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COURT HOUSE NEWS.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE—MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Orphans' Court Things—Lee Craumer Appointed Constable for District II.

Marriage Licenses.
Willie C. Reed, Snyderburg, and Elsie M. Loats, Manchester, Md. Frank E. Devese, and Grace M. Chaney, both of Baltimore county. Samuel F. T. Sharp, and Effie M. Koozts, both of Carroll county. Charles H. Thomson and Mary B. Sell, both of Carroll county. J. Earl Lantz and Anna M. Hann, both of Carroll county.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Frank Brown and wife to Nettie V. Collins, deed recorded.
Martha Jane Webster et al., to John R. Houck et al., convey 5 square perches, for \$36.
Elsie V. Rindollar et al. to Chas. A. Elliott and wife, convey lot in Taneytown, for \$700.
Alexander Pearre to Abdell Garver, conveys 2 lots in Mt. Airy, for \$300.
Theo. Fowble and wife to Emma J. Smith, convey 79-91 square perches, for \$850.
Henry C. Witt to Arkansas H. Beck and wife, conveys 1/2 acre, for \$2000.
John C. Bowers and wife to Theodore A. Kaufman, convey 95 perches, for \$40.
Wm. F. Romsperg and wife to Franklin G. Reindollar, conveys 215-5-6 perches, for \$900.
Wm. F. Romsperg and wife to Franklin G. Reindollar, convey 215-5-6 perches, for \$900.
Foster M. Warehime and wife to Emory C. Baust, convey 3/4 acre, for \$75.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, January 15.—Letters of administration on the estate of William E. Gaver, deceased, granted unto Laura E. Gaver, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.
David E. Walsh, administrator w. a., of Levi Valentine, settled his second account.
Tuesday, January 16th.—T. Wesley Frank, executor of Ruth Caltrider, deceased, received order to pay Mamie Ruth Hann her funds deposited in the Manchester Bank.
D. Princeton Buckley, attorney for the executors of George P. Buckley, deceased, filed petition and received order to notify tenants.
William A. H. Hyde, administrator of Addie C. Hyde, deceased, settled his first and final account, and received order to final account, and Raymond E. Hyde, executor of Raymond E. Hyde, deceased, finally ratified and confirmed.

County Commissioners.

The board on Monday appointed J. Lee Craumer constable for New Windsor district.

New Year Surprise Party.

On New Year's night the home of J. F. Magee, Reese, Md., was the scene of a very pleasant surprise party, given in honor of their only son, John, by his parents. John Magee had received a message from a friend telling that he had appeared at home New Year's afternoon as two young ladies were coming to spend the evening with him. Not suspecting a surprise was in store for him, he was chatting with his company in the parlor when a rap came on the dining door which opened and in walked several of his friends; a few minutes later another rap sounded, and several more friends arrived. Then with a look of surprise on his face he exclaimed: "Now I know there is something up, I think I will go and see." He disappeared from the parlor for awhile, but soon re-appeared ready to receive the surprise in full. Everyone had a jolly good time playing games and listening to music rendered by Myrel Zepp, Helen Stonesifer, John Magee, Elmer Caple, and John Yingling. A late hour everyone was invited to the dining room where a table was spread with delicious refreshments. Among those present were: Mrs. Amanda Magee; Misses—Ida Green, Carrie Gesell, Ethel Shreve, Helen Harman, Bessie Green, Margaret Reynolds, of Baltimore; Myrel Zepp, Annie Lee, of Westminster; Margie Hill, Mattie Shipley, Helen Stonesifer, Onedia Evans, Grace Yingling, Lena Gessell, Mary Rash, May Stockdale, Bessie Lockard, Edna Green, Lillie Rash, Edith Rash, Blanche Stockdale, Messrs.—Walter Shipley, Elmer Caple, Herbert Hill, Wilbur Shreve, Ross Bell, John Yingling, Ernest Stockdale, Curtis Rash, Walter Miller, William Caple, Carroll Taylor, George Gesell, Howard Mancha, Paul Green, Lewis Gorsuch, Neal Zepp, Elton Zepp.

W. M. Wreck Burns at Walbrook.

With the thermometer about 5 degrees below zero, five box cars a caboose were demolished at 5:30 o'clock last Saturday morning on the Western Maryland railroad, just above Walbrook Station, when an extra freight train loaded with coal crashed into the rear end of freight No. 204 standing on the east bound track. The wreckage was piled up a late hour in the caboose and the blaze completed the destruction. No one was injured. The crew of the wreck train had left the caboose. The fireman and conductor of the extra freight jumped when warned by the engineer who saw that a caboose was inevitable. Engineer E. S. Muntz took the truck to the trestle, and attempted to bring the heavy train of 30 cars to a stop. Though the engine plowed through the forward train for a distance of 50 yards and left the track perilously near to a deep ditch, he was unhurt.

DEATHS

Hunt.

Christian S. Hunt, aged 81 years, died last Saturday, January 13, at Cranberry Valley, at 2 o'clock p. m. Mr. Hunt's wife died three years ago. The following seven children survive: John, George, and Christian Hunt, of Cranberry Valley; Mrs. Noah Mischele, of near Westminster; Mrs. Allan Lippy, of Bachman's Valley; Mrs. John Graves, of Millers; and Mrs. Annie Graves, of Cranberry Valley.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, from the house, at 10 o'clock. Interment was in the Lutheran cemetery at Manchester. Rev. Mr. Byster, of Baltimore, assisted by Rev. J. B. Lau, of Manchester, officiated. The pallbearers were: Myrl Zepp, William Yingling, Simon Giggard, David J. Brown, John Smith and William Sherman. Jacob Wink was the funeral director.

Hoffacker.
Mrs. Cordelia Hoffacker, widow of David Hoffacker, a former judge of the Orphans' Court of this county, died at her home in Manchester, on Monday, January 15. She is survived by four children: J. Wesley Hoffacker, Mrs. Keel, and Mrs. William H. (Hanson), of Manchester; and Luther Hoffacker, of Hanover, Pa. Mrs. Hoffacker was 81 years old. Her husband died 14 years ago. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon. Interment was in the Lutheran cemetery at Manchester. The pallbearers were William Burgoon, Harry Musselman, George A. Shower, Jacob Blocher, Harry Lamotte and Cornelius Miller. Jacob Wink had charge of the funeral.

Brehm.
Mrs. Charlotte Brehm, wife of Frederick Brehm, near Brummel, died on January 12, aged 50 years and 25 days. She is survived by a husband and the following children: Wm. F. Charles E., and George H. Brehm, all at home; also brothers and sisters, George F. Brehm, of Smiths, Ill.; Wm. H. Ficke, of Fiat, Ill.; Mrs. A. G. Reed, Larned, Kan.; Mrs. J. C. Glaser, Abington, Ill.; Mrs. A. C. Eshelman, Farmington, Ill.

Her funeral was held at St. John's (Leister's) Lutheran Church on Monday, January 15, at 2 p. m. Rev. R. W. Doty having charge of the services. Interment in adjoining cemetery. Pallbearers were Jacob H. Stephan, Jacob U. Brown, Jesse H. Null, Jos. D. Wmyer, Aaron Shaffer and Wm. H. Snyder. F. C. Sharrer funeral director.

Rinehart.
Harry L. Rinehart, deputy register of wills of this county, died at the Maryland University Hospital, Baltimore, of paralysis, aged 45 years. Mr. Rinehart had been at the hospital for the last few days. He was the only son of the late Dr. Jacob Rinehart, for a number of years judge of the Orphans' Court. His only sister, who survives him, is the wife of William Arthur, register of wills. He leaves a widow, who is the daughter of the late Levi D. Maus, and two children, Jacob Rinehart and Margaret Rinehart.

Funeral services were held at the house yesterday at 12 o'clock. Interment was at Baust church cemetery. Rev. G. W. Baughman, of Union Bridge, officiated. The pallbearers were: Jno. E. Null, James Myers, Jacob Marker, A. Kurtz Myers, Howard Welk, Geo. Harman. F. C. Sharrer was the funeral director.

Magee.
Joshua Magee, aged 76 years, 11 months and 29 days, died on January 15, of the infirmities of age, at his home near this city. He is survived by a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Clayton Reese, at home, also two granddaughters, Naomi and Fannie Stockdale, near Eastview. Funeral services were held on January 17, at 9:30 a. m., at St. John's Catholic Church. Interment in the cemetery in the rear of the church. Pallbearers—Ernest Wolf, Wm. Devillies, Warren Bush, Frank Eckenrode, Joshua Woolery and August Gessell. F. C. Sharrer funeral director.

Blizzard.
Elias Nelson Blizzard, died on January 14, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Daniel Bower, at Baltimore. He was a son of Elias Nelson and Lucretia Blizzard. His widow was Miss Beulah Boite.

Funeral was held Wednesday at 12 m., at Flary's Grove, E. Church, Sandyville. Rev. John H. Gonso, officiating. Interment in adjoining cemetery. Pallbearers were John Shipley, Harold Spencer, Wilbur Arnold, Wilson Zepp, Charles Taylor, and Reuben Zepp. Funeral director F. A. Sharrer. Mr. Blizzard was 81 years old.

Bennett.
The funeral of Henry Clinton Bennett, 72 years old, who died January 11, of pneumonia at the residence of his nephew, Harry V. Shipley, Cockeysville, took place Saturday morning. Rev. Robert H. Wilson, of Hereford Methodist Episcopal circuit, conducted services in the Presbyterian Church at New Windsor. Harry V. Shipley and Nimrod Bennett, nephews, and Major Walter V. Shipley, R. Brice Shipley, Roger Shipley and Harry V. Shipley, Jr., great-nephews, were pallbearers. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Medary.
Henry C. Medary died at Plane No. 4, near Ijamsville, after a lingering illness, aged 81 years. A year ago he and his wife celebrated their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary.

Renner.
Mary E., daughter of the late John and Katherine Renner, of Baltimore, died on January 16. Funeral took place from her late residence, 1910 Seventh street, yesterday morning. Interment at Taneytown, Md.

Diehl.

Daniel S. Diehl, of Uniontown district, died early this morning about 2 o'clock. He had been ill since last Sunday. Mr. Diehl was a prominent man in the county, having been a County Commissioner from 1897 to 1903, and was also a charter member of the Carroll County Savings Bank at Uniontown. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Howard Brumbaugh, of Orange, N. J.

Funeral services will take place on Sunday at 12 o'clock from his late residence. Elder Wine, of Union Bridge will conduct services about 1 p. m., at the Pipe Creek Church, near Linwood. Interment will be in the adjoining church cemetery.

Shaner.
Samuel Swope Shaner, aged 67 years and 22 days, died at his home at Patapsco, on January 18. He is survived by one son, Geo. F. Shaner, of Baltimore, and two daughters, Mrs. Howard Taylor and Miss Nina Shaner, at home. Mr. Shaner was the only son of the late Joseph and Anna Shaner, of Taneytown, Md.

Funeral services and interment will take place on Sunday morning, January 21, at 10 o'clock, at Wesley Chapel, Rev. Frank Stielman will officiate. The pallbearers will be Columbus Elserode, George Rill, George Zepp, William Davidson, Charles Spencer and Lewis Arnold. F. C. Sharrer funeral director.

Morgan.
Mrs. Susan Ella Morgan, for nineteen years a resident of this city, died on Friday, January 12, in her fifty-seventh year, from pleural pneumonia, at Oxford, Md., while visiting her cousin, Jere Valliant.

Mrs. Morgan was the widow of Rev. Frank Morgan, a prominent Methodist Episcopal minister. She was the daughter of the late Capt. Wm. Valliant, who was at one time a custom-house officer. She leaves a sister, wife of Judge William Boyce, of the Delaware Supreme Court and one daughter, Miss Florence M. Morgan.

Her funeral took place at noon on Monday. Mrs. Morgan and her daughter, while in this city, boarded with Mrs. J. T. Orendorf, West Main street. She left there last fall.

Baker.
Mrs. Amanda Baker, wife of Ezra Baker, of Harmony, Md., died very suddenly Monday, January 8, from heart disease, aged 70 years. She is survived by eight children: Elizabeth, wife of Ezekiah Pool, near Ellerton; Sallie, wife of Reuben Pool, of Shocktop; Julia, wife of Allen McHenry, near Frederick; Daniel, James, Lewis, and Ezra, all living near Harmony. One brother, James Delauder, lives near Middleport. The funeral took place Thursday morning, January 11, from the Dunkard church at Harmony, of which she was a life-long member.

Norwood.
Wille Norwood, a prosperous farmer, residing about 2 miles southeast of Damascus, Md., died at his home on Thursday morning, January 11 of pneumonia. He was about 48 years of age. He is survived by a wife, who has a daughter of Garrison Brandenburg, of Mt. Airy, and five children—two sons and three daughters. The funeral took place at the Damascus M. E. Church, of which he was a member, Saturday last at 11 o'clock. Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining.

Baer.
Miss M. Wilhelm Baer died Sunday at 8 p. m., at the Home of the Aged, Frederick, Md., aged 85 years. Death ensued from a fall which broke her hip about two weeks ago.

The passing away of this well known lady removes the last of a family well known in Frederick and Carroll counties. Miss Baer was the youngest daughter of Professor William and Harriet Mantz Baer, deceased. Prof. Baer was a well-known chemist, residing for a long time at Kitchener, Md. The family removed to Frederick shortly after the war. After the death of their mother the four daughters remained, keeping a select school where many of our boys and girls were educated, amongst them the late Bishop James Addison Ingle.

The funeral took place at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning with services at the Home of the Aged. Interment was made in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Bentz.
Caroline Bentz, widow of Edward Bentz, died on January 17, at the residence of her son-in-law, John A. Williams, 320 S. Patterson Park avenue, Baltimore.

Gettinger.
Mary A. Gettinger, aged 88 years, widow of Jacob Gettinger, died on January 17, at her home, near Reisterstown. Funeral services and interment at Sandy Mount Church, today at 12 m.

Message of Appreciation.
The family of the late Mrs. John E. Smith, whose tragic death on Monday morning, touched the hearts of the entire community, have requested me to extend their sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbors, who came to their assistance, and by their prompt action saved them from even greater calamity. They are unable to reach them personally, and many of them are unknown to them, but they feel they must give expression to their gratitude in some way, and hope to reach all through the medium of the press. Sorrow makes us all akin, and the true neighborly spirit extends to them in the hour of their unspeakable sorrow, as manifested in their many acts of sympathy and love, helped to soften the terrible and unexpected blow which has come to them, and they appreciate it more than words can tell. To the choir most sincere and heartfelt thanks are given.

MARY B. SHELLMAN,
For the family.

ANNUAL MEETING

WESTMINSTER FIRE COMPANY ELECT OFFICERS.

Two Hundred and Twenty-five Present—Grand Banquet—Fine Program—Encores Were Plenty.

One of the largest gatherings ever attending the annual meeting and banquet of the Westminster Fire Engine and Hose Company No. 1, took place on Wednesday evening. About 225 active and honorary members and invited guests were present.

The meeting was called to order about 7:45 o'clock by President M. John Lynch, who ordered the minutes of the last annual meeting to be read, after which the election of officers took place. There being no opposition a motion was put before the meeting for the secretary, and cast treasurer, William Weagley, to cast the ballot for the election of candidates, which was seconded and carried. Mr. Weagley reading each name and, at the conclusion, declaring all elected.

President, James Pearce Wantz; First Vice President, Frank Thomas; Second Vice President, Harry D. Fowble; Chief, Meade Ohler; Assistant Chief, J. Leonard Shafer; Secretary and Treasurer, William Weagley; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Ober S. Herr; Foreman of Trucks, Harry Cootes; Assistant Foreman of Trucks, John D. Diehl; Foreman of Reels, Harry K. Shafer; Assistant Foreman of Reels, Edward O. Diefendal; Librarian, Luther E. Welmet; Assistant Librarian, William Utz; Marshal, John H. Mitten; Assistant Marshal, Robert Ebaugh; Janitor, Frank Schweigert.

Next in order the newly elected President, James Pearce Wantz, was escorted to the chair, and made a short but impressive address. President Lynch also made a short talk before retiring.

The Banquet.
At the conclusion of the meeting all were invited to the banquet room where they seated themselves to enjoy the oysters, raw, fried and stewed; turkey, ham, celery, pickles, coffee, cigars, etc., prepared by the banquet committee composed of J. Glyod Diefendal, chairman; Joseph G. Hahn, Oscar D. Gilbert, William R. Anders, Meade Ohler and W. Frank Thomas.

Program Rendered.
After the banquet they were asked to re-assemble in the meeting room, where the annual report read by Secretary and Treasurer, William Weagley, after which the following program was rendered: Music by Orchestra; Double Quartette, "Let the Hills and Vales Resound"; Address, Rev. J. C. Mallon; Growth and Decline, Albert Mitten and Guy Williams; Address, Michael E. Walsh, Esq.; Music by Orchestra; Double Quartette, "The Monkey Said to the Chimpanzee"; Address, Rev. W. H. Hetrick; Double Quartette, "Davy Jones"; Address, Rev. W. B. Seagraves; Music by Orchestra.

Special mention should be made of the beautiful music rendered by the double quartette. All the parts were well sustained. The tenors were: Robert Billingslea, Smith Billingslea, C. H. Murray, J. S. Gehl; Basses: Arthur Binns, George R. Owsdale, W. H. Mikesell and J. G. Diefendal.

Guy W. Steele, Esq., who was announced in the program as a speaker could not be present on account of a pressing engagement at the Maryland Court of Appeals. Mr. Steele was also to speak, but on account of a bad cold was unable to attend the meeting.

Committees in Charge.
The following committees had charge of the supper arrangements: Kitchen, Harry Cootes and William Utz; Serving room, Meade Ohler, Florence Little, Charles Hunter; Carvers, Wm. R. Roberts, O. D. Gilbert and John R. Anders; Waiters: W. Frank Thomas, head waiter; Arthur J. Arbaugh, Fern, Jas. Diefendal, Robert Ebaugh, Edvin Gehr, Paul Whitmore, Paul Case, Luther Weimert, Harry Thomson, Clarence Stoner, George F. Eckenrode, Harry Schweigert and Charles Cootes.

In Honor of 12th Birthday.
On Friday evening, January 12, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Miller, gave a surprise birthday party in honor of the 12th birthday of their son, Frank Monroe Miller. At 7 o'clock the young folks arrived in a body which was quite a surprise to Frank. The evening was spent in social chat and playing games. Instrumental music was furnished by Miss Fern Bowers. At 10 o'clock they were all invited to the dining room where refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. John, Mrs. Edw. Robert, Fern Bowers, Orvie Miller, Helen Miller, Virginia Crouse, Rhea Bowers, and Helen Crouse; Masters—Frank M. Miller, Edwin Helwig, Alfred Helwig, Edgar Royer, Jesse Royer, Harry M. Miller, James Reed and Theodore Derr.

A Quilting Party.
A quilting party was given by Mrs. John Frock, on the B. F. Shriver farm, near Morelock's school house. Those present were: John Frock, Orvie Miller, Helen Miller, Virginia Crouse, Rhea Bowers, and Helen Crouse; Masters—Frank M. Miller, Edwin Helwig, Alfred Helwig, Edgar Royer, Jesse Royer, Harry M. Miller, James Reed and Theodore Derr.

FATALLY BURNED.

Mrs. Louisa C. Smith Dies From Injuries.

Mrs. Louisa Capito Smith, widow of John E. Smith, judge of the Circuit Court for Carroll County, met with a tragic death last Monday morning. About 6:30 o'clock, as Joshua Hunter, drove his dairy wagon past her residence, he noticed a light in the kitchen. A few minutes later he re-passed, and through the parlor windows saw that the portiers were arched and shoulders arched were in flames. He rang the doorbell vigorously and then burst open the front door. Mrs. Frank S. Fouke, Mrs. Smith's only daughter, rushed down the stairway about the same moment, and she and Mr. Hunter found her mother in the hall with her clothing in a blaze. They wrapped her in a large rug and thus put out the fire.

It appears that Mrs. Smith had come downstairs early to give some attention to the kitchen range, and a few minutes later she had placed a lace shawl, pinned at the neck. When the shawl caught fire at the range she was unable to unclasp the catch of the pin. As she rushed through the dining-room and library the flames were communicated to curtains and carpeting. Mrs. Smith, who had her clothing was practically burned from her body and she was terribly injured, probably inhaling the flames, as her face was badly burned. Before the firemen arrived with their apparatus neighbors had put out the fire in the hall and the fire from a stove in an upstairs bedroom and burned to the ground together with \$275 in money, and everything else upstairs; a few pieces of furniture downstairs were saved.

Only Mr. and Mrs. Lang and the baby were at home when the disaster occurred. Mr. Lang was asleep on the couch downstairs and Mrs. Lang and the baby were also downstairs. At noon Mrs. Lang went upstairs to look after the stove and found the whole bedroom and its contents in flames. She called for assistance, but the flames had made such headway that all efforts to control them were unavailing.

All the clothing, upstairs furniture, nearly all the downstairs furniture and provisions—most of the food—were destroyed. The house was only insured for \$250.

Entertained P. O. of A.
A very delightful social was recently given by Mrs. Herbert A. Morgan, at her home on East Green street, to the East-end members of Camp 25, P. O. of A., of which she is president, and a few outside friends. The evening was spent in games and music, both vocal and instrumental. At 11 o'clock a call came from the dining room to which all responded eagerly. The table was beautifully lighted with a silver candelabrum filled with candles. The table was near collapsing with the many good things upon it. Nothing in the season was missing. Only those who have attended Mrs. Morgan's socials can have any idea of her beautiful table.

Her only out-of-town guests were Tamm Winters, of Reisterstown, and Wm. A. Brown, Braddock Heights.

Westminster Lodge, No. 41, I. O. M., Attends Divine Service.
On Sunday last Westminster Lodge No. 41, Independent Order of Mechanics, met at the Westminster City Hall, and marched to Grace Lutheran Church in a body. The attendance was very good in spite of the extreme cold weather.

The pastor, Rev. Wm. H. Hetrick, selected as the subject of his sermon: "The Beautiful Story of Joseph"; and the principles of this order were founded, and Sunday, January 21, the sequel will be preached on the subject: "Joseph Made Known to His Brethren." As this sermon is a continuation of last Sunday's sermon, Rev. Hetrick invites the members of this organization to attend Divine service next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

We ask every member to make a special effort to be present.

Will of Mrs. Henry Boyle.
Mrs. H. Cordelia Boyle, wife of Henry Boyle, of Frederick, in her will directs that after paying all debts her estate is to go to her sons, Henry S. Boyle and John Brooke Boyle, in trust. They are directed to pay the income of the estate to the husband of the testatrix during his life for the support of himself and minor children. The property at the death of the husband and upon all the children reaching age, is to be sold and divided equally among them as follows: Mattie Hammond, Henry S. Boyle, Joseph D. Boyle, Frank J. Boyle, J. Brooke Boyle, Mary B. Sapleton, Jas. D. Boyle, Albert J. Boyle. The will also provides that the provision made for the husband is in lieu of any marital rights he might have under the laws of Maryland.

The will is dated January 9, 1910. Harry S. Boyle and John Brooke Boyle are named as executors.

A Birthday Party.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thomson gave their little daughter, Madge, a party on January 10, in honor of her eleventh birthday. Many little friends gathered and had a good time. The evening was spent in playing games and listening to music until about 10 o'clock when they were invited to the dining room where refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, cake, candies, nuts and fruit, after which they all went home wishing Madge many more happy birthdays.

WEDDINGS

Sharp—Koozts.

On Thursday evening, January 11, Miss Effie Koozts, youngest daughter of Henry Koozts, of Silver Run, was married to Samuel Sharp, of near this city, at the Reformed parsonage, in Silver Run, by the bride's pastor, Rev. S. M. Hoover.

Tracey—Nolle.
Dr. Arthur Gill Tracey, of Baltimore, and Miss Lulu M. Nolle, of Hampstead, Md., were married by Rev. Dr. J. F. Heise, of Park Place, Strabridge Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Wednesday afternoon. Miss Grace Tracey, of Arcadia, Md., sister of the groom, was bridesmaid. Dr. J. A. Black was best man; After the ceremony Doctor and Mrs. Tracey left for Florida.

Reed—Loats.
Miss Elsie M. Loats, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loats, of near Manchester, and Willie C. Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Heese, of near Snyderburg, were quietly married Thursday, January 11, at the Lutheran parsonage, Manchester, by Rev. J. B. Lau. They will reside on the farm of the groom's father, near Snyderburg.

Mathias Lang's Residence Destroyed by Fire Near Hockessville.
On Sunday afternoon the two-story frame residence of Mathias Lang, of near Hockessville, caused a fire from a stove in an upstairs bedroom and burned to the ground together with \$275 in money, and everything else upstairs; a few pieces of furniture downstairs were saved.

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PERSONALS

John Huntzberry, of Frederick, spent Sunday in this city. Miss Edith Myers and Vally Miller were guests of Miss Gladys Shipley, on Sunday.

Mrs. Irvin Hunter and two children, of Bachman's Valley, spent a week, recently, in Baltimore.

Miss Pearl E. Lockard, of this city, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. Murray Patterson, of Reisterstown.

Howard Manger, of Huntersville, who recently had both his ears frozen, is improving slowly.

Misses Edna and Blanche Shriver, of Hanover, Pa., are spending several months with relatives at Taneytown, Md.

Miss Anne Shaw, of Woodsboro, Frederick county, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Edward O. Weant, Willis street.

Robert and Frank Stevenson, and son, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Stevenson, near this city.

A marriage license was issued in Baltimore on Tuesday to Joseph C. Hoy and Hermie Hann, of Uniontown, Md.

A marriage license was issued in Baltimore last week to Harry Ford, of Baltimore, and Ida V. Tracey, of Patapsco.

Dr. H. L. Elderdice, president of the Theological Seminary spent last Sunday at Pittsburgh, Pa., in the interests of the Seminary.

Mrs. J. Albert Slade, of Delight, Baltimore county, has been spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. John P. Stoner, of Union Bridge.

A marriage license was issued at Elllicott City on Saturday to Claude F. Mullinix, of Howard county, and Nellie J. Browning, of Carroll county.

Miss Ada Glover has returned to her home in New Windsor, after spending a few weeks with her brother and family, at Owings Mills.

Mrs. Allen T. Bacon and two daughters, Misses Helen and Eleanor Bacon, returned to the Westminsters on Saturday evening, after an absence of several months.

Miss Bertha Mae Lockard has returned to her home, 508 Carrollton avenue, Baltimore, after spending a few weeks with her cousin, Mrs. J. Murray Patterson, Reisterstown.

Mrs. Herbert N. Veasey, who has been visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Lewis, College Hill, left this week to visit her husband's relatives in Pocomoke City, Md. Her eldest daughter accompanied her.

On January 14, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Morgan and Edw. Orendorf entertained Misses Goldie and Metta Stonesifer, Jas. Smith, Jr., and Master Gerry Stonesifer, of Westminster; Jesse Durbin and Mr. Russell, of Reisterstown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray Patterson, of Reisterstown, entertained the following guests last Sunday in honor of Miss Pearl Lockard: Mrs. Ada A. Mortimer, Mrs. O. D. Brinsfield, Miss Bertha M. Lockard, and Robert Smith, of Baltimore; and Miss Florence E. Shipley.

A sled load of merry citizens left here on Friday night about 6:30 o'clock for the home of Mrs. A. C. Allgire's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stansbury, near Hampstead, to spend the evening. A delicious turkey supper was served. Those in the party were Messrs. and Mesdames—A. C. Allgire, George E. Matthews, Arthur V. Moore, Otto Diefenbach, Ivan Hoff, J. E. Stem, Harry Fowble, and Miss Marguerite Stem. Everything went along pleasantly until they were at Brummel, where one of the sleds breaking off. It was about 2 hours before another sled was made ready, and with the thermometer 12 below zero the homeward trip was not very enjoyable.

REPEAL THE TAX ON MORTGAGES.
The Legislature of 1896 passed an Act imposing a tax of 3 per cent. on the income from mortgages, of which 1/4 went to the State and 3/4 to the county in which the tax was imposed. The act has since been repealed for nearly all the counties of the State and for Baltimore City, only Worcester, Somerset, Carroll, Howard, Montgomery, Frederick and Dorchester retaining the tax. At the present session of the Legislature an effort will be made to have the tax repealed for Dorchester and Frederick counties.

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The man who borrows the money pays the tax after all, notwithstanding the intent and meaning of the law to the contrary. For illustration, A has \$3000 and with it buys a farm for \$8000; A borrows \$5000 from B and offers B a 5 per cent. mortgage which B refuses, demanding instead 3/4 per cent. interest on mortgage. As an alternative, B offers to furnish the money to A at 5 per cent. on contested judgment. Had the loan been made on mortgage, B would have been required to pay 8 per cent. on the income as he pays nothing on the income from the contested judgment.

However one may look at the matter, the man who has to borrow money is getting the worst of the deal, for everyone of us knows that money may be had at 5 per cent. on a contested judgment, whereas the same loan on mortgage would invariably be at 5 1/2 per cent. There should be some way devised to equalize taxation and it is not impossible to do this to a certain extent. It is unfair and unjust that a