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Sale Register.

Notices of sales, for which bills are printed at this office, will be published under this head until day of sale for 50 cents. When bills are printed elsewhere $1.00 will be charged. Terms cash.

March 18, 10.30 a. m., horses, cows and farming implements. Joseph L. O'Farrell, Sullivan road, 1½ miles from Westminster.

March 20, at 10 a. m., horses, cattle and farming implements. Elmer I. Crumbacker, near Union Bridge. J. Thomas Roop, Auct.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Four more days until Christmas.

The ADVOCATE wishes all its subscribers and patrons a merry, merry Christmas.

Dr. J. N. Weaver, Taneytown, who fell and broke one of the bones near the ankle, is improving.

Roberts Roop & Company's flour mill of this city is grinding 675 barrels of Passover flour for the Hebrews of Baltimore.

Mr. J. David Crowl, this city, purchased 2½ acres of wood land, situated on the Gorsuch road from George C. Crass, near this city.

The Junior League of Centenary M. E. Church, will give their Cantata on the evening of December 31st, in the lecture room of the church.

The State Turnpike Association of Maryland will meet in Westminster, at the Westminster Hotel Friday, December 27, at 10 a. m.

Paul Harner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Harner, Littlestown, shot himself in the left hand last week with an air rifle and inflicted a painful wound.

Mr. Bernhard, instructor and proprietor of the Westminster Skating Rink, fell on Saturday night while skating and sprained one ankle very badly.

The ADVOCATE earnestly requests all correspondents and persons having news for this office next week to please send it so it will reach us by Tuesday.

Walter Keefer, 11 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Keefer, Littlestown, had an operation performed on his left foot from which a diseased bone was removed.

A very handsome calendar was received at this office from the Union National Bank. Upon it is a very pretty colored picture showing a sunset on the Grand Canal, Venice.

On Monday last Joseph D. Brooks, receiver for Green Bros.' City and Suburban Express of Baltimore City, sold the business to Greene's Transfer and Express Company of the latter city.

The sale of sleighs, horse blankets, robes and harness advertised in this paper by D. W. Garner to take place at his warehouse in Taneytown last Saturday, was postponed until tomorrow, Saturday.

The Sunday school of Deer Park M. P. Church will hold an entertainment in the church on Christmas evening at 7.30 o'clock. If the weather is unfavorable it will be given the first clear evening.

The new barn of Postmaster S. K. Herr, on the Baltimore and Reisterstown pike, is now under roof and is having the finishing touches put on it. It is a large and handsome barn with a fine metal roof.

Last week the name of Mary S. H. Beaver, who recently obtained a divorce from her husband, William N. Beaver, was changed to Mary S. H. Hook, her maiden name, by the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

The Western Maryland Railroad Company still continues to lay off workmen at their Union Bridge shops and there is no telling when it will stop. Last week 26 more men were reduced from the force.

Mr. Harry K. Oursler, proprietor of the Eastern Hotel, who is noted for raising the heaviest hogs in this city, still holds the title. On Monday he killed three 14 month old hogs that weighed 1469 pounds.

The storm of Saturday last which prevailed here throughout the day, with alternating snow, hail and rain did considerable damage to telephone lines and trees. The town clock froze fast at 9.47 a. m. and remained in that condition until Sunday.

An article was received at this office headed "A Plucky Constable," with no name signed to it. This is the second article received at this office in the last two weeks without a signature. Neither article will be published without the parties making their name known.

Thieves are playing their part toward having a merry Christmas. A gentleman on Pennsylvania avenue had taken from his cellar last week the best part of a hind quarter of beef. Several others in different parts of this city have missed turkeys, chickens and other fine specimens of birds. A farmer near this city lost last week 8 turkeys. Some one is going to live well over Christmas.

The new German Baptist Brethren church at Pleasant Hill, near Monrovia, erected by the Bush Creek congregation at a cost of about $4,500, was dedicated Sunday. The exercises were in charge of Elder S. H. Utz, of New Market. The sermon was preached by Elder D. C. Flora, of Waynesboro, and other parts of the service were conducted by Elder Daniel E. Englar, of New Windsor.

The movement for better roads now under way in many counties of the State and which has been indorsed and recommended by the Good Roads League of Frederick, Howard, Montgomery and Carroll counties, is to be taken up by the Business Men's Association of Frederick in an effort to bring about legislation for better highways in Frederick county.

Mr. J. Henry Leister, of Roseville, who was called to Grafton, W. Va., where his daughter Ada was undergoing an operation for appendicitis, has returned home. He brought his daughter with him as far as Baltimore, where she will remain with friends until next week. They were accompanied on their home-coming by Mrs. Myrtle Mikesell, of Baltimore. Miss Leister's strength and recovery far exceed the most sanguine expectations of her friends.

A man dressed up in female attire was seen and talked to by several persons, on the Sullivan road last Saturday night about 10 30 o'clock at the blacksmith shop of Mr. Joseph Hunter. The impersonater asked three gentlemen, who were on their way home, the road to Westminster and was directed that way, but instead of coming to town hid behind the blacksmith shop. The men who talk to the party nearly drove over him as he stood in the middle of the road as if to stop the team.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Elizabeth Rowe, who sued the Western Maryland Railroad Company for $30,000 damages for the death of her husband, John N. Roe, returned verdict in Chambersburg, where the case was tried Tuesday morning, for Mrs. Rowe for $8,838.75. Rowe, who was driving to market, was crossing the railroad tracks early on the morning of October 31, 1906, at Midvale, north of Edgemont, when a freight car struck the team. Rowe was instantly killed. No engine was attached to the cars.

Oliver Stonesifer, of near Union Mills, while assisting in the cutting of wood on a tract of timber land, near his home, on Monday, had the misfortune of accidentally cutting himself in his right foot near the ankle, cutting the tendons and bones and almost completely severing the entire foot. Dr. G. Lewis Wetzel, of Union Mills, was summoned and rendered the necessary surgical attention. At present the patient is doing nicely, but is very weak, due to the loss of blood.

Western Maryland Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. Wednesday night elected the following officers: Jr. Past Councillor, David Nickey; Councillor, Paul Shipley; Vice Councillor, Claude Kimmey; Rec. Sec., E. J. Butler; Assistant Rec. Sec. George Bemiller; Financial Sec. William Weagley; Treasurer, Carroll Henry; Representatives to State Council, C. T. Smith and Carroll Henry; Alternate, William Weagley; Warden, Jackson Myerly; Conductor, Edgar Ruthrauff; Inside Sentinel, James B. McQuay; Outside Sentinel, Harry E. Royer; Chaplain, Carroll Himiller; Trustees C. T. Smith, Daniel C. Yingling, John W. Coppersmith, James H. Cassell, Jackson Myerly; Organist, James H. Cassell.

The annual meeting of the Burns Post, No. 13, Grand Army of the Republic, of this city, held here Saturday was the occasion for a visit of inspection on the part of Capt. G. W. Johnson, of Baltimore, assistant inspector-general of the Department of Maryland; Gen. Fred C. Tarr, department commander; Captain Stahl, past department commander, and Comrades A. A. Reese, past post commander of Post No. 46, and Charles A. Vedder, of Dushane Post, all of Baltimore. Officers for the ensuing year are as follows: James S. Baer, commander; Hezekiah D. Morrow; senior vice-commander; George C. Crass, junior vice commander; Winfield S. Drach, quarter-master; Daniel Seipp, chaplain; Issac Ranoull, officer of the day; John W. Gill and Hezekiah D. Morrow, representatives to the State encampment.

Miss Emma V. Shower, of Manchester, was severely burned about the back and hands. Herr clothing caught fire from a hot stove, beside which she was dozing.

Ex-Mayor W. A. Abbott, of Hampstead, and Mrs. John W. Esterline, asked for a pardon for John W. Esterline, serving 15 months in the penitentiary for assaulting his brother-in-law. The case was ordered advertised for January 2.

Dr. Willian A. Waters of Boyds, died suddenly yesterday afternoon of heart disease while visiting John Burdette, a tenant on one of his farms. Dr. Waters had yesterday visited at Gaithersburg, Md. He was talking to Mr. Burdette when he fell to the ground and expired. Dr. Waters spent two years at New Windsor College.

Miss Ada Wantz, daughter of Robert Wantz, Pleasant Valley, met with a painful accident Sunday evening. While driving the yoke strap broke, and Miss Wantz jumped from the buggy, falling on her right hand and dislocating her wrist. Dr. M. L. Bott rendered the necessary attention.

The Willing Workers Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, Miss Maggie Ellis, President, met at the home of Mrs. John T. Zahn on Tuesday evening last, with a full membership present. As this was the closing meeting until after the holidays, work was laid aside and a social evening was enjoyed. Refreshments were served, and each member was presented with a little Christmas souvenir. The society is very active, and accomplishes much work during the year, and is one of the most useful societies in the church.

At Trinity Lutheran Church, Deer Park road, the pastor, Rev. W. L. Seabrook, will preach on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. His theme will be "The Babe of Bethlehem." The Sunday school Chrismas, service will be on Thursday, December 26th, at 10 o'clock a. m. An interesting service of music and recitations entitled "The Child of Promise," will be rendered by the school, of which Mr. John Rosenberger is the superintendent. There will be a short address by the pastor, and after the service the annual election of officers will be held.

A number of representative citizens of Westminster met Mr. J. Herbert Stabler, the Field Secretary of the Md. State Library Commission, at the Country Club last Friday evening, and as there was an unanimous sentiment in favor of a free public library for Westminster, an organization was formed by electing Dr. Thomas H. Lewis president, Dr. Jas. E. Shreeve, Jr., secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Frank W. Mather librarian. The officers, with Revs. D. L. Greenfield and H. M. Rider were appointed a committee to draft rules and regulations, and decide on a place for the establishment of the library. Another meeting will be held tonight at the Country Club, Wantz Building, at 7.30 o'clock, to hear the report of the committee, to which citizens generally are cordially invited.

Christmas in the Stores

At this season of the year when "Christmas" with its giving is the predominating thought of all, old and young, our three large department stores are powerful magnets attracting the throngs bent on Christmas shopping. The window displays are alluring indeed, and the very wealth of selection is embarrassing.

The Miller Bros. Company, in addition to attractive windows showing toys, a snow scene with a car that runs, going in and out of a tunnel, and fine china, pretty boxes to take the eyes of the girls, have their store prettily trimmed with festoons of green paper chains and red Christmas bells. But more attractive ryet to the little ones is the real live Santa Claus, who will bring whatever you wish. The little boys hover around the toy counter in the rear of the store, but the little girls know where something better can be seen, the doll show on the second floor. The big boys and girls also find many things to attract their fancies, boxes of manicure, toilet and shaving sets, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, furs, books, and fine china in the basement.

Babylon & Lippy Company has in its display window a real Christmas tree gorgeous in tinsel, with such a lot of toy saround it that the children hate to leave it. In the opposite window, screens, vases and beautiful boxes are tastefully arranged to attract "him" who is buying for "her" and "her" who is buying for "him." Both windows are attractively trimmed with ropes of laurel and tinsel. The store within is tastefully decorated with laurel, and a booth of beautiful calendars, booklets and cards challenges first attention. Then there are so many pretty boxes, music rolls, handkerchiefs, jewelry, toys, games, dolls, and upstairs fine dishes and furs that one is puzzled indeed to make a selection.

Mathers' windows seem to represent 'before and after' a snow, as bare rocks appear in the one window, while in the other the rocks have been covered with snow. Handsome clocks, boxes, and many other suggestive articles fill in the display. Their store is beautifully trimmed with green chains and red bells the entire length of the room, and the usual Christmas display of gift boxes, post card albums, handkerchiefs, jewelry, books, furs are seen in bewildering array. But where are the children? Descend into the basement and you will find them, the girls hovering over the dolls and their furniture and dishes, the boys wholly taken up with fire engines, trucks, cars, autos, and such important things. The beautiful dishes attract the mothers as well to the basement.

Only a few more days remain for Christmas shopping so it behooves the buyers to make their selections before even these large stocks are exhausted.

With a one dollar purchase Miller Bros. give a combination match safe and calendar, Babylon & Lippy's a beautiful calendar, and Mathers' a prettily decorated plate with the calendar for 1908 around it. Louis Sachs will give away a very handsome tray to each customer purchasing $2 worth of goods or over.

Officer Elias N. Davis Assaulted by W. M. R. R. Brakeman.

When an excursion train to Baltimore last Saturday reached Westminster, on the return trip, about 1 o'clock Sunday morning, a number of men got off and stood on the platform at the station cursing and swearing. One of them was particularly offensive, and Elias N. Davis, constable and special night watchman, requested him to desist. Another man in the group, L. B. Smith, a brakeman on the Western Maryland, asked Davis what he had to do with it.

Davis explained that he was an officer. To his surprise, Smith applied to him a vile epithet, at the same time aiming a terrific blow at his face. Davis staggered backward and Smith followed, repeatedly striking at him. Just as Davis' back reached the wall of the station Smith struck him, breaking one of his ribs.

It was then that Smith had an almost miraculous escape from death. Davis drew his revolver and fired two shots. The first ball cut the setting from a ring on Smith's finger. Smith felt the ball from the second shot strike him in the right side. Fortunately for him, his watch was in the way and stopped the progress of the ball. When he took the watch from his pocket he found it smashed by the shot, and the ball imbedded in the case. His narrow escape from death took all the fight out of him.

Monday morning he was taken from the 9.25 train on which he was on duty and before Police Justice Shriver pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and battery and was fined $20. He also pleaded guilty to the charge of interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty and was fined $10.

Smith was not on duty as brakeman at the time of this breach of the peace, but was going to his home to spend Sunday.

Christmas Lecture at Baker Chapel.

A very interesting illustrated Christmas lecture, entitled "Even Unto Bethlehem," was given before the Sunday school of Western Maryland College and many visitors by President Lewis Sunday evening last.

The lecture was the story of three pilgrimages to Bethlehem, that of Mary and Joseph, of the shepherds and of the wise men. The vivid touch of one who has seen was given to the description of these pilgrimages, as Dr. Lewis also made this pilgrimage in November, 1906. The illustrations were numerous and beautiful. They were shown by Police Justice Edwin W. Shriver with his large gasoline stereoptican, the slides belonging to Dr. Lewis.

Special Christmas music was furnished by the choir and Luther's cradle song, Away in a Manger, was effectively sung by Elizabeth Lewis and Dorothy McDaniel.

Dr. Lewis will repeat his lecture at the Methodist Protestant Church Christmas night.

Chas. L. Thomson Wins.

Charles L. Thomson, proprietor of the First National Restaurant, this city, defeated Mr. Smith, of Baltimore, last night in an exciting game of duckpins on the Commercial Bowling alleys, Baltimore. This is the second match between these two gentlemen. The first took place in this city on December 5 in which Mr. Smith was victorious by 18 pins. Mr. Thomson won by 21. The scores are as follows:

In Westminster.		In Baltimore.	
SMITH.	THOMSON.	SMITH.	THOMSON.
110	106	104	99
124	116	102	94
96	113	93	117
103	84	98	97
106	102	97	108
539	521	494	515

DEATH'S HARVEST.

Well Known Residents And Others Who Have Passed Away.

FEESER.

Washington Feeser, a widower, who lived entirely alone in a secluded part of Deep Run Valley, four miles east of Union Mills, was found dead in bed on Sunday morning, Dec. 15. He had most of his clothes on and his body was cold and stiff. On a shelf back of the bed in which he lay, a lamp was still burning. His nearest neighbor, Theodore Treisch, whose house is about a quarter of a mile distant, saw Feeser and talked to him on Saturday about noon, when no smoke was noticed coming from the chimney at Feeser's dwelling on Sunday morning, Treisch went over. Mr. Treisch found the Feeser house locked and everything quiet. He notified Amos Feeser, a brother of the dead man, and the two broke into the building and discovered the facts as above stated.

Justice of the peace J. W. Earhart was notified and with Dr. G. Lewis Wetzel, made an investigation of the case, but deemed an inquest unnecessary as there was no evidence whatever of foul play.

Feeser was about 75 years old and death is supposed to have resulted from heart disease. He was also a sufferer from kidney trouble.

He is survived by four children—Allowies Feeser, of near Kingsdale; Abraham Feeser and Mrs. William Leese, of Myers' district, Carroll county, and George Feeser, whose whereabouts is unknown.

Funeral took place on Tuesday morning, at Bachman's Church, Rev. Mr. Flick officiating. Interment being made in Bachman's Valley cemetery.

RECK.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Reck, wife of Henry Reck, of Mt. Union, this county, occurred at the home of her daughter. Mrs. George Menchey, Hanover, Pa., at 12.30 a. m. Tuesday. Her death was due to infirmities, she being aged 80 years, 9 months and 25 days.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Peter Stoner, of Sam's Creek, and she was thrice married. Her first husband was Sam'l S. Shriver, of Sam's Creek, of which union two daughters and five sons survive—Mrs. Amanda Menchey, Hanover, Pa., and Mrs. Sarah Boward, Hagerstown, Daniel W. Shriver, near Carlisle, Pa., John, of Abington, Pa., Joshua P., Bachman's Valley, and Isaac N. and Frank T. of Union Bridge.

After the death of Mr. Shriver, she was married to Jacob Hess, of Union Bridge, and again being a widow, she married Henry Reck, of Mt. Union, who survives.

Mrs. Reck has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Menchey, since October.

Besides the children, she is survived by 25 grandchildren and 14 greatgrandchildren.

The remains were taken to Bruceville Thursday morning at 8.45 over the P. R. R., from which place the funeral party proceeded to Rocky Ridge German Baptist meeting house, where services were held and interment made.

RUSSELL.

Mrs. Margaret Grimes Russell, wife of Dr. Charles F. Russell, of Hanover, Fairfax county, Virginia, died at the above place on Saturday, December 14, at 3 a. m., aged 60 years.

In religion she was an Episcopal. She was a sister of Mr. E. O. Grimes, this city, and Dr. J. H. Grimes, of Baltimore. Mrs. Russell is survived by a husband and three children, Mrs. Lydia Pollard, Margaret Russell and Charles Russell. Her remains were brought to this city on Monday evening and taken to the residence of Mr. E. O. Grimes, West Main street, from which place the funeral took place on Tuesday morning. Interment was in the Westminster cemetery. The pallbearers were E. O. Grimes, Dr. J. H. Grimes, E. O. Grimes, Jr., and William Pollard. F. C. Sharrer was funeral director.

COOK.

Mr. Greenberry W. Cook, 85 years old, died Tuesday at his home near Reisterstown. He was a native of Baltimore county, where he had lived all his life. Until a week ago, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis, Mr. Cook was active and vigorous. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Sarah Cook, and two sons. Messrs. Coleman Cook, of Baltimore, and Ernest Cook, of Reisterstown. Two brothers, Messrs. Cornelius Cook, of Reisterstown, and Hazel Cook, of Baltimore, and one sister, Mrs. Granning, of Mechanicsville, also survive him.

NICHOLAS.

Mrs. Minnie Shuey Nicholas, of Sycamore, DeKalb county, Illinois, only child of Mr. William Shuey died at her home this week. She was a niece of Mrs. Herbert A. Morgan, this city.

ROTE.

Jane Rote, aged 85 years, widow of Thomas B. Rote, died at her late residence, 14 East Randall street, Baltimore, on December 18.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, December 9.—Richard W. Price, guardian of John Bennett, ward, settled second and final account.

J. Wesley Biggs, and Theodore H. Biggs, executors of J. William Biggs, deceased, settled first and final account.

Sarah A. Warehime, executrix of David H. Warehime, deceased, received order to transfer stock, and settled first and final account.

Tuesday, December 10th.—The sale of real estate of Edward R. Miller, deceased, was finally ratified by the court.

W. Frank Thomas, was appointed guardian of John Bennetl, ward.

Monday, December 16.—Letters of administration on the estate of Daniel D. Hesson, were granted to John D. Hesson, who received warrant to appraise and also order to notify creditors.

Thomas A. Barnes, administrator of Mary Baker, returned report of sale of personal property.

Stella M. Wilson, Executrix of John W. Wilson, returned inventory of personal property, and received orders to sell personal property and real estate.

Probate of will of Sarah E. Palmer.

Charles L. Thomson, guardian of Anna Thomson, ward, settled first and final account.

Wesley P. Humbert, administrator of Mary A. C. Donohoe, settled first and final account.

Tuesday, December 17.—The sale of real estate of John T. Young, deceased, was finally ratified by the Court.

John P. Myers and Sylvester Mathias, acting executors, of Mary Ann Myers, returned supplemental report of sale of personal property.

Remember the County Poor.

Once again, with the near approach of Christmas, I appeal to the sympathy and generosity of the many friends who have so kindly responded in the past, and to all who are willing to share their Christmas joy and cheer with those who are less fortunate, to help us carry a little of the sunshine and blessings of the holiday season to the inmates of our Carroll County home for the poor and aged. They are looking forward with happy anticipation of the day—let us not disappoint them. Death has been very busy amongst the inmates during the past year, and dear, old familiar faces, and bent frames are missing to day, but others have come to take their places, "for the poor ye have always with you." This will in all probability, be the last Christmas on Earth for several of them, and we hope to make it their brightest and best. It is not the large gifts of the few, but the smaller gifts of the many, which have enabled us to carry on the work in the past. "Let every one give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God, which he hath given thee," remembering that He, whose birthday we celebrate, hath said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." As the time is so short, prompt responses will be thankfully received.

Please send contributions to

MARY BOSTWICK SHELLMAN,
206 E. Main street,
Westminster.

The New Road at Spring Mills to Be Built.

The County Commissioners on Monday last ordered that the part of road petitioned for by David E. Stem and 160 others be accepted by the County Commissioners, that was ordered passed on August 19, 1906, and that the road be put in condition for travel and be opened, as all of the damages assessed by the examiners have been paid.

The improvement is to be made on the road leading from this city to Spring Mills. Instead of using the crossing at Spring Mills a bridge will be built, opposite of residence of Mr. John Zile, over the railroad track and run along on the property of Mr. Geo. W. Albaugh until it meets the old road. The work will be started as soon as the Western Maryland Railroad Company can straighten its track at that point.

Hog Weights.

The following weights of porkers have been handed us this week: Bradley Miller, this city, four, 1570, from which he realized 500 pounds of lard; J. A. Leppo, Patapsco, seven, 271, 286, 294, 304, 374, 398, 490, total 2417; Richard Williams, this city, two, 325 and 375; Reese Barnes, this city, two, 340 and 345; John Sholl, Sunny Side, one, 406; Albert Leese, Sunny Side, two, 615, also a beef; Uriah J. Babylon, Fountain Valley, five, 235, 215, 265, 476, 567.

An Interesting Case.

The Springfield Hospital is having a railway constructed from the B. & O. to its buildings and has given the work out by contract. Owing to the numerous hills at Sykesville it is necessary for deep cuts to be made and much blasting has in consequence been going on. Mr. James R. Weer of Sykesville whose handsome property is within one hundred yards of one of these cuts has been continually disturbed by rocks and stones falling on his property, breaking the roof of his house and as he alleges endangering the lives of his family. This action of the construction company resulted in Mr. Weer applying to the Circuit Court for an injunction on the 26th day of November, which the Court at once issued enjoining the Construction Company from so blasting as to throw stones and rocks upon his property. The injunction however did not stop them, and on being reported by Mr. Weer to the Court, notice was served upon Charles Carroll and Thomas O'Brien parties in direct charge of the work to show cause why they should not be attached and punished. The matter of the violation of the injunction was heard on Tuesday.

From the evidence produced before Chief Judge Thomas it appeared that on two occasions since the injunction was laid, large pieces of stone and rock were hurled upon the property of Mr. Weer breaking his shutter and roof and endangering the lives of those on the premises, some of the pieces of stone weighing from ten to twenty pounds. Carroll and O'Brien attempted to excuse themselves by saying that they did not intend to violate the order of Court, had no idea the stones were falling on Mr. Weer's property, and since the injunction was served they had been using smaller charges and "veiling" the blast. The Court however adjudged them guilty of contempt and in his remarks, warned them that no matter how hard an order of Court was, it had to be obeyed until reversed, and it was their duty to find some means to blast without disobeying it. In view, however, of the fact that there was no intentional violation of the injunction in this case the Court would not be severe upon them, and imposed simply a fine and costs committing them to the custody of the sheriff until this was done. The fine and costs were immediately paid and they were released.

James R. Weer the Complainant was represented by Guy W. Steele, and the Defendants by Charles E. Fink.

For the Advocate.

Thanksgiving Party.

On Thanksgiving night Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freyman, Eastview, gave a party in honor of Mrs. Freyman's two sisters, Estella and Bessie Lockard, and Mr. Freyman's cousin, Carroll Williams. The evening was pleasantly spent in conversation, music and party games. About 10 o'clock refreshments were served, consisting of cakes, confectionery and lemonade in abundance, which all enjoyed. At a late hour all departed, thanking their host and hostess for their evening's pleasure, and wishing them many more happy Thanksgivings.

Those present were Francis Yingling and wife, Georga Klee and wife, Marion Bitzel and wife; Misses Stella and Bessie Lockard, Emma Arnold, Lizzie Klee, Beulah Shauck, Grace and Ada Glover, Claria Green, May Klee, Grace Gamber, Viola Shipley, Berta Ogg, Amelia Steffey, Annie Stocksdale, Millie Spencer, Virgie Osterhus, Maggie Grimes, Amanda Williams and Eva Rosenburger; Messrs. Carroll Williams, Charles W. Lockard, George Freyman, Harry Klee, Herman Green, William Osterhus, Leslie Gorsuch, Herbert Yingling, Chester Stimax, Herschel Davis, Leonard Frick, Ernest Niner, James Plack, John Easton, George Hook, George Shipley, Courtney Shipley, Charles Barnes, William Caple, Elmer Caple, George Garver, Elmer Davis, —— Swartz, Tyson Powers, Oscar Barnes, Albert Spencer, Ernest Walkling, Harrison Shipley, Herbert Shipley, Brooke Dell, Clarence Glover, George Barnes, Blaine Edmondson, Bayard Arnold, Ray Gamber, Masters William and Russell Freyman and Walter Bitzel.

Silver Run Items.

DECEMBER 18.—Butchering and sausage making is in full blast. Those that killed the heaviest in this place this far are George F. Bachman, two, 794; Isaac Stonesifer, one, 318; Joshua Brown, three, 960, and Henry Koontz, two, 600 pounds.

The Sunday schools are practicing for their Christmas entertainments. They both have good programs and bid all welcome to attend. The Lutheran school will have their's on Christmas Eve, December 24, and the Reformed on Christmas night, December 25.

There was a birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knipple on Tuesday evening in honor of their daughter Elsie. Did not hear the particulars.

The funeral of Aggie E., wife of Mr. Elmer J. Leppo, who died at Walbrook, was held here on Friday noon. Her age was 37 years, 4 months and 28 days. Services were in the Reformed church, Rev. Hartman officiating. A husband and four children survive her. The pallbearers were A. W. Feeser, J. R. Lippy, L. H. Bemiller, B. D. Kemper, John W. A. Abken and Alvin A. Bankert.

Chicken thieves are prowling around again, and several corn cribs have been visited in this community.

We have had plenty of snow this winter, but no sleighing in this place.

Birthday Reunion.

A birthday reunion was held at the home of John Sholl, on the Sunny Side Farm, in honor of Mrs. Sholl, it being her 71st birthday. She received some fine presents. Only the children and near relatives were present. The day was spent with music and singing. Those present were Lloyd G. Baughman and wife, of Adams county, Pa.; Mrs. Daniel Bechtel, of White Hall; John A. Sholl and wife, Amos Feeser and wife, of Bachman's Valley; Peter Gouker, of Littlestown; Charles H. Knipple and wife, of Silver Run; Pius Kuhn and wife, of Littlestown, Pa.; Arthur Wackerman and wife, Austin Gauker, policeman of Littlestown, and wife, Aaron Eltz and wife, Mrs. John Brumgard, Tobias Leese and wife, Oliver Sholl and wife, William, Joseph, Cora and Lottie Baughman, Elizabeth Kuhn, Esta, William, Lottie, Mellie, Annie and Della Sholl, Mabel Bechtel, Annie and Mary Baughman, Irma and Evelyn Wackerman, Ruth Dell, Oscar, Carroll, and Edgar Bechtel, Ella Humbert, Annie, Esta and Macie Brumgard, Ruth Knipple and Roy Sholl.

After spending the day of enjoyment they all left for their respective homes well pleased.

F. M. C. Elects Officers.

At its last meeting for the year 1907, Tuesday of this week, the Fraternal Mystic Circle, Ruling 130, elected the following officers to serve the coming year: Past Worthy Ruler, J. J. Reese; Worthy Ruler, H. P. Gorsuch; Vice Ruler, Charles Lippy; Worthy Chaplain, Mrs. Chas. Lippy; Worthy Collector, J. H. Fuss; Worthy Recorden, Theo. H. Kauffman; Worthy Treasurer, J. H. Mitten; Worthy Marshall, Mrs. O. M. Crouse; Worthy Warden, Mrs. E. O. Diffendal; Worthy Guard, Mrs. Cora Shaeffer; Worthy Sentry, J. T. Anders; Trustees, J. J. Reese, Mrs. John T. Anders, J. B. Saylor; organist, Mrs. J. Thomas Anders.

This has been memorable year for F. M. C. as they first admitted ladies during this year and have more than doubled their membership. They are now preparing for a large class initiation when they enter the new Davis hall.

Personals.

H. C. Slaybaugh, of Chandler, Minnesota; G. W. Slaybaugh, of Ackron, Ohio, and Mrs. L. C. Spangler, of Harrisburg, Pa., have returned to their homes after spending a week with their aged mother, at the home of their sister, Mrs. S. P. Bair, East Green street.

Robert Ebaugh is home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Webster Ebaugh, Fair Ground Hill.

Miss Anna Thomson, of Corey, Pa., was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Eckenrode, Liberty street, last week.

Mr. Wm. P. Ward, a civil engineer for the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, Portland, Oregon, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Mary E. Logue, Smallwood, Md.

Alesia Items.

DECEMBER 19.—Miss Bessie McCullough spent a few days the past week visiting friends in Baltimore.

Rev. Mosedale arrived here Monday last and has full charge of the new church on the "Hill."

Emanuel Peterman and son, of Altoona, Pa., visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Peterman, here this week.

We hear of some objection to an orchestra accompanying the choir for the Christmas service at a neighboring church, on the ground of it being a reproach upon the sanctity of the church. While not a surprise, we regret the survival of the passion of such premptory ideas.

In the words of John Bunyan: "Religion is the best armor a man can have, but it is the worst cloak."

The Stork visited the home of Operator Blocher and presented them with twin girls Thursday 19th.

Dennings Items.

Misses Nettie Kress and Nellie Keefer, of Dennings, who have been spending a couple of weeks with their relatives at Sykesville, have returned home, having expressed themselves as having a lovely time.

Miss Nora Haines, who has been ill, is slowly improving under the treatment of Dr. Cronk.

Bessie Cole, Oscar Clary and Harrison Fogle, of Westminster spent Sunday last with Miss Gertie Stem, of Dennings.

- - - Westminster's Best Store. - - -

Only 8 Shopping Days Until Christmas

And there is so much to do. Don't let so many of them slip away only to find yourself in the crush of the last few days, perhaps to learn that just that which you wanted is not to be had.

This is unquestionably a Splendid Christmas Store where Big Stocks of Dependable, Practical Merchandise afford appropriate Gift Choosing with ease and economy.

Our Toy Department

Fills the entire lower floor through the center of the store's entire length, and it is so crowded that we have had to display our Dolls on the Second Floor. It is the largest and most complete display in Western Maryland. All are entirely new this season and are being sold very fast. Do not put off until the last minute. Come now.

A Word to the Parents.

Don't entertain the slightest hesitancy in letting your little ones visit this fairy land. We want them to come.

Old Santa Claus

Is again with us and will be here until Christmas Eve, and he wants all his little boy and girl friends to visit him, and tell him your Christmas wants.

Advantages of Shopping in the Morning.

Time hastens on to Christmas and thousands of people have yet to buy presents. They have just 8 store days left, and every hour deferred in making selections of gifts but adds to the perplexity of choosing. In the afternoon the store is crowded and at times it is quite difficult for late comers to get near certain counters. We have the largest departments, with the biggest and most varied stocks, all located in the roomiest store in Westminster, but there come times when our patrons cannot be as quickly served as we should like, due largely to the crowds at the counters. We can and do serve everybody as rapidly as good, careful service will permit, but in the rush hours, we, like others, must succumb to the inevitable. THE MORNING IS THE BEST TIME TO DEVOTE TO SHOPPING, because there are fewer people in the store, the salespeople have been refreshed by their night's rest, many new goods have been added since the day before, and deliveries are made more promptly.

Beautiful Gifts in the Basement.

You often hear an expression like this:—"I don't know what to get her for a Christmas present. What do you think suitable?" Well our basement is amply prepared to answer this question satisfactorily.

Bric-A-Brac, Lamps, Vases, Dinner, Tea and Toilet Sets.

We especially ask you to notice the 5c, 10c and 25c Tables. Prepared for easy choosing.

At the 5c Table:—Dishes, Ornaments of all kinds, Fancy China and Plates. Worth about twice this price.

At the 10c Table:—Fancy China, Dishes, Ornaments, Plates and other Bric-a-Brac. Others get 25c and 30c for same quality.

On the 25c Table:—Lamps, Bric-a-Brac, Dishes, Fancy Plates and China, and many other unique Ornaments. Unquestionably the rarest offerings of the season.

Appropriate for Gift-Giving.

Scan the list, surely you will find something that appeals to your fancy.

Beautiful Umbrellas, assorted handles.
Comb and Brush Sets, excellent quality.
Christi Pictures, of the beautiful sort.
Dress Goods for ladies, stylish patterns.
Ladies' Neckwear, very dressy.
Silks for dresses or waists, very new designs.
Delicate White Goods, for waists.
Stationery, of the quality sort.
Handkerchiefs: 10,000 of them; and with every 25c purchase of these handkerchiefs, we will give you a pretty box to put them in, decorated with holly, and very emblematic of the season.
Rugs and Druggets, (second floor)
Coats for ladies, misses and children.
Ladies' and Misses' Muffs and Furs.
Suits, Suits, Suits, newest effects.
Women's Underwear.
Blankets, Comforts, Spreads.

Books: Excellent for Gifts.

It is through the right sort of books (and they are the kind we sell) that such men as Lincoln are produced.

Boys and girls and older ones visit our book department.

You will find books of Fiction, Novels by famous authors, Standard Works of great writers, also an instructive collection to interest the children.

They are inspiring—educating—uplifting.

Holiday Shoes.

Quality, style, beauty and wear have been carefully compounded in this footwear.

All America Shoes for Men, $3.50 and $4.00.
Queen Quality Shoes for Women, $3.00, $3.50 and $4.00.
Children's and Misses' Shoes, 75c to $2.50.

Swell New OVERCOATS for the HOLIDAY SEASON.

Overcoats like these represent the latest ideas of the finest tailors in the world. These are the models that well-dressed men are wearing today in all the fashion-centres.

When you buy of us you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are getting the very latest style there is—we never carry goods over from one season to another. You can buy here to just as good advantage as though you were in New York. We carry all the latest Metropolitan styles.

These three special models are among Schloss' most popular designs this Winter. They are especially desirable for Young Men, for they bear an unusual freshness and smartness, added to the sterling workmanship that always characterizes Schloss Clothes. Come and see them.

Prices $12, $15, $18, $20 and up.

We are giving away to each customer making a purchase a beautiful as well as ornamental combination calendar and match safe. Be sure and ask for one.

- - - Store Open Evenings Until Christmas. - - -

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