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COURT HOUSE NEWS.

MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Transfers of Real Estate, Marriage Licenses, &c.

Marriage Licenses.

Clarence L. Koozt, 21, Taneytown, and Hallie Rout, 18, Carroll county, James E. Shilling, 23, Sandyville, and Lulu M. Taylor, 21, Carrollton. James E. Streig, 26, and Annie L. Richard, 18, both of Carroll county. George E. Byers, 28, Carroll county, and Lella S. Spielman, 27, Baltimore. Milton G. Hesson, 20, and Mary E. Eckard, 16, both of Carroll county.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, July 11.—The last will and testament of Rachel E. Lee, deceased, was admitted to probate, and letters testamentary thereon were granted to Robert E. Lee and Philip S. Lee, who received warrant to appraise, also order to notify creditors.

Arthur C. Englar and Luther Kemp, executors of Elizabeth Jane Hanes, deceased, received order to sell real estate.

Charles A. Runkles, administrator of Albert H. Runkles, deceased, received order authorizing the continuing of business of the estate until sold.

Tuesday, July 12.—Claudia M. Alexander, guardian of Winnie P. Hewitt, Richard C. Hewitt and Robert K. Hewitt, wards, settled her second account and received order for investment of funds.

Jacob C. Hull and George W. Hull, executors of George W. Hull, deceased, received order to sell real estate and returned report of sale of real estate which was immediately ratified by the court in accordance with an agreement of all parties in interest to immediate ratification.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Shelmana H. Harris and wife to Amos B. Harris, convey 10 acres, for \$800.

Martha J. Woodard to Ernest J. Ernest J. Spooner and wife to Theodore F. Englar et al., convey property, for \$1.

Theo. F. Englar et al. to Theo. F. Englar et al., convey property.

Wm. A. Tower and wife to C. & P. Telephone Co., convey lot in Westminster, for \$5.

Edward S. Bankard et al. to Anna K. Warner, convey 156 1/2 square perches, for \$3,000.

William Abbott and wife to First National Bank, Hampstead, convey 15028 square feet, for \$1,000.

Joseph L. Franklin, sheriff, to Margaret E. Shipley, convey 3 rods and 20 perches, for \$315.

Henry Beccart and wife to Robert F. Wells, convey 16 square perches, for \$5.

Edward J. Miller, assignee, to Theo. F. Miller, convey 1 1/2 acres, for \$500.

Wm. B. Crapster et al. to Susan G. Crapster, convey lot in Taneytown, for \$5.

Clementine Clements to George M. Clements, convey 22 square perches, for \$5.

Harry Brown to John H. Burdette, convey 61 acres, 1 rod and 5 perches, for \$600.

Samuel J. Hann et al. to Alverta E. Hunt, convey 6889 square feet, for \$220.

Walter L. Zepp and wife to Nora E. Geiman, convey 3560 square feet, for \$1825.

Justice Shriver's Court.

The following cases were disposed of by Police Justice Shriver since our last report:

State of Maryland vs. Daniel Thompson, disturbing peace; guilty; fine and costs paid.

Mayor and Common Council vs. John Black; drunk and disorderly; guilty; 30 days in jail.

State of Maryland vs. Jos. Bantz; non-support of wife and child; guilty; 30 days in jail.

State of Maryland vs. Clara Bowens; night walker; guilty; 3 months in the House of Correction.

State of Maryland vs. Alice Woppen; night walker; guilty; paid fine and costs.

State of Maryland vs. Amiel Mitchell and 50 male and female children, known as gypsies; operating without a license; guilty; fine and costs paid.

State of Maryland vs. Jfo. Mathias; charge of larceny; held for court.

State of Maryland vs. Jno. Babylon; charge of larceny; held for court.

School Board.

The School Board of Carroll county held the July meeting on Monday, 11th inst. Commissioners Jacob H. Blocher, Theo. F. Englar, John O. DeVries, Dr. Wm. E. Gaver and Levi D. Reid were present.

The vacancies in the State Normal School from Carroll county were filled by awarding scholarships to Miss Cleo H. Pittenger, Union Bridge; Miss Ethel E. Murray, Greenmount; Miss Mary Shaum, Taneytown, and Mr. Samuel Catrider, Maple Grove. The scholarship to Maryland Agricultural College was given to Mr. Wm. B. Hull, of Mount Pleasant, and that to St. Mary's Seminary, to Miss Hilda E. Cronise, of New Windsor.

A motion was passed for holding a competitive examination for selecting a male student to Washington College, Chestertown, Md., under the recent law providing for that institution from each county on the Western shore. An advertised, the examination will be held on the 2nd of August.

Commissioners Jacob H. Blocher, Peter Buchman, Theo. F. Englar, and Jno. O. DeVries and J. F. Elgin, an experienced architect, from Westminster, visited Gamber and Sykesville, June 15th. Acting on the report of the Commissioners that additional room is needed at Sykesville an

CLEVER SET OF GYPSIES

BANK CASHIER FLIM-FLAMMED OUT OF \$5.00 IN GOLD.

Arrested and Paid a Fine of \$75.00 for License to Stay in Carroll.

A band of gypsies stopped near Westminster Monday morning, and the women, some of whom were attractive, came to town to play their craft. Two stopped in one of the banks and asked to see some money with "Indian Heads" and they were shown three five dollar gold pieces. Their hands were quicker than one's eyes, and after they had departed the bank was minus five dollars.

A warrant was sworn out for the arrest of the women, and it appearing that they had no license the sheriff arrested the tribe and brought them into Westminster, six wagons and fifteen horses, about six or eight women and the same number of men and innumerable children reported varying from ten hours to six or seven years of age. There were also several boys and girls in their teens, and all were dark and swarthy except one girl, about 14 years old, who was white. They were ragged and dirty, but apparently happy, the babies and younger children eating apples and crawling around while the trial progressed before Justice Shriver.

Owing to their apparent ignorance of English and the inability of any one to understand their patois, much difficulty was experienced in making them realize what they had done or in comprehending the excuse they attempted to offer in palliation of their offense. The police room was crowded with gypsies and spectators and the overflow spread into Court street. After about three hours deliberation the Justice decided that as the woman could not be identified, who had taken the gold piece, to let them go upon taking out their license and paying the costs, amounting in all to about \$75.00. This they did and departed.

Many complaints of people being flim-flammed out of their money or valuables by these people are common, and care should be taken in dealing with them. The name has no distinctive name, but the most of them are apparently pure gypsies, genuine nomads. The chief of the band is a swarthy fellow, who evidently rules with an iron hand, says his name is Amiel Mitchell, and the majority of the tribe are his descendants, sons and grandsons.

The license issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court authorizes the band to encamp in this county and ply its business until May 1, 1911. The license becomes void if in the meantime it goes out of the county.

Forest and Stream Club Encampment.

The Forest and Stream Club of Westminster are in the midst of night preparations for their annual encampment which is to be held July 17th to August 6th, on the Moxley River, near the Western Maryland Railway bridge.

They have set aside Wednesday, August 3rd, for Ladies' Day. On this day the wives and sweethearts of members and friends are to be welcomed in camp.

The members expect this to be their largest and most successful camp.

There is considerable talk about organizing an orchestra or a band, in addition to the Glee Club which renders such beautiful vocal music along the banks of the Monocacy River from 7 p. m. to 2 a. m., each night.

The club has elected two members this year.

Basin we hear are plentiful and it will only take good weather to make fishing ideal.

You don't have to shoot or fish—the camp, the tent, the big rim of the horizon, the trees, the grass and the open air, that's all you want. Take it—'tis yours, a king can have no more.

A Fleet-Footed Whille.

Word was telegraphed to the operator at this station on Monday that two hoboes were riding on a West bound extra freight train, and to have officers to arrest them upon their arrival. Detective Cross, of the Western Maryland Railroad Company, was notified and he hurriedly summoned officers Helm, Weigle and Jerome and Constable Davis, who lined up along the track as the train pulled in. About 10 cars back of the engine the two were espied. One jumped into the arms of officer Helm, and the other jumped on the side where Detective Cross was stationed. The hobo started on a run for John street, with Mr. Cross in pursuit, but the hobo distanced the officers and escaped in the vicinity of the Stone House. The one captured was a railroad employe, and was left to go. Quite a crowd gathered to see the fun.

Good Music.

On Wednesday evening the Westminster (Md.) Band, which encamped here with the First Maryland Regiment, gave a delightful concert in the Square. The band has an enviable record and held up its reputation on this occasion. Prof. A. Bailey Morelock, who directed the Citizens Band of Gettysburg at Emmitsburg during Old Home Week last July, is director of the organization. On Friday evening a number of the members played with the Citizens Band at rehearsal at Gettysburg Sentinel.

Today is St. Swithin's Day.

If it rains today, if only a drop, it will pour for 40 days. It is Saint Swithin's.

For 11 centuries there has been a popular belief that on July 15 is a signal for a continuous performance for 40 more long days. It happened before Swithin became a saint.

Grace Lutheran Church.

Holy Communion morning and evening. Preparatory services this Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

DEATH'S HARVEST.

Well Known Residents And Others Who Have Passed Away.

Henning.

Mr. David N. Henning, one of the oldest and best known members of the Carroll County Bar, died at his residence, in Westminster on last Monday morning. He had been in bad health for many months and though his friends had hoped for his recovery, the end was not unexpected. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Henning, a daughter of the late Dr. Thomas W. Wells, of Westminster. His brother, William Henning and two of his sisters, Mrs. J. R. Martin and Mrs. D. A. Jones live in Baltimore and the other sister, Mrs. Amelia Stoddard, at Towson.

Mr. Henning was born in Baltimore about 66 years ago, and was the son of David and Mary Henning. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in February 1857. Afterwards his health being bad he came to Westminster and was so benefited by the change, that he located and practiced his profession here ever since.

Mr. Henning possessed an unusual brilliant mind and soon had a good clientele, and at one time employed one of the largest practices in Westminster. He was unusually effective before a jury, his simple and plain manner of speaking enabling him to reach them, as few men can.

In 1875 he was elected State's Attorney, which office he held until 1891, having been re-elected three times. He was a candidate for Associate Judge in 1882 but was defeated by the late Judge Smith, by a small majority. As State's Attorney he was most successful and his knowledge of the criminal law was extensive. He was intensely fond of books and his retentive mind stored up the information gleaned from them.

About ten years ago he was seriously injured by being thrown from a runaway carriage, and his nervous system never fully recovered from the shock. He continued however the practice of his profession until within a short time of his death. Though he left no children, he was practically the father of his wife's nephew and niece, Miss Nannie Coonan, who goes by the name of Miss Nannie Henning, and Dr. Thomas J. Coonan, a prominent physician of this city.

The funeral took place at St. John's Church of which he was a member, the interment being in the cemetery in the rear. The pallbearers were Dr. Wm. D. Wells, Messrs. Bernard Wells, Howard Plack and Wm. T. Henning, his nephews, and Mr. E. M. Sullivan and Mr. E. O. Weaver. The Carroll County Bar Association attended in a body as honorary pallbearers, as well as the Associate Judges of the Circuit Court, and the Court Officials as well as all those who had been associated with him in his profession for many years were present in large numbers. F. C. Sharrer was funeral director.

Fritz.

Mrs. Frances Carrie Fritz, wife of Oscar P. Fritz, died at the home of her parents, near Linwood, Md., Tuesday, July 6, after an illness of about five weeks, aged 17 years, 5 months and 8 days.

Mrs. Fritz was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Stone, and a sister of Wm. Harry Stone, of Washington, D. C., all of whom survive her.

She was a member of the Linwood Brethren Church. The funeral took place from the church of rest at Pipe Creek, Friday morning. Services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Marcus A. Witter, assisted by Rev. W. P. Englar, of the Church of the Brethren. Burial was in the adjoining cemetery. Harvey Bankert funeral director.

Mercer.

Mrs. Ella, wife of Robert Mercer, of Baltimore, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Barnes, and granddaughter of the late John Davis and Sestina Bowers, of Bird Hill, died July 12, 1910, aged 29 years, 10 months and 25 days. She leaves a husband and one daughter.

Bennett.

Mr. Robert J. Bennett, one of the best known citizens of Howard county, died suddenly Saturday of paralysis, at his home at Rockland, aged 57 years. Mr. Bennett was born in Carroll county and was educated at St. John's College. He was the son of the late Rev. Samuel and Mary Bennett, of Carroll county. He taught school in Howard county for about 15 years, and about two years ago he gave up teaching and engaged in poultry business. He is survived by one sister (Miss Elizabeth Bennett), a prominent real estate man of Baltimore. Funeral took place on Monday morning at his home. Interment was at Oakland, this county.

Norris.

Henry M. Norris, died at the residence of Mr. Daniel H. Buckley, at Mt. Pleasant, Frederick county, on June 30, of gastritis, aged 76 years, 5 months and 25 days. Mr. Norris was well known in this city, having resided here for a number of years. Funeral services took place on July 2 at the house. Interment was in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Elberly.

Rev. Dr. Daniel B. Elberly, ranking chaplain of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, died at his home in York, Pa., on Saturday, aged 76 years. He served several congregations in Cumberland, York, Adams and Carroll counties, and in Adams, Pa., and Baltimore, Md. In 1872 he was elected president of Otterbein University, in Ohio, and later was a professor in Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa. Dr. Elberly was a Civil War veteran, and since 1873 had been chaplain of the Eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard.

Tawney.

Frederick Tawney, a retired carpenter, and a native of Carroll county, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sallie Selby, in Annapolis, on Monday morning, July 11th, of cancer of the stomach, aged 86 years, 1 month and 8 days. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Emma Glenville, of Baltimore, and three sons, Carrollton, of Baltimore; James, of near Hanover and Albert, of Laurel. His funeral took place from the Church of God, in Annapolis, of which he has been a member since he was seventeen years old, on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. L. F. Murry, the pastor, conducted the services, and preached from the text selected by Mr. Tawney, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Rev. V. K. Betts, of Carrollton, assisted in the services. Other ministers present were Rev. G. W. Baughman, J. D. Hill and Philip Englar. The interment was in the Hill cemetery. The pallbearers were Ezra Garner, Geo. W. Slonaker, Samuel Heltrabridle, J. W. Rodkey, John Stuller and William Rodkey. Charles Fuss, of Taneytown, had charge of the funeral. Mr. Tawney was a member of Salem Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Westminster, and during the Civil War he served in a Maryland Regiment.

Mr. Tawney, Uncle Fred, as he was known, was highly respected by all who knew him. He owned a tombstone, selecting the inscription, and some time ago had it put in the lot in which he was buried on Tuesday.

Following is the inscription: FREDERICK W. TAWNEY, Born June 3, 1824, Died July 11, 1910. "Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."

Miles.

Nellie Mae Miles, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Miles, aged 1 year and 4 days. The little girl was only sick a short time.

Four little girls in white bore the casket to its final resting place. Rev. E. Roy Buckingham officiating minister, and James Pickett & Son funeral directors. Interment in Morgan Chapel cemetery.

WEDDING BELLS.

Koozt-Rout.

Mr. Clarence L. Koozt, of Kump, and Miss Nellie Rout, of Middleburg, were married last Saturday evening at the Reformed parsonage, Union Bridge, by Rev. Martin Schweitzer.

Bareham-Naylor.

The marriage of Miss Elsie V. Naylor, daughter of Mr. Levi Naylor, of Butler, to Mr. Harvey H. Bareham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Acquilla Bareham, of Warren, took place Saturday evening in the rectory of Sherwood Protestant Episcopal Church, Cockeysville. Rev. Adolphus T. Pindell performed the ceremony. The bride was attended in white. The witnesses were Mr. A. T. Pindell and Misses Laura Pindell, Mamie and Nora Norris.

Brothers-Freeland.

Miss Lella Freeland and David N. Brothers, both of this county, were married last night, by the Rev. W. L. Seabrook, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, at his residence, this city, in the presence of the mother and uncle of the groom and members of the family of the officiating clergyman.

Apples as an Aid to Better Roads.

Along the highways of Topsham, Me., where new State roads are being built, the abutters are grafting the wild apple trees beside the old stone walls along the roadside with summer apples, early fruit that will be ripe and ready for the wayfarer, no matter whether he travel by the old Dobbin, the automobile or shank's mare.

On these trees, says the Lewiston Journal, metal signs will be placed for public use, simply requesting the same care and consideration for others, in picking the same, that was shown by those who have planted the trees or grafted them for the use of all.

The idea is worthy of emulation everywhere. It shows a spirit of hospitality. It advertises the Maine apple. It brings the summer visitor to Maine.

All this is a part of the new spirit of progress that is coming to the countryside of Maine—trimmer roads, trimmer houses, better fences, good "eat-in" apples "all along the highway!"

When Maine decided to pursue a definite, practical and Statewide plan of State road construction, she took a step ahead of the old time confusion and waste of town road construction without concerted plan or purpose—roads beginning nowhere ending nowhere.

A Joy Ride.

The Sunday school scholars and teachers of St. Paul's Reformed Church were given an automobile ride on Wednesday evening, instead of holding the regular summer picnic which has heretofore been the custom.

About 6:30 o'clock six automobiles were filled with a number of happy little children, and a ride of about 15 rods, was taken before returning to the church, where refreshments were served to all on their return.

Wheat is 93 Cents.

The wheat crop is all harvested and an excellent one. Thrashing has commenced and the yield is from twenty-five to forty bushels to the acre.

The hay crop though short in the early part of the season, has greatly improved and the yield will be nearly normal.

Base Ball and Picnic.

The Sandville Base Ball Club will hold a picnic on Saturday, July 16, commencing at 2 o'clock. On the same day Sandville will time up against the strong club of Gamber. A good game is expected. Come and enjoy the sport with us.

FRUIT PACKED IN GLASS JARS.

William B. Thomas and Son Are Interested in the Invention.

The daily papers have recently called attention to the formation of The Pure Food Process Company of Baltimore, for the purpose of manufacturing machinery for the canning of fruit, vegetables, sea foods and all other food-stuffs capable of being preserved. The patents and devices constructed by this company, it is predicted, will create a revolution in the canning industries in the country, and eliminate to a large extent the use of cans in packing. The idea of packing fruit and vegetables in glass jars, although it has been followed by housewives for years in preserving fruits and vegetables, has never been applied in the packing business on a commercial basis until the last year, when William B. Thomas and Son, of Westminster, used it. Recently, with Mr. Edward D. Schmitt, a mechanical engineer, they succeeded in perfecting and patenting certain machinery and jars which enabled this to be done. By their use they can fill glass bottles, holding a quart with any fruit, and seal it as rapidly as though it were tin. These jars are difficult to break, and the food remains fresh and pure in them for years.

There is an exposition in Westminster at the Banking House of William B. Thomas and Son, of all kinds of fruits and foods in these glass jars which have been packed for several years, and they apparently appear as fresh as the day when put up. By some process through which the glass passes, it is hardened sufficiently so as to be packed without breaking; they are shipped in paper boxes, instead of wood, and so far but little complaint, if any, has been made from their customers on account of breakage. The jars are also redeemable after use.

It is expected that this company will not engage in the packing business itself, but will sell their machinery and allow the process to be used by other companies, by being paid a royalty. They will establish a machine shop and glass factory at Baltimore for the manufacture of the machines and jars. Owing to the fact that so much packing is done in Baltimore and vicinity it should prove a most profitable undertaking. Seeing what you are buying is certainly an improvement over the old method of taking a trust.

Both of the Messrs. Thomas have been interested in using glass for packing fruit for years, and as a result to them that it has assumed this practical form.

GHOSTS CAUSE OF A RAILROAD STRIKE.

Laborers Sure They Saw Spirits of Slain Section Men Operating a Fire Spouting Hand Car.

Mercerville, N. J.—Fifty Italian railroad laborers have gone on strike in Mercerville, N. J., because they saw four ghosts—the spirits of fellow laborers who were recently killed by being struck by a train—operating a hand-car. Folk hereabout believe the story of the laborers, as they all agree as to the particulars. The villagers are excited, and even the men of the village would not go out at night if they were paid for it.

The laborers were working after dark when they saw a handcar approaching. Fire seemed to be shooting from the engine, and the workmen, amazed, laid down their picks and shovels to watch the approaching car. Those working it were dressed in white, and as it neared the group of laborers they recognized the occupants as members of the group of workmen who were killed near the spot a month ago. According to the stories told by the workmen, the handcar mysteriously disappeared just as it reached a point about five feet from them. They rushed wildly in all directions after they had recovered sufficiently from their fright to move.

The laborers went on strike immediately and even an inducement of increased wages would not tempt them to again work near the same spot. A search for the phantomlike car failed to reveal any trace of it. Three of the men killed were section bosses, who believed that, after death, a person's spirit roamed the earth.

DEPLORES PRAISE OF JOHNSON.

Colored Minister Says Negroes Will Never Be Equal to Whites.

Among colored clergymen of Baltimore who do not see anything for the members of that race to rejoice in over the victory of "Jack" Johnson, and who deplore the fact that several members of the ministry have determined to eulogize the black champion, is Rev. Dr. A. Manshup Molock, president of the Association Institute College Mulkin and Spring streets, East Baltimore. He deprecates the action of such ministers in attempting to make Johnson a hero in the eyes of his race.

"Such attempts," he said yesterday, "are not only nonsensical and ignorant, but they tend to incite race prejudice. It is absurd to suppose that because one black man, who had a strength and who had been in training for years, beat a white man, who had been out of condition, the colored race is superior to the white. If Jeffries were in the condition he was a few years ago, the tale might have been different.

"That question aside, it is wrong to try to hold up the negro the fact that he is the white man's superior. He is not. He has never been and will not be, judging from present conditions.

"I pride myself that I have a liberal education, but if I lived a thousand years I do not think that I would be the white man's equal. The colored people should get such notions out of their heads. Many of them have done well enough with the opportunities they have had, but they should have no false notions. This action on the part of certain colored clergymen in praising Johnson is tactless and ignorant."

PERSONAL MENTION

[Persons who contemplate going away, or have friends visiting, please send the names to this office.]

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hoff, East Main street, spent yesterday at River View.

Miss Annie Poisel, of this city, spent several days last week visiting in Baltimore.

Miss Meta Stonesifer has just returned home after spending two weeks on the Eastern Shore.

Brice Benton Blair, of San Francisco, Cal., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Hitting, West Main street.

Miss Louise Baer, of Baltimore, is spending the week with her cousin, Miss Blanche Baer, at Tanney.

John C. Cassell, of Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting his brothers, Harry and Frank Cassell, West Main street.

Mrs. Walter S. Grubbs, of Saint Paul, Minn., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gilliland at the Longwell Place.

Mrs. Grove A. Shipley is spending the summer with her daughter, Margaret R. Shipley, 88 Pennsylvania avenue.

Miss Gertrude Bowman and Mr. Joseph Rice, Baltimore, spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bowman's, Tanney.

Rev. and Mrs. Albert Dieffenbach and child, of Pittsburgh, Pa., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ferd. Dieffenbach, Liberty street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Price, of near this city, attended the family reunion of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Price, Hanover, Pa.

Dr. Lewis K. Woodward, Frank H. Cassell and J. Frank Diffendal, this city, are spending a short vacation at Mackinac Island, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Stonesifer and son George, Mrs. Chas. Stonesifer and Mrs. Alfred Ward are spending a week in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Cardinal Gibbons, who had been spending sometime with Messrs. T. Herbert and Frank Shriver, at Union Mills, returned home on Saturday morning on the 11.10 train.

Mr. Raymond Blizard, of near Sandyville, and Mr. Harry Blizard, of Liberty, Muscatine county, Iowa, are spending several days last week with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller, near this city.

Guarding Gold and Silver at the Mints.

The precautions taken at the United States mints against waste of the precious metals are of a most extraordinary character. No miser could guard his treasure with more sedulous care than does your Uncle Sam.

Every evening the floor of the melting room is swept cleaner than a good housewife's kitchen. The dust is put carefully aside, and about once in three months the soot scraped from every flue is transferred to some precious dust heap. This is then burned and from its ashes the government derives a handsome income.

The earthenware crucibles used in melting are not employed more than three times. Then they are crushed under heavy rollers and in their porous sides are found fine flakes of fine silver. Like Auntie with his lamp, Uncle Sam would not exchange old crucibles for new ones.

In the melting room when the casters raise their ladles from the melting pots a shower of sparks flies from the molten surface of the metal. For the most part they are bits of inconspicuous carbon, but clinging to the carbon is often a minute particle of silver. These particles should escape the ashes and clinkers below the furnaces are gathered up at night. The debris is ground in a mill, and a steam crusher and then is sold to a smelter, like ordinary ore, at a price per ton warranted by the assayer.

The ladles that stir the precious metal, the big iron rods, the strainers and the dippers all are tested in a most curious fashion. After considerable use they become covered with a thin layer of oxidized silver, which looks for all the world like brown rust. The implements are then laid in baths of a solution of sulphuric acid, which eats away the iron and steel and leaves the silver untouched.

Gradually the ladle, or whatever the implement is, will disappear, and in its place remains a hollow silver counterpart of the original, delicate as spun glass. These fragile casts reproduce the ladle with perfect accuracy in all its details, although their surfaces are perforated with innumerable little holes. Scarcely have they been molded, however, before they are cast into a crucible, to become in time dollars, quarters and dimes.