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COURT HOUSE NEWS

Transfers of Real Estate, Marriage Licenses, Etc.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Blue Ridge College to J. Cephas Flora, conveys 1,415 square feet, for \$400.

John N. Kroh and wife to Horace A. McDaniel and wife, convey 3 tracts of land, for \$5250.

Nimrod T. Bennett to First National Bank of New Windsor, conveys 2000 square feet, for \$1900.

John P. Moore and wife to Estella M. Gosnell, convey 2 acres and 43 square perches, for \$200.

Mary J. Trimmer and husband to Ernest Garfield Route, convey 1 1/2 acres and 3 square perches, for \$1225.

Wm. A. Scribner et al. to Jas. F. Scribner and wife, convey 3 lots, for \$1.

Edward L. Hively and wife to Elizabeth C. Dell, convey 3 tracts of land, for \$2500.

Allen R. Lippy and wife, to Annie M. Warehime, convey 55 1/2 acres, 3 roads and 28 perches, for \$5.

Annie M. Warehime to Allen R. Lippy and wife, convey 85 1/2 acres, 3 roads and 28 perches, for \$5.

Wm. H. Thomas and wife to County Commissioners of Carroll County, convey 382 1/2 square feet, for \$200.

Edwin M. Mott and wife to Augustus R. Rheubottom and wife, convey 36 2 1/2 acres, for \$761.53.

Elizabeth H. King and husband to James C. Hewitt and wife, convey 2 tracts of land, for \$5.

Truman E. Lambert et al. to Theo. M. Haines and wife, convey 21 acres and 28 square perches, for \$2250.

Vestry Ascension Parish to Jesse C. Sharrer and wife, convey 45 1-8 square perches, for \$1085.

Benjamin F. Gist and wife to Victor Brown and wife, convey 1 road and 29 square perches, for \$320.

Marriage Licenses.

John H. Six, Westminster, and Frances Annie Yingling, Union Mills.

Harry F. Trumbull, Manchester, and Rhoda M. Gray, Carroll county.

Ernest E. Dixon and Elsie M. Reaver, both of Carroll county.

Clarence A. Hyle and Ernestine Myrtle Yountz, both of Carroll county.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, March 16.—Letters of administration on the estate of Lewis J. Little, late of Carroll county, deceased, were granted to Lewis R. Little, who received warrant to appraise; returned inventory of personal property and received order to sell same.

Kate P. E. Bish and John J. Stewart, executors of William J. C. Bish, deceased, returned inventory of debts, and settled their first and final account.

Nimrod Green, administrator of Mary K. Uher, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

Letters of administration on the estate of Uriah A. Wentz, late of Carroll county, deceased, were granted to Sue M. Wentz, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

William V. Nusbbaum and Fannie B. Earnst, administrators of John P. Nusbbaum, deceased, received order to deposit funds of John Lawrence Selby.

John T. Beard, executor of John Beard, deceased, settled his first and final account.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Margaret M. Mackley, deceased, were granted to Charles H. Mackley and George L. Stockdale, who received order to notify creditors.

David H. Frock, administrator of Christian Bankert, deceased, settled his first and final account.

Tuesday, March 17th.—John J. Reese, acting executor of Elias Yingling, deceased, reported sale of personal property and settled his fourth account.

Howard C. Keefer and Edward O. Want, administrators of Sarah A. Douty, settled their first and final account.

Charles F. Steger, administrator of Carl E. Steger, deceased, settled his first and final account.

Charles H. Mackley and George L. Stockdale, executors of Margaret M. Mackley, deceased, returned inventory of debts due.

The last will and testament of Catherine Frick, late of Carroll county, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted to William L. Seabrook, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Letters of administration on the estate of Martha L. Brandenburg, late of Carroll county, deceased, were granted to Dorsey W. Brandenburg, who received order to notify creditors and returned list of debts.

Nettie J. Starr and Harry Starr, executors of Jesse C. Starr, deceased, returned inventory of personal property.

Clarence I. Shank, administrator of Elizabeth Rebecca Shank, deceased, reported sale of personal property and settled his first and final account.

Letters of administration on the estate of Rachel A. Nelson, late of Carroll county, deceased, were granted to Robert L. and John E. B. Nelson, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

County Commissioners.

Tuesday was set aside by the board to hear the annual reports and pay bills to the Road Commissioners of Carroll county. All of the road commissioners were present and qualified for another year, except Mr. Frank Reaver, of Taneytown district, who resigned his office as commissioner.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sunday school 9.15 a. m. Morning worship 10.30 o'clock. Subject of sermon—The Son of Man. Epworth League 6.45 p. m. Evening worship 7.30 o'clock. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

"What did her father say when you told him you wanted to marry her?" "He asked me if I really loved her or if I was merely trying for a Carnegie medal."—Houston Post.

W. M. PLANS IMPROVEMENTS.

To Spend \$5,000,000 in Double Tracking—May Tunnel Blue Ridge.

Local officials of the Western Maryland railway have learned of a number of important improvements to be made at vast cost by the company. It is proposed to spend \$5,000,000 more in the double tracking of its line from Mt. Savage tunnel to Connellsville, passing through Southern Somerset county, a distance of 67 miles. Another much talked of project is the proposed low-grade line of the Western Maryland through the Blue Ridge mountains to be made possible by a 11,000-foot tunnel at Red Run.

The single line of the Western Maryland through Cumberland to Connellsville cost the road about \$13,000,000. It is said that not more than 50 miles of the new track will have to be laid to give the Western Maryland road double trackage the entire distance between Cumberland and Connellsville. While the tunnels and bridges are ready for double tracking, cuts are not.

The project of building the low-grade line, and the tunneling of the South mountain, date back to 1900, when the late Colonel A. L. Rives represented some capitalists who were interested in acquiring the Western Maryland, with a view to connecting it up with the West Virginia Central at Cumberland.

Western Maryland College Notes.

Miss Azalea Shipley appeared in the recital of the special students in music and elocution of Western Maryland College on Friday evening last. Miss Shipley read Kipling's "Elf" with much expression and conveyed to her audience the deeper meaning of the poem. Miss Shipley also rendered Foss's "Hello." This calls for an expression of good cheer and optimism which was exquisitely expressed by Miss Shipley.

Miss Lavena Roop appeared in the recital of the special students of elocution given in Sunlight Hall Auditorium, Friday, March 13th. Miss Roop, who is a senior, has been specializing in elocution for the past two years. She will graduate in June, at the same time receiving the A. B. degree in the scientific department of the college. Miss Roop's work in elocution has received marked commendation, especially in the public speaking, recital work. This is her second appearance this year and her entrance was greeted with hearty applause. Her selection—"The Five Ladies of the Fair" was a most humorous one, the story of a college Junior, who, discovering that a dance is to be given, rises to popularity by inviting five girls to it. At the last moment the dance is given and the junior causes himself to be injured in a race in order to escape from his quarry. He finds himself a hero at once. How he finally rights himself with the girls makes a story of absorbing interest and Miss Roop's character work gave additional humor to the reading.

Mrs. Brown Surprised.

The friends of Mrs. Charles Brown, of this city, tendered her a surprise party on Wednesday evening, the occasion being her birthday. Mrs. Brown was induced to visit a friend of the friends who was called home to meet the friends who had assembled in her absence. To say that she was surprised is putting it mildly. The guests enjoyed the evening in various ways until 11 o'clock when delicious refreshments were served after which all departed for their homes. Mrs. Brown many more happy birthdays.

Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames—Charles Brown, John Autz, David Crowl, Guy Frazier, Frank Lowe, Frank Schweigart and Andrew Himler; Mesdames—Edward Manger and Henry Himler; Misses—Henrietta Himler, May Breitweiser, Lydia Autz, Edna Manger and Margaret Lowe; Messrs.—Charles Elyer, William Elyer, Wesley Mathias, Charles Bollinger, Glenn Miller, Charles Brehm, Charles Breitweiser, John Basler and Masters Robert Brown and Wilbur Bollinger.

Senator Lee Defends the President.

An incident occurred in the debate on the Postoffice Appropriation Bill in the Senate illustrating the systematic effort which is being made to produce the public impression that the President is unduly influencing Congress.

Senator Bristow had reflected upon some parcel post rates in Maryland and called upon Senator Lee to say what he thought about them. This gave the Senator from Maryland a chance to expose a little play that had taken place on a previous day between three Senators, continuing this somewhat hackneyed effort to impress the public mind with the aggressiveness of the Administration.

The amendments offered to the Postoffice Bill were designed to take away from the Postmaster General executive power given him by a previous Act of Congress over the parcels post. The shoe was clearly on the other foot, but the effort to suggest Executive encroachment on Congress went on all the same.

On being asked the question as to whether or not the fixing of postage rates is an executive function, Senator Lee replied as follows:

"I should think that so complicated a system, involving so many details and involving possible competition with other systems of carriage, is clearly a matter that can be more safely entrusted to executive action than to legislative deliberation. Furthermore, I do not think the action of the executive in this matter should be subjected to the regulation of Congress and possibly that of the Interstate Commerce Commission as well when the competing carriers apparently are only subjected to the regulation of the Interstate Commerce Commission."

Baust Reformed Church.

"Are you a —?" Asked and answered at Emanuel's Reformed Church at Baust, Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Catechism at 10. Young People's Society 7.30 p. m. Subject "A Training School." Martin Schweitzer, pastor.

UNJUSTLY TREATED ON ROAD APPROPRIATION

PRICE BILL SHOWS CARROLL COUNTY'S TAXABLE BASIS MORE THAN CALVERT CHARLES AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES COMBINED, BUT RECEIVES LESS THAN CHARLES IN SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR ROADS—12 TO 15 MILES OF ROAD TO BUILD IN COUNTY—ROAD COMMISSION SAYS IT HAS NO MONEY—WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ALL FROM PREVIOUS LOANS, &c.

UNFAIRNESS OF THE PRICE ROAD BILL FOR CARROLL COUNTY.

The Price Road Bill which is soon to be introduced for the consideration of the General Assembly at Annapolis, is manifestly unjust so far as the proposed special appropriations for Carroll county are concerned.

It divides up the appropriation of \$5,000,000 as follows:

Table with columns: County, Mileage, Special appropriation, Total. Lists counties like Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, P. George's, Q. Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, Worcester, W. Bvd.

The Act of 1908 creating the State Road Commission provided "that the Commission should appropriate and use in the several counties of the State as much of the funds... as in proportion to the now existing road mileage of said counties respectively, the term—road mileage—herein used only to include the public or county roads or turnpikes now in actual use or abandoned turnpikes now used by the public."

This is that table that is used by the Road Commission in making its appropriation:

Table with columns: County, Turn-Roads, Total mileage. Lists counties like Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, Worcester.

Totals 15,920 480 16,400

The miles credited to Carroll county by the State Geological Survey in its report for 1908 and 1909 is wrong, which fact was established when the County Commissioners in 1911 had Mr. Edwin Shriver go over the road records of the county, and he estimated that the Carroll county public roads totaled about 950 to 1,000 miles.

The injustice of this bill is shown by the special appropriation for the following counties:

Table with columns: County, Road mileage, Assessable basis, Special appropriation. Lists Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Howard, Somerset, Worcester.

Let us glance also at the assessable basis and road mileage of Northern Central Maryland counties which under the Price bill do not get their share:

Table with columns: County, Road mileage, Assessable basis. Lists Baltimore, Washington, Allegany, Frederick, Carroll, Harford.

The Price bill is bad as an examination of these tables will show. Carroll county, with its 775 miles of road and a taxable basis of \$22,787,036 is given by it only \$115,400 and yet Charles county with 465 miles of road and a taxable basis of \$5,470,301 is given \$118,200, and little Howard \$149,400.

In 1912, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties, in addition to road mileage allotment were given \$300,000.00. Following is a table of their taxable basis and road mileage:

Table with columns: County, Road mileage, Assessable basis, Special appropriation. Lists Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's.

Household Hints.

When you spill a can of paint on a rug you can remove the paint by giving the rug to a ragman.

To rid the house of rats place a cake of ice on the floor and place a pound of cheese on the cake of ice. The rats will climb on the ice to get the cheese and will get cold feet and leave the premises forever.

Liquid glue into which some lamp-black has been stirred makes an excellent polish for piano keys.

Sprinkle the top of a cake with plaster of Paris before icing it. This will harden the icing and keep it from running off the sides.

When eggs are very high in price the economical housekeeper should poach eggs in water into which a tablespoon of chloride of lime has been stirred. This will make the eggs go much further.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

By the Price bill Charles county is given \$118,200.00, while Carroll county with a taxable basis of more than all three of these counties which receive \$200,000.00 extra in 1912, gets only \$115,400.00 by this Act.

The large counties of the State, of which Carroll is one, are not getting their own, Washington county being given only \$184,800 while Worcester is also given \$198,600. Frederick county is given only \$165,800, not as much as Worcester or Washington, though its road mileage is greater.

Should the Price bill go through in its present shape it would be a great injustice to Carroll county.

The gates have yet to be taken off the turnpike in the county in addition to completing the system, and when the gates are off the roads must be resurfaced. The distance from Baltimore city to the Mason and Dixon Line is about 26 miles, and it is estimated that it will cost \$1500 or \$2,000 per mile to buy it and at least \$5,000 per mile to rebuild it. To complete the system we have still to build 12 or 15 miles of road and the Road Commission says it has no money, so what they are attempting to give this county won't begin to take care of its actual needs.

It appears also, that we have not received all that was coming to us from the previous loan. In the report made to the General Assembly in 1912, we were credited with being entitled to \$192,433.77 and the amount expended and contracted for was \$168,828.65, leaving as available for the new administration \$22,414.72. The roads covered by this expenditure were as follows:

Table with columns: Road, Miles. Lists Eldersburg to Eldersburg, Eldersburg to pike, 1 1/2 miles, Aulough pike, 2 1/2 miles, Westminster to Cranberry, 1 1/2 miles.

This gives us 15 1/2 miles actually constructed, the turnpike 2 1/2 miles having been purchased for \$9,000. It has not been repaid and needs rebuilding. It is also a fact that while Carroll county has spent its money within its allotment, other counties, had expended or contracted for more than their share in 1911, as follows:

Table with columns: County, Amount. Lists Allegany county, Baltimore county, Carroll county, Charles county, Harford county, Howard county, Kent county, Wicomico county.

In 1912 the Legislature appropriated \$3,170,000 for the use of the Roads Commission. Of this Baltimore county received \$300,000, Carroll county \$625,000, and \$2,000,000 was set aside to be spent in the counties.

Carroll county's share of this \$2,000,000 on its road mileage basis would be \$94,600 which gave us, with the balance to our credit of \$22,414.72, a total of \$117,014.72 for the present Road Commission to spend in this county.

The only new work by the State Road Commission in Carroll county since 1912 is as follows:

Table with columns: Road, Miles. Lists Manchester to Westminster, 1 1/2 miles, Cranberry to Manchester, 1 1/2 miles, Meadow Branch towards Frizellburg, 1-1 1/2 miles, Taneytown towards Westminster, 1-2-3 miles.

Meadow Branch Turnpike purchased and donated. 2-3-8 miles. There is a little work yet to be done on the 1 1/2 miles from Manchester to Westminster, and a great deal of work to be done on the 1-1-3 miles from Taneytown towards Westminster. The Meadow Branch turnpike was purchased by farmers for \$3,000 and donated. No more or larger contracts were given out by the present Road Commission, two years than the ones mentioned above, because they claimed to have no money. Who then has our money, as it could not possibly have been spent in the county?

We hope that our representatives at Annapolis during this session of the Legislature will get to work and try to correct some of the wrong that has been done to the county. We should have, to make up for the past injustice, at least a special appropriation of \$265,000 in addition to our mileage appropriation of \$94,600. It will take this much, we believe, to enable the present Commission, by the way it is doing its work, to complete the system and take over the pike, paying for it and rebuilding it. The Act of 1912 was most unfair when it gave \$300,000 to the counties of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's, which have altogether nothing like the taxable basis of Carroll county, and very little more mileage, and this \$300,000 was in addition to their share of the loan based on their road mileage.

BRYAN AT ANNAPOLIS.

Favors Initiative and Referendum—Warmly Welcomed by all Democrats.

Secretary Bryan made some very effective statements in support of pending legislation at Annapolis last week.

"There are two points of view," he said, "two theories of government that have always existed and perhaps always will. One is the democratic viewpoint, the other the aristocratic. The former theory is that government should be built from the bottom, the other that it should be suspended from the top.

"One theory is that legislation should be for all the people and let prosperity rise, the other that it should be for the benefit of those at the top with the expectation that some of the prosperity may leak through to those below.

"Unless you are willing to agree with me that the Democratic theory of government is the best, I cannot hope that you will agree with me in my conclusion that the initiative and referendum is a good thing.

"There are only two honest arguments advanced—and these not open to support the aristocratic or conservative theories of government. One is that the people are too ignorant to attend to their own affairs; the other is that the people cannot be trusted to deal justly with property rights.

"The aristocratic theory is that the public is too intelligent to think for themselves and must select wise persons to do their thinking for them. The Democratic theory is that the people should think for themselves and elect representatives to carry out their wishes."

"Baltimore First."

There is a political condition in Maryland pretty hard to define, except on the basis of the caption of this article. It overshadows party fealty and party regularity, and even justice in legislation and moral issues. The Democrat who can pick a regular Democratic paper in the city, and the Republican who can pick a representative Republican paper, on state issues, must be afflicted with mental astigmatism, or be a very inpatient student of public questions.

The "Baltimore first" policy may have some justification in matters of representation, which necessarily involves questions of taxation, but we are not so sure that Baltimore wants its greater power on purely just representation grounds, nor that the majority of Baltimoreans are so measures that it has been furnishing the state in past years is a great incentive toward giving it greater power. We believe that if the state were bigger, Baltimore would be better, as well as safer to trust with more power, but as it is, Baltimore is in the position of being a rival for state control, and all that such control means politically.

Take the liquor question, for instance. Not a paper in the city is willing that there should be a free and open state-wide vote on the question. Why? Because powerful city interests—most necessarily the majority of its citizens—oppose such an opportunity, and the papers use their influence accordingly. The city tries to control country road legislation, largely in the interests of city users of the country roads, irrespective of the preference of country users. In certain instances, therefore, there is conflict between the city and country, and these questions are largely argued on the basis of this selfish quarrel, rather than on the broader basis of good government for the whole.

The paramount questions should be "Which is greater? The State of Maryland or Baltimore City?" The purely selfish business interests of the city, or the greater moral good of the entire state? An urban, or an inter-urban, patriotism? Evidently, leaders of a truer and more fraternal sentiment are needed; leaders not subservient to dollar getting, nor to purely political chestnut knocking, and unto such leaders materialize, the two pretty evenly matched rivals will likely continue to use present tactics, the outcome of which is not always fully satisfactory, or fair, to either.

Where the vote is highly concentrated, as in a large city, there is always found the largest venal vote, the largest foreign element, the vote with socialistic and anarchistic tendencies; therefore no great city should have a vote, man for man, equal to that of the home-making, producing, and generally representative country classes.—Carroll Record.

HEN GETS OWNERS IN LEGAL TANGLE.

Lays Egg While Court Tries to Decide Who Holds Deed—Confiscates Fruit.

Pittsburgh, March 17.—A legal tangle without precedent developed today in the Court of Justice of the Peace John G. Richmond, of North Braddock, while the learned jurist was trying to determine who owned a pullet and an old rooster.

Cross suits for possession of the fowls had been filed by Miss Della Garrity and Michael Kitchetch. The pullet and the rooster had been found in the possession of Miss Garrity, and Squire Richmond was endeavoring his brain to determine who had begun life as a boy in a small country town. Making the best use of early opportunities, they developed their talents by study, steadily working their way through school and in most cases through college toward that broader experience in the affairs of life which ultimately fitted them to become "cabinet timber." Their example should be an inspiration to those who being born and raised in a small country town, are apt to consider their surroundings as unfavorable. If a youth has ambition and energy he will surely find the gates of opportunity open. In no part of the world have there been finer illustrations of the development of self-reliance, prejudice, concentration and those other traits of character than in the country town or village.—Christian Herald.

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MADE A BOSTON DOCTOR TELLS FAT WOMEN THAT BY TALKING THEY CAN GET THIN.

And he might tell thin women that by watching fat women tango they can laugh enough to get plump.—Concord Monitor.

J. H. WELLING KILLED DR. COONAN TO BE POSTMASTER

FALLS DEAD IN DRUG STORE AFTER ACCIDENT ON THE ROAD.

James Henry Welling, 62 years old, a farmer, whose home is three miles from Sykesville, died suddenly on Tuesday in a drug store at Sykesville while undergoing treatment for injuries received the same morning while hauling a load of corn from his farm to Sykesville.

His wagon was descending Hugg's Hill when the horses started to run. Unable to stop them, he sprang to the bottom of the hill to warn John T. Ridgely, who was driving up in a buggy. Then Mr. Welling hurried back to his team and attempted to apply the brake, but the handle struck him on the shoulder and knocked him down.

Dr. Daniel B. Sprecher, of Sykesville, appeared at this juncture and took Mr. Welling to a drug store at Sykesville. He found Mr. Welling's shoulder blade dislocated. Just as the doctor pulled the bone in place Mr. Welling fell dead.

Mr. Welling leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters: William and Thomas Welling, Mrs. James Crook, Misses Grace and Mary Welling. Funeral services were held at the house this morning at 10.30 o'clock. He was an uncle of Judge William H. Forsythe, Jr.

DR. BIGGS SAYS TUBERCULOSIS IS INFECTIOUS.

Noted Expert Denounces Attack of Christian Scientists and Urges Hospitals and Precautionary Measures.

Replying to an attack on the movement for local tuberculosis hospitals made by the Christian Science Church, Dr. Herman M. Biggs, State Commissioner of Health of New York, says in a statement published to-day through the Journal of the Outdoor Life, the official organ of The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, that tuberculosis is an infectious disease and that every precaution known should be taken, especially for the protection of young children. He particularly urges local hospitals.

The occasion of Dr. Biggs' statement is the recent wide dissemination of an article purporting to show that tuberculosis is not infectious. By quoting only a part of a medical paper written by Dr. E. R. Baldwin, of Saranac Lake, the Christian Scientists have given the impression that tuberculosis is not infectious, when, as a matter of fact, Dr. Baldwin laid stress on the extreme danger of the disease to children.

"Tuberculosis is an infectious and communicable disease," says Dr. Biggs. "No age is exempt, and no one is immune against tuberculosis infection, but differences in susceptibility exist at different ages. The frequency of infection increases rapidly from the first year until the age of fifteen perhaps 75 per cent. of the population show a positive reaction to tuberculin, although only a small proportion have signs of the disease which can be detected by other means."

"The conviction has been gradually strengthened that the first infections from tuberculosis often occur during infancy and childhood. It is probable that many of those who develop the disease in adult life have carried the latent infection since childhood, and have no recent and new infection when the symptoms of the disease appear."

Importance of Proper Pruning.

Too much importance cannot be attached to the operation of pruning young fruit trees. Pruning should be done now before the buds swell. Each tree has its individuality and the pruner should know the fundamentals of the operation in order to develop trees along proper lines.

Many growers do not take sufficient pains or do not study the problem thoroughly to develop their trees to the best advantage. Often times severe pruning must be done in later years and often the tree can never be brought into proper shape owing to the neglect during the first two or three years of its life.

Representatives of the School of Horticulture of the Maryland Agricultural College are now arranging for pruning and spraying demonstrations in different parts of the State. All growers who have young orchards, especially and who are not thoroughly familiar with the proper methods of pruning should communicate with the College and seek its help at this important time in the life of the orchard. The College will be pleased to arrange for as many demonstrations as its means will permit.

Old apple orchards should be reclaimed by pruning and spraying. All fruit trees should be sprayed with the Concentrated Lime Sulphur Solution before the buds open.

Any one desiring information along these lines should write to the School of Horticulture, Maryland Agricultural College, College Park, Md.

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DR. COONAN TO BE POSTMASTER

OF WESTMINSTER—HIS APPOINTMENT WAS SENT IN YESTERDAY BY CONGRESSMAN TALBOTT TO POSTMASTER GENERAL—MILLARD H. WEER TO BE POSTMASTER AT SYKESVILLE.

We learn from good authority that Dr. Thomas J. Coonan will be the postmaster at Westminster. His name was sent to Postmaster General Burleson by Congressman Talbott yesterday, who will present it to President Wilson. The President will send it to the Senate for confirmation. Dr. Coonan is a well-known and popular physician of this city, and is a member of the State Central Committee. He has also been an active worker in Democratic politics for years. We hope this appointment will be satisfactory to all of our citizens. Messrs. George W. Matthews, Thomas K. Shaw and Joseph B. Boyle were also candidates for