

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

Transfers of Real Estate, Marriage Licenses, Etc.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Albert L. Davis, sheriff, to Hampstead Bank, conveys 29,145 square feet. Ellis M. Arnold to Mary Arnold, conveys 4 acres and 60 square perches, for \$275.

WEDDINGS

Bowers—Stonesifer.

A love affair which began more than seven years ago had its culmination last Saturday, December 19, when Mr. Charles W. Bowers, of York, Pa., and Miss Dorothy R. Stonesifer, of this city, were quietly married.

Gordon—Anders.

Mr. Andrew S. Gordon, of Kaufman's Franklin county, Pa., and Miss Violet Anders, of Hagerstown, were married on December 16 at the Evangelical Lutheran parsonage by the pastor, Rev. Dr. U. S. G. Rupp.

Little—Null.

Miss Mary Null, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Null, Cranberry, and Mr. Grover R. Little, a member of the Democratic Advocate staff, were married on December 22nd at the home of the bride.

Miller—Schultz.

December 19th, at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage, by Rev. L. Emory Bennett, Mr. Ralph M. Miller and Miss Annie A. Schultz, both of Gettysburg, Pa.

ALLIES GAINING

Germans Are Blocked by the Russians

The latest war news is as follows: The Allies continue to make some progress in the west, but they are meeting with stubborn resistance and the fighting at times is hot to both sides.

TURNPIKE MEN MEET.

Alexander Armstrong Succeeds Thomas Murray as President.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Maryland State Turnpike Association was held at Frederick, Friday, with President Thomas Murray, of Baltimore, presiding.

Christmas Entertainment at the High School.

According to the usual custom, a Christmas celebration was held at the Westminster High School Wednesday morning, December 23, prior to the closing of the school for the Christmas holidays.

Nothing Doing.

"Let me talk to you five minutes and I'll tell you how to get rich. You need a shaver and your clothes are shabby. Why don't you go and get rich yourself, instead of wasting your valuable time on me?"

Christmas at St. John's.

Midnight mass will be celebrated at St. John's Christmas Eve. Two Jesuit Fathers will assist the pastor who will be celebrating at this service.

THREATENS TO KILL

CHARLES F. EYLER SHOTS AT MR. W. H. HARBAUGH—ASSAULTS MRS. HARBAUGH—SHOTS THROUGH DOORS AND WINDOWS—OFFICER STEM AND DEPUTY SHERIFF FIRED AT TWICE—EYLER CAPTURED WITH GUN.

The citizens of John street and vicinity were put into a state of excitement on Monday evening about 9:30 o'clock, when Charles F. Eyer, 28 years old, an iron molder, feloniously assaulted Mrs. Fannie Harbaugh, wife of William H. Harbaugh, and tried an assault with intent to murder upon Mr. Harbaugh.

Mr. Eyer was given a hearing before Justice Brown on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and was held under bond of \$1000 for the May term of grand jury. In default of bail he was held in jail.

Mr. Eyer was a boarder at Mr. Harbaugh's home, and had been for about 8 months. On the above evening, after supper, Mr. Harbaugh and Mr. Eyer left the house to come up on Main street for a walk.

Eyer afterward went down stairs, followed by Mrs. Harbaugh, just as they reached the room below Mr. Harbaugh was entering the door, and said "What is the matter Fannie?" She said "I have been assaulted by Charles, and that he has gone for a gun and is going to kill us all."

Mr. Harbaugh went to a phone and called Officer John A. Stem, while his wife and three children ran out in a field back of the house where they stayed for two hours. It was not long before Officer Stem, accompanied by Officer Helm and a few citizens left for Mr. Harbaugh's house, followed by a crowd of curious people.

Eyer being upstairs for some time, and Officer Helm and Joseph Hahn, who were guarding the premises outside, heard a thud on the ground, and surmising that Eyer was making his escape, ran into the house and notified Officer Stem that Eyer was getting away. The officer went upstairs and found that Eyer had jumped through the screen in the window, head first to the porch below.

A hasty search was made around the premises but no trace of him could be found at that time. Eyer would never have made his escape, but Officer Stem had no warrant for his arrest, and did not want to take any chances of doing an injury to him without a warrant.

The search was given up until Joseph Hahn was coming up the alley, which crosses John street, and espied Eyer lying on the ground with a breach-loading gun in his hand. Eyer cried out "Don't you come any nearer or I will kill you."

Mr. Hahn hurriedly notified Officers Stem and Helm, who went in search of Eyer but did not find him, as he had moved to a more secluded place, and the officers returned to their homes for the night.

About 11 o'clock Eyer returned to Mr. Harbaugh's armed with a gun and called for Mr. Harbaugh to open the door, which was refused.

Eyer then shattered the front window with a shot from his rifle, crawled in and started up the steps firing his gun three times, the loads entering the doors, wall and floor, tearing large holes in them.

DEATHS.

Lee.

Mrs. Susan K. Lee, widow of the late Franklin K. Lee, died Saturday, December 18, at the home of her son-in-law, John D. Bowers, Park avenue, aged 78 years and 17 days.

She is survived by two daughters and one son, Mrs. John D. Bowers, this city; Mrs. H. B. Rinehardt, of Shepherdstown, W. Va.; Charles F. Lee, of Annapolis, Md.; also the following brothers and sisters, Jacob Long, Andrew Long, Isaac Long, of Tannery; J. Frank Long, of Reisterstown, and Mrs. Charles E. Snyder, this city.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 o'clock at the home of her son-in-law, conducted by Rev. William H. Herick, Interment in Westminster cemetery. Pallbearers were J. Hoffmann, Frank A. Myers, O. D. Gilbert, Theodore Kaufman, James D. Mitchell and Charles Hesson. F. A. Sharrer funeral director.

Low.

James E. Lowe, of Brummel, died at the Springfield State Hospital, last Sunday, December 20, aged 67 years, 8 months and 22 days. He was buried in the Westminster cemetery on Monday, December 21, at 1:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. W. F. Hersh in St. John's (Leister's) Lutheran church. Interment in the adjoining cemetery. Pallbearers were Henry Sharp, Jacob Brehm, Joseph Zepp, George P. Neudecker, John Brehm and William Snyder. F. A. Sharrer, funeral director.

Marsh.

J. William Marsh, a former resident of this city, died in Washington, D. C., on Monday, aged 47 years. He is survived by his widow. His remains were brought to this city on Tuesday and interred in the family lot in the Westminster cemetery. Rev. S. C. Slagle officiated. The pallbearers were Chas. Turfe, Chas. Snyder, Samuel K. Yingling and Vernon Chest. F. A. Sharrer funeral director.

Black.

John Black, colored, died at his home, this city, Saturday morning of double pneumonia, aged 48 years, 4 months and 19 days. He is survived by his wife and two children. Funeral services were held Monday morning at the house. Interment in Western Chapel cemetery. James M. Stoner funeral director.

Franklin.

Elizabeth Anna Franklin, colored, died at her home on Charles street, Sunday morning. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in Union Street church. Interment in Elliston cemetery. James M. Stoner funeral director.

Dr. Maximus Whitehill Now a Resident of Carroll County.

Dr. D. Maximus Whitehill, formerly of Unionville, and one of the best known Democratic politicians of Frederick county, is now a resident of Carroll county, having changed his residence to New Windsor a few months ago.

Dr. Whitehill's son, Dr. R. E. Whitehill, is a well-known physician and a prominent politician of Frederick county, and is now in a hospital undergoing treatment. The doctor has recently completed a very handsome home in New Windsor, and is ever taking up any political work with them, they will know that he has been in the fight.—Frederick Citizen.

A Christmas Service.

An impressive Christmas service was given last Sunday evening in Baker Chapel by the Sunday school of Westminster Lutheran College. The service was entitled "His Life," and after a very beautiful introductory Christmas prelude of music and scripture, each Sunday school lesson for the year was illustrated by a Tisot painting, shown by a stereopticon, as the titles were announced and the appropriate passages read.

Methodist Protestant Church.

Methodist Protestant Church, East Main street, Rev. Edgar T. Read, pastor. Sunday services—Bible school and Adult Classes and other grades at 9:30 a. m. Worship and sermon, this service attended by Door to Virtue Masonic Lodge, 10:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor Society at 6:30 p. m. Worship and sermon at 7:30 p. m. Monday evening the Teacher Training class, taught by Rev. Dr. H. L. Freeman. Wednesday evening, Service of Prayer and Praise.

Rolls 933 in Eight Games.

W. Raymond Oursler, East Main street, rolled on December 17, the following scores in eight consecutive games of duckypins on Fogle's alleys: 110, 109, 118, 107, 135, 126, 102, 126, making a total of 933 pins or an average for eight games of more than 116. The games were witnessed by a number of local people.

FILES OPINION IN DIVORCE CASE.

CHIEF JUDGE THOMAS REFUSE TO GRANTS DIVORCE TO MR. AND MRS. TEISER.

Chief Judge W. H. Thomas filed his opinion in the divorce suit of Sigmond F. Teiser vs. Helen W. Teiser, on December 22 and says: "As the evidence in the case does not support important averments of either of the bills, and as Mrs. Teiser does not appear to have any property or means, both of the bills will be dismissed, and Mr. Teiser will be required to pay costs."

On July 18, 1914, Sigmond F. Teiser filed a bill of complaint against his wife for a divorce and the custody of their two sons on the ground of abandonment and desertion. On the 28th of the same month Mrs. Teiser filed a petition for counsel fees and alimony, and after a hearing the Court on October 19, 1914, passed an order granting the prayer of the petition.

Mrs. Teiser answered the bill of her husband October 7, admitting she left her home on June 30, 1914, but denied the alleged abandonment and desertion, and averring that she was forced to leave by the parish priest's cruel treatment. On October 17 Mrs. Teiser filed a cross-bill, alleging cruel treatment, and was willing to return to her husband if he would desist from her conduct. The evidence contained 149 pages of typewritten testimony.

The opinion in part is as follows: "Owing to Mrs. Teiser's cross-bill it is only necessary to say that the conduct of which she complains is not cruel treatment or excessively vicious conduct within the meaning of the law, nor was it such as tended to humiliate or degrade her. The evidence does not show that her husband's treatment of her was sadly wanting in that manly and affectionate regard and consideration which every faithful wife has a right to expect, and which is the real jewel in her crown of happiness."

HEROIC ACT OF ENGLISH GUNNERS

Only Three Men of Entire Battery Left Alive.

In the course of the terrible retreat to the Marne, according to a story told for the first time today, Battery L of the Royal Horse Artillery was instructed with the support of a brigade of cavalry to cover the retreat of that part of the allied forces which fell back on Compeigne. For nearly three weeks the battery was fighting a rear-guard action. So tired were they that it was a common occurrence for men to fall asleep in their saddles, being rudely awakened by falling from their horses.

His Conscience Bothered.

The ragged wayfarer trudged up the garden path bathed in the sunshine and took off his hat to the lady at the door. She eyed him keenly and a look of recognition passed over her countenance.

At the Squag House.

Simeon Ford, hotel man and humorist, said in New York the other day: "New York's hotels are the best in the world. They put even the hotels of London, Paris and Riviera to blush."

"In fact, after a New York Hotel, other hotels seem like the Squag House, where a guest rang in the middle of the night and said: 'Landlord, the roof's leaking. I'm drenched.'"

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sunday school 9:15 a. m. Morning worship 10:30 o'clock. Christmas sermon and music. Epworth League 6:45 p. m. Evening worship 7:30 o'clock: The Idyl of the Christ in scripture and song. Reader, Dr. Thomas H. Lewis. Violinist, Miss Adele Meade of Baltimore; accompanist, Mr. Albert Mitten. Sunday school Christmas entertainment, Thursday evening, December 31st, at 7:30 o'clock.

His Way.

Mr. Lobstock—"Has yo' any faith in banks sah?" Mr. Bentover—"Yas-sah! I has plenty o' faith 'em, but I's done got much money buried in de ground."—Judge.

PERSONALS

Mr. C. C. Beach has returned home for Christmas.

Mr. James E. Smith, Jr., East Main street, spent Sunday at Creagers-town. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Lawyer, of East Main street, spent Wednesday in York, Pa.

Messrs. Harry Rosenstock and Charles Cohen, this city, spent Sunday in Baltimore. Mr. William Seboure and Mr. William Sullivan, this city spent Saturday in Baltimore shopping.

Mr. John Shaw, of New York, is spending the holidays with his father and relatives in this city. Mr. J. Frank Diffendal, Liberty street, returned home last week from his Southern business trip.

Mr. Jabez N. Barnes and son, Jabez N. Barnes, Jr., of Gamber, are spending a few days in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Ford and Miss Annie Warner, of "The Heights," spent Monday and Tuesday in Hagerstown.

Miss Annie Warner, of "The Heights," who has been in New York for some time, returned home last week. Mr. Russell Bixler, of Oklahoma, is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bixler, Pennsylvania avenue.

Mr. M. W. Bell, manager of the Casino Bowling Alleys at Hanover, Pa., spent Sunday at his home at Keymar. Miss Elizabeth Schaeffer, of Baltimore, is home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Schaeffer, Pennsylvania avenue.

Miss Hollis Glover, of Medford spent the past two weeks with relatives and friends in Baltimore, Owings Mills and Reisterstown. Miss Florence Culver, who had charge of the millinery department of T. W. Mather & Sons, returned to her home at Seaford, Del., Thursday.

Miss Hilda S. Wertz, Liberty street, will leave on Saturday for Lincoln, where she will spend a week with her grandfather, Mr. Daniel Armstrong and family. Fred and Paul Smith, Bond street, and Charles Rainey, East Green street, students at Charlotte Hall College, are home with their parents for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Matrone Weaver, who is learning sewing with Mrs. Bush, in Hampstead, has returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Weaver, near Mexico, for over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warner and daughter, Miss Catherine, and Miss Annie Warner, of "The Heights," motored to East Berlin, Pa., on Sunday, where they were guests of a relative. Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Velnosky and two children, East Main street, attended the funeral of Mrs. Velnosky's grandfather, Mr. Joseph Calar, of Baltimore, on Monday. Mr. Calar died last Friday, December 18, of heart trouble, aged 86 years.

Miss Cordelia Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Benson, Finksburg, was tendered a birthday party by her parents on Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock. Many handsome presents were presented her. A number of friends from this city were present.

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In the opinion filed on December 21 by Chief Judge William H. Thomas in the suit of E. Frank Ely and wife against Springfield State Hospital and Clement Clark, superintendent, is as follows: "That the defendant by emptying sewerage from the buildings of the Springfield State Hospital into Piney Run unlawfully deprived the plaintiffs of their right to the enjoyment and use of said stream where it passes through their land for the purposes for which it would otherwise have been adapted to the defendants' use and are hereby allowed until February 15, 1915, to complete the sewerage system now under construction by them for the purpose of preventing a recurrence of said nuisance; that leave be and is hereby reserved to the plaintiffs to apply for an injunction in this case in the event of a recurrence after the mentioned date of the pollution of said stream by the defendants to the extent of depriving the plaintiffs of their right to use the same for the purpose stated, and that the costs in this case be paid by the defendants."

The declaration alleges that the plaintiffs are in possession of and residing on a farm near Sykesville, adjoining the land of the State of Maryland, in possession of and under control of the defendants; that a large stream of water, known as Piney run, flows through the farm of the plaintiffs; that before the wrong complained of in the declaration the water of the stream was of good and wholesome character, served for all agricultural purposes, says the complainants, "and enabled the plaintiffs to conduct successfully a large and thriving business; that on October 15, 1914, and continuously since that time the defendants have polluted and contaminated the said stream of water by causing and permitting to be emptied, or drained thereinto, or into sewers under an injunction issued from the buildings of the Springfield State Hospital, foul matter and unwholesome fluids, which were carried into the stream and upon the plaintiffs lands."

The State Live Stock Board has completed a compilation of the cost of herds of cattle and other live stock slaughtered during the recent epidemic of the foot and mouth disease of a large state. The total cost is about \$40,000, of which sum Maryland's share is \$25,000. The state board has not this sum in its treasury, and the next legislature will be called upon to make an appropriation to cover the cost.

CATTLE SCOURGE COSTLY.

Under agreement with the Federal government the State and Federal Bureau of Animal Industry each pay one-half the appraised value of every animal infected by the disease and also each one-half of the expenses of fighting the outbreaks. The State Live Stock Sanitary Board issued statistics showing that a total of 1,349 flesh animals were subjected to the disease in Maryland during the epidemic and were slaughtered. For these animals the state must pay as its share to the owners \$21,319.91, and to this amount must be added the expense of a large force of veterinary inspectors, the cost of slaughtering the stock, the digging of the trenches for their burial and the cost of lime and other disinfectants.

Slaughtered Live Stock Valued at \$40,000—Maryland's Share \$25,000.

The epidemic was first discovered in Maryland on November 2 last on the farm of William H. Elyke of a five from Hagerstown and in Washington county. The original report made by a local veterinarian and his diagnosis was confirmed on the following day by Dr. Lawrence Hick, the state veterinarian, and Dr. William Hockman, of the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry. Since the first outbreak the disease spread to 40 farms in various parts of the state. At present the disease is believed to be generally wiped out in Maryland, but rigid quarantines are still in force on farms where the scourge appeared.

Four Hurt While Coasting.

A man and three boys were injured Monday at Mt. Airy when a bob sled became unmanageable and dashed into a concrete pillar and foot of a steep hill. The injured are: William Etchison, a foreman of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; injured about the head and thought to be suffering from concussion of the brain. John Simpson, 12 years old, bruised about the arms and body. Willard Bowman, bruises and slight cuts. The boys, with Burrall guiding, started down the hill on the sled. Toward the bottom it got beyond control and dashed into Mr. Etchison, who was standing nearby. He was knocked unconscious and carried home. The sled went on until stopped by the pillar.

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