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The years roll along so rapidly that one hardly realizes that he is enjoying one of the seasons before another is upon him. So much has been crowded into the past year that but little time has been given to reflection—for it has been next to impossible to keep up with the swiftly moving tide of events. Nor are we going to stop to review any of the happenings of the past year; only to say that as The Reporter passes another milestone we are cognizant of the fact, and wish to pledge anew the continued good feeling which we have for all our people,—likewise we have every reason to believe this feeling is mutual. Together the Reporter and people will continue to perform their mission in this community with the thought ever in mind that we are doing something worth while; only by working together can we expect to do the greatest good to the greatest number. This is a bit different from our usual valedictory but it seems to be the proper thing at this time. Let everybody try this idea—we'll be with you—and see how well 'twill work out.



Molly Aiken Chapter

Molly Aiken Chapter, D. A. R., met with Mrs. Beatrice Clement Boy Friday, Dec. 13, the Regent, Mrs. Boyd, presiding. The meeting was opened with ritual service, followed by Salute to the Flag, and singing of America. Roll Call—"Anecdotes of Our Naval Heroes." At the conclusion of the business of the meeting the following program was given:

Song of the United States Marines, by Mrs. Robinson. Mrs. Wheeler. Mr. Lang and Mrs. Nichols; Reading "Lincoln's First Thanksgiving Proclamation," Mrs. Hunt; Duet, Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Robinson; "The History of Our Navy," Mrs. Peaslee; Poem, "Men of Our Navy," Mrs. Robinson. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. Hunt January 3.

Emma Langley Cooley, Secy



Next Wednesday being Christmas, the Reporter will go to press Tuesday; all correspondents and advertisers, as well as other contributors, will kindly bear in mind this fact and send in their favors at least one day earlier.

FROM FRANCE

An Antrim Boy Writes to the Home Folks

Somewhere in France, Oct. 2, 1918.

Dear folks—

Am taking time during a lull in advance to scratch a few lines to you. For over a week now we have been supporting the doughboys with our fire, and straining Huns; and we are still going. You have doubtless read in the papers of the recent happenings, and before this reaches you, will know more than I can tell you.

Just received your letter of Aug. 26 and it came at just the right time, for I was both tired and hungry, and it was better than food, Mother. We have traveled so fast the past week or more, that we were ahead of the "chow." Sometimes haven't eaten for two days but "chow" came to us last night, so I am all right today. Anything to beat the Kaiser. Every Boche prisoner we see with a Red Cross on his arm we figure is either a machine gunner or a sniper, and even after they surrender they're treacherous. They throw up their hands—Kamerad—and if the poor doughboy is not very alert, he is a gonner, for the upheld hand may contain a hand grenade or small automatic.

Oct. 12

Am sending the necessary label or coupon for a package, as you will probably like to send a little remembrance for Christmas. But do not send anything that would be likely to spoil on the way. You know about what will please me.

We are still chasing Fritz, and you know what the result will be, as well as I.

I will now bring this to a close, with love and good luck to you all until next time.

Oct. 17

Am adding another line or so. We hear a lot of peace talk, but hardly take much stock in it as yet; however, we have hopes.

Well, there are only about six weeks until winter sets in, and between us and cold weather I think Fritz will be ruined if something definite does not happen before. Shall try to send letters to D. J. Aunt Annie and Gram tonight. I have a new job, given me the 4th. Am in charge of the ammunition, not a hard task but requires a little responsibility, and a lot of reports. This will be the last of this series, so good luck and love till the next.

Corp. Charles Nelson Robertson, Battery E, 77th F. A., 4th Div., Somewhere in France.

A Card

The undersigned wish to thank all who were so kind and thoughtful to us during our recent sad affliction; especially do we want to remember the Rebekah Lodge and Molly Aiken Chapter, D. A. R., for floral tributes. Charles E. Martin and family.

IN BEAUTIFUL FRANCE

Lt. Fearing Writes From Convalescent Hospital

The following letter was written by Lieut. Ralph Fearing to his mother in Dorchester, Mass., and we are publishing it at the request of his grandfather, S. S. Sawyer, of Antrim:

Nov. 11, 1918

Dear Mother:

I am now in a convalescent hospital on the Mediterranean shore. It can hardly be called a hospital, for we are living in a magnificent hotel under practically the same conditions tourists would in ordinary times.

From the window where I am sitting I can see way out over the blue Mediterranean. The grounds around the hotel are wonderful—palm trees, all kinds of plants and flowers.

The climate is mild, neither too hot nor too cold. This morning two other officers and myself hired a boat. Tomorrow we are going fishing.

These two officers and myself arrived here last night from the base hospital. We stopped off at Lyons, Marseilles, Nice, Monaco, Monte Carlo, and Menton. The last place is on the Italian border. We got about a hundred yards into Italy. I mailed two postal cards from there, which I hope you received. We took electric cars from Nice to Menton, stopping at Monte Carlo for a short time. It was the most beautiful ride I ever had.

I think Southern France must be the most beautiful place in the world. Northern France cannot be compared with it. I would not have missed the trip for anything. It was worth getting plugged with a few bullets, to have been able to take it. And it is not all over yet, for we will probably get a chance to see a lot more of the country around here.

I am feeling fine, and the wounds in my legs do not trouble me now. I put on some weight while in the hospital.

We have just received the news that the German delegates have signed the armistice. If too many complications do not arise I suppose the war is finished.

I hope they will send me back soon, but am afraid it will be some time before they do.

However, I am enjoying myself very well where I am, and if the end of the war were not in sight, would be willing to stay here, but the news we are getting now makes me restless to get back.

With love,

Ralph.



With the Churches

BAPTIST

The usual services will be held on Sunday.

There will be special Christmas music by the chorus choir, including an anthem "Behold I Bring you Good Tidings," and Carols. A cordial invitation is extended to any who do not ordinarily attend church to worship with us on Sunday. "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth Peace, and good will to men."

On Monday afternoon there will be a Christmas Tree and party for all the children connected with the Sunday School, from 3 to 5:30 o'clock.

Rev. J. R. Young is expected to preach at the Baptist church next Sunday; the church officers feel that they are very fortunate in being able to secure this man.

Weekly Pledges for the Local Red Cross

The collection of the weekly pledges for the local Red Cross will be discontinued for the present. There is sufficient money in the treasury for our probable needs for the next few months. When there is a shortage, you will be asked to resume the payments.

Emma S. Goodell, Chairman Red Cross

PASTOR INSTALLED

With Appropriate and Impressive Exercises

The installation of Rev. J. D. Cameron pastor of the Presbyterian church of Antrim took place last Thursday evening, at the church, at 7:30 o'clock. A committee of the Presbytery of Newburyport had charge of the service, and the local pastors assisted. The moderator of the Presbytery, Rev. F. H. Laird, of West Barnet, Vt., presided. A goodly number of the town's people, in addition to the regular attendants of this church were present.

The music was furnished by the choir, with an anthem, and assisted by the violin.

The sermon was preached by Rev. A. McD. Paterson, D. D.; the Constitutional Questions, and charge to the Congregation were given by Rev. F. H. Laird; charge to the pastor, by Rev. Arthur R. Davies; benediction, Rev. J. D. Cameron.



ANTRIM HIGH SCHOOL

Notes Furnished The Reporter By the School

Show your spirit by attending the game with Hancock on Christmas night.

The school calendar has been modified to allow a vacation of a week for Christmas, instead of the three days formerly planned. Although this will necessitate having school sessions on New Year's Day, and on one Saturday, it has seemed wise for several reasons, not the least of which is the conservation of fuel.

While many were disappointed at losing out to Milford by a score of 74 to 2 in the basket ball game played in Milford last Friday evening, no one could have been disappointed at the game our boys put up. Milford had the advantage of a larger, heavier set of men, of its own floor, and of its own referee. But our boys put up a good fight, and showed good training. Antrim meets Milford on the home floor January 3, and intends to roll up a good score against them. Everybody out to help the boys on that date!

A new plan has recently been put into action in the school, according to which one of the seven divisions into which the school has been divided, gives declamations each Wednesday afternoon. The second division, under the supervision of Mr. Jones, recited this afternoon. The program was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Tyler; "Little Phil," Alice Thornton; "Our Whippings," Philip Knowles; Christmas Song, School; "Father's Letter," Frederica Nay; "Stoves and Sunshine," Wilbur Tandy; Piano Duet, Misses Barker and Parker; "The Ride of Jennie McNeal," Angie Craig; Star Spangled Banner, School.



Remember the days when you were little and plan your Christmas accordingly.

Renew Your Membership in the Red Cross

Even though peace is coming, the work of the Red Cross is not done. Thousands of the American boys are sick and wounded. They and their families need protection. As long as there is misery and distress the work of the Red Cross must go on; and it must have the moral support of the American people. We are asked for an enrollment of 40 percent of our population. We believe you will be ready to renew when the solicitor calls. All old service flags should be removed from the windows. New flags and buttons will be furnished.

Emma S. Goodell, Chairman Red Cross

Can't Do The Work

It's too much to try to work every day against a constant, dull backache, or sudden darting pain in the small of the back. Be rid of it. Try Doan's Kidney Pills. Thousands of people recommend them.

M. A. Davis, farmer, Henniker St., Hillsboro, N. H., says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on during the last five years and they have always brought the best of results. Kidney trouble in my case, I think started owing to the heavy work I did. I have had dull pains through the small of my back and it has been hard for me to bend or do my work. Doan's Kidney Pills have always given me relief when I suffered in that way."

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WEARS GOLD BARS

As Result of a Commission in the Regular Army

On Saturday, Dec. 7, Henry Burr Eldredge, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Eldredge, who has been attending a quartermaster officers' training school at Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla., received his commission as second lieutenant. The same day he received his honorable discharge from the army as an enlisted man, and was furloughed for a period of years to the officers' reserve corps. After spending a few days in the family of his uncle, Major Henry M. Snow, Jr., of St. Augustine, Fla., he returned home, arriving Thursday night.



Lieut. H. B. Eldredge was a volunteer, was accepted for enlistment July 20, 1917, at Manchester, N. H., and enlisted in the Medical Corps two days later at Fort Slocum, N. Y. From there he was sent to Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., for three weeks and then to Camp McClellan, Anniston, Alabama. At this camp he was connected with the Base Hospital for about thirteen months.

In October was sent on detached service to the Q. M. C. Camp at Jacksonville, and attended the training school for officers, specializing in the course for water transportation.

With the exception of one year in the Middleboro, Mass., schools, Mr. Eldredge's education was received in the Antrim schools, and he has the distinction of being the only graduate of the Antrim High school, with no further schooling, to hold a lieutenant's commission.

Election of Officers

The semi annual election of officers of Mt. Crochod Encampment, I. O. O. F., was held Monday night at the regular meeting, and the following were chosen: Chief Patriarch, H. W. Eldredge; Senior Warden, George W. Goodhue; High Priest, George D. Dresser; Junior Warden, Philip Whittemore; Scribe, Charles L. Eaton; Treasurer, Everett N. Davis; Trustee for three years, Charles L. Eaton. John Thornton, D. D. G. P., will install the officers at the next meeting, January 6.

Auction Sale

Charles H. Dutton, as agent for the heirs, will sell at public auction, on Thursday, Dec. 19, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at Woodward's hotel, in Hancock village, the real estate of the late Richard Coughlan, known as the Matthews farm. For particulars read posters.

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The spirit of Christmas is evident in every department of our store. We have eclipsed all former attempts to serve our customers with the best satisfaction.

Our gifts represent all prices but every one is a quality gift—from the store where quality is the first consideration.

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Our Purchases in China and Toys Were Specially Happy.
The Goods are Just Being Opened.
Our Toys Were Made in the United States.

Fighting Having Ceased in France, We Shall All Want to Make

A Great Christmas!

You Ought to Attend to Your Christmas Purchases Right Now. This Year More Than Other Years You'll be Disappointed if You Delay. It Will Pay You to Visit Our Store Right Now

Your Purchase can remain with us for Delivery whenever you wish. There is nothing to gain by delay, there's much to lose

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Trains leave Antrim Depot as follows:

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4.09		7.24

Sunday: 6.22, 6.43, 11.40 a.m.; 4.53 p.m.
Stage leaves Express Office 15 minutes earlier than departure of train.
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Long Distance Telephone

Notices of Concerts, Lectures, Entertainments, etc., to which an admission fee is charged, or for which a fee is desired, must be paid for an advertisement by the line.

Cards of Thanks are inserted at 50c. each.

Resolutions of ordinary length \$1.00.

Obituary notices and lists of flowers charged for at advertising rates; also will be charged at the same rate for notices at a wedding.

Entered at the Post-office at Antrim, N. H., as second-class matter.



"It Stands Between Humanity and Oppression!"

Antrim Locals

Word has been received that Albert Zabriskie is now "Somewhere in France."

Miss Eleanor Lane is spending a season with her aunt, Miss Maude Lane, in Boston.

A. H. S. Basket Ball at town hall, Antrim, Wednesday, Dec. 25. Hancock High plays.

TO LET—7 room cottage, with garden and fruit trees, on Elm St. Apply to Mrs. M. J. Bass.

RAW FURS wanted at highest prices ever paid. Price list free.

Ralph T. Barney, Canaan, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hodges are entertaining their son, Burt Hodges, from Camp Zachary Taylor, in Kentucky.

Relatives have received word that Francis A. Whittemore is ill with bronchial pneumonia at an aviation camp in Virginia.

Ralph Proctor is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Proctor, for the vacation season, from studies at the State college, in Durham.

FOR SALE—Hill-grown wood, mostly old growth beech and rock maple. Price \$8 00 per cord.

Elmer W. Merrill, Antrim.

Phone 25-3.

Samuel S. Sawyer went Saturday to visit over Sunday with Mrs. D. P. Bryer, in Peterboro, and on Monday went to Boston to spend a season with his sons and daughters.

Miss Gladys Colby is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Colby, on vacation from the Keene Normal school which is closed because of another outbreak of the "flu."

First Class Private Norman Thompson is at home, after having won a silver and blue service stripe in the world war. He was on board a troop transport three days out at the time the armistice was signed and the ship received orders to return to the United States.

WANTED—WOMEN TO KNIT sweaters and stockings. Very little yarn has been taken this month. Please take yarn now to be used immediately after Christmas. We need twenty-five sweaters and two hundred twenty-five pairs of stockings by the end of January. This is a big order but Antrim women have never failed in their loyalty to the Red Cross. Get yarn at the Red Cross room or at my home this week. The week following Christmas all the yarn will be at the Red Cross Headquarters.

Hattie M. Cannell,

Chairman Knitting Dept.

Notice to Tax Payers

I wish to notify the Resident Tax Payers of Antrim that they should bring in their taxes before December 1 to save interest; and all non resident tax payers must bring their taxes in before December 25 to save costs.

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Antrim Locals

Miss Susie Swift has been confined to her home by illness.

Miss Sadie Larrabee is spending the holiday season with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

A. H. S. Basket Ball at town hall, Antrim, Wednesday, Dec. 25. Hancock High plays.

Donald Madden, who has been studying in the Aviation section of the S. A. T. C., at the State College, has been released.

Roger Hilton, of the Aviation Corps, has been discharged from service and is with his parents in Hillsboro; he was visiting here last week.

C. Harold Jewsbury has received his discharge from the Coast Artillery Corps, at Fort Constitution, Portsmouth, and has returned to his home.

Sheldon Burgham, a New Hampshire Cadet at the State College, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Burnham, for the holiday season.

D. Wallace Cooley has been discharged from the Quartermaster Corps, of the Army, at Camp Upton, New York, and is at home with his mother, Mrs. D. W. Cooley.

A reception to Rev. John D. Cameron, newly installed pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Mrs. Cameron, will be held at the church social parlors this Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred I. Burnham are entertaining their daughter, Miss Grace Burnham, who is on a 10 day leave of absence from duties as Registered Nurse in an Army hospital at Ellis Island, N. Y.

Lawrence Black, who has been serving as bugler in the Signal Corps, in training at Dartmouth College grounds, Hanover, has received his discharge and returned home a few days ago. He went to Boston Monday to assist his father with his business.

Moving Pictures

Town Hall, Antrim

TUESDAY Evening, Dec. 24

Wm. Courtney in

"The Kécol" 5 Reel Drama

Pathe News Comedy

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Antrim Locals

FOR SALE—Good two horse Sled.

Apply to W. E. Cram, Antrim.

A. H. S. Basket Ball at town hall, Antrim, Wednesday, Dec. 25. Hancock High plays.

Mrs. Walter C. Hills has been enjoying a few days with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Archie D. Perkins and friend, from Camp Devens, Mass., were guests over Sunday at the former's home here.

Harold Pierce has received his discharge from the Army and is at home. He was in the Coast Artillery branch of the service.

Bernard M. Davis, who has been taking a course of military training at the State College, has been released and is at home.

Miss Ruth Barker and friend, Miss Polly Tyler, from the State College, at Durham, are guests of Miss Barker's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Robert S. Barker, at the Methodist parsonage, for the holiday vacation.

Miles C. Buckminster, who has been assistant station agent at the Antrim depot for five years, has received the appointment as station agent at Marlboro, where his father has been agent for several years. He is preparing to move his home to Marlboro, week and will continue his duties.



The Farmer Receives More Than Five Thousand Dollars a Minute From Swift & Company

This amount is paid to the farmer for live stock, by Swift & Company alone, during the trading hours of every business day.

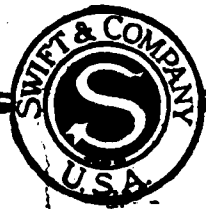
All this money is paid to the farmer through the open market in competition with large and small packers, shippers, speculators and dealers.

The farmer, feeder, or shipper receives every cent of this money (\$300,000 an hour, nearly \$2,000,000 a day, \$11,500,000 a week) in cash, on the spot, as soon as the stock he has just sold is weighed up.

Some of the money paid to the farmer during a single day comes back to the company in a month from sale of products; much does not come back for sixty or ninety days or more. But the next day Swift & Company, to meet the demands made by its customers, must pay out another \$2,000,000 or so; and at the present high price levels keeps over \$250,000,000 continuously tied up in goods on the way to market and in bills owed to the company.

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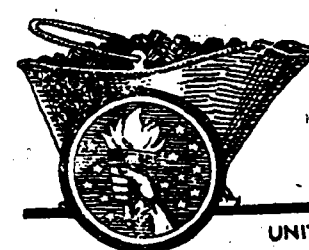
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United States Fuel Administration Urges All Possible Conservation of Coal on Hand and General Use of Buckwheat Size and Wood.

The United States Fuel Administration calls upon all users of anthracite coal for the utmost conservation of coal this winter.

Where a hundred per cent. supply had been anticipated for every user of hard coal as a domestic fuel, a grave slump in production because of the effects of the influenza epidemic has made it apparent that the most extreme economy, coupled with the use of all available substitutes, will be necessary to prevent discomfort to a large number of householders.

Householders in the Middle West, hitherto accustomed to the use of anthracite coal, were placed on reduced allotments of hard coal this winter in order that the northeastern section of the country might have its customary full supply.

With distribution facilitated through the working of the zone system, the amount of hard coal available appeared to be more than ample for requirements. The anthracite miners had maintained a steady level of production during summer and fall months which seemed to provide a conservative basis for estimates.

A tremendous slump in production followed the sweep of the influenza epidemic, however. Hundreds of miners fell ill from the disease, and of those who recovered few were able to reach their former efficiency within several weeks.

The "tons mined" figures, after a slight upward trend from the worst of the "flu" effects, fell again when the miners joined hands with the rest of the country in the two celebrations of the signing of the armistice.

Between the two causes, the total anthracite production figures received

a blow which will require the most extreme efforts of all available anthracite coal, were placed on reduced allotments of hard coal this winter in order that the northeastern section of the country might have its customary full supply.

Few consumers have sufficient anthracite coal to last them through the entire winter. If you are one of those fortunate it is incumbent upon you to make the supply in your cellar go as many months as possible in order that less well supplied households will not have to do without.

Aside from the most extreme economy in the use of domestic sizes of anthracite coal, the Fuel Administration urges the following measures:

The use of No. 1 Buckwheat coal to supplement the larger sizes. (Buckwheat size cannot be used alone.)

The use of wood to as great an extent as possible.

The sifting of ashes to reclaim the considerable amount of half-burned or entirely unburned coal falling through grates.

Weather stripping of doors and windows so that less fuel will be required for heating.



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Lot Men's Suits, in blues, browns and mixed goods, 36 to 42, \$18 value, This Sale **\$12**

23 Young Men's Suits, Patch Pockets, Military Style, in green, blue and mixed goods; these are nobby suits and extraordinary value, for This Sale **\$18 TO \$25**

50 Men's Suits, sizes 32 to 36, slightly shop worn, a little off in style, \$15 value, for This Sale **\$9**

25 Men's Black Clay Worsted Dress Coats, worth \$12, for This Sale **\$4**

Lot Men's Odd Suit Coats, \$5.00 value, for This Sale **\$2**

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Lot Boys' Long Pant Suits, ages 16 to 20 years, slightly shop worn, little off in style, \$12 value, for This Sale **\$5**

Lot Youths' Suits, Short Pants, ages 4 to 16 years, good value \$6 to \$10, must go at **\$4**

Lot Boys' and Youths' Suits, in blue serges and mixed goods, ages 4 to 14 years, \$9 value, for This Sale **\$5 TO \$6.50**

75 Pairs Extra Heavy, All Wool, Straight Leg Pants, ages 6 to 14 years, for This Sale **25c TO \$1**

BOYS' OVERCOATS

Few of the Old Fashion Boys' Ulster Overcoats, high collar, original price \$8 to \$12, now **\$5**

Lot Boys' Belt Overcoats, \$10 value, now **\$6.00**

Boys' Reefers, wool lined, water proof, \$12 value **\$6.00**

Boys' Heavy Mackinaws, 8 to 16 years, must go at **\$6.00**

Men's Overcoats

35 Young Men's Overcoats, very latest styles and design, Our Price **\$20 TO \$30**

Lot Men's Overcoats, in various patterns and designs, belts, auto coats **\$16 TO \$25**

Lot Men's Rain Coats, made by Rice, Sayward & Whitten, \$25 coats for **\$12 TO \$15**

200 Pairs Men's Pants, consisting of Heavy All Wool Compton Pants, blue serges, and various other patterns, Sale Price **\$3 TO \$8**

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47 Dozen Men's Heavy Sanitary Fleeced Undershirts and Drawers, extra fine quality, \$1.25 value, for This Sale **98c**

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That Can be Found in This County, also a Full Line of Men's Work Shirts.

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We Carry a Full Line of the Famous 5-A Horse Blankets, both Street and Stable. Get Our Prices Before You Buy.

Sleighs. Sleighs.

TWO NEW STURTEVANT & LARRABEE SLEIGHS

Anybody Looking for Good Second-hand Sleighs, Just Ask For Joslin.

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Paine's Celery Compound, \$1.00 size, now **50c**

Dr. A. Bosch's Cough Syrup, Wild Cherry, 75c for **25c**

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup, 50c size for **25c**

Kennedy's Balsam, Coughs and Colds, 25c size for **13c**

Ramon's Nerve and Bone Oil, 50c size for **25c**

Kendall's Spavin Cure, \$1.00 size for **50c**

We haven't the space to enumerate the different kinds of Patent Medicines. We are offering ALL Our Patent Medicines, and We Carry a Most Complete Line.

50 Per Cent on the Dollar

Lamps, Crockery HARDWARE

Fancy Lamps and Crockery for Christmas.

96 Bean Pots, 2, 3 and 4 qts., at **20c, 25c and 35c** Less than Factory Prices Today.

Chamber's Best Old English Ware at **65c**

All Crockery Must Go at This Sale Less Than Wholesale Prices Today.

Lot of Lanterns, that went through a fire, little rusty from water, good as new, \$1.50 value, now priced **65c** Can you beat this value?

12 Dozen Brooms, 90c value, now **65c**

9 Dozen Shovels, Square and Round Point, Steel, \$1.25 value, now **95c**

Jumpers and Overalls

For Men, all sizes, **\$2.00**

156 Men's Jumpers, sizes 34, 36, 38, now **75c**

BOOTS, SHOES, RUBBERS

Our Prices in This Department Will Pay You to Come and See Us Now. Complete Line Men's, Women's, Boys' Children's Rubbers, at Lowest Prices

Last but Not Least is Our Grocery Dept.

All Food Products are Sure to be High Until More Crops Can be Produced. We are in a position to help you out until planting time again. Read a Few of Our Leaders:

Soap, 4 bars Soap, all brands, now **4 bars 25c**
 Sugar, Granulated Sugar **10c pound**
 Teas, our Full Line, 60c value, now **50c pound**
 Coffee, Chase & Sanborn's Seal Brand, 38c **35c pound**
 Coffee, LaTouraine, 38c value, now **35c pound**
 Coffee, Bunker Hill, 38c value, now **35c pound**
 Coffee, Chase & Sanborn, bulk, now **25c pound**
 Coffee, John H. Fitch, bulk, 30c value, now **22c pound**
 Molasses, Fancy Ponce, now **95c gallon**
 Rice, Fancy Whole Head, now **12c pound**
 Amoskeag Rolled Oats, 3 1/2 lb. pkg. **25c each**
 Corn Flakes **10c each**
 Washington Crisp, large package **3 for 25c**
 Yeast Cakes **2c each**
 Hathaway's Bread, 1 1/2 lb. loaf **14c each**
 Tomatoes **18c a can**
 Peas **18c a can**
 Corn **18c a can**
 Peaches, Fancy Rose Dale **25c a can**
 Red Salmon, Fancy, tall cans **25c each**
 Salt Salmon **22c pound**
 Salt Mackerel, 1 to 2 lbs. each **22c pound**
 Monadnock Cocoa, in lb. jars **35c each**
 Flour, 4 bbl. **\$1.60**
 Baking Powder, 1 1/2 lb. in glass jar **35c a jar**
 California Jap. Beans, good ones **12c quart**
 Swift's Pride Cleanser, 10c cans for **5c a can**
 Spotless Cleanser, 10c cans for **5c a can**
 Fancy Seeded Raisins **15c package**
 Mince Meat, all brands **12c package**
 Serv-us Soups, all kinds **3 for 25c**
 French Mustard, large jar **10c a jar**
 Arm and Hammer Soda **8c package**
 Cream Corn Starch **3 for 25c**
 Easy Iron Starch **3 for 25c**
 Ivory Soap, the large cake **10c each**

We have not the space to go into fuller details, but we have got the goods

These Prices Hold Good Till January 15th, 1919

One of the Largest Dealers in Boston says to his Customers in one of his advertisements: If you want something that is good and will wear, in the Clothing Line, Get Hold of a Country Merchant, who has Got the Goods on Hand. I AM THAT MAN. Kindly Read This Advertisement, and Read it Carefully. Every Item Means a Saving to You. In my 27 years of business in Bennington I have Never Offered Such Values For Your Money as I am Offering in This Sale. My Large Stock of Merchandise Must Go. We Can Provide For Man, Woman, Child, or the Horse Which Takes You to This Sale. Yours for Business,

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NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE NEWS

Gov. Elect Studying Conditions.
Governor-elect Bartlett, announces that he has appointed Hon. Edward N. Pearson of Concord, Deputy Secretary of State Hobart Pillsbury and Howard O. Nelson of Portsmouth to take charge of the arrangements for the inauguration exercises. That will come Jan. 2, the day after legislature convenes. The governor-elect has decided to have the inaugural ball later probably in February. This is due to a desire to enable returning soldiers who may desire to attend the ball an opportunity to do so and also to enable the members of the governor's staff to get their uniforms. It may be necessary to have action by the federal government and legislature before the staff appointments can be made by Governor-elect Bartlett.

The governor-elect is making a careful study of existing conditions in the state. In addition to his own work, he has appointed several extra-official committees to investigate special branches and to draft bills for the legislature which will bring about improved conditions, where needed.

Among the important committees of this sort are the education committee, headed by Gen. Frank S. Streeter, chairman of the state Americanization committee and the agriculture committee, of which Walter B. Farmer of Hampton is the chairman.

Gov-elect John H. Bartlett is gathering statistical and other information he may need for his inaugural address.

The governor-elect talked with the recess legislative committee appointed by Governor Keyes to make a study of the financial condition of the state. The committee, is headed by Senator Clarence M. Collins of Danville. The committee is seeking to develop new sources of revenue and find a way of curtailing expenditures, and where this is not possible to ascertain how the existing branches of the state government which must be continued may be run most economically. The committee's preliminary work is nearly finished and the future meetings will be for the purpose of drafting the report to be made to the legislature.

Regular College Year Opens Jan. 1.
At a mass meeting of students at Durham, President R. D. Hetzel of New Hampshire college explained that the new term, which opens Jan. 1, may be considered the opening of the regular college year. Any student may enter college then, whether he has attended so far this year or not.

New students from civil life may begin the college year at that time. Such students, however, will be unable to graduate until they have done nine term hours extra work to make up for missing the first term.

All members of the colleges S. A. T. C. or any others who may have served in the military or naval forces of the United States may enter college Jan. 1 with college credit toward graduation of one-third of one year and will have no subjects to make up.

Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary.
General and Mrs. Edmund Tetley observed the 50th anniversary of their marriage quietly at their home on Court street, Laconia, surrounded by their children.

Edmund E. Tetley and Miss Ella F. Merrill were united in marriage at Lowell, Mass., by Rev. W. H. Whitaker pastor of the Methodist church Oct. 8, 1883. They have made their home in Laconia since 1873.

General Tetley is one of the best known men in New Hampshire military circles. He is a veteran of the Civil war having served in the United States marines during the conflict between the north and the south.

Hunting Sunday Is Not Legal.

Game Commissioner G. A. McIntire has found numerous illegal traps and snares in and near Milford and may prosecute the men responsible for them. Recently his own dog was caught in a rabbit snare set near his home on Prospect hill by some law-breaker. Mr. McIntire issued a warning that it is contrary to the state law to shoot for pleasure on Sunday, though not against the game law. The deer season in this county opened Dec. 15, which was Sunday. Mr. McIntire expects town and city authorities to enforce the Sunday shooting law, which is not in the province of the game warden.

Four Sergeants in Family.

The recent promotion of Mark A. Dutton of Milford to a sergenty at Camp Kendrick, N. J., makes four sergeants in this family. The father is Sergt. Eugene Dutton. The sons are Sergt. Andrew Dutton, Sergt. Frank Dutton and Sergt. Mark Dutton, the latter in the gas warfare division at Camp Kendrick.

Says \$50 Fine too Little.

After a recommendation for a \$50 fine had been made by District Attorney Fred H. Brown in United States court at Concord, in connection with the case of George A. Jackson of Lowell, Mass., indicted for fraudulent use of the mails, Judge George W. Anderson attacked the policy of treating such offenders mercifully and fined Jackson \$100 and costs Jackson operated in Nashua and was arrested in March, 1917.

Jameson Makes Net Gain of 72.

John B. Jameson gained 72 votes over the total tabulated from the election returns, while Senator George H. Moses comes through with exactly the same vote, his gains and losses off-setting each other. This reduces Moses' majority from 1,070 to 998, the vote shown by the inspection being Moses 35,528, Jameson 34,540.

An error in Claremont, not only reversed 97 votes in favor of Jameson, but two of the Republican representatives declared elected by the town election officials are in danger of being unseated.

Will M. Cressy, Noted Entertainer Gassed in France.

Will M. Cressy, author of vaudeville sketches and member of the vaudeville team of Cressy and Dayne, was gassed in France while serving as an entertainer with the American overseas theatre league, according to word received at Concord by his father, Frank Cressy. Cressy, while attempting to escape from a German airplane which was dropping bombs, stepped into a shellhole which was filled with gas. He was rescued by French soldiers and is recovering.

New Board Track Near Thompson Gym.

A new board track, 12 laps to the mile, is soon to be completed west of the Thompson gymnasium, Exeter. It will be rectangular in shape, and high banked corners, similar to the one in use at the Mechanics building in Boston. A feature will be a longer straightaway, 40 yards long, with ample room for a slow down for the sprinters. It is doubtful if training will be held there this term, as it is not yet completed, and the cross country running has been discontinued, owing to the snow fall.

Two Memorial Tablets.

An order has been placed for two memorials to the soldiers who went to the recent war from Plainfield. Each will be in the form of a metal roll of honor containing 27 names. One will be placed near the town hall at Plainfield village and the other in the small common near the Baptist church in this village. The entire cost of the memorials and the expense of setting them has been donated by a public spirited and patriotic citizen of the town.

Suit For \$15,000.

Mrs. Nellie Mahoney, wife of Daniel Mahoney of Greenland, has instituted a suit of \$15,000 in the United States court against Daniel Weare of York, Me. She seeks to recover for injuries sustained on July 11, as she alleges, when an automobile driven by Mr. Weare ran into the sidewalk on Market square and crushed her against a store. She suffered a compound fracture of the left leg and has since been confined to the Portsmouth hospital.

Dean Knowlton Offers Resignation.

Helen Knowlton, head of the department of home economics and dean of women at New Hampshire college, has resigned, her resignation to take effect at the opening of the new term, Jan. 1. Miss Knowlton is leaving New Hampshire college to take up Y. W. C. A. work. The home economics work will be carried on by other members of the department, assisted by Mrs. Bernice M. Smith, the college dietitian.

Cuts Help Force 50%.

Word has been received by Supt. Henry B. Tilton of the Morley Button Manufacturing company, Portsmouth, to make a 50 per cent reduction in the working force at the factory, which will be for an indefinite period. The company has found the situation regarding orders for buttons badly demoralized by war conditions, and the officials in New York are unable to learn when an improvement is expected.

Former German Wounded.

In the list of severely wounded soldiers Oct. 5 is the name of Hermann Krimisch, who went to Franklin in September, 1914, from an interned German ship in Boston harbor. Through the efforts of Mrs. Max Breit-schneider of that city he secured a position with the McElwain company at Manchester and enlisted from that city in the U. S. A.

Forty-Seven Fined for Track Walking.

In the Portsmouth municipal court 47 men were arraigned for track walking on the Boston and Maine road and all but one assessed \$5. The single exception had his case continued for sentence. Railroad detectives rounded up 87 men for track walking and are determined to put a stop to this dangerous practice.

Milford Bequeathed \$10,000.

By the will of Mrs. Georgianna F. Rich, who died recently in Provincetown, Mass., Milford is the principal legatee and will receive about \$10,000.

New Corporation Articles Are Filed.

Articles for incorporation have been filed at the office of the secretary of state by the Federal Lumber company of Groton. The company is capitalized at \$60,000 and the incorporators include Joseph A. Rogers, Burr Monroe and Cora M. Rogers of Groton, Walter M. Flint and Alice E. Maxwell of Plymouth.

Other incorporations include the Jewett Real Estate company of Nashua, capitalized at \$50,000.



1—View of Treves, headquarters of the American army of occupation in Germany. 2—Five hundred French veterans in San Francisco on their way from the European battle front to Siberia, given flowers and cigarettes by Red Cross workers. 3—One of the hundreds of improvised schoolhouses erected in northern France by the American Red Cross.

NEWS REVIEW OF
CURRENT EVENTS

Great Britain and Mr. Wilson Likely to Agree as to the "Freedom of Seas."

ENGLAND'S POSITION STATED

Allice Will Demand That Germany Pay Their War Bill of \$120,000,000,000—Conditions in Land of Huns Still Are Chaotic—President Reaches France.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

There are indications in the dispatches from Europe that the biggest problems of the peace conference may be solved more easily and amicably than had been feared. The greatest of these, possibly, is the matter of the "freedom of the seas." The Germans and certain others had been hoping that this rather nebulous question would be the cause of trouble between America and Great Britain, and there is no doubt that the British have been preparing to contend firmly that they must not give up the weapon that really saved the world from the Huns and that is so necessary to the safety of their widespread empire. Their public men, from Lloyd George down, all have said this frankly without waiting for President Wilson to define publicly just what he means by the phrase "freedom of the seas." London now professes to have assurance that the differences between Mr. Wilson and the British in this matter will not be difficult of adjustment.

Sir Frederick E. Smith, attorney general, expressed succinctly Britain's attitude when he said: "I am not sure that Great Britain will not have to say to the allies at the peace conference: 'We shall be quite satisfied with such a definition of freedom of the seas as will enable the British navy in the unfortunate event of future wars to do exactly what the British navy, aided by the American navy, has been doing for the last eighteen months.'"

The premier himself, addressing a meeting at Bristol, said emphatically: "Wherever the request comes from, we are not going to give up the protection of the navy, so far as Great Britain is concerned."

It is to be regretted that some voices are being raised in England as well as in America in favor of a "soft peace," for fear the German people will be resentful. On this question Lloyd George again may be quoted. Reiterating his declaration that Germany should pay to the utmost limit of her capacity, he said the war bill of the allies against the Huns is \$120,000,000,000. The whole wealth of Germany, as estimated before the war, would fall short of this sum by between twenty and forty-five billions. However, the premier says the allies propose to exact the entire cost of the war from Germany, that it can be exacted in such a way that it will do no more harm to the country that receives it than to the country that pays it, and that the demands of the allies must come in front of the German national war debt. A British commission already has reported on Germany's capacity to pay.

Belgium, France and the other victorious nations of Europe, it may be assumed, are no less determined than is Great Britain to compel Germany to stand the full cost of the fearful conflict she started. It is likely France will occupy the German lands west of the Rhine until payment has been made.

Belgium probably will come out of the war greater in territory than when she went in. She intends to ask the restoration of the parts of the provinces of Limburg and Luxembourg which went to Germany and Holland by the international treaty of 1839, and also to ask that the Dutch return the land which includes the lower Scheldt.

While the allied nations, generally agreeing that the former Kaiser and his fellow conspirators must be brought to trial for their crimes, are discussing ways and means of bringing this about, William Hohenzollern is preparing to resist extradition from Holland, and is getting ready his defense in case Wilhelm's government does give him up. The Dutch premier declares the former emperor is entitled to the right of sanctuary in Holland, and is not interned, since he went there as a private citizen after renouncing his throne, and that his return to Germany cannot be legally demanded. In taking this position, he asserts, Holland is not unneutral, he is observing the law and treaties. An unconfirmed report came across that William attempted suicide, and other stories have him quite ill.

Premier Ebert, who may not become the first president of the German republic, appears to be gaining the upper hand, though slowly and with difficulty. Doctor Liebknecht and his Spartacus group have been badly worsted in several elections for members of the council, and his advertised revolution resulted only in a series of rather bloody riots in Berlin and some other cities. There are other elements, however, that enter into the complicated situation, notably the Prussian Guard and other still intact bodies of troops that refuse to disarm and join wholeheartedly with the socialists when they return from the front. This, in the opinion of some Germans, portends a counter-revolution, presumably for the restoration of the monarchy; and a nucleus for such a movement has been provided by Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the former Kaiser, who has proclaimed the establishment of a royalist party in Germany. For the present the Prussian Guard is supporting Ebert.

The executive committee of the soldiers and workmen's council invited Russian bolsheviks to Berlin to take part in a conference on December 16, but the cabinet has asked the Russian government not to send these delegates, because of the "present situation in Germany." The cabinet was much disturbed by the rash boasting of Joffe, bolshevik ambassador to Germany, that several of the ministers were actively seconding his plan to introduce Russian methods into Germany.

The anxiety of the German people is greatly increased by the belief that the allies will not conclude a peace until a stable form of government is established, and that their chances of getting food from their conquerors are very slim while disorder rules in their land. In order to give the Ebert government a parliamentary basis the reichstag probably will be convened soon. Incidentally, Ebert has got rid of Doctor Solf, who has resigned as minister of foreign affairs.

President Wilson was vociferously welcomed when he landed at Brest Friday. His journey to Paris was a triumphal progress, and at the capital he was wildly acclaimed. The welcome he received from the civil and military chiefs of France was most flattering. It was announced that his "official" visit in Paris would last only 48 hours, after which he would settle down to the serious business that has taken him overseas.

The French socialists are taking every advantage of Mr. Wilson's presence in France, and among those who greeted him was a large delegation of the socialist members of the chamber of deputies. The French general labor federation has caused meetings of workmen to be held throughout the country to adopt resolutions offering President Wilson their help "to bring about a triumph for his conception of a people's peace."

It is announced that the president will visit the devastated parts of Belgium and France and also that he will go to Italy. He has, however, scornfully declined in advance any invitations to visit Germany.

Unless Italy tones down her course on the east coast of the Adriatic the Jugo-Slavs are going to have serious complaints to lay before the conference of the allies. A considerable part of the territory the Italians have occupied there is claimed by the new

Jugo-Slav republic which hopes for international recognition, and in Cattaro, Dalmatia, an armed conflict, it is said, was averted only by the active intervention of the commander of the American contingent there. Prince Alexander of Serbia has been made regent of the state of Jugo-Slavia.

Conditions in Vienna and in German Austria generally are growing desperate. Food and coal are almost exhausted and the former soldiers, who are said to possess 100,000 rifles and many machine guns, have declared that unless food arrives speedily they will be at liberty to find it where they can. The Czechs could send the Austrians food and fuel, but will not do so until the latter agree to the Czech claims for certain Austro-German territory. The Vienna authorities are praying for the arrival of allied troops, preferably Americans, to check the rising disorder and bolshevism.

Bolshevik power in Russia is gradually dwindling, but there is little else in that country to encourage the allies. Admiral Kolchak, who was made dictator at Omsk, is disposed to co-operate with the allied forces, but their governments have not recognized him. The Russians and the Czechs do not know what the American and Japanese policies are—they are not alone in that—and the latter are reported to be hard pressed by their enemies in some quarters. Meanwhile, according to Stockholm advices, a new government for Russia is being formed in that city under the leadership of former Premier Treppoff, Prince Volkonsky, Baron Taube and Senator Jassladko. It is alleged this government will be supported by the entente and will carry on matters of state in Stockholm until the bolsheviks are finally crushed. In southern Russia Grand Duke Nicholasievitch, former commander in chief of the Russian armies, is in command of a formidable force of Cossacks. What his intentions are is not stated. The bolsheviks in the Volga region continue to attack the Russo-allied forces, without success. What is doing in Siberia, if anything, is concealed by the Japanese censorship.

Advocates of leniency toward the Germans will find little support for their arguments in the reports that come from the allied armies of occupation. While the Germans in the occupied territory are giving their conquerors little trouble, they maintain their haughty and even insolent demeanor, and unbend only for the purpose of getting trade benefits. There is not the slightest trace of repentance for the crimes of their former government and their armies, and east of the Rhine those armies are being received as unconquered heroes and hailed as the chief support of the new state.

The American commanders have chosen not to interfere with the civil life of the inhabitants of the occupied cities more than is absolutely necessary. But in the regions occupied by the French and British strict regulations are enforced. When the Huns wall, they are reminded that these are almost copied from the mildness of the regulations imposed on the French and Belgians by the Germans.

The German armistice delegates asked that they be permitted to maintain communication with the provinces west of the Rhine now being occupied by the allies, but Marshal Foch told them it was necessary to maintain the blockade of Germany as provided by the armistice. It appeared likely last week that the armistice would be extended.

Director General McAdoo, expressing, he says, not only his own opinion but that of President Wilson as well, recommends that congress adopt legislation extending the period of government control of railroads to January 1, 1924. He says the prosperity of the nation depends largely on the efficiency of railroads; that to continue government operation under present conditions for 21 months after peace is declared, the limit set by the present law, is impossible, and that unless congress takes the action recommended the roads must be returned to private ownership at the earliest possible moment.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS
IN TABULAR FORMItems of Interest From All
Sections of Yankeeeland

Twice captured by the Germans and twice escaping, is the record of adventure of Lt. Walter L. Avery of Boston, Tufts 1914, an American aviator who, until information of his safety came in a letter just received from him, had been missing since Oct. 1.

Dr. Edward Ewing Pratt, formerly chief of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, speaking at the opening of the course in foreign trade at Northeastern College Boston, emphasized the importance of an early removal of restrictions upon our overseas trade, which were necessary during the period of the war.

Edward J. Bohannon, resident auditor at Bath, Me., of the housing section of the Emergency Fleet corporation, has been indicted by the grand jury, which reported in the United States district court, on the charge of intent to defraud a corporation in which the government is a stockholder and with misappropriating \$800, credited to his own account instead of that of the government.

Residents of East Weymouth Mass., at a special town meeting retorted to a notification from the Bay State Street Railway Company that certain lines in the town would be discontinued, with a recommendation that in the event of discontinuance of service by the road, the local authorities be urged to revoke the grants of location under which the company is operating in the town and take steps to remove all poles, rails and equipment from the streets.

Further figures from the office of Albert B. Fales, assistant tax commissioner of Massachusetts, show that the highest tax rate in the State is \$43 per \$1000 in the town of Savoy in Berkshire County. The lowest is \$2.50 in Hopdale, in Worcester County. The rate is from \$2.50 to \$9.80 in eleven towns; from \$10 to \$14.60 in fifty-two towns; from \$15 to \$19.80 in six cities and 122 towns; from \$20 to \$24.70 in twenty-six cities and 107 towns; from \$25 to \$43 in six cities and twenty-eight towns.

In the fireplace in the camp owned and occupied by Edwin Coolbaugh of New York, who was drowned while crossing the ice of the narrows at Little Sebago lake, Me., officials discovered bonds to the value of \$11,000 and \$45 in money. The fireplace had been boarded up by Coolbaugh and after the finding of his body, relatives who came here decided to have the boarding in front of the fireplace removed. Private papers and accounts which Coolbaugh had showed that he had invested about \$20,000 in Liberty bonds.

"It will be necessary to control imports for a while," said Dr. Pratt. "Such a commodity as wool, for example, where the price might drop a considerable amount overnight, must continue to be controlled for a time. Our shipping must continue under government control at least until the American expeditionary force get home and arrangements have been made for feeding Europe. But not a moment's time should be lost in removing restrictions from our foreign trade wherever possible and the process of releasing commerce should begin at once."

Acting upon the petition of the Bay State Street Railway company, which operates a trolley system in 18 cities and 36 towns in eastern Massachusetts, the public service commission, in a report made public denied the company the right to charge a flat fare of 10 cents in cities. Instead, the commission recommended that for a trial period of two months the railway establish a unit fare of seven cents on city lines, the fares on country lines to be 2 1/2 per mile as petitioned by the company. The proposed schedule would take the place of an intricate zone system now in operation.

India and Africa were discussed from a missionary standpoint at the third day's meeting of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions at Hartford, Conn. Of interest were the talks of three missionaries on "Missions to India and Ceylon in War Times," affording a glimpse of native unrest during the world struggle. The election of officers resulted for the most part in re-elections. The following were chosen: President, the Rev. Dr. Edward C. Moore of Harvard University; vice-president, David P. Jones, recording secretary, the Rev. Dr. Oscar E. Maurer; corresponding secretaries, the Rev. Dr. James L. Barton, the Rev. Dr. Cornelius H. Patton and the Rev. Dr. Edward L. Smith; prudential committee, Dr. John C. Berry, Worcester, Mass., Dr. Frank B. Towne Holyoke, Mass.

Mechanical Unit, Dartmouth S. A. T. C., Is Now Disbanded.

With the exception of about 15 the mechanical unit of the S. A. T. C. at Dartmouth college, made up of men drafted and inducted, has been disbanded. One hundred and forty-eight men were discharged and sent to their homes.

Robert Peary Wallace, the husband of one of such invaluable aid to Robert Peary, the explorer, is dead. According to a letter received from Pittsburgh, N. H., Peary died there in a logging camp of pneumonia on Oct. 28. Peary was found in a trap, Smith Square, in the far North by Commander Peary. On account of the poor intelligence of the little Eskimo, the explorer brought him, his parents and brothers to this country on the polar ship Roosevelt in 1900. William Wallace soon after adopted Peary naming him Peary Wallace, with whom he lived for several years. Following the death of his parents and brothers Peary got homesick for the North, and wanted to go back. It was said at that time he was heart-broken and if kept here would die.

Charles Woodbury Gray, proprietor of the Preble House, Portland, Me., and of Gray's Inn, Jackson, N. H., died at his home in the latter town last week. He was born May 13, 1849, in Jackson, the son of Samuel H. and Eliza (Nute) Gray. He received his education in the schools in Jackson and at Lancaster, N. H., Academy. He began his business career in the lumber trade, working on a salary until he had saved enough to start in business for himself and he also manufactured wagons and carriages especially for the use of mountain hotels. He built Gray's Inn in 1884; it was burned in 1902 and was rebuilt the following year. More recently it again was burned and then rebuilt. He served for two years in the New Hampshire Legislature.

President Hermon Carey Bumpus of Tufts College, Medford, Mass., has resigned his position which he has filled since 1914, and the fact was made public as a result of a meeting of the trustees of the college, at which the resignation, which has been pending for some time, was finally accepted. The news created a great stir in college circles at Medford, and in connection with the action of the trustees it was announced that, while the resignation would not take effect at once, it would be not later than June, 1919, as Dr. Bumpus is desirous of having a successor take control at least with the opening of the next academic year. His plans to retire were formed before the change of academic program incident to the demobilization of the S. A. T. C. became certain.

The towns of Great Barrington, Sheffield and Egremont, Mass., have taken advantage of the legislative act of 1918 which permits municipalities to give aid from their treasuries to street railway companies, and have made appropriations for the assistance of the Berkshire Street Railway Company. Their action was unprecedented in Massachusetts. By paying the street railway company \$800, the three towns will make it possible for it to continue the operation of its lines running to those communities. Great Barrington will contribute \$6900, Sheffield \$1100 and Egremont \$800. The company had petitioned the public service commission for permission to discontinue the service to the three towns and at a hearing last month represented that it was unable to obtain enough revenue to pay for their operation.

Three Deer Hunters Cheshire County Told.

The death toll in Cheshire county during the hunting season for deer is three, Harry B. Drake and his son, Hollis Drake of Antrim were drowned in Stoddard, Island Pond, while trying to cross the ice. The other is Newell Porter of Gilsom, who was killed Dec. 10 by the accidental discharge of his own gun.

School Gardens Produced \$4,516.

The "war gardens" of the public school pupils in Portsmouth are a good example of the saying, "Every little bit added to what you've got makes just a little bit more." The "little bit more" in this case is garden and field products with an estimated value of \$4,516 that make a noticeable addition to the city's winter food supply.

Spearing Eels On Swampscott Now.

The ice is about three inches thick on the Swampscott river, Exeter, and fishermen have begun their winter work of spearing eels through the ice. Many have made good hauls. The weather has not, however, become cold enough to form ice for fishing on Great bay, where there is usually a good run of eels and smelts.

No Indictments Found in Election Cases.

No bills were found by the United States grand jury in the election cases, which were presented, the jury finishing its work and being discharged by Judge George W. Anderson. The Webb-Kenyoners were not so fortunate, 241 indictments being returned.

Nitrate of Soda as Calf (Food?)

Walter B. Maynard of East Concord in giving salt to some young stock, used nitrate of soda through mistake, and although a veterinary was called, three calves died and the condition of a fourth is doubtful.

Carpenters Get 80c. an Hour.

General Superintendent Roberts of the National Emergency company Portsmouth, announces that the carpenters employed on the work would hereafter receive 80 cents an hour in accordance with the wage scale of Carpenters Local No. 921.

BRIDE of BATTLE

A Romance of the American Army
Fighting on the Battlefields of France

By VICTOR ROUSSEAU

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WALLACE MEETS KELLERMAN AND IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZES HIM AS AN ANTAGONIST

Synopsis.—Lieut. Mark Wallace, U. S. A., is wounded at the battle of Santiago. While wandering alone in the jungle he comes across a dead man in a hut outside of which a little girl is playing. When he is rescued he takes the girl to the hospital and announces his intention of adopting her. His commanding officer, Major Howard, tells him that the dead man was Hampton, a traitor who sold department secrets to an international gang in Washington and was detected by himself and Kellerman, an officer in the same office. Howard pleads to be allowed to send the child home to his wife and they agree that she shall never know her father's shame. Several years later Wallace visits Eleanor at a young ladies' boarding school. She gives him a pleasant shock by declaring that when she is eighteen she intends to marry him.

CHAPTER IV.—Continued.

It came in the form of a letter from Colonel Howard, the first in two years. Howard had, in the past, repeatedly tried to induce Mark to take advantage of opportunities that he had put before him, but Mark had refused stubbornly, until the Major had given him up in disgust. Howard did not know, and Mark did not himself understand, the underlying idea in his own mind, the sense of subdued rancor against the man who had robbed him of Eleanor, coupled with the sense of sacrifice, that he might withdraw all his claims on the child.

Now, however, Howard made one more attempt. "I want you to think this proposition over as quickly as possible," he wrote, "not for my sake or yours, but because your duty is to take the job. With war with Germany in plain view to the initiated, there are great things doing in Washington, and I've been offered my old post at the mobilization department, which has been enlarged beyond all knowledge. Your work in the West is better known than you think, Wallace, and we want you here. Wire if you can, and come by the first train. This is official, so don't wait for divisional notification, which may take days."

The letter reached Mark in one of his periods of helpless despondency. Impulsively he wired back, accepting, regretted as soon as the message had been dispatched, but packed his suitcase, turned over the command to the senior lieutenant, and took the train for Washington.

As he went East the years seemed to fall from him like a dream. It was a frozen labyrinth in which he seemed to have been wandering; he seemed to come to himself with a consciousness of years wasted, but of years of action ahead.

Colonel Howard gazed curiously at him as he rose from his desk in the war office and grasped his hands. "I should never have known you, Wallace," he said.

What he was thinking was, "Good, Lord, how the years have eaten into him!"

"Don't think that your work has been unrecognized," he said, after a few minutes of desultory chatting. "It has been, and I know that recognition



"You'll Excuse Me For a Moment."

is coming to you in the fullest measure. You are to work under me here; it's a big scheme that we are preparing, my boy, and only Kellerman and I, and yourself, will be acquainted with all the details, outside of the department head. You remember Kellerman?"

Mark nodded, trying to piece together the pictures of the past.

"We are working out the mobilization plans for the first contingent, after it reaches France," Howard continued. "It's a bigger scheme than anything we knew in the past. You'll set as my subordinate and have an intimate knowledge of the details—a sort

of understudy, in fact, but with a good deal of initiative as well. And if war comes, as it is sure to come, we'll be sent over on the first transport, to prepare things for the troops. Ah, Kellerman, here's Wallace, newly arrived to take over his duties."

Mark saw not the slightest change in Kellerman since the days of the Cuban war. Kellerman was just as florid as ever, just as burly, with the same rather sinister way of glancing; his black hair was unthinned and untouched with gray. He had borne the years much better than Mark.

If Kellerman reciprocated Mark's feelings, he showed no sign of it in his cordial handgrip.

"We were glad to get you, Wallace," he said. "You'll excuse me for a moment, I'm sure."

He drew Colonel Howard aside in conversation, while Mark twirled his fingers and looked out of the window into the busy hive of the capital, and tried to make himself believe that it was all true.

When Kellerman had gone the Colonel invited Mark to sit down, and launched into business.

"I must tell you that it's a pretty stiff job that we're tackling, Mark," he said. "To begin with, we're a sort of nucleus of the whole organization. We're in touch with every division. We have to have the whole thing at our fingers' ends—and it's mainly a matter of ships, animals, and transport. And, to cap the climax, you can imagine what a nest of intrigue and espionage Washington has become in these days. And, as neutrals—ostensibly neutrals—we can do nothing to put an end to it."

He stretched out his finger and pointed toward the big safe between the windows.

"Any one of some two hundred papers there, Mark, would give a valuable clue," he said. "Every night, when work is finished, your task will be to open the safe, take out the inner case containing these documents, add those on which you have been working, including every waste sheet and every scrap of the day's blotting paper, and have the day porter convey them, under your personal supervision, to the strong room, where you and either the General, myself, or Kellerman, will place them in the safety vault. In the morning the same procedure is reversed. And that is why I insisted on our getting you, Mark. I knew you, and I don't know the hundred of other officers of impeccable character whom we could have secured. We can't run risks—we simply can't. That's why it has to be just you and Kellerman and I. We had our lesson in the old days, you know."

He frowned at the reminiscence, and then answered Mark's unspoken question with another. "Where are you staying, Wallace?" "At the Congressional." "Well, I want you to come and stay with us as soon as we're settled. We've rented a house in Massachusetts circle, and move in on the first of the month. Eleanor and Mrs. Howard are still in New York, but they're coming here in about ten days' time—just as soon as I can get the house ready for them. Eleanor is dying to see you, and Mrs. Howard has the pleasantest remembrances, of course. And now I'm going to take you to the Brigadier."

The short interview with the head of the department confirmed Mark's impressions as to the businesslike nature of the plans of the war office. Mark went home. He was resolved, although he had not told the Colonel, not to become his guest—at least not unless he found that he could take up his life again where he had dropped it years before. And then—but what was the use of speculating? He went home to his hotel.

He was surprised to find how easily he seemed to fit into his environment when he donned his long-neglected evening clothes and went down to the dining room of the Congressional. Almost the first face he saw was that of a man of his class; within a few minutes Mark Wallace was seated at the dinner table with a merry party of old friends and new acquaintances. And the years had slipped away from him. On the next morning, when he took up his duties, it was with the sense that he was no longer a stranger. Washington was ready to extend her welcome to him. At the Army club,

to which he was posted by Colonel Howard, he found himself, much to his surprise, often the center of a respectful audience, eager to hear of the work of the army in the forlorn outposts of the West. He discovered, too, with surprise, that he was by no means as unknown as he had imagined himself to be.

Then there were invitations that had to be accepted, receptions and dinners; yet through it all Mark waited for the charmed day when the house in Massachusetts circle was to be opened, displaying the princess of his imagination, the little child of the hillside, the schoolgirl, grown into the image of his dreams.

CHAPTER V.

When at last he alighted at the door, and was shown into the reception room, he felt that he was almost trembling with eagerness.

He looked uncertainly about him, at the group of young officers, the ladies, at Mrs. Howard, and then at the stylishly dressed young woman at her side.

And, forgetting his manners, he approached her in stupefaction, ignoring his hostess for the moment.

"Eleanor!" "Uncle Mark! It's never you, Uncle Mark!" cried the girl. "Why, I should never, never have known you!"

But would he have known her, had he not looked closely into the clear eyes to discern the face of the little waif beneath the beauty of the woman? He had often and often imagined her, grown to womanhood, and dressed as he would have dressed her, but somehow she had always had the look and aspect of the child, blended with the schoolgirl. A sudden chill went through his heart at her self-mastery, the well-bred welcome that had in it little of real eagerness. And he realized that, though he had always looked on her as lost, at the bottom of his heart he must have hoped to find her again.

He stood, a gray-haired, uncomfortable, almost middle-aged man, trying to feel at home. He saw Kellerman looking at him across the room, as if there was some message in his eyes.

"I hope I haven't changed so much as all that," said Mark, trying to smile.

"No," she answered, looking at him with a searching, direct gaze. "Not really—only at first appearance. Why, Uncle Mark, your hair is turning gray. What have you been doing with yourself?"

He felt that the unconscious shaft had gone well home. He only answered vaguely. There was a little informal dancing, and, as he felt befuddled by age, he waltzed a few turns with Eleanor and sat back with Mrs. Howard, surveying the gay crowd, and recalling memories—about the most disheartening thing that he could have done.

"What do you think of Eleanor?" asked Mrs. Howard. "You didn't expect to find the little schoolgirl grown up like this, did you?" "No, she me—like this," answered Mark humbly. But the Colonel's wife missed the allusion.

"She has been crazy to see you," Mrs. Howard continued. "She gave the Colonel no rest after he told us that he was trying to get you for the war office. I believe she had always had a sort of romantic recollection of you, and looked upon you as a sort of guardian, although, of course, it was a fortunate thing for her and us—and you, too—that Colonel Howard did succeed in inducing you to let us take her. She has been everything to us."

"Of course," said Mark mechanically. "It would have been a terrible life for her out in the desert," sighed Mrs. Howard. "I think that you were very wise, Captain Wallace. And what a dreadful burden and responsibility you would have had!"

This time Mark did not attempt to answer. "She has been a daughter to both of us," pursued his hostess. "And now I'm afraid—we're both afraid, Captain Wallace, that we cannot hope to have her for long. She was quite the rage in New York last season."

Wallace followed the girl with his eyes. She had just been dancing with a young officer; it had been a two-step, and as the band of three pieces broke into the wildest and merriest part of the piece he saw her, with flushed face and laughing eyes, accept Kellerman's arm and surrender herself to the dance.

Kellerman caught Mark's eyes across the room. He looked straight back with a meaning challenge which was unmistakable. Mark knew at that moment that his antipathy to Kellerman had returned, although he was inclined to believe the other was not aware it had ever existed.

Kellerman was a splendid figure, even in his civilian evening clothes. Fully six feet tall, with the chest and limbs of an athlete, florid, with crisp black hair and a sense of the possession of power, he looked at least five years Mark's junior, though they had been born in the same year. "Hand some Kellerman" had been his sobri-

quet in Cuba. Mark remembered it across the lapse of years, and into his mind there began to filter, too, stray stories about him.

Mark did not judge him by these, but by the intuition which sent a cold wave to his heart as he saw him with Eleanor. It seemed to him that Kellerman's look, as he turned to the girl, was one of intentional conquest—in another man it might have been called infatuation; and the girl knew it and was happy in it.

The bitterness of that moment was like a sword thrust. Had he come three thousand miles for this? But what had been his thoughts for Eleanor, his vague wishes as to her future?

He did not know. He had dreamed—dreamed of her, and never pictured her as she was.

There was an informal, stand-up supper about eleven. Eleanor came to Mark and asked him to take her to



"Now I Know You Are My Real Uncle Mark."

the buffet. Mark was conscious of a coldness, or hurt resentment in the girl's manner, as if he had neglected her.

He brought her a plate and sat beside her in an alcove. They were alone, measurably, for the first time that evening.

"Uncle Mark, you are disappointing me," said Eleanor.

"I know it, and I'm sorry for it," said Mark. "I suppose it's because I am not a bit like what you expected me to be."

"You are not the least bit like what I expected, or remembered, Captain Mark," she answered.

In his jealousy he was conscious of the altered prefix. And, as Eleanor looked at him with hurt in her eyes she broke off to smile at a young officer across the room, who returned an ardent gaze across the rubicund shoulders of a very homely, but most important dame whom he was helping to champagne.

"Most of us experience disappointments in people whom we have idealized," said Mark lamely.

"You mean—Oh, I'm sure I thank you, Captain Wallace," answered the girl acidly. "Shall we go back?"

But Mark had a moment of inspiration.

"Before we go, Eleanor," he said, "don't you think we might get to understand each other a little? I suppose I have been rude—but, you see, I have been conscious of your disappointment all the evening, and—"

He stopped in bewilderment, for Eleanor was laughing.

"But I seem at least to have the faculty of amusing you," he continued. "Dear Uncle Mark!" said Eleanor, laughing with tears in her eyes. She laid her hand on his shoulder. "Now I know you are my real Uncle Mark after all," she said.

"Why?" he asked, in astonishment. "That's just like you, Uncle Mark. It's you—it's the real 'you' I've always remembered."

"You seem to remember my character very well, Eleanor," said Mark, trying not to relent, and having an uncomfortable feeling that she was an adept at hoodwinking.

"Well, you know, you paid me a fairly long visit at the Misses Harpers' school, Uncle Mark."

"You were nothing but a schoolgirl then."

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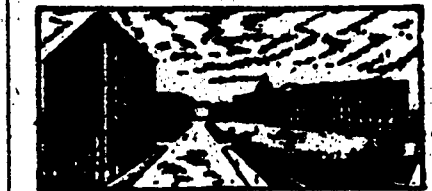
Arthur lay "wounded" on the floor, but raised his head and disgustedly said, "Nope, I'd lots rather get shot again."

Getting Too Realistic. Rosemary and her brother Edward were playing when Rosemary said: "Now, let's play supposing you be papa and I'll be mamma." The game proceeded nicely until Rosemary said: "Papa, Edward was a bad boy today." Whereupon Edward said: "Oh, I ain't going to play no more—you're not supposing, you're playing real."

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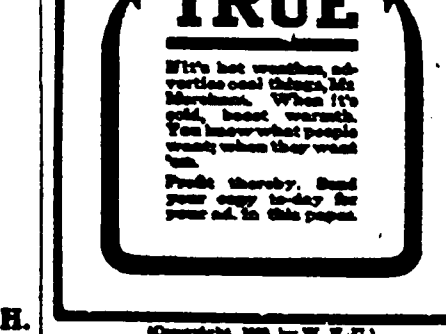


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The Christmas Roll Call of the American Red Cross, as the annual membership campaign has been officially termed is now at its height, not only in our own community but in every city and town of the New England Division with which the local Red Cross interests are identified, but also throughout the length and breadth of the land.

This campaign for members for 1919—and because a man or woman joined and paid his dollar a year ago does not mean that he will not be canvassed this time, dollar members retaining their membership but a single year—is expected to result in at least a doubling of last year's membership of twenty-two millions. "Universal Membership" has been made the slogan of this campaign by the national leaders and while it is, of course, out of the question to enroll everybody it is hoped, and even expected, that when the books close on next Monday night, the total will foot up close to 50,000,000 for the country at large.

Those who have had the active management of the plans for this campaign were at first a bit fearful that with the war virtually over many would think that the work of the Red Cross had ended, that the Red Cross was primarily and almost exclusively a nursing organization. Happily, the results to date in this and other communities show conclusively that the fears of the leaders were ill-founded and that the general public is even more keenly alive to the future needs for the Red Cross than the most enthusiastic had dared to hope. Solicitors everywhere report that there is a very general desire to become enrolled in the Red Cross for 1919 and that those who, through some error, have not been personally solicited feel really insulted. If this spirit which so very generously exists in New England is to be found in other sections of the country then it is reasonably certain that there will be a

versal Membership" slogan of those in charge.

Under the system of organization that is being followed in most of the New England chapters and branches the first portion of this week was devoted to more or less of a house-to-house, a store-to-store campaign in order that none might escape being asked to join, and to pay his dollar. Just as soon as it had been felt that the personal canvass was completed, the bars were thrown down so that today and for the rest of the campaign, which ends on Monday night, here is promiscuous and very general solicitation for membership. There is, however, one and one very certain way to prevent a person from being repeatedly asked, in his town about town, to "Join the Red Cross, and that means by exposing his or her button conspicuously upon the outer garment. The slogan of today, hosiery and everywhere, is "Show your Red Cross button." The fellow who has it on will receive a smile, but nothing more urgent, from the canvassers. Those who do not show their button will be taken as still being without the Red Cross fold and will, accordingly, be solicited to join.

"This is the last 'war campaign' of a year that has been crowded with drives of various sorts, all of them important, all of them essential to the winning of the war. The importance of the present membership campaign of the Red Cross is twofold. If the organization is to continue, if it is to keep up its grand work among our boys, and their families, and among the Allied soldiers and their Allies it must have the support of the American people. The response to the call for 1919 membership will be the answer to the question as to whether the United States people want the work to continue. And while this is distinctly a membership drive, and in no sense a money campaign, the fact remains that the dollar membership fee from each is to be the only revenue that will be received in the future for Red Cross purposes. Chairman Davison of the Red Cross War Council has authoritatively stated that there will be no more money campaigns conducted by the Red Cross. The revenue from membership, nominal as is the individual fee, is expected to furnish sufficient funds in the future to defray all of the operating expenses of the great organization of women.

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The New England Division has offered, as a stimulus for its workers, two elegant flags. One will be given to that city or town under 10,000 population which, in the present campaign, most closely reaches the Universal Membership standards. The other flag will be for cities and towns above 10,000 population showing the highest membership to population ratio. Do your part to land a flag for this community.

RED CROSS SERVICE FLAG MOST POPULAR

Of the many insignia of devotion, patriotism and support that have been prepared during the past year and displayed conspicuously in the homes, the stores and the offices, probably none has had a wider circulation or has been more carefully guarded than the Red Cross service flag. It was a full twelve month ago, during the membership drive of 1918, that these service flags were given out as indicating Red Cross membership in that particular home. This week the old service flags are being taken down and replaced by new ones in the windows, indicating that Red Cross membership is being continued—we trust unanimously—in that home.

Those who have travelled extensively during the past year say that practically every thoroughfare and highway throughout the length and breadth of the country is an unbroken lane of Red Cross service flags. They are to be seen in the windows of the rich on Fifth avenue; they are to be seen in the humble log cabins of the Southern negro. The Red Cross is a wonderful organization. It is becoming more wonderful all the time. And the most wonderful thing of all about it—in the eyes and minds of our Allies abroad—is its tremendous membership. That 22,000,000 persons should have been members last year in any organization in this country seemed incredible to English, to French, to Italians, etc. What will our Allies say this year when they find the total membership instead of being 22,000,000 is 40,000,000, 50,000,000 or possibly 60,000,000? They will know that the American people, to every last man, is behind the Red Cross in its work.

HANCOCK

Joseph Diamond, Sr., brought home a fine fox, from Stoddard.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dutton attended the State Grange at Rochester the past week and report a very interesting session.

At the annual meeting of Hillsboro County Pomona Grange No. 1, held at Milford, the following officers were elected for the year 1919: Master, J. A. Frost, Nashua; Overseer, Owen D. Barron, Lyndeboro; Lecturer, Mrs. Nellie R. Dutton, Hancock; Steward, W. C. Wilder, Lyndeboro; Asst. Steward, Ed. Holt, Greenfield; Chaplain, Mrs. Lucy Putnam, Lyndeboro; Treas., George H. Needham, Milford; Secy., Mrs. Mary A. Cove, Bedford; Gate Keeper, George Jaquith, New Ipswich; Ceres, Mrs. Helen M. Hall, Nashua; Flora, Mrs. W. C. Wilder, Greenfield; Pomona, Mrs. Elith M. Cragin, Greenfield; Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. E. Holt, Greenfield.

BENNINGTON

A Weekly News Letter of Interest

Moving Pictures!

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Wednesday Evening, Dec. 18
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Saturday Evening, Dec. 21
5 Reel Drama
"The Hand at the Window"
"Bull's Eye"—Chap. 6

Mrs. Dana Weston is visiting in Boston this week.

Fred Mallett was successful in bringing home a deer Monday.

Ellerton H. Edwards has received his discharge from the State College, at Durham, and returned to his home here.

News has been received here that Lieut. Guy D. Tibbets, of this town, is now en route for France, after spending some months in a German prison.

Prentiss Weston, who has been for some time enlisted in the S. A. T. C. at New Hampshire State College, Durham, has been honorably discharged, and is spending a few days in Boston with his grandmother, before returning to his home here.

NORTH BRANCH

W. H. Toward cut his hand recently while splitting wood.

G. K. Woods was a Franconstown visitor the first of the week.

Miss Ethel Brown is visiting at Groton, Mass., for a few weeks.

We have been asked to make this suggestion through the Reporter (that reaches so many former residents of the town) that they send a card at Christmas to Mrs. Olive Twitchell Hillsboro, N. H., who was formerly Olive Curtis, of this town, and is now blind and living at Hillsboro. This is an invitation to all.

The Ladies Circle held their annual meeting at Mrs. Silas Taft's. The present officers were re-elected for one year: Mrs. G. F. Lowe, President; Mrs. Silas Taft, Vice President; Mrs. M. P. McIlvin, Sec. and Treas. Among other articles of business the price of supper was discussed and it was voted to charge 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children under 12 years.

Antrim Locals

Young Pigs for sale—Prices right. W. J. S. Jones.

HELP WANTED—I am in need of help; apply at once to W. C. Hillis, Antrim, N. H.

FOR RENT:—House and stable on Main Street, north of I. O. O. F. Block. Apply to E. W. Baker, Agent. Matthew Cuddihy is at home from Camp Devens, Mass., having been mustered out of the service.

FOR SALE—Good one horse double runner Sled, with body complete; and one two horse double runner sled. Will sell reasonable.

F. H. Colby, Antrim.

Donald B. Cram has been released from active duty with the Naval Reserve Force at the N. H. State College at Durham, and is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Cram.

The District Centenary Conference will be held at Manchester Friday, Dec. 20, at St. Paul's M. E. Church. This conference is for information, education and organization of the Centenary on our District. It is primarily a layman's conference and will combine with pleasure and profit. It is for anyone who can go.

EAST ANTRIM

So far as is known, Roger Hilton and Albert Whigler, of Hillsboro, are the first successful deer hunters; Mr. Hilton returned last week from U. S. service.

M. S. French is building an ice house; Warren Coombs is assisting. George Nylander is employed at Veino's mill.

Mrs. Elmer Merrill visited her parents last week; her niece, Miss Marion Nylander, returned with her.

We hope the hunters will bear in mind the danger of high powered rifles. Antrim has had sorrow enough without an added one along this line.

Henry George spent a portion of last week at his camp, with no results.

GREENFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Gage have returned from a vacation, spent at Wareham, Mass.; he has resumed his position as station agent.

Mrs. Mabel Hardy has returned from a visit with friends in Massachusetts.

The officers of Greenfield Grange were elected at their last meeting, as follows: Master, Edward Holt; Overseer, George Reynolds; Lecturer, Edith Cragin; Steward, Perley Russell; Asst. Steward, Lillian Holt; Pomona, Jennie Reynolds; Ceres, Mabel Holt; Flora, Julia Trufant; Sec., Ella White; Treas., Angie Russell; Door Keeper, Harry Dorr; Chaplain, Nellie Cheever; Lady Asst. Steward, Mary Holt; Chorister, Lura Hopkins.

Quite a number from here attended the Pomona meeting at Milford.

Mrs. Walter Russell is quite sick with influenza.

Nicholas Flynn, who has been quite sick, is gaining.

Mrs. Della LaBlanc and son, Francis, have returned to town after some months spent in Sherbrooke, P. Q.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnes and daughter, Helen, from Milford, and Miss Jeanne Warren of Riverside, Illinois, were recent guests at John T. Robertson's.

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SCHOOL BOARD'S NOTICE

The School Board meets regularly in Town Clerk's Room, in Town Hall block, the last Saturday afternoon in each month, at 1 o'clock, to transact School District business and to hear all parties. Those wishing an interview should appear before 2 o'clock.

G. E. HASTINGS,
J. D. HUTCHINSON,
H. B. DRAKE,
Antrim School Board.

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