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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

The Advocate wishes all a happy New Year.

The thermometer registered this morning 2 above zero, the coldest day this winter.

A number of communications were received too late for this issue. Will be published next week.

The door-to-virtue lodge will attend services at Ascension Episcopal church on Sunday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock.

The snow has put skating out of commission to some extent. But the women are all busy filling their ice pails.

The weather bureau sent out the following report this morning: Friday fair and not so cold; tonight fair and continued cold.

Deer Park Christmas services will be held on the evening of December 31st if the weather is unfavorable, the most favorable evening at 7.30 p. m.

The postoffice will be open until 9 a. m. on New Year's day. The morning collection and delivery will be made in this city. No rural mail will be delivered.

Mrs. Rev. James B. Stonifer desires to thank the members of the church's congregation for their kind remembrance in the Christmas observance which she received.

Governor Crothers appointed J. R. Myers, Jr. a justice of the peace for Silver Run, a justice of the peace for Myers' district, of Carroll county, Maryland, and he qualified for office on Tuesday, December 28.

The Junior League of Centenary M. Church will give the cantata "Old fashioned Santa Claus" in the lecture room of the church on Tuesday evening, January 4th, at 7.30. Admission gratis.

Stitching is fine in this city, and is enjoyed by everyone who has horse or mule, but the county roads are sorry looking, as the snow is all over the place or another, leaving some bare places.

Mr. John H. Elgin, of Baltimore, recently of this city, has been made one of the incorporators of the J. J. Miller, Incorporated, Contractor, of Baltimore. Mr. Elgin will have charge of the outside construction.

Monday Henry F. Walking, of this city, while cutting wood, with a painful accident by cutting himself just below the knee with an axe, which went through his clothing and into the bone, causing him much pain.

The young girls and boys are getting their daily exercise during the day by jumping on sleighs. We are told some one will slip and break or be otherwise injured if they do not stop trying to jump upon the icy moving ones.

The fire alarm system is not commended yet, but they have been a number of false alarms tried from the Maryland Railroad and late reports if it would call the firemen out, the chief of the fire company is on the look out for the guilty ones.

The Advocate received calendars a week from Chas. E. Goodwin, Fire Insurance agent; Joseph L. Franklin, insurance and exchange; Wm. C. Williams, Glass Furnishings; Melrose Union Workers, and James Pearce, General Agent for the Maryland Casualty Company.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Western Maryland Railway company held at 120 Broadway, New York, yesterday afternoon, Mr. Benj. Bush, former president and the Western of the old company, the Western of the new company was elected to the presidency of that corporation. At the same time Mr. Alexander Robertson was re-elected president and general manager, and Mr. Winslow S. Pierce, chairman of the board.

Kurtz Myers, of Frizzellburg, carried off the first prize of \$10 for the five pound butter at the Maryland State Dairymen's Association held at the Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore city, November 29th to December 3. The association offered \$300 for the best five pound butter. The butter was manufactured at his farmery. On December 23rd he received a check for \$100. He scored ninety-seven. Howard was the butter maker.

Wilton V. Dell, a sailor of the United States Navy, and consigned to the sailing ship Franklin, stationed at Norfolk, Va., had a narrow escape from death on Christmas evening. Mr. Dell started to take the 4.15 train for Baltimore, but did not try to board the train until it had started, throwing off to the side of the coach. He broke and was dropped along side the track, slightly bruised.

Cost of Rule and Cost of Living. The Philadelphia Record.

Grover Cleveland went out of the presidency and William McKinley came in, the cost of living in the United States had increased 56 per cent. How does this come about? Is there any indication in the following figures showing the comparative cost of government for four fiscal years of the Cleveland administration and for four years of the Roosevelt administration?

Table with columns for Cleveland and Roosevelt, listing various government expenses like Civil Service, Education, etc.

Oyster shells contain an abundance of carbolic acid, and should be accessible to laying hens. One pound of oyster shells contains lime enough for the shells of about seven dozens of eggs, if all is used.

CARROLL COUNTY SNOW BOUND

EVERY ROAD DRIFTED SHUT

Rural Mail Carriers Return Without Making Delivery

The first snow of any account in this county was on Christmas day and on Sunday the snow, accompanied by a high wind, soon had a blizzard raging, which did considerable damage.

Residents of homes in the exposed places were forced, in nearly every case to shovel paths to the main roads. Laborers were at work during Tuesday shoveling out the drifts from the Westminister and Washington turnpikes.

Birthday Party.

On December 20th the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Zepp was one of rare beauty and attraction. It was lit up all through by many brilliant lights and every room was handsomely decorated with holly, geraniums, crepe, ivy and white pine.

Social.

On December 27 Mr. and Mrs. John Conaway, of Eastview, gave to their many friends a Christmas social which was enjoyed by young and old alike.

Masquerade Party.

On Tuesday evening, December 28, a surprise masquerade party took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Buckingham.

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But Butler Kept Moving With Officer Helm in Pursuit.

A colored man by the name of Butler, from Union Bridge, created some excitement on Tuesday night at the railroad station, when officer Helm put under arrest a dusky dandy. Thereupon Butler interfered with the officer, grabbing hold of his African fiancée and saying, "What you want to 'rescue' the lady she hasn't don't any sing."

School Entertainment.

A most delightful and interesting entertainment took place at Harrisville school on Thursday, December 23. A grand program was rendered, a huge crowd was present and the night was trimmed with holly and evergreen.

Demoralization to All Traffic.

Several trains of passengers were snowbound all day and night near Elkton, Cecil county, Md. Telephone and telegraph wires were much damaged.

DEATH'S HARVEST.

Edwin Lee Hering, son of Fenby L. Hering, Finksburg, died on Christmas morning at 8.30 o'clock in the 6th year of his age.

Grant.

Rev. William Middleton Grant, aged 35 years, a retired Presbyterian minister, died Friday night at the home of W. J. Jamison, 1308 Harlan avenue, Baltimore, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Grant. Death was due to tuberculosis.

Brown.

Mrs. Samuel A. Brown died suddenly at her home in Taneytown, Md., Tuesday morning. Mrs. Brown had been in more or less ill health for a year or more.

Goodwin.

Mr. Harry E. Goodwin, of Glyndon, a brother of Franklin P. Goodwin, of Rettersburg, died at St. Luke's Hospital, Baltimore, on Tuesday, December 28th. Death was due to pneumonia.

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Passenger Trains Snowbound for Several Days

The snowstorm which visited Maryland Saturday night and Sunday morning extended from Boston to Washington and as far west as Cleveland.

The snowfall in Baltimore was 10 inches, the heaviest except one recorded by the local Weather Bureau. Railroad traffic between Baltimore and Wilmington was almost suspended.

Personal Mention

A. W. Matthews, of Baltimore, spent Christmas day in this city. Clarence Roop, of Baltimore, spent Christmas day in this city.

County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners transacted their regular routine work only on Monday, as no other special business appeared before them.

Orphan's Court.

Monday, December 27. Letters of administration on the estate of George H. Elgin, deceased, were granted to Jacob F. Elgin, who received order to notify creditors.

Justice Shriver's Court.

The following cases were disposed of by Justice Edwin W. Shriver on December 21: State of Maryland vs. Michael Weiss, assault on wife; found guilty; paid fine and cost.

Christmas Service.

The Sunday school of the Methodist Protestant Church, of this city, rendered its Christmas service on Sunday night last. A number of beautiful carols were sung by the entire school.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER.

Mr. B. F. Crouse, Insurance Commissioner Honored. A complimentary dinner will be given B. F. Crouse by a number of underwriters of Baltimore city in the Hotel Remont this evening.

BLIZZARD AND TIDAL WAVE.

Lives Lost on the New England Coast. Boston, December 26.—Grim winter swept into New England today on the wings of a northeast storm with such terrific energy as to cause great damage, much inconvenience, not a little suffering and a few deaths.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

ONLY THREE DEEDS WERE RECORDED

The Rush for Marriage Licenses Is Still On

Business during the holidays at the court house was not so brisk as it is at other times, but Clerk Gilbert had a number of marriage licenses to issue. Only three deeds were recorded.

Transfers of Real Estate.

David E. Stem and wife to Trustees of M. E. Conference, convey 900 sq. feet of land, for \$5.

Marriage License.

Elmer Luther Gibson, 18, and Virgie Dorsey, 17, both colored, of Westminister, John J. Fridinger, 24, and Lizzie Rust, 21, both of Carroll county.

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WEDDING BELLS.

Hummer—Shryock.

Miss Alice May Shryock and Mr. Charles R. Hummer, living near Carroll and Frederick county line, were married in Thurmont by Elder John S. Weybright, of the German Baptist Church, on December 28.

Watkins—Brandenburg.

Miss Jessie Fay Brandenburg, daughter of Mrs. Bradley J. Brandenburg, of Mt. Airy, was married to Asa H. Watkins, son of Thomas E. Watkins, at 1 o'clock p. m., Saturday, at Providence M. P. Church, Kempdown, by Rev. H. O. Keen.

Bankert—Crotin.

Horace P. Bankert, of Hanover, Pa., and Miss Annie E. Crotin, of Union Mills, were quietly married on Christmas day at the Reformed Church parsonage, Carroll Place, by Rev. James B. Stonifer. The bride and groom will make their future home in Hanover, Pa.

COMMUNICATION.

For the Advocate. December 28th, 1909. Joseph D. Brooks, Esq., Editor of "The American Sentinel," Westminister, Maryland.

Dear Sir: Our attention has been called to your issue of December 24th, 1909, which contains a letter from Mr. William H. Bright, Editor of "The Hampstead Enterprise," addressed to you and bearing date December 20th, 1909.

In this letter Mr. Bright makes unfounded and unwarranted assertions in respect to the disposition of the case of the State of Maryland against William H. Bright for criminal libel by the entry of a nolle prosequi. We represented the State of Maryland in the entry of the nolle prosequi and at no time did we or Mr. Reifsnider see Mr. Bright nor have we any personal acquaintance with him.

Mr. Bright employed Michael E. Walsh, Esq., to defend him. Mr. Walsh, in his report, has throughout, and the terms upon which the State was willing to enter a nolle prosequi were stated to Mr. Walsh. The few, but precise and imperative conditions to be complied with by Mr. Bright before the State of Maryland would consent to the entry of a nolle prosequi were that Mr. Bright would make a written retraction of the libel, and sign the same in duplicate so that one would be filed in the case in Court and the other would be delivered to Mr. Reifsnider. These conditions were stated by Mr. Bright and, with the consent of the Court, the entry of the nolle prosequi was made by the State. This ended the case, so far as the counsel for the State and Mr. Reifsnider were concerned, and they neither desired nor had anything whatever to do with any reports or publications of the newspaper notices of the termination of the case.

The statement, however, of Mr. Bright that "it was explicitly agreed between the prosecution and the defense that no publicity should be given the matter" of the nolle prosequi is not true. No such agreement was ever made. Moreover, Mr. Bright's signed retraction was read in open Court and a statement by the State of the reasons for the acceptance of the nolle prosequi was made in the presence of Mr. William H. Bright, the traverser, Michael E. Walsh, Esq., his counsel, the court officials, the jurors, members of the bar and those attending Court. And it was only after all these things were done that the Court directed the retraction of Mr. Bright to be filed and the nolle prosequi to be entered by the Clerk on the records. These conditions are the property of the public, open to the eye of any one, with full right to be used by any individual or newspaper; and no one has the power to restrict or impair that right. This fact is well known to every one and leaves nothing more to be said.

The only other assertion of Mr. Bright we care to notice is that he signed the retraction "only after earnest and continued solicitation on the part of the prosecution." This statement is wholly at variance with the facts, and there is no basis for it. Mr. Bright had any idea there was any foundation for his libellous article upon John Milton Reifsnider, the State's Attorney, the State would not accept a retraction of any kind from Mr. Bright but would insist on the trial of the case. There never was the slightest deviation from this position by the counsel for the State. And when Mr. Bright made amends for the publication of the libel by saying over his own signature "I desire to state that it was not the purpose of the article to impute to John Milton Reifsnider, Esq., any misconduct or dereliction of duty as State's Attorney, and I find there is no foundation for any such charge" the State felt that such a total disclaimer justified the entry of the nolle prosequi in the case against Mr. Bright.

Yours truly, BOND & PARKE.

Ed.—The letter of Mr. Bright, which caused this answer of Messrs. Bond & Parke, was also sent to the Advocate. Knowing these gentlemen and Mr. Reifsnider, and their previous lives having been such as to lead us to believe that they could not be guilty of a breach of faith, we naturally refused to publish it, and so wrote Mr. Bright, stating that it had been characterized by Mr. Reifsnider as "unqualifiedly false." The Advocate's policy is not to engage in personal controversies, and never to publish any matter, the truth of which might be questioned. Mr. Bright has not lived in the county sufficiently long, and his reputation is not such as to enable us to take his word against that of men, whose families we have known for generations.