January 7, 1910

"Wish you Happy New Year!
Hear the cheery shout,
Hear it sounded far and near,
In the house and out,
Wish you Happy New Year!
You, and You, and You!
Now then, set to work, my dear,
To help the wish come true."

Wednesday morning the thermometer registered 17 degrees below zero. Seven degrees lower than last Wednesday, which was the coldest in this vicinity previous.

Herbert Hardy, a former resident, now of Ayer, Mass., on his return to school at North Bridgeton, Me., made a week-end visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pray.

The Woman’s Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. Lyford Wiggin next Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. William Carpenter had business in Dover Saturday of last week.

The officers elect of Jeremiah Smith Grange will be installed next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Belmont Perkins has rented her house in Haverhill, Mass., and is now domiciled with her grandfather, Joseph A. Knight.

The schools in town commenced Monday, after two weeks’ vacation, with the same teachers in charge, except in the Centre district, which is in charge of a Miss Smart of Farmington.

Jesse Wheeler of Lowell, Mass., visited over Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Benton Layne, at Clearfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruch of Dover are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, which arrived Dec. 26. Mrs. Ruch was Miss Pauline Otis, a native of this town, and has many friends here, who extend congratulations.

Bert Howe of Waltham, Mass., has been the guest of his mother, Mrs. Susan Howe, at the Ryan homestead for several days.

Both Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bartlett are somewhat under the weather at the present time.

George Hardy of Newmarket dined with his father, Simeon C. Hardy, at Oak Cottage, Sunday.

Mrs. Selina McDaniel, a resident here for many years, is very ill of acute bronchitis at the home of her niece in Dover.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wiggin and daughter, Miss Marion, dined Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wiggin at Willow Homestead.

Mrs. Ada Frost of Lynn, Mass., a native of Lee and former resident of Newmarket, announces the engagement of her oldest daughter, Miss Margery Frost, to George Fiske of Chicago, Ill.

John S. Jenkins had the misfortune to lose one of his horses Tuesday morning. On account of sickness he was obliged to shoot him.

David Bartlett of Amesbury, Mass., who is a native of this town, with other members of the family, have contributed a generous sum of money, as a nucleus for a perpetual cemetery fund, to be placed in the hands of the selectmen, the interest to be used to care for the old cemetery, where their dead are buried.

The annual parish meeting Tuesday afternoon was very well attended, considering the extreme cold and the distance people have to drive. The officers chosen were about the same as last year. Mrs. Granville Thompson was chosen Superintendent of the Sunday School, to succeed Mrs. Caroline Kinney, who has moved away. The reading of the treasurer’s report shows the society to be in a prosperous financial condition, with all debts paid and a substantial sum in the treasury.

Let us not begin the new year with rock-bound resolutions, that in our weakness we might break and then get discouraged, but with a clean sheet on which to record all the good deeds, kind words spoken, and all other helpful things we may find in our way to render to those who need it, thus, warming our own hearts and bettering out lives by the consciousness of scattering sunshine in the pathway of others.

“O New Year, you will have your woes the same as man,
What they will be, no mortal knows, nor never can.
What trials in the future lie we cannot tell;
We only hope that you will try to bear them well.”

Anon.
January 14, 1910

We are having very nice, seasonable weather just now, bright and sunny, with the thermometer from fifteen to twenty above zero and very fine sleighing.

Mrs. J. Winfield Robinson and little son, Carl C. Ladd, of Epping passed a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. Nellie C. Thompson, at Walnut Grove.

Mrs. R. P. D. Bennett passed last Friday with relatives in Newmarket.

Mrs. Thomas Stevens had business in Dover Monday.

Mrs. Guy Glidden went to Boston recently and extended her trip to Derry, where she is making a visit with her mother.

Charles Weeden of Dover visited Sunday with Daniel E. Plummer.

E. J. Thompson and son, Arthur, employed in North Andover, Mass., were at home at Pine Grove Farm over Sunday.

James Manning of Exeter visited Sunday at Simeon C. Hardy's.

Mrs. Frank Dearborn is quite ill of a severe cold.

Miss Helen H. J. Thompson, who has been in Weare several weeks, has returned to her home, Walnut Grove.

Guy Glidden went to Derry the first of the week and brought his auto home, which he was obliged to leave there a few weeks ago on account of a heavy snow storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. York had business in Dover last Saturday.

“Aunt Nancy” Pendergast of Winter Hill, Mass., who is ninety years of age, last week passed through a very severe surgical operation, from which she rallied finely, and at last account was doing well. “Aunt Nancy” has passed twenty-one consecutive summers at Elm Rest, and her many friends in this vicinity wish for her speedy and complete recovery.
Grant Farwell, who was so seriously injured by an accident in Boston several weeks ago, has fully recovered and returned to his duties in Boston.

This seems to be the week for general ice-harvesting among the farmers in this vicinity. The ice is of very fine quality and about fourteen inches in thickness.

Alphonso Jones had business in Dover the first of the week.

Leonard Philbrick and Miss Mattie Atherton of Durham dined with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Atherton at Nutwood Sunday.

If, as our forefathers believed, the Christmas days prognosticated what the weather will be during the coming year, we shall have, on the whole, fair, cool weather. For January, bright in morning, then cloudy; February, very stormy and boisterous; March, fair, but windy and cold; April, fair and cold; May, fair and very cold; June, the same; July, also fair and cold; August, fair and warmer, September, about the same; October, snowy first part, then warm; November, fair and very cold; December, fair and cold first half, with snow, sleet and rain last half.

The installation of the officers of Jeremiah Smith Grange was performed in a most efficient manner Tuesday evening by George A. Dudley, assisted by Mrs. Grace Dudley. There were fifty-two visitors present from surrounding granges with the invited guests. A fine programme was presented and a bountiful supper served. Quite an unusual thing occurred, John C. Bartlett presided at the desk as Master, while his daughter, Mrs. Grace Dudley, assisted in installing his grandson, Albert B. Dudley, Master, representing three generations.
Mrs. Carrie Davis of Dover is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Randall, for a few weeks.

Mrs. Jennie Learnard of Derry is visiting at the present time with her daughter, Mrs. Guy Glidden.

Mrs. William Carpenter passed last Wednesday in Dover.

Ex-Mayor, Fred Fosbick, of Fitchburg, Mass., will deliver the last number in the lecture course Thursday evening, Jan. 27. Subject, "Cooperative Industrial Education." As this is the last lecture it is hoped there will be a full house.

Frank Page of Dover visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. York at Walnut Avenue Farms Thursday.

Fred Coffin has secured employment with the American Express Company at Newmarket.

Mrs. R. P. D. Bennett went Wednesday to Haverhill, Mass., to visit awhile with relatives.

Mrs. Nellie C. Thompson passed a few days with friends in Dover this week.

Guy Glidden has sold his automobile.

Perley Young, on the Newmarket road, had business in Exeter Wednesday.

E. J. Thompson has moved his family to North Andover, Mass., where he has been employed for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. William Carpenter entertained at lunch Miss Lena Conway and John Hevey of Newmarket, last Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Durgin passed two days last week with friends in Boston.

Electric light have recently been installed in the shop of the Lee Fibre Company.

Miss Helen H. J. Thompson passed a few days last week with her sister in Epping.

Miss S. Belle Tuttle of Newmarket is passing a few days this week at the old home, Pine Grove Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wiggin and daughter, Miss Marion, of Epping visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wiggin at Willow Homestead.

Miss Nellie Wiggin closes her school in Hancock (this) Friday and will come home Saturday.
January 28, 1910

John C. Bartlett visited with his brother in Exeter last Friday.

James Conlon of Haverhill, Mass., who has recently returned from a trip to Texas, with his brother, John, of Cambridge, Mass., made a week-end visit with their aunts, Misses Mary and Annie Connor.

Frank Dearborn is engaged in baling hay for William O. Thompson at Riverside Farm.

Josephine Pendergast has closed her house for the winter and has secured employment in a shoe shop in Lynn, Mass.

Miss Ethel I. Davis is passing a few weeks with relatives in Dorchester, Mass.

Mrs. William Carpenter went to Boston Monday to remain several days with relatives and friends.

John C. Bartlett and Mrs. George Dudley drove to Epping Sunday to spend the day with friends.

The many friends of Miss Mary A. Hoitt will be pained to learn she is quite ill, from a severe cold and other complications, and sincerely wish for her speedy and complete recovery.

Miss Nellie Wiggin went Sunday to Boston to be in readiness to commence work Monday in the office of H.P. Hood and Sons in Charlestown, Mass.

Master Elliott Wellington submitted to a serious operation for appendicitis Monday. Dr. Grant of Durham secured the services of Dr. Twitchell of Portland hospital, who brought a trained nurse, to perform the operation. Pus had already formed, but he rallied nicely from the ether and was as comfortable as could be expected at this writing.

Our fine sleighing, of a week ago, has left us and it is now typical spring weather again.

We understand our neighbor, Arioch W. Griffiths, at Packer's Falls, has changed his Oldsmobile for a larger, stronger four-passenger Overland car.
February 4, 1910

Now no plumed throng
Charms the woods with song;
Icebound trees are glittering;
Merry snow-birds twittering,
Fondly strive to cheer
Scenes so cold and drear.

The jurors drawn last Saturday to serve at the February term of superior court, which sets in Dover next Tuesday, are grand, John C. Bartlett; petit, Loren S. Fernald.

Miss Rena Young, on the Newmarket road, has for ten days been staying with friends in Somerville, Mass.

Miss Nettie Cohen has been afflicted by tonsillitis for several days.

Mrs. Albert Arbuckle of Boston was the guest of her uncle, Fred P. Comings, a few days last week.

Thomas Tattersall of Lawrence, Mass., was in town Tuesday, looking for beef cattle and milch cows. He purchased a cow of Charles Pendergast and a cow and calf of Fred B. York.

Mrs. Frank Oldham had business in Dover last Friday. She also called on friends.

Wednesday was Candlemas Day, which brings to mind one of the many old adages.

"If Candlemas day be fair and clear,
We may expect a happy year;
If storms and clouds obscure the sky,
Rumors of war and great men die."

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. Chester Ellison next Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ivory Chamberlin of Stratham has recently passed a few days with her sister, Miss Mary A. Hoitt. Mrs. Belle Mathes of Durham and two sons, Stanley and Dr. Roy, of Lynn, Mass., are with her now. She remains quite ill of bronchitis.

Guy Glidden had business in Alton Wednesday.

Miss Hattie Burleigh, employed in Newmarket, passed a day last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Burleigh.

Master Elliott Wellington, who was operated on for appendicitis last week, is still doing well and as comfortable as could be expected.

Roland Thompson of North Andover, Mass., made a week-end visit with his grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Thompson.

Mrs. Belmont Perkins is somewhat under the weather, of a nervous trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Gorham Sawyer of Durham called on their aunt, Miss Mary A. Hoitt, last Sunday.

Miss Bessie Arbuckle of Pittsburg, Penn., is staying at The Larches, Fred P. Comings being her tutor for the present.

Arthur E. Thompson of North Andover, Mass., was a guest at Willow Homestead over Sunday.

The lecture last week was quite well attended and Mr. Fosbick proved to be a pleasing, interesting speaker, of fine personality, and those who braved the disagreeableness of the evening were paid for all unpleasantness, and those who failed were very unfortunate.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Chesley entertained Fred Fosbick of Fitchburg, Mass., over night last week.
February 11, 1910

John Quint of Brunswick, Me., visited with Miss Mary A. Hoitt last week Thursday.

Miss Bertha Tootill made a week-end visit with her father at York Beach.

Alphonso Jones and Miss Nora Whitehouse had business in Dover Saturday.

Miss Bertha Tootill made a week-end visit with Miss Mary A. Hoitt last week Thursday.

Miss Frances Cass of Boston has been a guest at J. True Bartlett’s the past week.

Mrs. Fred B. York is visiting with friends in Dover this week.

We have again been passing through a cold wave. Monday morning the thermometer registered 11 degrees below zero. Now it is seasonable weather and fine sleighing.

Miss Mary A. Hoitt has slightly improved in health during the past week.

Miss Flora Wellington, Miss Carlotta Damron and Mrs. Belle Garroty were among those who had business in Dover last Saturday.

Miss Jennie Farwell visited over Sunday with a friend in Madison.

George DeMeritt, employed in Haverhill, Mass., passed the weekend with his family here.

Master Elliott Wellington is holding his own, but not out of danger yet. His mother, Mrs. Walter Wellington, is quite ill of a severe cold.

A recent letter from Rev. G.E. Kinney of Auburn, Me., our former pastor, brings the tidings of Master Nelson’s late serious illness, but that he is now on the mending hand.

Tuesday Mrs. Charles Pendergast was called to Winter Hill, Mass., to attend the funeral of Miss Nancy Pendergast. It has been mentioned within a few weeks that she has recently submitted to a serious and delicate surgical operation, and being ninety years of age it proved too severe a shock for her to rally from. “Aunt Nancy” has passed twenty-three consecutive summers at Elm Rest, and has made many friends in this vicinity by her pleasant, genial personality, who will sorely miss her cheery greetings in the coming summer. Although she has lived to an advanced age, she has retained all her faculties nearly unimpaired. She was a nurse during the civil war, and has made herself useful as well as helpful to many people and in many ways during her long life.

“So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O’er moor and fen o’er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone.
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.”

ANON.
February 18, 1910

Last Saturday we were treated to a foot of snow, which, added to the foot that came last week, makes a plenty for present use.

There was no service at the chapel last Sunday on account of the traveling.

Mrs. William Ellison of Barrington passed the day last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ellison.

Mrs. Lucy Thompson has been somewhat afflicted by neuralgia, but is improving now.

Master Elliott Wellington has so far recovered from his operation for appendicitis that Miss Nolan, who has been nursing him, returned to Portland, Me., Monday.

Little Miss Irene Carpenter is enjoying a three weeks' visit with friends in Boston.

Miss Mary A. Hoitt is able to sit up a few hours daily in her room. Her nurse left Wednesday and Miss Helen H. Thompson is acting in that capacity for the present.

Mrs. R.P.D. Bennett returned Monday from a four weeks' visit with friends in Haverhill, Mass.

Mrs. John Bishop had a very ill turn from a weak heart, a few days ago, but is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. William Carpenter visited Tuesday and Wednesday with friends in Dover.

Miss Edna James has secured a situation as trimmer in millinery rooms at Sanford, Me. She will commence her work very soon.

Bert Howe is again the guest of his mother, Mrs. Susan Howe, at the Ryan homestead.

Mrs. Belmont Perkins is able to be out again.

Miss Jennie Farwell assisted her pupils in giving a valentine party at her schoolroom in Madbury, Monday.

Miss Ethel I. Davis returned Tuesday from a three weeks' visit with relatives in Dorchester, Mass.

Arthur E. Thompson of North Andover, Mass., and Annie, only daughter of Herbert L. Wiggin of Roxbury, Mass., were quietly married by Rev. Telesphore Taisne at the parsonage in Durham, Feb. 13, at 2 p.m. The bride has been staying for the past two years with her grandparents at Willow Homestead, and the groom has lived in town for several years, where they have made many friends, who extend congratulations and wish for them many years of happiness, health and prosperity. They will reside in North Andover, Mass.
February 25, 1910

Washington's a watchword such as ne'er
Shall sink while there's an echo left to air.

Last Saturday John S. Jenkins combined business with pleasure, and while visiting with friends in Portsmouth and North Hampton, purchased a family horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Glidden are passing a few weeks with friends in Derry.

Miss Jennie Farwell closed her school in Madbury last Friday. She was in Dover Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Robinson and little son, Carl C. Ladd, of Epping visited last Saturday with Mrs. Robinson's mother, Mrs. Nellie C. Thompson, at Walnut Grove.

Miss Edith Kelsey, teaching in Newton, Mass., came Friday to pass Washington's birthday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Kelsey, at Locust Grove Tuesday she accompanied her mother to Exeter to pass the day with relatives.

Fred B. York had business in Dover Tuesday.

Two of the Wellington children, little Misses Helen and Grace, are down with scarlet fever, consequently, the family are quarantined. Surely with Master Elliott still in bed from his operation for appendicitis, and Mrs. Wellington in poor health, they seem to be having their share of misfortune. They have the sympathy of all in this vicinity in their hours of sorrow.

We understand Guy Glidden has recently purchased a yoke of oxen to take the place of his automobile, which he sold a short time ago.

There were two marriages, nine births and nine deaths in town during the past year. The deaths were:

- Ashford, 1 month, 24 days;
- Rhoda E. Blake, 70 years, 9 months, 20 days;
- Albert W. Davis, 76 years, 7 months, 30 days;
- Mary E. Snell, 76 years, 5 months, 25 days;
- Susan Dow, 90 years, Lydia C. Snell, 71 years, 6 months, 21 days;
- Hiram Randall, 62 years, 26 days;
- Sarah A. Pendergast, 81 years, 8 months, 21 days;
- Hannah Tuttle, 84 years, 9 months, 6 days.

Mr. James Walker of Dover came.
February 25, 1910 cont.

Mrs. James Walker of Dover came Wednesday with her little son, James Bartlett, to visit with her sister, Mrs. William Carpenter, awhile.

Within a week we have been treated to three storms, widely different in aspect. Tuesday it was such a heavy, fast storm, the snow came down like a blanket, but Wednesday morning we opened our eyes on a world enveloped in pure whiteness, and when the sun in its golden splendor shed its light over all, we involuntarily repeated those words we had so often read from our school books,

"'Twas morn—the rising splendor rolled
On marble towers and roofs of gold."

It was so still and pure it seemed like the first creation, every imperfection was covered, every broken twig and scraggy bush was made beautiful.

"The ragged bramble, dwarfed and old,
Shrinks like a beggar in the cold,
In surplice white the cedar stands,
And blesses him with priestly hands."

Monday we experienced a violent rain storm of short duration, with the thermometer at 46 degrees above zero. Thursday of last week we had one of those beautiful, soft, quiet snowfalls that is pleasant to watch and be out in, it comes down so fine and gently, it looks like a veil and even the birds seem glad.

"The speckled sky is dim with snow,
The light flakes falter and fall slow,
Athwart the hill top, rapt and pale,
Silently drops a silvery veil,
And all the valley is shut in
By flickering curtains gray and thin
But cheerily the chickadee
Singeth to me on fence and tree,
The snow sails round him as he sings,
White as the down of angels' wings."