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TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE—MARRIAGE LICENSES, ETC.

Harry Kidd Appointed Constable for Mount Airy District.

County Commissioners.

Harry Kidd was reappointed constable for two years for Mount Airy district on Monday by the board. Constable Blizard filed his bond with the board on Monday.

Marriage Licenses.

Robert Campbell Herd and Lillian G. George, both of Baltimore, Md. Wm. H. Treasurer, Carroll county, and Alma M. Null, Westminster. Oliver C. Schaefer and Hattie V. Tinkler, both of Baltimore, Md.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, January 29.—The last will and testament and codicil thereto of Christian F. Hunt, deceased, admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon, granted to George H. Hunt, John C. Hunt and Christian F. Hunt, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

E. Arrabella Dutter, executrix of Elmira J. Dutter, deceased, filed report of sale of real estate on which the court granted an order nisi. Elias N. Davis and Willie E. Davis, executors of William H. Davis, deceased received order to sell personal property.

Tuesday, January 30.—Letters of administration on the estate of Sarah J. Morgan, deceased, granted unto John J. Hurst, who received order to notify creditors and reported inventory of current money.

The Safe Deposit and Trust Co., of Baltimore, Md., guardian for Edgar C. Kiler, settled their eighth and final account.

Laura E. Gaver, administratrix of Dr. William E. Gaver, deceased returned inventory of personal property, and current money, and received order to sell personal property.

Casper Millender, administrator of Sarah J. Millender, deceased, returned inventory of debts and settled his first account.

John M. Hook, executor of Mary S. Hook, deceased, returned additional report of sale and settled his first and final account.

Daniel E. Buckley, John C. Buckley, Ezra A. C. Buckley, and George P. Buckley, executors of George P. Buckley, deceased, received order to sell bond.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Rosa A. Logue, executrix, &c., to George W. Schaefer, conveys 63 1/2 acres, and 28 perches, for \$4200.

John C. Denner, and wife to Wm. R. S. Denner, convey 5 parcels of land, for \$2550.

Guy W. Steele, trustee, to Geo. W. Constantine and wife, convey 100 1/2 acres and 30 perches, for \$6400.

Benj. Miller and wife to William H. Sharp, convey 5 acres and 21 perches, for \$600.

David E. McQuay and wife to Eunice E. Fross, convey 9 acres, 3 rods and 20 perches, for \$1000.

Ella Keefe and husband to Ulysses K. Haines, convey 24 perches, for \$700.

Jesse Hollingsworth to Cardiff T. Hollingsworth et al., convey 49 acres and 2 perches, for \$5.

Cardiff T. Hollingsworth et al. to Jesse Hollingsworth, convey 35 1/2 acres and 24 perches, for \$5.

John Thomas Wagner et al. to Julia A. Hook, convey lot in Westminster, for \$1.

John T. Wagner, et al., to Charles H. Wagner, convey 2 lots in Westminster, for \$1.

Charles H. Wagner et al., to John Thomas Wagner, convey 2 lots in Westminster, for \$1.

John Thomas Wagner et al., to Columbus McC. Wagner, convey 1 lot in Westminster, for \$1.

John Thomas Wagner et al., to Elias Jerome Wagner, convey 1 lot in Westminster, for \$1.

A Delightful Surprise.

A delightful surprise party was given at the home of Mr. John Gesell, near Reese, this county, in honor of Miss Lena Gesell, who knew nothing of the event until the guests began to arrive. Parlor games and vocal music were the principal features of the evening. At a late hour all were invited to the dining room where the table was tastefully decorated and a sumptuous repast was served.

Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames—John Gesell, Aug. Gesell, Wm. Devillibus, Joseph Devillibus, Wilson Zepp; Mrs. Emma Zepp; Misses—Ethel Shreeve, Fanny L. Stocksdale, of Finksburg; Grace Yingling, Maria Shilling, Lottie Caple, Ora Barnhardt, Edna Staup, May Stocksdale, Edna and Martha Stocksdale, of Sandville; Edith and Lily Rash, Myrtle Zepp, Edna Greene, Edith and Viola Sepp, Carrie Gesell, Helen Stonesifer, Blanche Stoner, Ada Bell, Emma Stansbury, Mildred Sepp, of near Reese; Esther, Six, of Westminster; Messrs.—Roger Smith and Robert Miller, of Wakefield; Wilbur Shreeve, of Finksburg; John Yingling, Wilbur Yingling, Ernest Stocksdale, Noah Stocksdale, Walter Shipley, of Sandville; Walter Miller, Louis Gorsuch, Curtis Edward Heagy, Taylor, Berlin Wm. Greene, Maurice Devillibus, William and George Miller, Lester and Walter Gesell, Clayton Stoner, Albert Stoner, Ross Bell, Geo. Gesell, Francis Howard, Nellie Gesell, and Wm. Sepp.

Deaths in Demand in Thurmont.

It is said there is quite a demand for dwelling houses at Thurmont, and persons who have to move and did not get a house early are in a quandary as to where to go. It is said many more dwellings are needed in the town.

A resolution must have good backing or it will fall in a short while.

JUST 38 YEARS AGO.

JOSEPH W. DAVIS HANGED FOR THE MURDER OF ABRAHAM LYNN.

Killed by being struck in head with Adze—Body thrown in wheat bin Paid penalty of crime on February 6, 1874.

Just 38 years ago, next Tuesday, Jos. W. Davis was hanged for the murder of Abraham L. Lynn, in the latter's mill, near Linwood. The crime was committed on April 5, 1874, and Davis was hanged on February 6, 1874.

History of Case in Part.

Near Linwood Station, on April 5, 1874, Abraham L. Lynn, a miller, was found in his grain bin with his skull fractured in several places. At 2 o'clock that day he had in his coat pocket a pocket book containing \$800, which was missing, and neither pocket book nor money was ever heard from. Lynn was about 21 years of age, named Jos. W. Davis, and a small room of Lynn's, near the mill, was tenanted as a shoemaker's shop by Hamilton Shue. An investigation of the circumstances of Lynn's death reported before a jury of murder in the first degree, and was sentenced to be hanged on September 12, 1873.

Davis' counsel next filed with the Governor an affidavit made by Hamilton Shue that Lynn, came into his shop sometime after Davis had left the mill, and was consequently could not have killed Lynn. The Governor consented that the witness should be examined before him. In the meantime Shue had gone West, and was not found until December 8, when he appeared before the Governor for the signing the warrant on December 11 for Davis' execution on February 6. The case was also argued at the Court of Appeals, but was lost to Davis.

Rev. Cremer, assisted by Rev. Julian E. Engle, were Davis' spiritual advisers.

Davis was 24 years old at the time of his execution. His request was that his remains be buried in the Reformed cemetery at Taneytown.

Sheriff Devillibus had the following gentlemen as deputies: Reuben W. Stem, R. Chas. Matthews; assistant deputies, George W. Miller, Lewis Trumbo, Edward L. Smith, Jno. J. Reese, Frank A. Sharrer, F. A. Norris, George C. Crass, Granville Wilson, John Tracey, Dr. F. Butler and Leonard Zepp were in attendance.

Davis confessed on Thursday evening, February 5, to committing the murder of Lynn.

Friday morning was cloudy and a raw wind made it disagreeable. People eager to see the execution arrived in great numbers. Tickets were issued to people to prevent the jail yard from becoming crowded.

The Last Day.

At 11.30 a. m. Revs. Cremer, Ingle Earnest, Richardson and Van Meter were in the cell with Davis, where the Litany of the Reformed Church was read by Rev. Cremer, and responses made by those present. Davis was in tears, but responded with a firm voice, "amen."

At 12 o'clock, Sheriff Devillibus, accompanied by Ira E. Crouse, entered the cell, and proceeded to bind the hands of the condemned man, after which the shroud was placed on him, and at 12 o'clock the mournful procession started for the scaffold, the prisoner being supported by Revs. Cremer and Richardson. Davis mounted the scaffold with a firm step and walked to the front, bowed to the crowd, and stated that he committed the murder in anger. He then said good bye to the crowd. The prayer for a departing soul was then repeated by Rev. Cremer, after which all on the scaffold shook hands with him and bade him good-bye, to which he replied, "I hope to meet you all in heaven."

All then left except the sheriff, and at 12.05 the spring was pulled, and Davis was launched into eternity. His neck was broken by the fall. He was lowered to ground 20 minutes after the drop, and taken down, placed in the coffin and sent to Taneytown for burial.

There had only been one execution in this county prior to this. Rebecca McCormick colored, was convicted of murdering a colored boy 14 years of age, in April, 1859, and was executed in June.

Eagles Banquet.

The fraternal order of Eagles No. 1078 of this city, held its annual banquet at the Westminster Hotel last night after its general session in the lodge room. At 9 o'clock, all marched from the lodge room to the hotel where a banquet was served, consisting of oysters in every style, with trimmings, and which all enjoyed. Rev. Keinecke related the blessed members of the lodge were present from Baltimore, Manchester, Union Bridge, Sykesville and Hampstead.

Charles O. Clemson and William Kimmey had the banquet in charge. The Eagle lodge was organized in May, 1905, and has increased one-third in its membership since that time. The lodge has \$3000 in its treasury. The table in the banquet room was so arranged as to form the letter E, appropriate to the organization. The menu was well prepared by the manager of the hotel.

THROWN FROM SLEIGH AND KILLED.

CHARLES KENNEY OF UNION MILLS DIES OF FRACTURED SKULL.

Two young men of Union Mills, William H. Feeser and Charles Kenney, took a disastrous sleigh ride on Wednesday, resulting in death for one of them and a broken collar bone for the other.

The accident occurred about noon in the rear of the old cemetery at Silver Run. While descending a steep hill and making a sharp turn in the road, the sleigh was upset and the occupants thrown out with great force. Young Kenney was hurled against a post in the fence with such violence as to crush the right side of his skull into a pulp. He was picked up by Mr. Jacob Koonitz and carried to his house a few rods distant, and was thought to be dead, but later feeble signs of life were observed.

Dr. L. G. Wetzel was hastily summoned but pronounced the case hopeless. Later, Kenney was taken to the home of his uncle, Mr. Charles Wolf, of Union Mills, where the young man resided. Drs. Charles R. Foutz and J. J. Stewart were sent for with the idea of having an operation performed, but they deemed it useless. Kenney lived until Thursday morning about 3 o'clock, when he died without having regained consciousness. He was about 22 years of age. His parents live in Baltimore and he is survived by two sisters.

The funeral will be held tomorrow (Saturday) morning. Interment will be in the cemetery adjoining Methodist Episcopal church at Union Mills. Rev. E. S. Watkins officiating. William Feeser has a broken collar bone, which is causing him much suffering.

It is said that the young men were driving very rapidly when the accident occurred. The sleigh in which Kenney was captured near the cemetery at Pleasant Valley.

WRITE YEARLY LETTERS.

Custom of Yale Divinity Class of Which Dr. Elderidge is Member.

As a member of a class of 35 men who were graduates from the Yale Divinity School in 1888, and who established the custom 26 years ago of writing letters to each other every year detailing experiences and reciting important happenings in their several localities. Rev. Dr. Hugh L. Elderidge, president of the Westminster Theological Seminary, receives yearly these interesting epistles.

Of the original class, four have died and their widows are continuing the correspondence. Ten or 12 left the ministry. One, E. M. Lydgate, has a sugar plantation in the Hawaiian Islands. Another, H. K. Holden, has taken to fruit growing in Southern California, and F. W. Tuckerman has become connected with the United States Pension Bureau, with headquarters at Los Angeles.

Members of the class have scattered to all parts of the world. For instance, Rev. A. W. Stanford is in Tokio, Japan; Rev. William Joseph is in Bristol, England, and others are in various sections of the United States.

Rev. Mr. Beadenkoff, superintendent of the Public Bath Commission, is the only member in Baltimore; Rev. E. L. Hood, of the Atlanta (Ga.) Theological Seminary, is the secretary of the class, and it is through him that the letters are started out on their rounds. The letters are usually accompanied by photographs and the members of the class are kept informed as to all happenings of interest in all parts of the world.

Tanglefoot Social.

A social was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Myers, near Sam's Creek, on January 25, to a few of their many friends. The guests began to arrive about 6 o'clock and enjoyed themselves with music, jokes, and games, of all kinds. At a late hour they were invited to the dining hall, where refreshments were served in abundance, consisting of oysters, ice cream, cakes and fruits.

Those present were: Mesdames—Walter Engel, J. R. Zile, Lizzie Ecker; Misses—Nellie Devillibus, Maud Stem, Bertha Drash, Louise Engel, Mary Houck, Gladys Nusbaum, Mary Zile, Gertrude Zile, Cordelia Myers; Messrs. H. H. Devillibus, Walter Engel, J. R. Zile, M. O. Myers, of Baltimore; Marshall Nusbaum, Alton Devillibus, Carroll Eckard, Charley Houck, Paul Bond, Harvey Houck, Winter Bond, Geo. Devillibus, Morton Engel, Milton Devillibus, George Gorsuch, Chester Nusbaum, A. S. Babylon, Wilber Barnhardt, Delmas Zile; Messrs. and Mesdames—Raymond Myers, and Guy Carlisle.

Ladies' Aid at Smallwood.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Trinity Lutheran church, Deer Park, met at the home of Mrs. Richard Baker, Smallwood, January 31. The meeting was opened with singing, Scripture reading, and prayer. After all business was transacted, refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Carroll Owens, February 28. While the ladies were busy, some of the men, not yet too old for sport, slipped on the hill for a good time. When the ladies' attention was attracted, some of the men were trying a rocking chair, and some sliding with out sleds.

Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames—Richard Baker, Frank Frick, Carol Owens; Mesdames—Philippine Rosenberger, Lizzie Nipher, Christina Frick, Lillie, Bittel, Sophia Blizard, Louise Mengel, Laura Wagner, Emmie Mengel, Katie Saylor, Lizzie Black; Misses—Mary Barber, Louise Williams, Virgie Schaefer, Lillian Landen, Ruth Owens, Kathryn Saylor; Louisa Owens; Messrs.—Eli Schaefer, Walter Bittel, Carol Owens, Raymond Saylor.

FARMERS MANIFEST MUCH INTEREST.

INSTRUCTIVE INSTITUTE TALKS IN COURT HOUSE BY EXPERTS.

Largest attendance ever—Fruit and Corn exhibited.

The two-day Farmers' Institute opened in the Court House last Monday with a good attendance of Carroll county farmers and fruit growers, thus emphasizing the growing desire of these men for further enlightenment along scientific lines.

In one of his talks during the institute Mr. Phelps said that Maryland farmers had not paid the subject of dairying the close attention it should have. Farmers are prone to hang on to the old live stock bred by their fathers. Time has changed, and Mr. Phelps considered the Holstein, Ayrshire, Jersey and Guernsey breeds best for dairying. He also spoke about "Poultry and the Construction of a Hen-house."

Mr. E. P. Cahill, who has a 700-acre apple orchard near Hancock, spoke both Monday and Tuesday on "Apple Culture." He is a school commissioner of Washington county, and for several years kept a large herd of Angora goats to clear up the mountain land for his orchard; at present he has about 60 goats. Mr. Cahill exhibited a number of fine varieties of apples grown by him. There was also an exhibit in the corner of the Court House given by Mr. John Myers, of Bachman's Valley.

Grasses and Alfalfa.

The third address on Monday was delivered by Dr. Richard S. Hill, of the Maryland Agricultural College, director of Farmers' Institutes, and was about "Grasses, Hay Crops, and Alfalfa." He certainly convinced the farmers that he knew what he was talking about. He said alfalfa should be a growing crop on every farm. In several years kept a large herd of Angora goats to clear up the mountain land for his orchard; at present he has about 60 goats. Mr. Cahill exhibited a number of fine varieties of apples grown by him. There was also an exhibit in the corner of the Court House given by Mr. John Myers, of Bachman's Valley.

Soil Fertility, Corn and Wheat.

Mr. W. Oscar Collier, a grower of seeds in Taneytown, was not present on Monday but spoke on Tuesday on "Good Seed, Soil Fertility, Corn and Wheat." He explained that the most essential thing in raising a crop of corn is proper seed selection. Before corn is planted it should be tested and proven that the germinating qualities are good. The test is as follows:

Place about two inches of sawdust or sand in a box and cover this over with a cloth on which small squares are marked off and numbered. On these squares are placed six grains of seed in a row from different pieces around the middle of the ear and the ear numbered to correspond to the square. After this has been done another cloth is placed over the whole box and all thoroughly wetted and placed in a warm room. In several days the sprouts will be visible and the best easily distinguished from the good. Mr. Christopher Schnable, of Eastview, exhibited specimens of corn which took the first prize at the recent corn show in Baltimore.

Peach Growing.

Mr. Sanford H. Fulton, a large peach grower of West Virginia, spoke both days on "Peach Growing." He showed the necessity of a careful selection of varieties, location and planting to get the desired results. The farmers were urged to take more interest in fruit growing.

All the meetings were well attended by representative farmers from all over the county and by many of our Westminster citizens, and on Tuesday the Court House was crowded. Dr. Hill said that for the institute next year a larger hall should be provided. More interest was manifested than ever before.

ROBINSON CRUSOE

Will Be First Play in New Auditorium

The original production of "Robinson Crusoe" in opera dramatic form, written and staged by Frank S. Davis, is to be presented at the new Odd Fellows' auditorium on Thursday and Friday nights, February 15 and 16, Mr. Davidson appearing as "Ben Barnacle," the character that has made him famous.

The following local favorites will assist him: Misses—Elsie Germand, Mary Davis and Grace Stoner, and C. C. Beach, R. V. Lewis, Edward Steffy, Robert Ebaugh, Carl Brown and J. D. Mitchell.

Special scenery, correct costumes, and details necessary for a perfect presentation are to be brought here by Mr. Davidson and a chorus of young voices runs throughout the play in the jolly old jingles of the sea. The musical part of the entertainment is featured. The attraction is under the auspices of Salem Lodge No. 60, I. O. O. F. Five thousand dollars to remodel and beautify its auditorium. Seats will be placed on sale several days in advance. Admission 50 and 35c; children under 12 years, 25 cents.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

IMPORTANT BILLS CONSIDERED DURING THE WEEK.

Among the bills introduced this week, in the legislature and referred were the following:

By Senator Maloy—Amending the law regarding the collection of deposit fees in collection of collateral inheritance; referred to Finance Committee.

By Senator Bellis—Placing further safeguards and penalties around the selling of, or allowing midshipmen, college students and all other minors to obtain liquors in Annapolis or within five miles of the city; Temperance Committee.

By Senator Sproesser—Placing the wife on equal footing in sharing property left by children; Judicial Proceedings.

A message was received from the House suggesting the appointment of a committee of five to report on the needs of St. John's College. This was concurred in.

Miscellaneous Bills.

Bills were passed in the Senate on Monday amending the Road laws of Charles county and providing for concurrent control of the shell fish, wild fowls and fish industries of the Potomac river.

A bill was introduced in the House by Mr. Newman, making it a criminal offence to obtain money on a check when the drawer's balance in bank is insufficient.

Mr. Whitley, of Prince George's county, introduced the bill repealing the envelope feature of the Primary Election law, as it applies to the counties, and making it mandatory for each voter to mark his ballot in the booth, instead of being able to mark it at his home or on the outside as is allowed by the present law. It was referred to the Elections Committee.

In preparation for a mass-meeting to be held in Annapolis on February 7, in the interest of the Ten-Hour law for women, a resolution was passed giving the ladies the right to hold the meeting in the House of Delegates chamber.

Considerable interest is manifested in the child-labor law proposed in the bill which W. H. Malbie of the city delegation will introduce in the House, and which is discussed in an editorial in this issue of the Advocate.

A measure was introduced in the Senate on Wednesday by Senator Sproesser limiting the term in which proceedings of prosecution in felonies and misdemeanors may be instituted. In the House a bill was introduced to require chattel loan brokers to obtain names to chattel mortgages.

Relating to Game.

Bills were introduced providing for annual license for gunners; to protect wild turkeys, partridges, quail, doves, woodcock, pheasants and other game birds, squirrels, rabbits and deer by fixing the period during which they may be hunted; to promote game farms and the propagation of game; to provide for a general tax on dogs; providing for the creation of a game commission.

Direct Primary Bill.

The Harper bill, as drawn by Mr. Lewis, the State voters of each district the right to elect their own delegates without interference from any other district. But it goes much further in providing for election of the four delegates-at-large in a State-wide primary which will allow the voters of all the districts a voice in the selection of the "big four."

Reduction in appropriations was promised by the Democrats. They are carrying out their pledge. There are plenty of hungry members who demand public buildings, river and harbor improvements and appropriations for their own districts. But the leaders have put on the curb.

First Anniversary.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Manchester, celebrated its first anniversary on Monday evening, January 29, in the lecture room of the church.

The meeting was opened with responsive scripture reading, singing and prayer by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Lau. At roll call about 10 members responded. The dues amounted to \$13.90. The treasurer gave a fine report for 1911, showing that \$606.83 had been deposited in the Manchester bank, which with the dues for the evening made \$628.73. The pastor in the highest words of praise congratulated the society on the grand work done in one year.

The following program was well rendered: singing, instrumental duet, Misses Myrtle Buchman and Miriam Bergman; recitation, John M. Dooley; vocal duet, Miss Edna LaMotte, and Elizabeth Trump; instrumental solo, Miss Minnie Burgeon; recitation, J. M. Dooley; pantomime, Misses—M. Bergman, M. Burgeon, M. Lotts, A. Shultz, Masters—L. Lau, G. Martin, G. Gelselman; recitation, Miss E. Trump; instrumental, Misses—E. LaMotte, B. Hoffacker, Messrs.—R. Hoffacker, A. H. Geiselman; recitation, J. M. Dooley; instrumental duet, Misses—M. Bergman and M. Buchman.

After repeating the Lord's Prayer the society adjourned, to meet February 25, when the election of officers was to take place. At the conclusion of the meeting the young ladies of the society served the audience with ice cream, cake, caramel and coffee. This part of the entertainment was also much enjoyed, especially the ice cream which was quite a surprise to all, as it was furnished by the gentlemen who are honorary members of the society.

The evening was a success spiritually, intellectually, financially and socially.

PERSONALS

Mr. Edward O. Weant was in Frederick on Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Harry D. Fowble, West Main street, spent Wednesday in Baltimore.

Mr. Fred Rinehart, West Main street, was away on business this week.

Miss Eleanor C. M. Thomas, Court Place, is spending the week in Baltimore.

Mr. Fred D. Miller was confined to the house several days this week with a bad cold.

Mrs. Edwin W. Shriver and niece, West Main street, spent Wednesday in Baltimore.

Messrs. Charles L. Thomson and Leonard Shaeffer, this city, spent yesterday in Baltimore.

Miss Emma Newman, of Frederick, spent last night with her cousin, Mrs. E. O. Weant, Willis street.

Miss Bessie E. Lambert, of Baltimore, is a guest of Miss Grace Elgin, of Pennsylvania avenue.

Mr. J. Frank Diffendal is home from his Southern business trip. He will remain here until Spring.

Miss Debora Ireland, of Finksburg, has been the guest the past week of the Misses Farrar, East Green street.

Leonard Eckenrode, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Bettie Eckenrode, East Green street.

Miss Blanche Walker, of Mt. Washington, spent several days this week with Miss Clara W. Lewis, College Hill.

Mr. Robert G. Aldridge, of Annapolis, spent the week with his sister, Mrs. Henry M. Fitzhugh, East Main street.

The stork left a son at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Beck, Waynesboro, Pa., formerly of this city, on January 14.

Messrs. Clifton Cook and Herbert Baker, and their families of Warfieldburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John R. Lovell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beck, Woodbine, Md., were guests of their son, William Beck, and family, of Waynesboro, Pa., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Welty, of Sudbrook Park, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stoner, near this city, this week.

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Forlines, College Hill, went to the Union Protestant Infirmary this morning to have another operation performed.

The linotype operator, Grover Little, at this office, has a stiff neck. He was in Baltimore two days this week looking up at the tall buildings.

Mr. Jesse Sheets and father, East Main street, attended the funeral of the former's uncle, Josiah Sheets, which took place in Hanover on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Warner, of Washington, D. C., returned home this week after visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Walter Ford, West Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Thomas, East Main street, left on Monday for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. Ar. J. Lamme.

Miss Elizabeth Slagle, Bond street, was operated on at the Union Protestant Infirmary, Baltimore, yesterday, for goitre. She is getting along very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wolfe, of Frederick, who were suddenly called to the former's parental home near Union Bridge, by the death of his brother, have returned to their home.

Mrs. Ida P. Stabler, went to Sandy Spring, Montgomery county, this afternoon, and will be away until Monday, when she will visit the schools in the neighborhood of Sykesville and Mt. Airy.

Rev. Dr. Greenfield attended meetings in Baltimore, the first of the days of this week in the interest of the Men and Religion Forward Movement. He says that much enthusiasm was manifested.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Northrop, Green street, left yesterday for Brooklyn, N. Y., to visit their daughter, Miss Hope Northrop. From there they will go to Chatham, N. J., to visit their daughter, Mrs. Marcus Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shoemaker, of Sykesville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Abigail Elizabeth to Mr. Clarence Austin Brown, of Sykesville. The wedding will take place on Saturday, February 10.

Misses Alice and Harriet Miller gave a "500" card party Tuesday evening, at their home on Centre street, in honor of Miss Mabel Jackson, of Dover, Del. Among those present were: Misses—Marianna Albaugh, Mary G. Gehr, Dorothy Albaugh; Messrs.—Robert K. Billingsley, John L. Bennett, Chester Baile, Howard L. Benson, William G. Simpson, and Dr. Edgar A. Slagle.

Dr. J. W. Hering entertained the clergymen of this city at dinner at his residence, East Main street, last Tuesday evening. It was a most delightful occasion. Those present were: Revs. Drs. D. L. Greenfield, James W. Reese, Frank M. Gibson, Thomas H. Lewis, Calvin S. Slagle, Hugh L. Elderidge, George R. Brown, Revs. Father Mallon, William H. Heitrick, Jesse C. Starr, Emory L. Bennett, O. C. Marriott.

Rumor has it that a wedding is shortly to take place which will be of much interest to the people of Westminster, Baltimore and Washington. It is said that Mrs. A. A. Wilson, who resides at the Main-Court Inn, this city, will wed Mr. Paul Winchester, the well-known journalist, of Baltimore. Mrs. Wilson is the widow of United States District Marshal A. A. Wilson, and formerly resided in Washington, D. C., where her drawing room was the meeting place of Washington's most cultured and well-known society folk. She has made many friends here since she had been living at the Main-Court. Mr. Winchester is well known in this city. Several years ago he edited the Advocate during an interesting political campaign.

DRANK POISON WHILE DRIVING.

MISS LULA AIRING DIES AT DETOUR, FROM EFFECT OF DRUG.