Boynton entertained. them by reading an interesting story.

them by reading an interesting story. The annual election of officers of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., was held on Thursday evening of last week, resulting as follows: Jonas E. Andrews, n. g.; William Reed, v. g.; L. A. Johnson, fin. sec.; L. G. Robbins, treas.; Elmer Mason, trustee; Donald Rivers, L. A. Johnson and L. G. Robbins, representatives to grand lodge. The installation of the newly-elected officers will probably take place on Thursday, January 20.

Miss Edith Hatherly came from

Miss Edith Hatherly came from Fitchburg Friday to spend the week-end and Sunday in town.

Miss Harriet Dow has been spend-ing the holiday vacation with her mother at the Pierce homestead. coming from Palmerton, Pa. went to Westfield last week when the sad news came of the death of her sister's husband, George H. Cushing. After the services there on Monday resumed her journey back to Palmerton.

Mrs. Joseph Graham returned last Mrs. Joseph Granam returned last week from a holiday visit with her daughter in Derry, N. H. While assisting at ornamenting a Christmas tree for her little grandson slie was taken acutely ill with pain in the stomach and distress and nausea. They thought the cause might be a because of distributes were and offern. They thought the cause might be a change of drinking water and after a day in bed she recovered. Upon her return home she had some of the same kind of Christmas candy with which she ornamented the tree, of which she ate freely at the time. She ate more after arriving home and immediately suffered the same effects in stomach and system. Now she is de-bating what to do with the rest of the box of candy, as it seems undoubtedly that this occasioned her sickness, the symptoms being the same as have re-cently been spaken of around Boston and the suburbs, where the cases re-sulted in some deaths.

The Fitchburg Normal school students returned to their studies Monday as every room in the building has been fumigated, and it is thought the danger of diphtheria is past. The two room-mates of Lorraine Bell, who was the first to get the disease, were placed in quarantine for a few days. The credos on education written by the Normal faculty were distributed to the students and will also be sent out to superintendents of town They express what the faculty thinks education should stand for.

E. S. Durant is out with a fine new double sleigh with springs for use in his livery service.

The regular meeting of the Boy The regular meeting of the Boy Scouts will be held Wednesday evening at 7.30. A large attendance of the members is requested as certain plans for work are to be laid before them. At the annual meeting of the District Nurse association it is planned that a demonstration of the Committee Order and Park Scouts shall Camp-fire Girls and Boy Scouts shall be made of some of their past work. George G. Tarbell, commander of

George G. Tarbell, commander of Thomas Parker post, G. A. R., went to Groton Tuesday to install the officers of the E. S. Clark post and of the W. R. C. The ceremony took place in the new Oddfellow's hall. He was accompanied by comrades M. Luther Boynton, R. C. Plummer, C.

tion and the town seems and snowbound. All put also reopened January 3. All public schools

Principal D. L. Whitmarsh of the high school spent part of the holiday vacation at his old home at Strafford

Blue Hills, N. H. The condition of Mrs. Joseph La-

Miss Hope Davidson of Boston occupied her cottage on Townsend street last week, after spending Christmas day with relatives in the city. She expects to be in town much of the time from now until May, as she has leave of absence from her school in the city, in order to take a needed rest. She will visit in New Bedford part of the winter.

Thomas Tarbell returned to his duties in the insurance office in New York last week after a short holiday vacation at the home of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tarbell.

officers of Middlesex Rebekah

Frank T. Marston is expected to come from Melrose on Wednesday evening of next week in his office as subordinate deputy of the State West farm on Nashua road, h Grange, to perform the work of in-purchased it from J. F. Layalley tallation of the officers of Ayer

Miss Marie Nash, of Mt. Holyoke, spent the week-end at the home of her college friend, Margaret Boyn-ton. Miss Boynton returned to Mt. Holyoke this week.

Mildred Sartelle, of the Bostor Normal Art school, has been spend-

ing a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sartelle. Walter Sullivan returned on Monday to take up his studies at the Holy

college Worcester, after spend holiday vacation with his parnts on Nashua street. Marion Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gray, spent several days last week with her brother Leland in

Miss Emma Spaulding, of Hollis

N. H., is staying with Mrs. C. M. Pierce, Elm street, for awhile.

William Breen returned to Ithaca, Breen returned Thursday, to resume his Cornell university after a his short holiday vacation in town.

Carl and Robert Deware are to take up their studies at Worcester academy this week.

A little daughter, the sixth child, was born to Mr., and Mrs. Beecher Cotton on Saturday, January 1. One of the linemen, Joseph Gates, at work for the Shirley Electric Company; had a bad fall from a pole on fownsend street last Saturday by the

breaking of a strap. It was at first thought his leg was broken, but ex-amination by a physician proved it only a bad sprain. Prescott Grange held its regular

Prescott Grange held its regular meeting on last week Friday evening. Report of the State Grange meeting held in Springfield was given by the master, Walter Shattuck; a paper on "Christmas customs in other lands," Mrs. Minnie Green; reading. Henry VanDyke's story of the first Christmas tree, Mrs. Amy Shattuck; the Granke united in several Christmas carols. The next meeting will be held on January 14, and the installation of oficers will take place. Miss Margaret Sarre, of Lowell, lady assistant steward of the State Grange, will be the installing officer, assisted by Miss Florence Kemp. The installation supper will be in charge of Mrs. H. G. Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Parker, of Milford, N. H., were guests over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Tarbell.

At the installation of the officers o Harvard Grange on Tuesday A. H. Wheelock, a former pastor in this town, as chaplain of the State Grange, assisted in the work.

A large asbestos booth was brought from Fitchburg last week Friday to be used by E. A. Johnson in his movfrom Fitchburg last week Friday to be used by E. A. Johnson in his mov-ing pictures at Lawrence hall.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid society occurred on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elmer Weston, twenty-one members weston, twenty-one members being present. A most pleasant social afternoon was passed, fine refreshments of ice cream and cake, with coffee, being served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Gutterson. The election of officers for the year resulted in the re-election of the presi

resulted in the re-election of the presi-dent, Mrs. Jerry Annis, and Mrs. J. N. Andrews, first vice president. A second vice president was voted to be added to the officers, Mrs. Hanley be-ing chosen. The secretary, Mrs. Pierce, and treasurer, Mrs. Weston. Pierce, and treasurer, Mrs. Weston, were also re-elected; Mrs. Beers, Mrs. Jenks, Mrs. Annis, Mrs. McMurray, Mrs. Weston, Miss H. L. Lawrence, Mrs. Farley, Mrs. Sylvester, Miss Abbie Lawrence, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Gutterson, Mrs. Andrews, board of managers; Mrs. Smalley and Mrs. Shepardson, apron committee. Reports showed \$350 in donations and earnings raised last year.

Horace Patterson, of Elmwood, visited his sister, Mrs. A. H., Harris over Sunday.

Charles D. Robinson, who has been a holiday guest with his relatives at Blakesmere, left this week for his son's in Newport, R. L. stopping in Wakefield for a short visit.

Mrs. Thomas Graham is reported as slightly improved from her critical ill-ness of last week. A trained nurse is in attendance and a specialist from Nashua was called for a slight opera-tion to relieve the condition of the ear

in New Jersey for the week-end with his cousin, Charlie Parker, previous to resuming his studies at Yale.

The Fact Viller of the state of the fact of

The East Village Social club will meet at the home of Mrs. Albert F. Parker, Brookline street, on Wednesday afternoon, January 12, at 2.30, At three o'clock Mrs. Leon Richardson will give a talk on the proposed continuance among the women of the work of the Society Vitanian which

place, in the new Oddfellow's hall. He was accompanied by comrades M. Luther Boynton, R. C. Plummer, C. G. Willey, C. F. Dane and George Gay.

The students from the various colleges and schools have returned to their studies after the holiday vacation and the town seems very quiet.

The condition of Mrs. Joseph Latvalley has improved but shightly from last week. If she gains sufficiently to be moved, it is thought that flesh or skin grafting may be resorted to at the boundary of the conducting a printing establishment, has been looking about for a new location, when the conducting a printing establishment, has been looking about for a new location, when the conducting a printing establishment, has been looking about for a new location, when the conducting a printing establishment, has been looking about for a new location, when the conducting a printing establishment, has been a provided by the conducting a printing establishment, and the conducting a printing establishment, when has been a provided by the conducting a printing establishment.

the meeting being held at the Cor aregational vestry with an unusually large attendance. Delegates from the Fitchburg. Shriley, Littleton, Ayer and Groton Woman's clubs were invited, those from Littleton and Shirley being mostly of the control of the unable to accept. A fine program was presented by the visitors, although somewhat shorter because of the clubs not represented. Miss Beatrice Green of Fitchburg, gave a fine reading, two Mrs. Susie Dort, district deputy were much enjoyed and a reading was president, with her suite, went to given by Mrs. Barker of the control o evening to install tea was served by the hospitality commiddlesex. Rebekah mittee, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Buss. Mrs. Attridge and Mrs. Shep-

ardson. The fish market has changed hands, George A. Gilbert, who resides on the West farm on Nashua road, having Gilbert also is intending to run the farm on Nashua road, and J. B. West and family will remove to one of the brick houses on Foster street. to one of the

Mr. and Mrs. Carlysle Kelley, from college, were week-end guests at land many volunteers and citizens, Woodside with Mrs. Kelley's grandparents.

Mrs. Daniel Dunbar and son Kenneth, from Fitchburg, visited her rela-Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wright, Brookline street, last week

Mrs. Bert Brainerd is quite ill with nervous trouble and under the car

of a physician.

Mrs. Sárah Patch suffered an attack
of rheumatism in the limbs recently,
a physician being called to relieve her.
She is more comfortable at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Humphrey and son Amos returned from St. John, N. B., last week Friday and report a rough passage on the boat.

Mrs. Charles Goff, who returned on Friday of last week from Hilsboro, in thus preventing the fire from spread-N. H., had a hard cold on her arrival, ing and destroying the residence of and this week both she and her hus-

Miss Ethel Wells returned to Pea-body to resume her duties as teacher after a two-weeks' vacation.

band have been having a pronounced attack of the grippe, confining them to the house.

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Fletcher Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Smith, who has been at nome during the holidays, returned to

Negotiations are being made between B. A. Keith and parties in New York for the sale of his place on Oak hill. If they are completed Mr. Keith will arrange to give them possession in the spring. The parties are relatives of Mrs. Ivan Parker, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown who are nurches. Mrs. James Brown, who are purchas-

ing for a summer home. Mrs. Amos Mahoney and two chil-dren returned from Middleboro Wedsince Christmas. Frank Mahoney and wife returned with her.

Louis Parker met with quite an accident last week while working in the woodlot near the Pepperell Springs. Several trees were blown over during the Sunday gale and had lodged. One of these came down suddenly as be was working near it and pinned him down, injuring his back and leg.

At the meeting of the Men's club of the First Parish, held on Tuesday evening in the Unitarian vestry, Rev. E. S. Forbes, of Boston, delivered a most comprehensive and forceful talk "Village improvements. of his ideas might be thought too difficult for achievement in an ordinary country village, that might be the fault of the listeners who had never attempted the plans. There was a very fair attendance, and a few ladies present, as it was an open meeting social time with the nents followed the address

New Year Dance.

A merry company danced the 'Old year out and the new year in." at Prescott hall Friday. December 31, the occasion being the dance held under the auspices of the Pepperell Military band. There were just enough present to make dancing agreeable and many spectators. The concert program rendered from eight to mne o'clock was enjoyed by all. The seand head.

The meeting of the Nissitissitt Bird club was necessarily postponed from Wednesday afternoon, January 5, and the members will be notified when it is possible for a date to be arranged.

Harry Jewett Came from his home in New Jersey for the week-end with in New Jersey for the week-end with the members will be notified when it is home. The director for the evening was Mr. Barrows, leader and instruction of the Shirley Industrial School band. Fred F. Robbins of Fitchburg and Roy Woodward of Dunstable came to assist in the band, also for the

At midnight, although no special the Babbidge guild, plan had been made, there was a

erred to, and a son and daughter, billip and Ruth Cushing, by a former

Services were theld from his late home, 39 Broad street, Westfield, on Monday, January 3.

\$15,000 Blaze.

wo o'clock Sunday morning. The dre originated in the fruit store of John Bartholomeo and his brotherire originated in the fruit store of mon. ionn Bartholomeo and his brother-n-law. Charles Swasey, whose varie-y store is next door, had been de-ained late in his store Saturday eveing and was sleeping there for remainder of the night, as was his custom. He was awakened by an ex-plosion, as of an oil stove, and the flames were apparent in the next store when he reached the door. His shouts reached the gatekeeper at the Boston and Maine crossing, Mr. Hackett, who rung in an alarm. Three alarms were sounded from the same box, No. 27, calling out every available fireman

from the first, as it was a mass of flames before the alarm stopped. The heat broke the glass in the next building and it was soon on fire in a dozen places. The second story of Mr. Swasey's store was occupied The second story over the two front rooms by the M. K. club and the barber at New Prescott hotel, George Bosworth. At the rear of the building, a large room was used as a practise room by the Pepperell band. The M. K. club had their fur-

band. The M. K. club had their fur-niture destroyed and the larger in-struments of the band were also de-stroyed, being partially insured. The firemen put in a hard hour's fight in this block, being successful only in saving the outer walls and thus preventing the fire from spread-ing and destroying the residence of

were saved, may be rebuilt, although not at present.

The street lights came on immedi-ately following the alarm, but went

Swasey's store could be boarded up, about noon, the all out being sounded for the firemen about that time.

New Year's Dancing Party.

A new year's dancing party was given at the residence of Rainsford Deware on last Saturday evening by the Misses Deware and their cousin, Miss Dunton, in honor of Miss Crampton and Mr. French, guests from St.
Johnsbury, Vt. A fine Victrola furnished music for the dancers. One
of the prettiest features was the
"favor dance," pink roses being the
favors. Miss Dunton favored the company with several brilliant piano solos during the evening. About thirty young guests were present to enjoy the evening, refreshments being served in the spacious dining-room to complete the evening's pleasure.

A novelty was introduced during the evening in the form of a game of

evening in the form of a game of "match proverbs," for partners. The proverbs were contained in large snow

The guests included Misses Madeline The guests included Misses Madeline Graham, Marguerite Donnelly, Susan Andrews, Lydia Waite, Middred Lunt, Kathryn Thayer, Annie Hamilton and Marion Thompson; Roger Robbins, Arthur Tower, Charlie Parker, Roscoe Haves, Donald Jacobs, Gerald Shat-nick Eugene Donnelly, Lloyd Tower. tack, Eugene Donnelly, Lloyd Tower, Harry Jewett, Sidney Tower and Rus-sell Wright.

Church Services.

At the Congregational church Sun-day morning the pastor will preach on the topic, "True preparedness." Sunday school at noon. At the seven o'clock service there will be music by the young people's choir. On this week Friday evening the Forward club will hold a business meeting followed by a social at the

Congregational parsonage. A business meeting of the church will be held on Thursday afternoon, January 13, at 1.30 o'clock, when re-

ports will be given and new officers At the Unitarian church the pastor will preach at the morning service on the subject, "Give and take." The evening meeting will be in charge of

tianity, the phrase "War is hate" ing repeatedly used during the dis-

The music of the union choir was in charge of Mrs. Richardson and consisted of the processional, "Another year is dawning"; anthem, "Lift up A fire, which destroyed two busi-sess blocks belonging to A. A. Tar-bell and which threatened his resi-lence on Main street, broke out about observed at the conclusion of the sermon. The hymn, "Watchman, tell us of the night," was sung during the service by request of Dr. Fenn, who also made a request for the same hymn at a former address in town, proving this one of his favorite hymns.

The three pastors of the churches assisted at the service. Mr. Beers of fered prayer and gave the week's notices for the Methodist church; Mr. Lewis read a selection of the scriptures and gave similar notices for the Congregational church, and Mr. Child pastor of the Unitarian nounced the bonediction. mas trimming had been allowed to re-The small building was doomed main and added to the service.

Return From California.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Miller ar rived home from their California trip on Saturday morning, having been stranded at Ayer over night Friday their train being three hours late by stranded at reason of a wreck just out of Buffalo. After leaving Berkeley they went to Los Angeles, stopping over there a Los Angeles, stopping over there a few days and meeting Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Richardson at the home of Dwight, Richardson, Hollywood, also many other New England boys, in-cluding Merton Jenks, Harold Blood, Fred Nutting and Sherman Parker. Passing on to San Diego, to visit the fair, they encountered more easterners, meeting Charles Leighton and enjoying the hospitality of W. H. Lawrence, a relative of the late Sum-

band have been having a pronounced attack of the grippe, confining them to the house.

The town has received in the last week checks amounting to \$15.160 in settlement of the 1911 taxes and also for municipal electric lighting.

The committee of the W. C. T. U. who have been arranging the annual holiday remembrance of those at the town farm, have postponed the date until Tuesday, January 11. Any fruit to other articles suitable for gifts may be sent to the committee, Mrs. Appleton, Mrs. Pond or Mrs. Lane, up to that time. The hours will be from the time. The hours will be from the time. The hours will be from the afternoon and it has been arranged that Durant's big barse will call for those who desire, at reasonable rates.

Miss Marguerite Drury returned to the home of her uncle, Walter Drury, from her home in Piermont, N. H. this week to resume her studies at our high school.

The truth would go, standing within a few feet as it does. The entire stock of Mr. Swasey is few consisted of the few consisted of china as it consisted of china and other articles which they as and other articles which the base-ment of this block for his plumbing the lames.

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home, coming to Kansas City, and from there to St. Louis, Chicago and Ruffalo, then to Ayer and home, having enjoyed a trip of many delightful incidents and full of wonderful scenes.

week.

At a meeting of Thomas Parker post, G. A. R., held at Odd Fellows's hall on Tuesday evening, the following officers were installed by H. C. Thurston, past commander, for the ensuing year; George G. Tarbell, com; Henry P. Humes, s. v. c.; Russell C. Plummer, j. v. c.; 'C. G. Willey, Surg.; Henry C. Thurston, qua.; C. G. Willey, officer of the day; Ezra Goss, chap.; George L. Lakin, officer of the guard; M. Luther Boynton, adjt.

Negotiations are being made between B. A. Keith and the stored of the windows and doors at the windows and doors at the windows and full of wonderful scenes. They left town on November 11, making a stay of seven weeks.

About Town.

The Center Bird club of the Junior Audubon class has been divided for the store of E. E. Tarbell, which was made into good hot drink for the firemen at Mrs. Lavalley's nearby and served out with crackers and cheese.

As soon as the flames were under control he was also placed in command of the goods to prevent further looking and remained on the scene with Miss Morton as teacher. The meet with Miss Morton as teacher. The men of the goods to prevent further looking and remained on the scene divided for the winter months. The first division consists of the older boys with Mrs. Addison Woodward as leader. The second division are the older girls to meet with Miss Morton as teacher. The making a stay of seven weeks.

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They left town on November 12, making a stay of seven weeks. Monday afternoon of each month at four o'clock, the next one to be on Japuary 10, No. 1 at Mrs. Woodward's, No. 2 at Miss Merrill's and No. 3 at the Townsend Street Schoolhouse. It is asked that all the finished leaflets he returned at the next meeting

The Equal Suffrage met with Mrs J. B. Lewis, eight members being pres-ent. Mrs. Lovejoy, the president, re-signed. The annual meeting will be February 3.

The L. S. C. Alliance Branch of the First Parish will hold its monthly all-day meeting on Friday, January 14, at 10.30 o'clock in the ladies' room of the church. The history of the National Alliance will be read during the morning session. Box lunch at Business meeting at delock.

On Friday afternoon, January 11, from 3,30 to 5 o'clock, the Cheerful Letter class will hold a candy sale and serve afternoon tea. The patron-age of the public is solicited to raise money for postage on reading matter sent to shut-ins and remote people. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Farley announce

engagement of their daughter Bessie M., to Thomas F. Tarbell, New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Tarbell, of this town.

HARVARD

News Items.

Dadmun & Maynard are putting on some novelties in the way of pictures at their Saturday evening shows. Last Saturday Mr. Dadpun gave a very in-teresting and instructive reel showing what the savings bank life insurance is doing for the people. This week he has another industrial reel of especial to the farmers-D. Whiting Son's milk system.

Miss Alice Cleaves is teaching in the first primary school for the present. Mrs. H. B. Royal and Miss Catherine Russell are both sick with the grippe. The doctor has a trained nurse caring for them.

Allen Hathaway returned to town Tuesday last, after a two weeks' vaca-tion with relatives in Maine.

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The next club meeting occurs Janu ary 17. Lester W. Feezer of the State Board of Health will give an illustrat-ed talk on "School hygiene," at two o'clock in the Congregational church

This meeting is open to

auditorium. This meeting parents of school children.

Still River. Berry Sherman, who has lived in the little house at the cranberry about half a mile from Still Rive arount hair a mile from Still R railroad station, on the Lancaster of the river, has disappeared. lived alone and cared for a lot hens and was last seen on December Neighbors noticed his absence and his brother in Lowell was notified and of him could be found and as yet no trace of him.

The supper and entertainment in the vestry last week Thursday evening Howard Porter has gone to work was well attended and a pleasing enin a machine shop in Worcester. tertainment followed the supper.

he grippe. Among those who have suffered from this affliction we note

their sister, Mrs. George Thorning, devoted to games, who died quite suddenly. Charles The newly-elected officers of Thorning, who has been staying with Sunday school are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Hutcherson, was called to Temple, N. H., on account of his mother's illness and death.

Mrs. Gertrude C. Whitney has stor

n South Lawrence for the winter. Miss Flora Murchie has returned to ier nurse dútics at a Boston hospital. after being home for several months, recovering from a surgical operation.

The holiday vacations being over the following teachers have resumed Saturday.

their duties: Warren H. Harrod at Worcester, Grace Farnsworth in Malden, Edith Farnsworth in Springfield, Ruth Willard in Lunenbu Ethelyn Russell in Vermont. Lunenburg and

Albert Harrod, of Pepperell, visited his mother, Mrs. Hannah D. Harrod,

WESTFORD

Forge Village. Gertrude Comey is attending Burdett Commercial college, Boston

Tuesday.

Frederick Davis has been confined to his home this week by illness. Mr. and Mrs. Tindall and son Harold are now in their new home in Hudson, where Mr. Tindall has accepted a position as overseer of spinning. Mr. Tindall was overseer of spinning in the mills of Abbot & Co.

The Ladies' Sewing circle held their regular meeting in Recreation hall on Thursday afternoon. The Young People's Social club of St. Andrew's Mission held a most in-teresting meeting in Recreation hall on Thursday evening.

An increase of wages, the amount to be given out later, has been given the employees of Abbot & Co., the increase commencing Monday, January 3,

Miss Florence White was the guest of Miss Eleanor McLeod over the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver of Pond street entertained Mrs. M. A. DeRoehn and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyler and daughter Elsie, all of Wor-

cester, over the holidays. Among the holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fennimore Morton were Lawrence Taylor of Westford and his brothers, George and John Taylor of Norwood. Mrs. Sarah Morton French of Nashua, N. H., and Mrs. Mary Morin of Westford.

Mrs. Carrie Morton of Bridgeport Conn., is the guest of relatives here. Miss Priscilla Bennett was entertained over the holidays at the hom of her sister, Mrs. August Meyers, o Dorcester.

Among the many pleasant gather Among the many pleasant gatherings held on New Year's night was that held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Baker in honor of their nephew. William Davis, of Amsterdam, N. Y. who is spending his holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis. The evening was spent in music and a delightful program being given. The orchestra which furnished the music was composed of the following: Mrs. John E. Burnett, Miss Gladys Baker, mandolins; William Davis, violin; Miss Lit. posed of the following: Mrs. John E. Burnett, Miss Gladys Baker, mando-ins; William Davis, violin; Miss Lil-lian Baker, piano; John Baker, drums Han Baker, piano; John Baker, drums. The piano duet was played by Misses Marion Blodgett and Lillian Baker and songs were rendered by John and William Baker and John and James McMurray. Dainty refreshments were served during the evening by Mrs. Baker, assisted by Mrs. John Edwards. wards.

A merry gathering was held on New Year's night at the home of Mrs. M. A. Lowther and twenty-one friends of former years were very enjoyably en-tertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mountain of Westford road entertained Miss Bér-tha Mountain of Lowell on New Year's day. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDonald were

the guests of relatives in Tyngsboro or Sunday. Sunday.

John Hobson of New Bedford has returned to that place after a most enjoyable visit at the home of his parents over the holldays.

Hanley & Co.'s store was broken in Henry F. Morse of Allstead, N. H., is with his son, I. E. Morse, and family here for a few days.

E. F. Corey returned this week after spending two weeks with the folks at Portland, Me.

tack of the grippe. Miss Annie Sherry is teaching in

harlton. Lewis Richardson is soon to build a new house on the rise of land near the old buildings to be occupied by himself and wife. This does not inhimself and wife. This does not in-dicate that the old home is to be de-serted, but would seem to imply that as the older ones move out a younger himself and wife.

couple will move in. Mr. Livermore's horse died very sud-denly on Tuesday. The men were drawing wood and a little rise of ground required an extra effort from the horse, which, it is thought a blood vessel, as the horse bl-fusely and died very soon.

C. T. Wetherbee's team took a party of young people from West Acton on a sleigh ride to Hudson last Monday

There seems to be an epidemic of the church vestry last Thursday evening. Mr. Messirian was present. A hort program was first given, this in Rev. L. H. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Levi H. Howard, Miss Eliza Bateman and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Willard. Mrs. Chester Willard.

Mrs. Augustus Hutchinson and siser. Mrs. Orde, went to Temple, N. H.,
Wednesday to attend the funeral of served and the rest of the evening was

The newly-elected officers of the George Burroughs. George Burrougns, supt.; Frank Dodge, a.sst. supt.; George Richard-son, sec. and treas.; Miss Hazel Morse librarian; Mrs. Albert Walker, distri-Dodge, asst ed her furniture and gone to her home butor of literature; Miss Maria Steele planist; Mr. Messirian, home depart

> Mrs. B. C. Steele entertained Mr Messirian last Sunday It is expected that about sixty new

ment.

will be placed in the

For the Children F. C. Bradman, Jr., Young-

est United States Marine.



Although his parents didn't raise him to be a soldier, Frederic C. Bradman, Jr., of Mare Island, Cal., aged seven years, has twice formally enlisted in the United States marine corps and is a corporal in his second "hitch." to use the sea soldier vernacular.

Corporal Bradman wears a scrvice stripe and a good conduct medal as a reward for excellent service during his first enlistment and also sports a sharpshooter's badge that was won by proxy. The youngest marine has had two years' foreign service in Cuba. which will count as four years toward the thirty years necessary for retirement. And Corporal Bradman says he will re-enlist until he shall have served

Major Frederic L. Bradman, U. S. M. C., father of the boy, is proud of the fact that the regularly enlisted marines have accepted his son as a comrade and obey his orders as corporal.

"French Roll."

A good many children can play in this game. One player is called the buyer. The rest form a line in front of him and take hold of each other. The first in the line is called the baker, the last the French roll. Those between are supposed to be the oven.

When they are in place the buyer says to the baker, "Give me my French The baker replies, "It is at the back of the oven." The buyer goes to fetch it, when the French roll begins running from the back of the oven and comes up to the baker, calling all the

while, "Who runs? Who runs?" . The layer must run after him, butaif the French roll gets first to the top of the line he becomes baker, and the last in the line is French roll. If, however. the buyer catches the French roll the French roll becomes buyer, and the buyer takes the place of the baker.

An Alphabet Game.

The best place to play this game is at the table. Somebody begins by saying, "I had for dinner an apple;" the next person says, "I had for dinner an apple and a beet;" the third declares he "had for dinner an apple, a beet and some celery." Each player contributes the name of something to eat beginning with the next letter of the alphaorder, and he must repeat every thing that has been mentioned up to that point in the game. By the time company has reached are of course twenty-six names to remember, and it is quite likely that most of the players will have missed

and have fallen out of the game.

A New Year's Jumble. The words have been jumbled to form other words. For example, No. 1 is New Year's day.

1. The next holiday after Csristmas-Yes wade yarn. 2. The time when Mr. New Year ar rives-Dim thing.

3. An old man with a scythe-He trim fate 4. What takes place when the new year comes-Ben gill grin. 5. The name of our century-Cute

Answer .- 1. New Year's day; 2, mid-

night: 3. Father Time; 4. bell ringing;

5, twentieth century. New Year's Long Ago.

wiry tenth ten.

Way back in the days of the Romans the New Year celebration was a gala one. They decorated their houses and temples with wreaths of evergreen and presented each other with branches of trees as omens of good luck for the coming year. Also they feasted and made merry in the dance and in the masquerades, visited each other and exchanged gifts much as we now do on Christmas day.

New Year's Eve. New Year's Eve.

New Year eve's the time for fun, 'Fore the New Year has begun, When it's everybody's plan

To make all the noise they can. An' you take most anything—

Horn to blow or bell to ring, Whirl a rattle hard an' quick, Pound a dishpan with a stick, Any nonsense is allowed, An' you join in with the crowd An' parade around the square, Makin' racket everywhere.

An' as you go 'long the street' If you do

An' as you go 'long the street You must cry to all you meet, "Happy New Year!" If you d They will say, "The same to