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Transfers of Real Estate, Marriage Licenses, Etc.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Albert F. Arrington and wife to Jno. Weetenkamp, convey 27½ acres, for $5.

Edward S. Miller et al. to Wesley Baum, convey 13 acres, 2 roods and 30 perches, for $1.

James G. Six and wife to Charles E. Eyler and wife, convey hotel property in Union Bridge, for $7,000.

Ella M. Rinehart to Clinton A. R. Fogle and wife, conveys 22 acres, 1 rood and 21 square perches, for $2000.

Ellen A. Dayhoff to Wm. F. Cover, conveys one-half acre for $200.

Henry W. Clary et al. to Mary A. Banks, convey 14,800 square feet, for $400.

Charles E. Garber and wife to Wm. F. Cover, convey lot of land, for $225.

Lewis E. Hann and wife to Wm. F. Cover, convey 2 acres, 1 rood and 10 square perches, for $900.

Henry W. Clary et al. to Benjamin Dunn, convey 14,800 square feet, for $400.

Lewis J. Little to Grace P. Miller and husband, conveys 2 acres, 2 roods and 20 perches of land, for $5.

Mt. Airy Milling and Grain Co. to The Farmers' Milling & Grain Co., conveys 52 square perches and 44 12-25 square feet, for $11,500.

Clara E. Repp and husband to Virginia S. Weant, conveys lot in Union Bridge, for $5.

Virginia S. Weant and nusband to Clara E. Repp and husband, convey lot of land in Union Bridge, for $5.

George A. Bell et al. to John E. Bemiller and wife, convey 1 acre, 2 roods and 24 square perches, for $171.25.

George A. Bell et al. to David H. Frock, convey 80 square perches, for $50.

Republic Finance Company to Tidewater Portland Cement Co., conveys 23½ acres, for $10.

John H. Sippel and wife to J. Thos. Harris, convey 75 acres, for $5.

Jno. W. Blocher and wife to Emanuel W. Harris and wife, convey a tract of land, for $1450.

Joshua B. Barnes and wife to Alfred Stevenson, convey 23 acres and 4 square perches, for $25.

Alice M. Baile to Wm. H. Frownfelter and wife, conveys 48 square perches, for $2,000.

Joshua B. Barnes and wife to Alfred Stevenson and wife, convey 48 square perches, for $2000.

Wm. A. Judy et al. to Edw. W. Case, convey two lots, for $3,000.

Susannah C. Gorsuch to Thomas C. Baile and wife, conveys 4 acres and 1 square perch, for $1800.

Oliver P. Fowble and Susannan C. Gorsuch, convey 152 square perches, for $2000.

Martha E. Lovell and husband to Clyde C. Lovell, convey 23¼ acres and 36 square perches, for $1500.

William L. Shorb and wife to Virginia S. Weant, convey 124 acres, 1 rood and 38 square perches, for $5.

Virginia S. Weant and husband to William L. Shorb and wife, convey 124 acres, 1 rood and 38 square perches, for $5.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles R. Merryman and Bernice Sparks, both of Baltimore county.

Amos R. Gartrell and Carrie R. Hess, both of Woodbine.

George F. Slick and Mary Margaret Sayler, both of Frederick.

Albert Daniel Nickols and Katherine Irene Edmondson, both of Carroll county.

Jesse K. Myers and Angie May Saylor, both of Westminster.

Emory C. Tracey, Upperco, Md., and Bessie M. Stocksdale, Hampstead.

Eugene A. Pence and Bessie M. Warner, both of Mayberry.

Charles B. Wisner and Mary E. Logan, both of Carroll county.

Joseph H. Hancock and Marie M. Freter, both of Carroll county.

County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners on Monday transacted their regular routine of work.

Mr. Tebbs and other representatives of the electric railway to be built from Glyndon to Hanover, Pa., who were to appear before the board, postponed their business until next Monday. Their business will be to ask for an extension to a franchise which has expired.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, January 12th.—John F. Smith and Annie C. Smith, administrators of Louisa C. Smith, deceased, returned inventory of personal property and list of debts due.

Joseph H. Zeigler and William F. Zeigler, executors of Charles Zeigler, deceased, received additional warrant to appraise.

Charles M. Jones, executor of W. Lewis Jones, deceased, returned inventory of personal property.

Tuesday, January 13th.—The last will and testament of Dallas Albaugh, late of Carroll county, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted to Lydia E. Albaugh and Morris E. Albaugh, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Cover.

Mrs. Margaret Cover, wife of the late Peter Cover, died in Baltimore on Tuesday, January 13, aged 67 years. Her remains were brought to the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Shuey, in New Windsor, from which place the funeral took place at 12 o'clock today. Services were conducted by Rev. J. T. Marsh at Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, Sam's Creek. The pallbearers were: David E. Stem, Edward Carlysle, Howard Devilbiss, Charles Nicodemus, Morgan M. Nicodemus and William Bowen. Funeral directors, Harvey Bankard & Son.

Mrs. Cover is survived by one son, Roy Cover, of Baltimore, and the following step-children: Mrs. John Shuey, of New Windsor; Mrs. Dupre, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Joseph Cover, of Delaware; Albert Cover, of Marston, and John Cover, of Kansas.

DEATHS.

Bixler.

Jonathan Bixler, a well known farmer, died at his home near Bachman's Mills, in Bachman's Valley at 10 o'clock Tuesday night of pneumonia in his 75th year. His death occurred on the farm on which he was born. Besides his widow he is survived by two sons: Herbert C. and Howard A. both of near Bachman's Valley; also by three brothers: Elder Uriah Bixler, near Westminster; Aaron Bixler, of New Windsor, and Peter Bixler, of Cumberland Valley, Pa.

His funeral services were held this morning at 10 o'clock at the United Brethren (Bixler's) Church, which he built on his farm. Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery, Rev. S. A. Crabill, of Hanover, officiating. The pallbearers were: Alfred Bachman, George Warehime, William Everhart, Conrad Warehime, Jonas Lippy, Abraham T. Feeser, George Hesson and Daniel Nobel. Funeral director, James M. Stoner.

Houck.

After an illness of four days from pneumonia, Mrs. Angeline Houck, widow of Henry P. Houck, died at her home, in Pleasant Hill, Pa., Friday, January 9, at 9 p. m., at the age of 86 years.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Zepp, of Carroll county, and is survived by four sons and two daughters, as follows: George H. Houck and Mrs. Annie Barnhart, of West Manheim township, Pa.; Elias C. Houck, of Wayne, Pa.; Mrs. John Schriver, of Abington, Pa.; Nelson T. Houck, of Hampstead, Md.; and O. I. M. Houck, of Hanover, Pa. She is also survived by two brothers, Henry Zepp, of West Manheim township, Pa.; George Zepp, of Carroll county, and a sister, Mrs. Eli Stegner, of West Manheim township, Pa.

Funeral was held Monday, January 12, brief services at the house at 9 a. m., further services and interment at Evangelical Church at Pleasant Hill.

Everhart.

William E. Everhart, a widely known traveling salesman of Baltimore, died at his home in Catonsville on Sunday, January 11, at 12.30 o'clock p. m., from a complication of diseases.

Mr. Everhart was born in Westminster and was a son of the late Samuel P. Everhart and Mrs. Caroline Everhart, who made her home in recent years with her son. Besides his mother, Mr. Everhart is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Everhart; a son, Walter D. Everhart, and two brothers, Dr. George Y. Everhart, of Baltimore county and John F. Everhart.

Funeral services took place at the residence on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment was made in Loudon Park Cemetery.

Mackley.

David Mackley, of Middleburg, died on Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock of appoplexy, after being ill but five hours. His age was 78 years, 10 months and 2 days.

Mr. Mackley was born and raised in Middleburg and resided there all of his life. He was a staunch Republican, never missing a vote at any election.

He is survived by his widow and three children: Charles H. Mackley, East end mail carrier, of this city; Miss Clara Mackley, at home, and Theodore Mackley, of Frederick, Md.

The funeral services were held at the house at 1 p. m., yesterday, by Rev. Martin Schweitzer. Interment was in the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery. C. O. Fuss, funeral director.

Clups.

Josiah Clups died on Monday morning at the home of his son-in-law, Charles Buffington, near Taneytown, aged 83 years. He is survived by three daughters and three sons: Mrs. Charles Buffington, Mrs. Milton Ohler, Mrs. Hickman Snyder, John Clups, all of Taneytown; George Clups, of Keysville, and Jacob Clups, living in the West. An aged sister, Miss Sadie Clups, also survives, who makes her home with Mrs. Buffington.

Funeral services were held at Taneytown Lutheran Church on Wednesday morning, Rev. L. B. Hafer officiating. C. O. Fuss, funeral director.

Rinehart.

Miss Mary M. Rinehart, of East Berlin, Pa., died in the York Hospital from typhoid fever on Monday.

Miss Rinehart was aged 49 years, and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Rinehart. The deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. David Groscost, of near Hunterstown, and the following brothers: Albert, East Berlin, Pa.; George, of Hanover, Pa.; Jonas, Illinois; Hezekiah, Aspers, Pa.; Charles and Paul, of Taneytown, Md.

Currens.

Charles C. Currens, of Thurmont, for 24 years a harnessmaker at Taneytown and for 14 years the postmaster of that place died at Thurmont yesterday morning of tuberculosis, aged 70 years. Mr. Currens served throughout the Civil War. He was captured in Virginia and served for a time in the famous Andersonville Prison and later in the Florence Prison, in South Carolina. He leaves his widow and the following children: Mrs. M. D. Reed, New Windsor; Mrs. M. J. Albaugh, Thurmont; Mrs. Annie M. Jones, Thurmont; Robert Currens, Chicago; Mrs. Clara V. Eyler, Thurmont; Edgar Currens, Sykesville; Mrs. Emma M. Creager, Thurmont.

Long.

Margaret Bell Long, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Long, died at their home near Mexico, on Sunday evening, January 11, aged 1 year, 4 months and 20 days. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in St. John's (Leister's) Church, Rev. W. F. Hersh officiating. Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery. The pallbearers were: Guy Neudecker, Arthur Stephan, George Martin and Charles Hunter. Funeral director, James M. Stoner.

FOR BETTER FARMING

CO-OPERATIVE DEMONSTRATION WORK IN MARYLAND BETWEEN COUNTIES AND U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Two years ago this system of practical education was introduced in the five counties south of Baltimore. Last year Baltimore County raised the necessary fund and a County Agent was installed in co-operation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Department now has a fund which will enable it to pay half the salary of a local agent to work in any county of Maryland where the people raise the other half. There is not enough money for all the counties but it will be applied on the above basis in the counties that first comply with the conditions. In some counties the necessary six or seven hundred dollars is raised by private subscription. In Baltimore County the School Board has a fund for agricultural education part of which has been applied to Demonstration Work. Most people seem to think that it would be best and most equitable to have the County Commissioners appropriate the money, but there is question as to whether they have the authority without the passage of an enabling act. Such an act has been endorsed by the State Grange and by leading citizens in a number of counties. So far no objection has been raised to the enabling act as it simply empowers the County Commissioners to appropriate not exceeding $1000.00 per county for Demonstration Work in co-operation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. In twelve counties of the state petitions are being circulated by leading citizens requesting their representatives in the Legislature to endeavor to pass an enabling act or if not possible to secure an act for the whole state, then to put through a local measure for each county. The petitions are being very numerously signed by the largest land holders and capitalists of the respective counties.

The Department of Agriculture wishes to get its funds to work as soon as possible and is willing to pay the Agent for the first six months in any county where responsible citizens will raise a guarantee fund to cover his salary for the last half of the year.

In Talbot county on December 20, the fund was largely over-subscribed in less than 24 hours after the proposition was presented in a public address by Dr. Augustus Stabler who is in charge of the work in Maryland. In that county an agent will be installed at once.

Dr. Stabler explains the plan of the work as follows:

"The objects sought are Better Farming, Better Business, Better Living.

"Better farming is first promoted by showing the farmer on his own farm how to get better results with the means at his command. It is impossible to visit all the farms in any county, but we try to select 30 to 50 men well distributed over the county and so situated that the agent may reach them easily and that other people may see the crops. These men are called Demonstrators. Each one agrees to grow a definite area in some staple crop in the best manner as an example of good farming. The agent agrees to visit these Demonstrators once a month, and keep in touch with the progress of the work. At these visits, he pays particular attention to the condition of the demonstration plant and makes certain that the demonstrator understands fully just what he is expected to do next. Thus we furnish not only advice but supervision of the work till results are obtained.

"When a man succeeds in doing something well, he can do it again, and can and does tell his neighbors how to do it. Thus the Demonstrator becomes a center of progress in his vicinity. Around him will be other farmers who desire to follow the same directions, obtaining them through the demonstrator or directly from the agent as the case may be. These are known as co-operators. They do not receive regular visits from the agent, but he gives them all the assistance he can, whenever he meets them.

"It has been found best to begin thus with the adult men. When interest is aroused, it is always found that there are certain boys who wish to become demonstrators, and the boys in our corn clubs, &c., are all enrolles as Demonstrators who are setting an example of better farming and receive visits from the agent who gives them the instruction on the farm about growing the crop, harvesting it and saving the seed, &c. In co-operation with the schools, he aids in organizing these boys into clubs. Before a boy can belong to a club, he must be a demonstrator, i. e., must agree to do a definite piece of work according to directions and report on it.

"In the girls' Canning and Poultry clubs, the same idea is dominant. The girls are Demonstrators, but the object is better living conditions and they are instructed by women who visit the homes of the girls. These women are usually teachers who spend part of their time visiting and organizing the girls under the direction of a state organizer."

Dr. Stabler stands ready to visit the leading people of the county or address meetings of "forward looking men" whenever invited by some one who is willing to help secure the necessary local aid.

Bollinger.

Emanuel Bollinger, who had been ill for the past two years, most of the time confined to his bed in a helpless condition, died last Friday morning, January 9, at his home near Miller's from a stroke of paralysis which he received the day before.

Funeral services were held from his residence on Tuesday morning. Interment was made in Manchester Reformed Cemetery, Rev. Mr. Land officiating. The pallbearers were: William Miller, John K. Miller, Leonard Berkheimer, Harry Geiman, John Sandruck and Jacob Frederick.

WEDDINGS.

Fahs—Lowe.

George I. Fahs, of Binghampton, N. Y., and Miss Ida P. Lowe were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lowe, at Hanover, Pa., formerly of Spring Mills, Md., by Rev. M. J. Roth, pastor of Trinity Reformed church, on Sunday evening, January 11, at 8.30 o'clock.

They were attended by Edgar S. Hubley, of York, and Miss Erma M. Donsen, of Hanover, Pa.

The bride and bridesmaid were attired in white silk dresses and carried bouquets. A large number of relatives were present to witness the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Fahs will reside at Binghampton, where the groom is engaged in the painting and wall paper business. Upon arrival at their new home a reception was tendered them.

The bride received many presents in silver, china, cut glass and linen.

Tracey—Stocksdale.

A wedding of much interest to Baltimore and Carroll countians took place Wednesday at Hampstead, when Mrs. Bessie Stocksdale was married to Chief Judge E. Clinton Tracey, of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore county.

Judge Tracey was not present at the session of the court that day, and while he had informed his associates on the bench that he would be away on account of an engagement with Cupid, it was not generally known that he was to be married.

The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Richards, at Hampstead, and was performed by the Rev. A. H. McKinley, pastor of Hampstead Methodist Episcopal Church. The bride was attired in a gown of gray satin charmeuse, with hat to match.

Following the ceremony Judge and Mrs. Tracey left for Baltimore and this morning will leave for a Southern trip. They will live at the home of Judge Tracey, at Arcadia, Baltimore county.

Wells—Crouse.

Miss Charlotte Hammond Crouse, daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. T. O. Crouse, 1503 Mount Royal avenue, Baltimore, was married to Henry Stuart Wells on Wednesday at 12.30 p. m., by the Rev. Dr. F. T. Tagg and the Rev. Dr. J. F. Bowers at Mount Royal Avenue Methodist Protestant Church. Miss Helen Russell Crouse, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and Capt. Herbert A. Smith was best man.

The bride wore a suit of blue brocade, with a corsage bouquet of violets and lillies of the valley.

After a wedding trip the couple will live at 2022 Mount Royal Terrace, and will be "at home" after February 1.

Mrs. H. Clyde Grimes, a friend of the bride's family, of Washington, played the organ during the ceremony.

Brooks—Gillespie.

Mr. Joseph D. Brooks, Jr. second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brooks, of this city, and Mrs. Annie Gillespie, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Smyser, of Baltimore, were quietly married at a Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Baltimore on Saturday afternoon, January 10. Mr. Brooks is a clerk with the Fidelity Trust Company, Baltimore, and is a captain in the Fourth Regiment, Maryland National Guards. The bride and groom came to this city directly after their marriage where they were entertained at the Main-Court Inn by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gosnell, the former being an uncle of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks will reside on Abell avenue, Baltimore, where they have purchased a comfortable residence.

Slick—Saylor.

Mr. George F. Slick and Miss Mary Margaret Saylor, both of Frederick, Md., were married Saturday evening, January 10th, by Rev. W. F. Hersh at Salem Lutheran parsonage. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Byers, Pennsylvania avenue, this city.

MAN HIRED OWN SLAYER.

Paid $30 Because He Feared to Kill Himself.

Berwick, Pa., Jan. 14.—That William Lechtenfeld, whose body was found riddled with bullets in Briar Creek township, December 19, had paid $30 for his own murder, is the conclusion announced by officers who have been working for weeks on the case.

Lechtenfeld furnished the revolver, that he borrowed from another. He bought the cartridges that were to penetrate his own body. He then hired the assassin to commit the deed and stood in the bushes while the fellow aimed and fired, is the theory of the police.

To prove this the state constabulary officers have much evidence. The motive of the crime was lacking from the first. There was every indication of suicide, with the impossibility of it. He had threatened suicide by poisoning and shooting, but feared to do so. In a saloon he offered money to a man to kill him, and it has been established that he left the saloon with a strange foreigner, although nothing was thought of it at the time.

The fact that he paid for his own murder is indicated by the fact that he had money above the amount he offered for the killing when he left home, and there was little money on his person when the body was found.

Salem Lutheran Charge.

St. Benjamin's—Sunday school 9 a. m. Divine services 10 a. m.

St. John's—Sunday school 1 p. m. Divine services 2 p. m.

No catechetical instruction for the present at either church. W. F. Hersh, pastor.

Double Wedding at Arcadia.

The double wedding ceremony of brother and sister was performed Wednesday at Arcadia. Mr. Marshal F. Armacost was married to Miss Carrie O. Fringer and his sister, Miss Mary E. Armacost was married to Mr. Charles J. Benson. Mr. Armacost and his sister are the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Armacost.

LAD DROWNED.

GEORGE A. CURRIE, REISTERSTOWN, LOSES HIS LIFE IN CHESTER RIVER.

George A. Currie, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Currie, of Reisterstown, a student at Washington College, Chestertown, Kent county, broke through the ice while skating on Wednesday and was drowned.

About half an hour before the accident young Currie stopped at the Chestertown postoffice and in his mail received a package containing a pair of skates and other things. He took out the skates and leaving the other things went to the river to enjoy the skating.

The crowd was near the shore opposite Senator W. W. Beck's home, but the young student struck out for the Queen Anne's shore on the opposite side of the river. When halfway across the river and beyond the draw about 20 yards he sank into an air hole.

His cres for help were heard, but his companions were unable to reach him before he went under and was lost to sight. This was his first year at college.

His body was found by some of his college companions near the air hole and was taken in charge by Dr. Cain.

Mr. Currie was a promising young man, and word of his sudden death threw a gloom over the inhabitants of Reisterstown and Glyndon. His mother was prostrated at the news. His father is a prominent merchant of Reisterstown.

The body was brought home last night and the funeral took place at 11 o'clock this morning from All Saints Protestant Episcopal Church, Reisterstown.

Bank Stockholders Banquet in Sykesville.

Over two hundred citizens of Carroll and Howard counties attended the annual Bank Dinner at the Lyceum Tuesday. The Sykesville National Bank inaugurated these dinners some seven years ago. They are held on the day of the annual stockholders' meeting. It was a true Maryland banquet, though the officers of the bank will not allow the word banquet to be used, insisting it is merely a dinner. There are no invitations issued, every stockholder being supposed to invite a friend, and every friend a friend, in short everyone is welcome. The neighbor from Howard greeted the neighbor from Carroll and the spirit of good fellowship was contagious.

Prior to the dinner, the stockholders elected the following directors: John T. Ridgely, Charles F. Beck, Wilmer R. McCardell, E. M. Mellor, James M. Gaither, Lloyd B. Shipley, William H. Forsythe, Jr., G. Harry Bevard, Samuel D. Shipley, John W. Selby, Harry R. DeVries, C. A. Mullinix, Asa Hepner, James B. George, Albert A. Dorsey, Dr. M. D. Norris, William M. Chipley, Pennington T. Bennett and Wade H. D. Warfield, to manage the bank for the ensuing year. The directors immediately organized by electing Wade H. D. Warfield, president; G. Harry Bevard, vice-president; William M. Chipley, cashier. Mr. Warfield has been the executive officer of the bank for thirteen years, during which time its deposits have grown from $30,000 in 1902 to over $300,000 in 1913. It has resources now of over half a million dollars and has taken for its slogan this year, "Half a million deposits" and with this wide awake and progressive management, there is no doubt the goal will be reached.

Nicholas Edmondson.

At Mt. Pleasant Methodist Episcopal parsonage, Gamber, Saturday, January 10, at 7 p. m., Rev. O. W. Brittingham united in marriage Miss Catherine Edmondson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Edmondson, and Albert Nicholas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nicholas, of near Walnut Grove Mills. The bride was attired in a white net embroidered gown, while the groom wore the conventional black. Miss Mary Nicholas, of Baltimore, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Samuel Edmondson, brother of the bride, was best man. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the home of the bride. After which the calithumpian band gave them a serenade. Refreshments were passed around and dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

12,000 MILES, 5 CENTS.

That's All Boy Had Left After Long Tour.

[From a Massillon (Ohio) Dispatch.]

Oscar Bamburger, 17 years old, has returned home from a four-month hobo expedition of 12,000 miles throughout the United States, Wales and England with 5 cents more in his pocket than when he left here.

He stole rides on freight trains to Galvaston, Texas, undergoing arrest for vagrancy in Huntington, Ind., and shipped aboard a cotton boat for Bremen and Cardiff, Wales. The ship laid up at Cardiff and Bamburger went to Liverpool, where he stowed away on the Lusitania.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sunday school 9.15 a. m. Morning worship 10.30 o'clock. Epworth League 6.45 p. m. Evangelistic service 7.30 p. m. Special services will be continued during the week each evening except Saturday at 7.30 o'clock. Preaching Monday by Rev. J. M. Gillum; Tuesday, Rev. J. H. Hyatt; Wednesday, Rev. J. R. Edwards; Thursday, Dr. D. S. Colt; Friday, Rev. R. E. Zeigler.

CANADA HILL.

Mr. William H. Koontz, of Canada Hill, spent the week's end with Mr. Walter Helwig, of near Pleasant Valley.

Mr. David Kauffman, of near Westminster, killed nine fine porkers on Wednesday last, which weighed 2004½ pounds.

PERSONALS.

Mr. John L. Reifsnider, of this city, was in Virginia this week.

Rev. J. C. Mallon spent several days this week in Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. James M. Stoner, Pennsylvania avenue, is visiting relatives in Baltimore this week.

Mrs. D. Snyder Babylon, West Main street, entertained the Sewing Club on Wednesday afternoon.

The Girls' Club was entertained yesterday afternoon by Miss Anna Gehr at her home on Bond street.

Miss Bettie Reifsnider, of the Main-Court Inn, spent several days this week with friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Raymond Furlong, of Baltimore, spent from Saturday until Monday with friends in this city.

Miss Catherine A. R. Thomas, Court Place, is visiting Mrs. William M. Donnelly, at her home in Detroit, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bowers, Park avenue, are spending the week with friends in Baltimore and Baltimore county.

Mrs. R. E. Gibbs, of Washington, D. C., is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Beach, Green street.

Rev. L. F. Warner, of Salisbury, Md., is the guest of Mr. H. P. Gorsuch and Miss Nora Gorsuch, East Main street, for the week's end.

Miss Mabel Stouch has returned home after spending a week with her cousin, Miss Margaret Hoffman, 1523 Hanover street, Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Reinecker, of Hanover, Pa., formerly of Silver Run, Md., celebrated their fiftieth anniversary on Sunday, January 4.

Mr. George Gehr, Jr., of Hagerstown, is visiting his father, Mr. George Gehr, and family, Bond street. Mr. Gehr is just recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ramsay, of Savannah, Ga., returned home on Wednesday after spending several weeks with the latter's parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Slagle, Bond street.

Miss Mary Null, of near this city, and Mr. Grover Little, West Main street, spent Saturday night and Sunday with the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Francis T. Null, of 722 Twentieth street, Baltimore.

Messrs. Levine Billingslea and Bernard Fink, who are attending college at Pullman, Wash., spent part of the holidays with Mr. J. Howell Billingslea, Jr., in Seattle Wash., and part with Mr. and Mrs. J. Brooke Fink, at North Yakima.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Harman entertained the following guests at their home, Walnut Grove Mills, on Sunday: Miss Olive Gruber and Mr. Harry Hoffman, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gruber, Misses Phyllis and Sarah Gruber, and Arthur Gruber, Jr., Miss Jeanette Harman, of Westminster; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shipley and son, Fred, of Sandyville.

Near Bird Hill, last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nicholas entertained at a fine dinner in honor of their son, Albert, who was married Saturday evening to Miss Catherine Edmondson, of Gamber. After wishing the happy couple many years of prosperity the guests returned to their homes. Among those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames— Henry Nicholas, James B. Edmondson, Raymond Edmondson, John Wilhide, Lewis Grimes, of Baltimore; Mrs. Alfred Edmondson, Misses Leona and Mary Nicholas, Earl B. Owings, Herschel Barber, Hollen Vint, George Edmondson, George Nicholas, Earl and Perry Edmondson, John, Harry, Ernest and William Nicholas, Thomas Miller, Charles R. Edmondson and others.

Maybe Bugs and Moths and Worms Make Better Farmers.

In the gardening department of the current issue of Farm and Fireside, T. Greiner, an expert in gardening matters, writes an interesting article about the potato tuber moth which is a pest in California potato-fields, and is found in Washington. It chews tobacco in Florida, the Carolinas and Virginia, where it passes under the name of splitworm. It is also found in Texas. It likes eggplant and ground-cherry plants. Mr. Greiner goes on:

"How to control it? The old story, good, clean cultivation and rotation of crops. It almost seems as if the bugs and moths and worms will finally force all of us to be good farmers! Good, clean cultivation, and the destruction, not only of all infested potato plants, but the ground-cherry plants, bull nettles, horse nettles and eggplant. As soon as the insect has attacked these plants they should be burned. If left by the roadside or fence they will furnish winter quarters for the moth.

"Crop rotation is also necessary. Where the business of potato growing is carried on by the year-after-year plan, the tuber moth will present a perplexing problem when it reaches these 'spud' specialists, if they are so unfortunate as to have it occur.

"Live stock turned into the potato fields after digging will help clean up.

"Those who desire to study this matter should send to the Division of Publications of the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington for Farmers' Bulletin 557."

Judge Forsythe will hold court on Monday to hear the habeas corpus case for the custody of the child, between Mr. Charles Bell and wife, who have separated.

Deputy Sheriff Frizzell, of Frederick county, brought a colored man by the name of Fisher to this city on Wednesday night and put hm in jail for stealing a horse at Mt. Airy.

Judge Forsythe held court on Wednesday to hear the following cases: Arthur Lambert vs. Jacob J. Basler; the former made motion for a new trial. After hearing the motion the Court refused to grant new trial, ordering the verdict 1 cent damages in favor of Lambert which was given by the jury in the November term of Court. Mrs. Frances C. Gordon Cummings vs. Home Insurance Company; motion for new trial; motion withdrawn; Court giving verdict of $1800.50 for plaintiff.

ROBBERY AT MT. AIRY.

TEAM STOLEN—HOOD'S STORE ENTERED—TWO NEGROES HELD.

Perpetrating two of the most daring robberies ever attempted at Mt. Airy, a robber or robbers, about 11.30 o'clock Saturday night broke the large plate glass door on the store of W. H. Hood, Son and Co., and made away with about ten dollars in cash, secured from the cash register. About a half hour before this robbery a negro named Fisher attempted to steal the team of John E. Burke, of Plane No. 4, and was caught Monday about noon below Damascus.

The robbery in the Hood store was discovered by Mr. A. J. Molesworth, cashier of the Mt. Airy Savings Bank. Things were disturbed, and a pair of gloves was left behind by the intruders.

Two negroes have been arrested on the charge of being implicated in the thefts of the team and the money from the Hood store.

Stockholders Meeting of the Farmers' Supply Co.

The stockholders of the Farmers' Supply Company held their annual meeting on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the office of the company on Liberty street. The report of the general manager and the board of directors showed that a large volume of business had been transacted the part of the year during which the company has been in existence. The present board of directors was unanimously re-elected as follows: George A. Shipley, J. Cornelius Hull, J. Wesley Biggs, Columbus A. Shipley and William R. Yingling. The board of directors organized immediately after the stockholders' meeting and elected George A. Shipley, President; J. Cornelius Hull, Vice-President, and William T. Kimmey, Secretary-Treasurer and General Manager; A. R. Hastings, salesman; Walter A. Hook and J. Harry Cootes, assistant salesmen.

This is a farmers' agricultural implement company and handles everything for the farm. The company is just one year old, but is very large for its size,—a result in part of regular advertising in The Advocate.

After the meeting the directors were served with a fine dinner at Hotel Dinst, East Main street.

New Disease of Sweet Potato Discovered in Virginia.

A new disease, the foot rot of the sweet potato, has recently been discovered by the pathologists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, which threatens to materially restrict the production of the crop in certain localities.

The disease is known as foot rot and attacks primarily the lower part of the stem from the soil line to four or five inches above it. The fungus kills the plants by the destruction of the epidermis or bark of the stem. Sometimes the organism may attack the vine several feet from the hill, usually where the leaf is attached and from there spreads in both directions. Small black bodies about the size of a pin point and just visible to the naked eye are formed on the diseased spots.

The disease may be distributed in several ways. It has been found in the hot beds on the slips and is probably carried on them to the field. It has been shown also that the organism will grow from the affected potato onto the slips growing therefrom. Furthermore, the fungus will grow from diseased plants onto the potatoes produced from them. The organism causing the disease lives over the winter on the dead vines in the field and may infect healthy plants when set out in the spring.

The sale and exchange of potatoes or slips is another method of distributing the disease from one farm to another, or from one locality to another. The disease, like many others of a similar kind, may be distributed on farm implements, on the feet of cattle or horses which roam from one field to another. The spores may even be carried with the dust during strong winds.

In view of these facts, it is apparent that sanitary methods should be employed in controlling the disease. These should consist in the careful selection of only sound, healthy potatoes for seed. The soil for the hot bed should be obtained two or three feet from below the surface after throwing off the top layer, or from woods where there is no possibility that it might be infected. Healthy slips produced by these methods, should be planted on ground where sweet potatoes have never been grown, or at least where the disease has never occurred. Healthy slips planted or diseased soil will become diseased. Neither seed sweet potatoes nor plants should be purchased from localities where this disease is prevalent. The disease will likely increase each year if sweet potatoes are planted continually on the same ground.—From U. S. Department of Agriculture.

OVER 100,000 DIVORCES.

Startling Statistics Given By San Francisco Speaker.

[From a San Francisco Dispatch.]

Two million divorces have been granted in the United States in the last 53 years, according to Dr. Francis Miner Moody, executive secretary of the International Congress on Marriage and Divorce, which is to meet here in convention in 1915, who spoke today before the California Commission on Marriage and Divorce.

"There are only 18,000,000 married women in this country who could be divorced," said Dr. Moody. "Yet 110,000 divorces have been granted this year, a greater number than ever before."

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