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COURT HOUSE NEWS.

STONESIFER'S SCHOOLHOUSE CAUGHT FIRE FROM STOVE PIPE.

The Assessment Blanks of Uniontown District Are Being Examined.

Marriage Licenses.

Noah N. Keeny, 22, Carroll county, Md., and Lottie E. Stremmel, 20, York county, Pa.

County Commissioners.

The board of control and review are busily examining the assessment blanks of Uniontown district. They will take up Berrett district next.

School Commissioners.

During the night of January 31st, the stove pipe fell and caused a fire in Stonesifer's school house, between Westminster and Bachman's Valley. About 25 square feet of the flooring was burned. The superintendent gave directions for the repairs to be be made at once. The fire company will pay the damage.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Wm. H. Brown and wife to Lynn Trayer, convey 14 acres and 20 perches, for $300.

Daniel S. Diehl to Jacob J. Bankard, conveys 4 acres and 32 perches, for $400.

Mary Ellen Delt, to Isaac Ross, conveys ⅛ acre, for $550.

Geo. W. Rup et al. to Wm. J. Stonesifer, convey 86 92-100 perches, for $784.

Henry C. Cook et al. to Geo. W. Wolbert, convey 12 acres, 2 roods and 20 perches, for $250.

Geo. F. Dorsey and wife to Geo. W. Wolbert and wife, convey 7 acres, 3 roods and 32 perches, for $1500.

Basil Metz to Edgar Apple Slagle, conveys 8000 square feet, for $1600.

Wm. F. Stocksdale and wife to Samuel H. Frazier et al., convey division line, for $1.

Daniel S. Petry and wife to Ida V. Manger, convey 57 square perches, for $300.

Mary Ada Gehr and husband to Margaret E. Geiger, convey 2 lots in New Windsor, for $1500.

Wm. R. Black and wife to Edwin K. Parker and wife, convey lot in Westminster for $2350.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, January 30.—William R. Fowler, administrator of Catherine E. Fowler, deceased, settled his first and final account.

William R. Fowler, administrator of Andrew F. Fowler, deceased, settled his first and final account.

The last will and tstament of Verley F. Clousher, deceased, admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon granted unto Mary E. Clousher and David S. Clousher, who received warrant to appraise, also order to notify creditors.

Edwin D. Cronk, executor of Abbie Ann Buckingham, deceased, returned inventories of personal property, money and debts and received order to sell personal property.

Arthur C. Englar and Edward O. Weant, executors of Evan Haines, deceased, returned inventory of money, report of sale of personal property and settled their first and final account.

Letters of administration on the estate of George W. Rites, deceased, granted unto Charles C. Rites, who received warrant to appraise, also order to notify creditors.

Letters of administration on the estate of Thomas W. Russell, deceased, granted unto Frank J. Russell, who received order to notify creditors and who upon petition received order to sell certain patent rights.

Monday, January 31.—Charles W. Arbaugh, executor of William Arbaugh, deceased, received order to sell real estate.

The last will and testament of Sarah V. Beck, deceased, admitted to probate and letters of administration with the will annexed granted unto Emma S. Grumbine, who received order to notify creditors.

Charles C. Rites, administrator of George W. Rites, deceased, returned inventory of personal property, inventory of money and received order to sell personal property.

William R. Fowler, administrator of Catherine E. Fowler, deceased, received order depositing distributive shares of minors.

William R. Fowler, administrator of Andrew F. Fowler, deceased, received order depositing distributive shares of minors.

Arthur C. Englar and Luther Kemp, executors of Elizabeth Jane Haines, deceased, returned inventory of personal property and report of sale of personal property and settled their first account, they also received order authorizing investment of distributive share of life tenants.

JOINT SERVICE.

Bell Telephone and Western Union Telegraph.

The recent announcement that every Bell telephone is a telegraph station and that Bell subscribers, by saying "telegram" to the operator, may be connected with a Western Union receiving office which will record their telegrams, night letters and cablegrams for transmission, has been supplemented as follows:

Arrangements have been so perfected that telegram charges will be included on the regular monthly bill rendered by the Telephone Company, instead of on a separate bill as first announced.

At night, on Sundays or holidays, when the local telegraph office may be closed, the regular charge for telegrams will be made. The Bell Company will connect its subscribers with an open Western Union office without additional charge.

Telegrams, night letters and cablegrams may be sent and paid for from public telephones. Public telephone agents in charge will advise as to the method of payment.

40 TONS OF DYNAMITE EXPLODED.

50 MEN KILLED AND 100 INJURED.

Two Tug Boats Nothing But Charred Boards After Explosion Floating in the Water—Man's Head Found In Rigging of Another Boat—Freight Car Hurled 20 feet in Air—Shocks Felt 50 Miles Away.

Seventy thousand pounds of dynamite, being unloaded from a freight car to a lighter, exploded at 12 o'clock Wednesday at Pier No. 7, Communipaw, N. J., 150 yards south of the Jersey City terminal of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and widespread ruin followed.

Fifty men are believed to have been killed outright, and 100 persons, some of whom at the time of the explosion were five miles removed from Jersey City, were seriously injured. Falling bricks and splintered glass windows aided in adding the names of a thousand more persons to the list of injured.

The rush of millions of cubic feet of air to close the vacuum created by the detonation stirred the atmosphere within a radius of 50 miles of Communipaw.

The cause of the explosion is variously attributed to the dropping of a case of dynamite and to a boiler explosion on the boat. Just what was the direct cause will probably never be known.

The Jersey Central terminal was badly damaged, three ferryboats in the slips were torn and splintered.

The terminal officials of the Central Railway of New Jersey said tonight that property valued at more than $200,000, belonging to the company, had been destroyed.

Only the most meagre scraps of information could be gleaned by the police when they arrived, although persons in the vicinity had known that at noontime there had stood a long pier, moored to which were two tugboats, and there was nothing except a few charred boards floating on the water a few minutes after the hour.

All of these men, it is believed, were killed. The crew of the Whistler, four in number,are also among the missing Besides the men on these two boats, others who are missing were men employed as stevedores at the pier.

The two dynamite lighters were tied fast to the northern side of Pier No. 7. It is wide enough to premit of four separate sets of tracks, and the pier long has been used because of its advantageous situation as the point of transfer of dynamite and high explosives from freight cars to the dynamite tugs.

The freight cars containing the explosive were two of a train of 20. They were on the most northerly track on the pier and as the tugboats moored close by, the distance over which the boxes of dynamite sticks need be carried was not more than 15 feet.

After the blast, in the rigging of the Swedish three- master Ingred, a man's head hung. A little distance from it was an arm, with the coat sleeve still clinging to it.

A whole car of dynamite had been picked up bodily, as if by a giant's hand, lifted off the pier and thrown upon the stern of the Ingred. The trucks had remained on the twisted tracks.

Cases of the dynamite with which the car had been filled were scattered about the deck, many of them smashed to kindling wood, but the dynamite had not exploded.

This freight car was hurled across the 50-foot wide pier and fully 20 feet in the air before it landed on the Ingred's deck.

For 100 feet the pier end itself was utterly demolished. The planking seemed to have been ground to powder.

A steel gondola car on the southernmost track looked like an old hat that had been used by boys for a football.

In the train shed of the Central Railway of New Jersey and Baltimore and Ohio terminal nearly the whole southern exposure of the glass roof collapsed, showering the passengers with broken glass. One man was struck by a 20-pound fragment and so severely cut that he died.

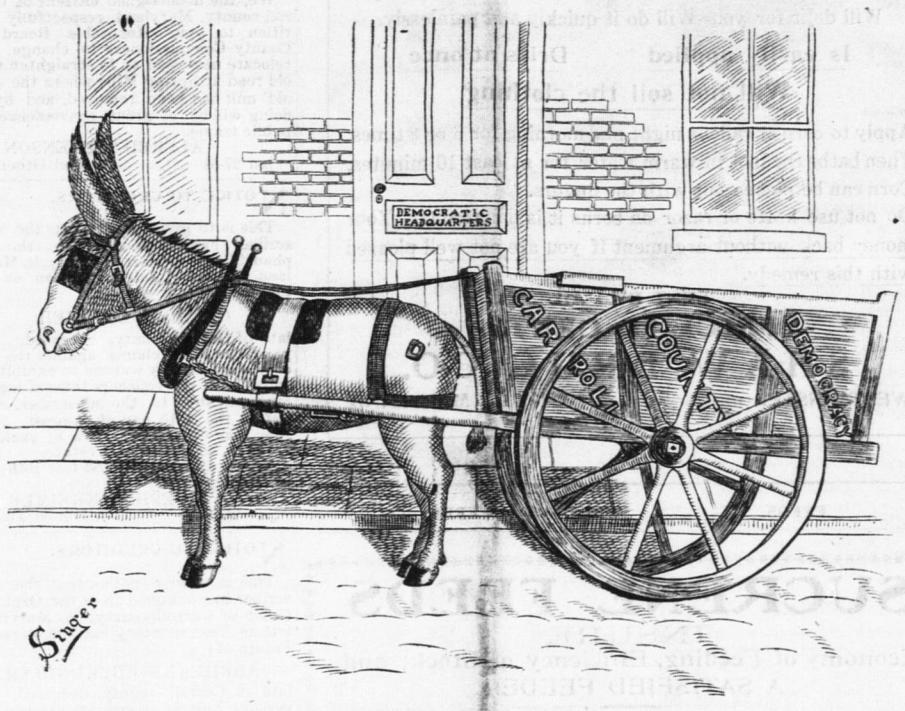
An engineer in a shunting locomotive was blown from his cab and died of a fractured skull. A tugboat captain was hurled from his wheel house and fished out of the water 15 minutes later.

Inside the passenger station there was damage visible everywhere.

A Dance at Eastview.

For the Advocate.

On Thursday evening, January 26, the residence of George Saylor, of Eastview, was the scene of a most delightful dance, given in honor of Mrs. Bettie Roll. The guests began to arrive at an early hour and were cordially welcomed by Mr. Saylor, after which they indulged in dancing and other games. About 11 p. m. the guests were invited to the dining room, where a table was loaded down with all the delicacies of the season and decorated with flowers. After the the repast dancing and games were resumed. Conversations were indulged in until all returned to their homes, being satisfied that a very pleasant evening was spent. Those present were George Saylor, John Rosenberger and wife, George Meckle and wife, Charles Meckle and wife, William Hoffman and wife, Louey Schnabel and wife, Edward Richter and wife, Gus Saddles and wife, Jas. Klohr and wife, Samuel Arnold and wife, George D. Nightengale, Horace E. M. Blizzard, Harry Richter, Walter Whitley, B. S. Bollinger, Clarence Bitzel, John Rosenberger, Jr., William Logue, Thomas Fritz, Samuel Arnold, Jr., Edgar Meckle, Albert Arnold, Clifton Schnable, Dennis Roll, William Hoffman, Jr., Ralph Hoffman, Philip Bitzel, T. E. Paynter, Bessie Lockard, Mary Barber, Media Lockard, Minnie Walkling, Hilda Meckle and S. E. Nightengale.



WANTED—A DRIVER!

BLIND GIRL'S TRANCE.

PREDICTED THAT GOD WOULD SURELY PERFORM A MIRACLE.

For 8 Days She Has Occupied the Bed Without the Twitch of a Muscle.

The miracle so confidently expected by the religiously ecstatic people at the bedside of Margaret Shipley, the blind girl who has been for eight days in a trance, is still delayed. The girl has been lying in a narrow white cot in a bed chamber whose entire coloring is a special white; her attendants moving softly in white robes; the girl's own thin face and attenuated hands being nearly as white as the nunlike hood of muslin that she wears.

Tuesday night at 3 o'clock the prediction was made that God would surely perform a miracle; that the young woman who has been blind since birth, through all her 22 years of life, would arise from the white cot with her sight completely restored. For eight days she has occupied the bed without the twitch of a muscle or the quiver of the hands clasped over her breast.

But tonight when the hour predicted for the happening of the miracle had arrived, with the chant of prayer of her bedside watchers arising to the strident tones of hysteria, the girl did not open seeing eyes upon the world. At the hour she did arise and move slowly several paces across the room and seat herself in an armchair. She accomplished this feat without the putting forth of her hands. But it was afterward claimed that she had been able to see. It was frankly admitted that she knew the room well and the location of articles of furniture and had been able to move about with certainty between chairs and tables and the like.

All that came from the strange white room that has been a Mecca for 30,000 persons in the last eight days was that the Shipley girl had whispered that the miracle was delayed for another day; that she had suddenly been plunged into a battle; her soul against the strength of the devil, and that when she had conquered the demon, as she knew she would, God then would restore her sight and send her forth on her mission of drawing the whole world to Christianity. At dawn tomorrow, she said, she would surely see.

The first thought regarding the affair has been that McKeesport has become the scene of merely another fake, promoted to work upon the susceptibilities of the religious and emotional.

But at least this affair of the blind girl and her trance shows no effort to make pecuniary profit. No admission has been charged to see her, and contributions voluntarily offered have been turned aside.

The girl is the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Haldeman, the man a thrifty worker in the mill town, who has acquired a two-story frame dwelling of the usual type in such communities. Haldeman, his wife and the Shipley girl have been intensely religious. Mrs. Haldeman and Margaret Shipley have taken leading parts in attempting to get converts for a local mission.

Mrs. Haldeman prepared the dining room of her home for the scene of the miracle. Windows and doorways were draped with curtains of spotless white; chairs and sofas were shrouded in white and in the centre of the room was the cot with white covering, into which the girl was placed, her body clothed in flowing white robes and her head covered with the white head dress of a nun.

In a white-covered chair beside the bed has sat constantly through all hours of the day the little girl of the revelation, rolling her eyes, prayerful yet conscious of the stares of the thousands that have been attracted to the house.

The educational average of McKeesport is not high. Surounding mill towns also have a population in which superstition has considerable sway. The strange case of the blind girl in a trance has been whispered in all directions, and in trolley cars from many towns scared men, women and children have come to obtain a swift, furtive glance and as swiftly to move away.

The whole room suggests a death chamber, had so impressed were hundreds of the visitors that when the girl has slowly lifted the lids of her sightless eyes there had been a stampede of spectators from the room, positively frightened in a superstitious panic.

The McKeesport police do not know what to do. The fact that no admission is charged and that the physicians who have investigated the case as best they could under the restrictions have said that there is no danger of the girl's dying, have tied their hands. One of the police officials said: "If it is a fake, the trolley company is the only one that's making any thing out of it."—New York World.

Each Fireman's Duty at a Fire.

Following are the appointments made by Chief Ohler of the Westminster Fire Company, giving each man a regular place to fill in case of fire:

Chief, Meade Ohler.
Assistant Chief, Leonard Shaeffer.

Foreman of Reels, H. K. Shaeffer.
Assistant Foreman of Reels, E. O. Diffendal.

Reel No. 1, Center District.

First Pipemen, E. O. Diffendal and Paul Case.
Second Pipemen, W. R. Anders and M. J. Lynch.
Hosemen, D. E. Walsh and W. J. Utz.

Reel No. 2, East End.

First Pipemen, A. J. Arbaugh and Harry Sweigart.
Second Pipemen, C. B. Hunter and J. H. Cunningham.
Hosemen, P. F. Little and H. B. Hoffacker.

Reel No. 3, West End.

First Pipemen, F. T. Shaeffer and William Helm.
Second Pipemen, W. F. Long and E. C. Geiman.
Hosemen, L. E. Weimert and H. C. Hesson.

Reel No. 4, Center District.

First Hosemen, W. F. Thomas and J. Gloyd Diffendal.
Second Pipemen, Wm. Weagley and Geo. F. Eckenrode.
Hosemen, Joseph Hahn and P. J. Flater.

Plugmen.

M. E. Walsh, D. S. Gehr, C. V. Wantz and S. C. Stoner.

Foreman of Trucks, J. Harry Cootes.
Assistant Foreman of Trucks, John D. Biehl.

Truckmen.

J. P. Wantz, H. D. Fowble, J. H. Mitten, J. David Crowl, Edward A. Chrest, John E. Eckenrode, Clarence M. Stoner, Luther E. Long, O. D. Gilbert, William N. Keefer, John M. Roberts, Charles L. Thomson, Herbert A. Morgan, John Arbaugh, Denton Gehr, H. R. Thosmon and Benj. F. Dorsey.

Ladies' Aid Society.

For the Advocate.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Deer Park church met at the home of Mrs. Julia Paynter January 27, President, Mrs. Elizabeth Wardenfelt, presiding. The meeting opened with singing, scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Ewing. Dues collected amounted to $6.90. After the regular routine of business refreshments were served in abundance. Those present were Mrs. Julia Paynter, Rev. and Mrs. Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. James Klohr, Mrs. Kate Lockard, Mrs. Scott Lloyd, Mrs. Mary Beard, Mrs. Elizabeth Wardenfelt,Mrs. R. A. Nelson, Mrs. Margaret Bollinger, Mrs. Martha Ditman, Mrs.Mamie Shipley, Mrs. Ada Owings, Mrs. Fannie Davis, Mrs. Laura Wagner, Mrs. Lou Barber, Mrs. Fannie Buckingham, Mrs. Lizzie Davis, Mrs. Maggie Conoway, Mrs. Maggie Beard, Mrs. Melvie Freyman, Mrs. Alice Spencer, Mrs. Mary Hoffman and Mrs. Laura Spencer; Misses Irene Fringer, Stella Lockard, Sadie Bollinger, Rosa Spencer, Elsie Conoway, Grace Spencer, Lillie Landen and Mary Hoffman.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Buckingham February 24. Don't forget the oyster supper at Smallwood hall, Thursday and Saturday nights, February 9 and 11.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sunday school at 9.15 a. m. Communion service at 10.30 a. m. Junior League at 2.30 p. m. Preaching at 7.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m.

LUTHERVILLE COLLEGE BURNED.

THE STUDENTS LOST NEARLY ALL THEIR CLOTHING.

There Were 110 Women at the College—Loss $150,000—Will Rebuild.

Recovering bravely from the excitement attending the fire which destroyed their college and much of their personal property, and disregarding their own losses in their solicitation for each other, the students of the Maryland College for Women, at Lutherville, Baltimore county, which was burned to the ground Monday night, displayed a spirit of comradeship and fortitude that brought forth the admiration of evrybody in the village.

The student body of the Maryland College is composed of girls who can be depended upon under fire. Routed from their beds by the alarm shortly after midnight and with smoke filling the dormitories and the flames licking up through the floors, they calmly went about packing their trunks and gathering together what personal effects they could. They showed an absence of "nerves." One or two betrayed excitement, but the majority were as calm and cool as if majority were as calm and caal as if

But later in the day, when the reaction should have set in, their bravery was greater than ever. Under the shadow of the blackened ruins they set about collecting the property that they had thrown out of the windows, and in spite of the strain they underwent several hours before they displayed a cheerfulness and optimism that was a source of wonder as well as admiration.

Those who were fortunate enough to save most of their clothing gladly helped those who lost nearly everything. From a trunk one student would produce a pair of shoes and hand them over to the girl who left shoes behind but saved her sables. The girl with the furs would, in turn, help some one else.

The students are fram many parts of the United States. For hours after the fire was discovered they were busy sending telegrams to relatives, telling of the fire, and in many instances urging that money be telegraphed in order that they could go home. There were 110 students at the college. By 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon more than 75 of them left for their homes. Those who live at distant places contented themselves by going to the homes of girl friends who live in nearby cities to await the reopening of the college. The rest of the girls and the teachers will remain at the cottages on the college gorunds until other arrangements are made.

The stubborn blaze burned until it had destroyed the big college building known as the Grey Stone Gables. The only buildings now standing are Grace Hall, the gymnasium and the Villa, which stand some distance from the main structure.

The college will be rebuilt as soon as the insurance is adjusted. No time will be lost, said Dr. Charles W. Gallagher, owner and president of the school, in erecting a new building.

The loss will be between $125,000 and $150,000.

Missionary Entertainment.

The Ladies of the W. F. M. S. of the Methodist Protestant Church are engaged in a year's study of the work of "Western Women in Eastern Lands." On next Monday at 7.30 p. m., they will hold an open meeting in the lecture room of the church. The foremost missionary workers and their methods will be illustrated by living pictures. There will be music and refreshments. A silver offering will be taken for the women's work in Japan. The reader of this notice is invited.

A 10-day course in poultry raising, which was tried in the Maryland Agriculture College, College Park, some time ago, proved so successful that it will probably be made a permanent feature at the intstitution. About 75 students were enrolled for the course, and that number embraced residents from all points between the northern part of New York to Norfolk, Va.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

HELD AT BLUE RIDGE COLLEGE, UNION BRIDGE

Women's Meetings Well Attended by Good Audiences

The Farmers' Institute at Union Bridge last Saturday was held at Blue Ridge College and a large audience listened with interest to the different addresses. The majority were women who wished to hear Miss Lake and Miss Burritte.

Miss Lake talked about her experience in raising chickens and Miss Burritte gave a demonstration of the fireless cooker and talked on milk.

She emphasized the fact that it is a food and not simply a beverage and the necessity of clean milk, advising the use of milk pails with small openings at top, as they gave less chance for bacteria to tumble in. That bacteria is not in the milk as it comes from the cow, except in some instances a few might be in the teats, but all would be in first cupful milked. Some dairymen throw away these first milkings, ¼ of a cup from each teat. Milk must be cooled as soon as drawn from the cow as the body heat was the most favorable culture medium known. Bacteria will reproduce and multiply at the rate of thousands per minute in warm milk.

She declared sanitary condition of cows, is a clean stable; washing of udder before milking, clean hands of milker; perfectly clean garments of milker; milking done in clean place in open air; cooled immediately and kept at temperature of 50 degrees until consumed.

She said that 1 bottle of milk as sold in cities, 1 quart was equal in food value to 1 quart of oysters, or 1½ lbs. of lower round steak, or 9 ounces of ham.

She claimed it paid to produce such milk and spoke of a woman she knew, who had put her farm and herd of 80 cows on such a basis and is now getting 20c a quart for her milk. She lives near Boston, but Baltimore hospitals need and buy certified clean milk.

The meeting was in all respects a success and greatly enjoyed by those who attended it.

WEDDING BELLS.

Bonnotte—Boron.

A pretty romance had its culmination at noon Tuesday when Professor Ferdinand Bonnotte, teacher of French at Western Maryland College, and Miss Eugenia Boron, of Paris, were married, the ceremony being performed in the Cathedral,Baltimore, by Rev. P. C. Gavan, of the Cardinal's household. Professor Bonnotte first met Miss Boron about 30 years ago. A chance meeting of the two on the streets of Paris two years ago, brought about a renewal of an old friendship.

Miss Camile Bonnotte, a daughter of Professor Bonnotte, was present at the ceremony. Miss Bonnotte is a private tutor in French at the residence of Mrs. C. G. Osborn, at Roland Park. Mr. George A. Maynes was the best man. The ceremony was performed in French, for the bride is as yet unacquainted with English.

The wedding was to have taken place last Saturday, but the French liner, which brought Miss Boron from Cherbourg, did not arrive until 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and owing to delay experienced by Miss Boron in going through the custom house examination, she did not arrive in Baltimore until 9.30 o'clock Saturday night. Upon her arrival she took up quarters for the night. Immediately after the marriage the couple came here where they will take up their residence on College avenue, where the groom resides.

Earhart—Koontz.

On the evening of the 26 th of January Wm. L. Earhart, of Union Mills, and Miss Elva Koontz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Koontz, of Silver Run, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, the ceremony being performed by Rev. S. Charles Hoover.

Both of the young people are members of the choir of St. Mary's Reformed church, Silver Run, and are highly esteemed and very popular in the communities in which they reside. The wedding was attended by only the families of the contracting parties.

Piper—Hardesty.

Mr. Ludwig C. Piper, of Rosedale, Baltimore county, Md., and Miss Emma C. Hardesty, of Baltimore city, were quietly married at the parsonage of Grace Lutheran Church, Carroll street, by Rev. P. H. Miller, D. D., on Wednesday, January 18.

A Pleasant Event.

For the Advocate.

On Wednesday evening, January 25, Stepencansway Farm, the residence of Mrs. T. B. Jones, was the scene of a delightful party and dance, given in honor of Mrs. Jones' niece,Miss Louise Amoss, of Westfriendship, Howard county. The guests began to arrive at an early hour and were cordially welcomed by Mrs. Jones, after which they indulged in dancing and games. At 11 o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room,where the table was well laden with all the delicacies of the season and beautifully decorated with flowers.

Among those present were Mrs. T. B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ruby, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Beasman, Misses Louise Jones, Louise, Lillian, Ruth and Beulah Amoss, Edith Myers, Beulah, Ettalee and Mary Duvall,Madeline and Esther Ruby; Messrs. Thos. Jones, Roy Flohr, Ed. Bennett, Elmer Buckingham, Carl Selby, Calvin Williams, Henry Bennett, William Doyle, Eastman Welsh, Talbot Shipley, Harold Stromberg, Albert Barnett, Vandiver Myers, Victor Ruby, Dr. Wells and Walter Ruby.

Corbin.

William L. Corbin, aged 67 years, died at his residence, East Main street, at 1 o'clock this afternoon, from a complication of diseases.

He is survived by a widow and the following children: Mrs. Harry G. Babylon, Fountain Valley; Joshua N. Corbin, Baltimore; Mrs. John Hoffman, Smallwood; Mrs. Geo. Shaeffer, Spring Mills; William. Courtney, John, Florence, Bessie and Etta, of this city.

Funeral will take place on Sunday morning, meeting at house at 11 o'clock. Services and interment at Providence M. P. Church, Gamber. F. C. Sharrer funeral director.

Mr. Corbin has been confined to his bed for the last two months, but has been in bad health for years. He was a school teacher at one time, but at the time of his death was doing a prosperous grocery business on E. Main street.

DESTRUCTIVE FLOOD.

Houses Washed Away—Trains Delayed by Washouts.

Cumberland, Md., January 30.—On account of the Potomac River and Wills Creek being at flood stage trains east and west on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad were operated at reduced speed today at points where the water came close to the roadbed, especially between Cumberland and Martinsburg. At a number of points there were jams of logs and driftwood. An abandoned canal boat left in the river here at the dam went out early in the morning and floated in the Potomac to Pawpaw before it finally went to pieces.

The Western Maryland passenger train from Elkins arrived here this afternoon four hours late on account of a bad slide on the Black Fork grade. The Dry Fork Railroad, which runs from Hendricks on the Western Maryland, to Horton, is badly washed at several points and traffic has been abandoned. Baltimore and Ohio trains arrived here eight hours late today, having been detained by slides west of the Ohio River.

Wheeling, W. Va., January 30.—Wheeling will have 43 feet of water by midnight Tuesday or very early Wednesday morning. Pittsburg will have 29 feet at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning. The flood will be wholly out of the Monongahela River.

Mannington, W. Va., January 30.—To add to the discomforts and damage of the flood that swept through the streets last night and early this morning, the entire supply of natural gas has been cut off by the breaking of the big gas main, and the town is shivering in the cold.

The town depends entirely on natural gas supply for its fuel, and this morning Baltimore and Ohio freight trains were hauling coal here, and it finds a very ready market.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Januray 30.—Considerable damage has been caused in this section by washouts, resulting from heavy rains, and the Short Line Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railrord has been put out of commission. At Smithfield about 1,000 feet of the railroad was washed out, and at Galmish, a short distance north of Jacksonburg, the railroad bridge was swept away last night. The Eureka Pipe Line Company's pumping station there was washed down the creek. Two houses were swept away at Jacksonburg.

Academy of Music.

Consistency and honest value is appreciated at all times and in all things. It is a slogan which, when practiced in commercial life and in business, always brings the best results. This rule applies to "the theatre" as well, and is the logic and philosophy that James Hallock Reid has used in writing his play "To Serve the Cross" which will have it's premiere at Academy of Music, Baltimore, Monday night, February 6th. Mr. Reid has used in his play, life's most absorbing topics, Religion, The Church, Love in all it's phases, Murder, Hate and Revenge, and yet not a line in his manusript would offend. There is an uplift in his play, a Great Lesson, a cause, a reason, a powerful dramatic story of today. We have had so many plays recently, that depend upon either their vulgarity, the lewd, or the sensational for success, that a play depending purely upon it's dramatic worth, consistency of plot and power of purpose should appeal to the theatre-goers and be welcomed by them as a treat, coupled by the opportunity of witnessing. this offering.

Mr. Reid has chosen his cast with the greatest of care, holding back the presentation of his masterpiece until he could obtain just the artists he desired, many of which, previous to this time, being otherwise engaged. He has cast Mr. Orrin Johnson for a young Catholic Priest; Mr. Johnson is very well fitted for this part by reason of his physical attractiveness. Mr. Theodore Roberts holds a unique position in the theatrical world.

He is cast in Mr. Reid's play for another French Canadian, and Mr. Reid would accept no other man to create this part. Mr. Ralph Delmore, another sterling actor, who has lent to the stage many famous characterizations. Mr. Harold Vosburgh, a young actor of much promise, who has figured prominently in many worthy offerings, is cast for the "Brother." Miss Helen Holmes, cast for the 'Sweetheart' is a leading woman of enviable reputation.

J. A. D. McCurdy, a Canadian by birth but now affiliated with American aviators, set a new record Monday in over-the-water-flights, covering a distance of close to a hundred miles, from Key West to within ten miles of Havana, when, from a slight accident, he was compelled to drop into the sea. There he remained, his biplane floated by pontoons until the lifeboat of the torpedo boat destroyer Terry picked him up.

Four persons were crushed to death Monday and 7 others injured by a big sign falling at 931 Market street, Philadelphia, shortly before one o'clock p. m. The sign, 14 feet high and extending 17 feet along the width of the top of the four-story building, was probably loosened by the wind. It crashed down without warning upon the heads of scores of shoppers and pedestrians in the noon-day throngs along that thoroughfare. All the dead and injured were passersby.