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JURORS DRAWN FOR MAY TERM OF COURT.

Transfers of Real Estate, Orphans' Court Work, &c.

The following jurors have been drawn by Chief Judge William H. Thomas, to serve at the May term of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, which commences on the second Monday of May next:

Taneytown district—Geo. W. Demmitt, Albert Study, Edmund F. Smith, George A. Arnold.

Uniontown district—Solomon Myers, Obadiah Fleagle, Dr. Jacob J. Weaver, Charles S. Marker.

Myers' district—George W. Yeiser, Geo. W. Jones, Sr., Urias Markle.

Woolery's district—Joseph F. Ward, Geo. W. Barnes, Jacob F. Rader, Edward Niner.

Freedom district—Edwin M. Mellor, Robert W. Carter, John Oliver Derrles, Jr.

Manchester district—Charles H. Zepp, Horatio R. Garrett, Daniel D. Sharrer, Wm. H. Newcomer, Harry L. Lease.

Westminster district—Joseph J. Price, Theodore Logue, William L. Armacost, Joseph L. O'Farrell, Atlee W. Wampler, Joseph W. Smith, Orlando Reese, Irwin Scott Jordan, Ralph J. Royer.

Hampstead district—Edward F. Houck, William Buchman, Richard F. Shaffer.

Franklin district—Aubrey J. Stem, Wm. Y. Frizzell.

Middleburg district—Wilson L. Crouse, Edward O. Cash.

New Windsor district—Walter Engle Harry P. Lambert, Howard D. Ensor,

Union Bridge district—Daniel Leakins, Chas. Edwin Engel.

Mt. Airy district—Singleton A. Aldridge, Henry W. Clary.

14th district (the new district carved out of Freedom district, adding another district to the county)—Lloyd B. Shipley and Benj. F. Brown.

Freedom district, the 5th, formerly was entitled to five jurors; under the new law, the 5th gets three and the 14th two jurors.

Marriage Licenses.

Grover J. Morelock, 20, of Carroll county, and Bertie M. Koontz 20, Adams county.

Geo. F. Crabbs, 25, and Helen M. Swormley, 26, both of Taneytown.

Philip O. Helwig, 38, and Florence Murray, 18, both of Carroll county.

Transfers of Real Estate.

William L. Richards and wife to Marion Green, convey 8 acres, 3 roods and 12 perches, for $300.

John Houck and wife to Marion Green, convey 28 acres, 2 roods and 15 perches, for $700.

John E. Masenhimer to Benj. F. Stansbury, conveys 22,762 square feet, for $1550.

Clinton V. Lippy and wife to Henry E. Strevig, convey 36 acres, 3 roods and 5 perches, for $3250.

Isaiah C. Rinehart and wife to Edward J. Rinehart, convey 115½ acres, for $5.

Reuben J. Mathias and wife to J. Wesley Rodkey, convey 2 acres, for $60.

Agnes A. Murray and husband to Michael S. Brilhart and wife, convey 20,611 square feet, for $400.

Charles E. Trump and wife to Samuel Shaffer, convey 15½ acres and 15 square perches, for $650.

George Walther to Frederick N. Walther, Jr., conveys 90 acres, 3 roods and 30 perches, for $5.

Jos. L. Englar and wife to Edward F. Crawmer, convey 3½ acres and 24 square perches, for $91.25.

Charles E. Mitten and wife to Jabez N. Barnes, convey 18½ acres, for $35.

Samuel M. Hoff and wife to John H. Hoff, convey 111¼ acres, for $4,000.

Daniel Rill and wife to Cecil A. Snyder and wife, convey 21 acres and 3 roods, for $1300.

Orphans' Court.

Friday, April 15th.—Theodore F. Englar and Lewis K. Woodward, administrators of Samuel Roop, deceased, returned inventories of personal property, real estate, money and debts.

Monday, April 16.—George W. Roop, administrator of Mary C. Roop, deceased, returned report of sale of personal property.

Columbus A. Conaway, Charles S. Conaway and John W. Conaway, executors of John H. Conaway, deceased, returned inventories of personal property, money and debts and received order to sell personal property.

Tuesday, April 19th.—The sale of real estate of Ephraim D. Hess, deceased, was finally ratified and confirmed by the Court.

Letters of administration on the estate of Jeremiah Shaeffer, deceased, were granted to Daniel B. Shaeffer and Edgar H. Shaeffer, who received warrant to appraise, also order to notify creditors.

William H. Grumbine and Margaret E. Grumbine, administrators of Margaret E. Grumbine, deceased, executrix of William H. Grumbine, returned certificate of notice to creditors and settled first and final account for said deceased executrix.

Ella M. Shipley, administratrix of J. Wilbur Shipley, deceased, returned inventory of debts and report of sale of personal property.

Wednesday, April 20.—Margaret V. Buckingham, administratrix of Wilbur H. Buckingham, deceased, returned report of sale of personal property.

Got Bumped.

Charles L. Thomson took his first National duckpin splitters to Littlestown on Tuesday night to throw the gaff into the Littlestown team, but from reports the gaff was stuck into Thomson's team. We suppose the cause of the slip-up was the cool weather and the damp atmosphere they experienced in riding in the vehicles on the 14 mile tour. Oh, well, forget it, and try it over.

SPRAYING EXHIBITION.

Will Take Place at Alms House Farm April 28.

Mr. George W. Brown, president of the County Commissioners, received a letter from Thomas R. Symons, State Entomologist, stating that he would give a spraying exhibition on the Alms House farm on Thursday, April 28, to which the public is invited to be present and witness the process of spraying, the mixing of the preparation. &c.

A Hilarious Birthday Party at Miller's

For the Advocate.

One of the pleasantest and most enjoyable surprise parties ever witnessed in this vicinity was held at the home of Mr and Mrs. Isaiah Miller on Tuesday evening, the occasion being in honor of her birthday. Heretofore it had always been customary for the ladies to celebrate their socials, without the presence of the men, and so the men were again invited to remain at home as usual, but when the ladies had already proceeded to the home of Mr. Miller and had indulged in social chat, etc., the men being awake to the occasion called a meeting at the store of Mr. Jacob Zepp and then formed resolutions that no such one sided affair dare be held anymore, and so after getting into their long coats, high hats, high collars and bow ties, they formed a regiment and marched to the home of enjoyment, causing a double surprise, and helping to enliven the occasion, which was without doubt much appreciated, and reminded all of the phrase "Two little boys can double the fun." Upon entering the reception room the men found the ladies just ready to go to the dining room to partake of refreshments which were served in abundance.

The ladies decided at once that to butt in, without an invitation, took quite a nerve, but they didn't think so and it was later proven that with the men present it was complete. A most delightful evening was spent and at a late hour all journeyed in all directions for their homes, declaring it to be a pleasant and social gathering. All wished Mrs. Miller many more happy birthdays.

Those in the merry party were Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Miller, Mrs. Henry Rinehart, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Zepp, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wentz, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Miller, Mrs. James Hare, Mrs. Belle Bortner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frank, Mrs. Henry K. Miller, Mrs. John Rinehart, Mrs. Mettie Shaffer, Mrs. Rinehart Hoffnagle, Mrs. Geo. Kerchner, Mrs. Samuel Hare, Misses Gertie Hoffnagle, Lola Hare, Fern Miller, Myrl and Eva Miller, Treva Frank, Edith Rinehart, Mary Hare, Myrl Rinehart, Minnie Zepp, Delilah Miller, Helen Miller, Messrs. Maurice Miller, Harry Frank, Harvey Miller, Edwin Shaffer, Milton and Monroe Miller, Sherman and Pierie Miller.

Welcome to a Pastor.

For the Advocate.

On Friday evening the people of the Finksburg charge, M. P. Church, tendered their pastor, Rev. S. F. Cassen, a most cordial and hearty reception, upon his return for the seventh consecutive year, to their charge. The spacious parsonage was not large enough to contain the crowd and almost half of the number present had to be contented with a look in at the windows.

The program of the evening was entirely impromptu, and was in charge of Mr. Leonard K. Clifton, of Woodensburg, who had represented the charge, as delegate, in the recent session of the Maryland Annual Conference. After an inspiring hymn, the pastor was called upon to lead in the devotions of the hour. Mr. Clifton then made a very happy address of welcome, assuring the pastor of the love and confidence of the entire membership of the charge, all four of the churches being represented, and expressing the pleasure it gave them to have him returned for another year. The pastor responded briefly assuring them of his pleasure in being returned to them and earnestly asking the continued confidence and cooperation of all the people, to make this year the "best yet." Then Mr. Jabez N. Barnes, of the Providence Church, came forward, and after a neat speech, presented Mrs. Cassen with a well filled purse, as a token of the good will of her many friends.

Several selections were then sung including a solo and quartette. Miss A. Myrle Caple presided at the piano with her usual grace and proficiency.

Refreshments were served in abundance to all, consisting of ice cream, cake, lemonade, bananas and candy. After a most enjoyable evening socially the company broke up and returned to their respective homes, voting it a most enjoyable occasion.

Those present besides the pastor and family were Emory Zepp and wife, Albert K. Hoff and wife, Jabez N. Barnes and wife, Samuel H. Brown and wife, Winfield Caple and wife, Guy W. Caple and wife, Tobias C. Stocksdale and wife, Murray E. Shreeve and wife, C. Norris Stocksdale and wife, W. Frank Ward and wife, Walter F. Ward and wife, William Tanner and wife, Bertram B. Blizzard and wife, Nelson Yingling and wife, G. W. Horner and wife, Wm. M. Gist and wife, Wm. M. Gist, Jr., and wife, M. J. Leister and wife, Mesdames Alpha Leister, Phillena Fenby, Thomas Shilling, Wm. C. Benson, Brandenburg, Kemp Stringer, Carroll Haines, Annit Shipley, Jno. Barnes, Clinton Shipley, Noah Stocksdale, L. K. Clifton, Harry Musselman, Carroll Huester, Carroll Stocksdale, Ernest Stocksdale, Harry Klee, Tracy Fenby, Misses Ida Green, A. Myrle Caple, Cordelia Miller, Etta Zepp Grace Zepp, Pearl Barnes, Amy Clifton, May Stocksdale. Blanche Stocksdale, Annie Brandenburg, Mollie Musselman, Edith Horner, Blanche Leister, Esther Sullivan, Grace Bush, Daisy Poole, Edna Barnes, Pauline Barnes, Lottie Caple, Myra Shilling, Grace Yingling, Ethel Shreeve, Emma Mann, Nettie Mann, May Ward, Ruth Fenby, Martha Stocksdale, Margaret Buckingham, Cordelia Benson, Lillian Haines, Reba Stocksdale, Virginia Armacost, Raymond Schilling, John Yingling, John Magee, Claude Armacost, Hunter Ward, Raymond Ward. Cover Stocksdale, Charlotte Stringer, Dorsey Gist and Harry Gist, Jr.

Look out, he is on the way!

ENUMERATOR—And your last residence?
MRS. HARDSCRABBLE—Great Scott! It'll be the cemetery I 'spect.

SCHOOL LEGISLATION.

TAX RATES FOR SCHOOL FIXED AT 16 1-8 CENTS

Colored Pupils to Be Trained in Mechanical and Agriculture Art.

The State tax rate for schools has been fixed at 16 1-8 cents on each $100 of assessed property. It is conservatively estimated that this, with the tax on incorporated institutions and Baltimore City stock, will produce $1,500,000, with a normal increase in taxable basis. Out of this is to be paid the usual appropriation for text-books; the cost of maintaining the Normal schools; the expenses of the State Department; $25,000 for retired teachers; $34,069.36 to the Free School Fund; and the State Aid to "Approved High Schools." The last three items named have not previously been paid out of the State school tax, but since the tax will produce about $150,000 more than the schools received last year, the quarterly distributions should remain about the same this year as last. With a re-assessment throughout the State, there will be a very substantial increase next year.

Each County School Board may, in its discretion, appoint a grade supervisor. If the number of teachers in a county exceeds one hundred and fifty, an additional supervisor may be appointed; and one additional supervisor for every additional one hundred teachers. These supervisors must have had at least five years' experience as teachers of the elementary grades, and such other qualifications as the State Board of Education may prescribe.

The Board of School Commissioners of any county may establish high schools subject to the approval of the State Board of Education. High schools receiving State aid shall be divided into two groups to be known as First Group and Second Group Schools—the group to be determined by the number of pupils enrolled, teachers employed, and years of instruction given.

High schools of the First Group shall fulfill the following minimum requirements: (a) an enrollment of not less than eighty pupils; (b) employ not less than four teachers for the regular high school work, exclusive of instructors of special subjects named under (e); (c) four years' course of instruction of not less than thirty-six weeks in each year, same to conform to the standard required by the State Board of Education; (d) the annual salary of the principal to be not less than $1,200, and the salary of each assistant teacher regularly employed to be not less than $500 per annum; (e) provision to be made for Manual Training and Domestic Science courses, and also a Commercial or an Agricultural course, as may be determined by the Board of County School Commissioners.

High schools of the Second Group shall fulfill the following minimum requirements: (a) an enrollment of not less than thirty-five pupils; (b) employ not less than two teachers for the regular high-school work, exclusively of instructors of special subjects named under (e); (c) a three years' course of instruction of not less than thirty-six weeks in each year, same to conform to the standard required by the State Board of Education; (d) the annual salary of the principal to be not less than $1,000, and that of each assistant to be not less than $500; (e) provision to be made for a Manual Training, or an Agricultural, or a Commercial course, as may be determined by the Board of County School Commissioners. The course of instruction in schools of the Second Group may be extended to four years by the Board of County School Commissioners, by the employment of such additional teacher or teachers as may be required by the State Board of Education, provided that the salary of such additional teacher or teachers shall be paid wholly by the said Board of County School Commissioners; and in those schools of the Second Group, where the course of instruction has been so extended to a four-year course, the graduates shall receive the same recognition as graduates of schools of the First Group. No promotions of high-school pupils from one grade to another, or graduation, shall be made without the approval of the principal and the County Superintendent.

State aid is based on the cost of instruction and for First Group schools is as follows: The sum of $600 on account of the principal, and the sum of $300 on acount of each of the first three assistants employed for regular high-school work; the sum of $400 on account of each of two special teachers, who shall spend not less than two fifths of their time in the school receiving said amounts; and the sum of $100 on account of each additional regular grade teacher, provided the total amount does not exceed the sum of $2,500.

For Second Group Schools: The sum of $600 on account of the principal, the sum of $400 on account of one assistant teacher employed for regular grade work; and the sum of $400 on account of the instructor of special subjects to be designated by the County School Board; provided, that if an instructor in Manual Training or Agricultural work be required to divide his or her time among not more than four schools of this group, $150 shall be allowed on account of each of such schools; provided, also, that the amount to be received by each of the four high schools of Baltimore City shall be equal to the maximum amount received on acount of any high school in the counties of the State; provided further, that the Board of County School Commissioners of each county shall submit annually to the County Commissioners of their respective counties at least thirty days prior to the date for making the usual county levy for school purposes a list of all high schools of the county, including those not entitled to State Aid as well as those classified in this Article, and an itemized statement of the estimated cost of maintaining same, and the said Boards of County Commissioners shall make a separate levy for high schools, publishing same once a week for three successive weeks prior to the date of making said levy, in one or more county papers.

When instruction below that of the high-school grades is given in the same building, or on the same premises, such grade work may also be under the direct control of the Board of County School Commissioners, and the principal of the high school shall also be the principal of the elementary department.

By an amendment to the bill, high schools now on the "Approved List" and complying with all requirements except that of enrollment, cannot be excluded from the Second Group within two years.

All special appropriations for (white) Manual Training Departments and also appropriations to maintain a Commercial Course in certain high schools have been repealed, and the high school appropriation is made in lieu thereof.

Any high school of either First or Second Group receiving State Aid shall forfeit any special State appropriations heretofore made for such schools—except academic appropriations made prior to 1872.

A special appropriation of $5,500 was made from the funds of the General Treasury to aid in defraying the extra expenses recently incurred in building a new Model School, the installation of a new heating plant, and general repairs to the building. A commission consisting of the Governor, Comptroller, Treasurer, State Superintendent of Schools, the Principal of the Maryland State Normal School, Senators Linthicum and Biddison, and Delegates Benson and Diges, was provided by law to consider the subject of a new site, plans for buildings, provisions for dormitories, etc., and report to the General Assembly two years hence.

While the Legislature declined to authorize a bond issue of $400,000 as provided in the bill submitted by Senator Linthicum, it seems probable that public sentiment will soon crystalize in favor of the plan and the next Legislature will provide the necessary funds to carry out the suggestions which the Commission may make.

Should the Johns Hopkins University move to Homewood and establish a Teachers' College as an adjunct of the University and the new Normal School be located nearby, there could be furnished an ideal and adequate plan for training teachers. Nothing would invigorate our school system more than the consummation of these plans. We should all work toward such an end.

The appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars for one colored industrial school will be divided between the maintenance of one colored school, centrally located in the county, where the industrial arts are to be taught and demonstrated, and the employment of a capable supervisor for the colored schools, who shall visit such schools frequently under the direction of the County Superintendent and cause instruction of any industrial character to be given in all colored schools. In any county where there are fewer than ten colored schools, only one-half of the appropriation is payable, and that part of the maintenance of one industrial school.

If the County School Board will employ a graduate of some such well-known industrial school as Tuskegee or Hampton, this plan will go far toward solving the problem of negro education. A capable person can also be of great assistance to the county school officials in providing teachers for the colored schools and training them for the work they are to do.

The General Assembly sanctioned the sale made by the State Board of Education of the Baltimore Colored Normal Building located at the corner of Saratoga and Courtland streets, Baltimore. A tract of land near Bowie, Prince George's County, has been purchased as a site for the new school plant, and it is the purpose of the State Board of Education to erect and complete, before October 1st next, the necessary buildings for the school. At a small cost pupils will be trained along the line of mechanical arts and agriculture for the work of teaching.

On or before the fist day of October of each year, the County Superintendent shall submit to the County School Board a list of all teachers employed, together with a classification of their certificates. In determining the class of certificates, the following points are to be considered: (a) scholarship; (b) executive ability; (c) personality; and (d) teaching power. The County Superintendent may add such other requirements as may be approved by the State Board of Education.

An act fixes the minimum local levy in Baltimore county at 28 cents for general expenses and 9 cents for buildings.

In Allegany, the rate for general expenses was fixed at 30 cents and 4 cents for buildings.

In Prince George's a minimum of 25 cents was fixed for all school purposes.

In Anne Arundel, the rate for general school purposes has been 33 cents, but an additional 5 cents for buildings was authorized.

Several counties, notably Montgomery and Prince George's, have arranged for bond issues for the erection of certain new school buildings.

April 9, 1910.

Auspacious Opening at Pimlico.

The races at Pimlico opened on Wednesday, April 20, and there is every indication that the meeting, which continues until May 7th will prove a big success. Four weeks previous to the opening day the tryouts of the various candidates for turf honors was witnessed by scores of horsemen, and the schooling of the steeplechasers came in for a loyal share of the attraction.

Much interest is taken in the auction sale of the nineteen race horses, hunters, colts and fielders, belonging to the estate of the late Robert Melville, of Virginia, which takes in the Paddock at Pimlico this (Saturday) morning at eleven o'clock. These racers individually and collectively are a particularly fine lot, and will be sold to the highest bidder.

Grace Lutheran Church.

Sunday school and adult Bible class 9 a. m. Sermon theme 10.30 a. m., "Living on the World;" 7.30 p. m., "The Campaign Against Tuberculosis, and how we can help." Y. P. S. C. E., 6.45 p. m

HAVE EVERYTHING THEIR WAY.

A NEW PAPER IN BALTIMORE WOULD HAVE BARE SUCCESS.

Democrats Need Have No Fear of Their Record in the Past General Assembly.

Baltimore, April 20, 1910.

Governor Crothers made the most important of his appointments this week, when he gave out the names of Judge James Alfred Pearce, and Messrs. Walter W. Abell and James M. Ambler as Public Utilities Commissioners, Mr. John E. George as Automobile Commissioner and Mr. H. Arthur Stump as Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. All these gentlemen are eminently qualified for the places to which they are assigned, stand high in the esteem of the general public, and their appointment gives general satisfaction, except to the mugwump papers of Baltimore, who would not be satisfied with anyone named by a Democratic governor. The passing of the Sun over the mugwump-Republican ranks, takes away the last friend the local and State Democracy had among the daily English newspapers of the city, and leaves the party helpless so far as journalistic support is concerned in Baltimore.

In this connection it is well to recall the fact that the Sun was responsible for the defeat of Senator Price's Amendment to the Public Utilities bill which would have permitted the establishment of a real Democratic paper in the city. Under the law as it stands now, every public or quasi public organization or association is subject to its provisions, except the Associated Press and kindred organizations, and these close corporations are in no wise under the control of the Commission or the regulations of that body. As a result, no newly established paper will be able to secure any press service, and the old monopoly of public news will be more firmly entrenched than ever. Senator Price's Amendment, which was rejected, would have placed the Press Association under the regulation of the Public Utilities Commision, and would have enabled any newspaper in the State to have obtained telegraphic service at the same rates now paid by the other members of the Press Association. The only monopoly not subject to regulation by the Utilities Commission is the monopoly of news by wire, and this prevents the establishment of any paper in Baltimore with any reasonable prospect of sucess. The Sun wanted everything regulated by the Commission except the monopoly in which it was interested, and in this, as in all other matters bulldozed the General Assembly into obedience.

The outlook is bright for the election of a Democratic Congress this year, and in this Maryland will probably contribute a full delegation of six Democratic members. All the signs from every section of the State point to a Democratic landslide, and the same signs from all sections of the country indicate that the next House of Representatives will be Democratic by a large majority, and that Maryland will once more have a solid Democratic delegation in Congress.

People are just beginning to realize the importance of the laws passed at Annapolis during the recent session. Among the important bills of general moment were the Public Utilities, the Primary Election Law, the new assessment law, the Automobile law, the Pure Food Law, the new laws for the care of the Insane and other indigent people—all of which are almost revolutionary in their character, and will be far-reaching in their effect. Under these laws the whole system of the management of public affairs will be changed and new and radical methods will prevail. How these changes will work when carried into practical effect, cannot be foretold—but any defects can be remedied at the next session in 1912. At that time the ineffective parts can be eliminated from the laws and the good parts left in operation. As it is, men who are good judges assert that Maryland is now in the vanguard of the States in all matters pertaining to up-to-date and modern legislation—especially in the way of care for the afflicted both mentally and physically. Notwithstanding the criticism of the General Assembly on the part of the hostile papers, the Democrats need have no fear to go before the people on the record of the last four months for the good so far predominates that there can be very little just criticism made by any reasonable person

PAUL WINCHESTER.

Birthday Celebration.

John Bernstein celebrated his 75th birthday on Sunday last at his home East Main street. Mr. Bernstein was born in Schlitz, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. He landed in Baltimore in 1855 and came to this county in 1856, and has lived here ever since. He has been a reader of the Baltimore Sun since the Civil War.

Those present at the celebration were Morris Mitten, Theo. Mitten, J. H. Mitten, J. Thos. Anders, John J. Rose, Geo. A. Miller, Jas. M. Mitchell, W. L. Brown, Ferd. Dieffenbach, John T. Zahn and John Bernstein.

The Opera "Miss Bob White."

The rehearsals of "Miss Bob White" are being so well attended and such rapid progress made under the instruction of Miss Sallie Fauntle-Roy, of the Woman's College, Frederick, that it promises to surpass anything ever given by the young people of Westminster. It will be given two nights only, May 10 and 12, and is for the benefit of the Westminster Orchestra, a struggling organization yet in its infancy and much in need of assistance, and it is to be hoped the public will show its appreciation of home talent by very liberal patronage.

This is one of Willard Spencer's prettiest operas and there will be about fifty voices accompanied by the full orchestra.

STATE'S MONEY FOR INSANE NOW READY.

Springfield Asylum for Which $270,000 Was Appropriated.

Now that the $270,000 appropriated by the State is available for raising to a higher plane of efficiency the Springfield Asylum, extensive improvements, which have been held back only by the lack of funds, will be inaugurated at that institution, the largest and most important of all the asylums devoted to housing the Maryland Insane.

Dr. J. Clement Clark, superintendent, and the trustees of the institution, will start work on the new buildings at once.

The plans provide for the erection of fireproof structures of thoroughly modern type and equipment and generous dimensions as well as such alteration of the present buildings as will adapt them more fittingly to the reception and accommodation of inmates.

THE W. M. LINK.

Awarded to Carter Construction Company to Build and Equip.

Contracts for the construction of the W. M. extension from Cumberland to Connellsville, have been awarded to the Carter Construction Company, of Pittsburg. Bids for the construction of this extension were invited in three sections, and it was expected that the contracts would be awarded to several different concerns to facilitate its completion. The line is to be 83 miles in length and will give the W. M. entrance into Pittsburg, over the Pittsburg and Lake Erie, with which it has a 99-year traffic agreement. It is believed that the United States Steel Corporation is closely affiliated with the Carter Construction Company. The new line will cost about $12,000,000 to construct and equip.

TROLLEY LINE TO YORK.

Expected That Cars Will be Running From Baltimore in a Year.

A trolley line from Baltimore to York, Pa., running out the Reisterstown pike, now seems assured. Plans have already been completed for the line from Hanover, Pa., to Reisterstown, the franchise having been granted by the Maryland authorities after some opposition. From Reisterstown the road will be built into Baltimore, the connection being made at Hanover with the lines of the York Railways Company.

Work will be started immediately at Reisterstown and as there is little grading and bridge construction work to be done, it is anticipated by the contractors that the work on that end will be completed within a year.

Hon. Geo. L. Wellington With Door to Virtue Lodge.

On Thursday night Hon. Geo. L. Wellington, of Cumberland, delivered an address to Door to Virtue Lodge, No. 46, on "The Symbols of Masonry." Representatives of various Lodges in the county attended, and as most members brought their wives or some friend quite a large number were present to be entertained by the talented Western Marylander.

Mr. Wellington did not disappoint his friends or admirers and made a most interesting and instructive speech. It was replete with masonic references and incidents in ancient and mythological history, and his hearers followed him with rapt attention from the twilight of tradition to the noon of the present, as step by step he developed and depicted the workings of this great order as it rose and strove for the betterment of mankind and the advancement of civilization.

At the close of his address Lewis K. Woodward, W. M., in happily chosen words extended the thanks of the Lodge and its guests to Mr. Wellington, who in expressing his appreciation of the sentiments tendered him, took occasion to compliment the ladies and the good sense which the members had displayed in bringing them.

Refreshments were afterwards served, and no doubt the first strawberries of the season were then enjoyed by the majority, if not all, of those present.

Miller—Rupp.

The marriage of Miss Mary J. Rupp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rupp, of Hampstead, Carroll county, to Mr. William Miller, son of Mr. Thomas Miller, took place last Sunday evening in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, at Arcadia. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. S. J. Derr. Mr. and Mrs. Miller will reside in their new home, south of Hampstead.

CONFESSES MURDER OF WIFE LONG AGO.

Hurled Her Over Niagara Falls—Johnson Fears Self-Destruction.

Antioch, Ill., April 17.—Foster Johnson voluntarily confessed before Magistrate Jones that six years ago he threw his wife over Niagara Falls. He said he wanted to be arrested and tried to escape killing himself.

Johnson says the murder was committed on October 4, 1904. He and his wife had had several quarrels because of the attention Johnson paid to other women. Mrs. Johnson asked him to accompany her for a walk along the State reservoir on the American side of the falls. The quarrel was renewed during the walk, Johnson said. While they were on the edge of the river above the falls Johnson, in a fit of temper pushed his wife into the stream, watching until she was swept over the cataract.

On October 23 the body was recovered and identified as that of Mrs. Johnson by relatives. Hart Slocum, the coroner at Niagara Falls, held an inquest and the jury returned a verdict of "suicide." This was based on the testimony at the inquest that Mrs. Johnson had been despondent and that she had said she felt like throwing herself over the falls. Johnson was allowed to come West, no suspicion being held against him, and he settled in Antioch, where he has been living since.