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COURT HOUSE NEWS.

Transfers of Real Estate, Marriage Licenses, Etc.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Marvale H. Wade et al. to Norwood V. Trott, convey 8 acres, for $800.

Edw. M. Molesworth and wife to Prosperity Lodge No. 58, I. O. O. F., convey parcel of land in Mt. Airy, for $5.

John D. Bowers and wife to Oscar D. Gilbert, convey 6977 1-3 square feet, for $1.

Oscar D. Gilbert and wife to John D. Bowers and wife, convey 6977 1-3 square feet, for $1.

Annie C. Hoffman to Sue E. Keller, conveys 2 acres and 54 square feet, for $305.

Snydersburg Grange No. 192, to Jacob W. Hann and wife, convey 23 1-33 square perches, for $250.

Nettie A. Weaver, trustee, to Edward Kemper and wife, conveys 42,000 square feet of land, for $225.

Nettie A. Weaver, trustee, to W. Rein Motter, conveys 12,000 square feet, for $74.

John Milton Reifsnider, trustee, to Isaac E. Costley and wife, conveys 2 acres, 2 roods and 20 perches, for $700.

Thos. S. Jones and wife to Angeline Jones, convey property, for $1.

Angeline Jones to Thos. J. Jones and wife, conveys property, for $1.

Anna M. Taylor to Wm. L. Kemp, conveys 57½ square feet, for $2250.

Wm. N. Gross and wife to George E. O'Brien and wife convey 5 acres and 25 square perches, for $400.

Norwood V. Trott to Grace M. Trott, conveys 8 acres, for $10.

Vernon Stull to Lewis H. Wisner, conveys 50 acres, 2 roods and 20 perches, for $700.

Thomas A. Thompson and wife to Walter M. Arrington and wife, convey 31 acres and 21 perches, for $1800.

Robert L. Nelson et al., trustees to W. Frank Thomas, convey 40 acres and 21 perches, for $1800.

Alice L. Richards to Nicholas F. Mummaugh, conveys 86 acres, 1 rood and 18 square perches, for $150.

J. Wesley Little and wife to James G. Six, lot in Union Bridge, for $1600.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, January 11.—William H. and Franklin H. Wilhelm, administrators of Michael Wilhelm, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

Letters of administration on the estate of Catherine Bollinger, late of Carroll county, deceased, were granted to Oliver Bollinger, who received order to notify creditors.

John D. Bachman, administrator of Julian Bachman, deceased, settled his first and final account.

Letters of administration on the estate of John A. Coker, late of Carroll county, deceased, were granted to Caroline Coker and William H. Ruby, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Albert Menchey received order to withdraw funds.

John A., Flora M., and Erma G. Deal, administrators, w. a., of George S. Deal, deceased, reported sale of personal property, sale of real estate on which the Court granted an immediate order of final ratification and settled their first and final account.

Tuesday, January 12.—The sale of real estate of George E. Benson, executor of Nicholas Benson, deceased, was finally ratified and confirmed.

Letters of administration on the estate of Elias Franklin, late of Carroll county, deceased, were granted to James M. Stoner.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles E. Myers and Nellie May Gardner, both of Gamber.

Charles Croft and Bessie Flickinger, both of Union Mills.

Carl Cleveland Twigg, Twiggtown, Md., and Anna Noel Gehr, Westminster.

H. Marker Frownfelter, New Windsor, and Anna M. Stoner, Westminster.

Donations to Methodist Protestant Home

Rev. J. M. Holmes, box containing 2 quilts, 6 towels, 2 bolster cases, dozen pair ladies hose, 3 pair men's sox.

Mrs. George Albaugh, 5 pairs ladies' hose; Georgetown Del., box containing plum pudding, jelly, jarred fruit, jello, macaroni, sugar, baked beans, coffee, syrup, salmon, candy, apples, and oranges. Mr. Morris Mitten 1 pound cake; Mr. George Grumbine, steak.

Sandyville, 24 jars of fruit, 4 tumblers of jelly.

Mechanicsville, 6 jars of fruit.

Adult Bible Class, oranges, apples, corn starch, chocolate, coffee, sugar, soup, jelly, jarred fruit and preserves, Miss Annie Kinzer, dozen jars of fruit, box of candy and crackers. Mr. E. Smith 13 pounds of honey. Smith-Yingling & Co., case of corn and, case of peas. Friend, $1. Mr. J. E. Corbin, groceries.

Moose in Town.

The Loyal Order of Moose No. 79, of Baltimore, paid Mayor Walsh a visit last night and also paraded Main street in uniform, headed by Policemen Stem and Helm and band of the order.

The parade on its route stopped at Mayor Walsh's residence where the Moose entered and received refreshments. They then went to the Moose hall, John street, where a banquet was served and a degree given by the visiting degree team.

About 12 o'clock the Baltimore Moose left for their homes well pleased with the entertainment they received.

Methodist Protestant Church,

East Main street, Rev. Edgar T. Read, pastor. Sunday services. Bible school at 9.30 a. m. Worship at 10.30 a. m. C. E. Society at 6.30 p. m. Special Evangelistic meeting at 7.30 p. m.

Waiter—"Haven't you forgotten something, sir?" Dinner—"That's so. My wife gave me a letter to mail."—Boston Transcript.

WEDDINGS

Twigg—Gehr.

Miss Anna Noel Gehr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denton S. Gehr, this city, and Mr. Carl Cleveland Twigg, of Twiggtown, Md., were married in the Methodist Protestant church at 7.30 o'clock Thursday evening, January 14, by the bride's pastor, Rev. Edgar T. Read. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Denton S. Gehr. Mr. Twigg is a graduate of Western Maryland College and was a star player on their foot ball and baseball teams for several years.

The bride was attired in a gown of white satin, trimmed in duchess lace and real pearl and a bonnet veil of tulle caught with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of Bride's roses. Glenora Record, of Belair, the flower girl, wore wash chiffon with pink ribbons and carried a basket of pink rose buds, smilax and ferns. Miss Helen Gehr, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and wore a gown of Helen pink crepe meteor with accordion pleated tunic trimmed with a deeper shade of velvet for girdle and carried a shower bouquet of killarney, roses and fern. Mr. Frank Thomas, of Frederick, was bestman.

The brides maid—Miss Irene Buchanan, of this city, wore blue crepe meteor, with accordion plaited tunic of chiffon cloth, with deeper shade of velvet girdle and duchess lace; Miss Reta Anderson, of Deal's Island, Md., wore pink crepe meteor with accordian plaited tunic of chiffon cloth, trimmed in velvet and chantille lace. Miss Ruth Richardson, of Medford, wore green crepe meteor with accordion plaited tunic of chiffon cloth, combined with gold lace and velvet to match. Miss Lillian Twigg, sister of the groom wore sun burst crepe meteor with accordion plaited tunic of chiffon cloth and trimmed with velvet and chantille lace. All carried shower bouquets of killanery, roses and ferns. Mrs. Twigg, mother of the groom wore black satin, draped in chiffon cloth. Miss Pearl Twigg wore yellow embroidered crepe meteor combined with lace.

The ushers were Lester Twigg and Austin Twigg, brothers of the groom; Robert T. Gill, Baltimore; Harry Beal, Rockville; Edwin Gehr, brother of the bride, and Smith Billingslea, this city. Mr. and Mrs. Twigg will reside in Frostburg.

Ebaugh—Wagner.

At 5 o'clock, January 7th, Miss Rosie Wagner was given in marriage to Mr. John B. Ebaugh, the Rev. John H. Gonso, pastor of the Church of God of this city, officiating. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wagner, of this city. Mr. Ebaugh is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Ebaugh, of Carrollton. Mr. Roy Dell, of Wesley, was best man, and Miss Elvie Ebaugh, a sister of the groom, was bride's maid. The ring ceremony was used. After the wedding service all were invited to the dining room where a table was lavishly spread with good things to eat. Quite a number of neighbors and friends of the bride were witnesses. The bride and groom received some very handsome presents. After being congratulated by all present, and receiving the very best wishes for a long and happy life, the relatives and friends returned to their homes.

Myers—Gardner.

At the Church of God parsonage, on January 9th, Mr. Charles E. Myers and Miss Nellie May Gardner were quietly married by Rev. John H. Gonso, pastor of the Church of God, at Westminster. Mr. Myers and Miss Gardner are both of this county, residing near Gamber. Miss Gardner was handsomely attired in a tan costume, while Mr. Myers wore the conventional black. The bride is held in high esteem by all who know her. Her mother died some years ago, leaving a family of children to be cared for by her, she will be greatly missed by every member of the family. Mr. Myers is an honest and industrious man of clean habits. After being congratulated and receiving best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous life, the happy bride and groom left for their home at Gamber.

Hull—Wolf.

John Robert Hull, of Silver Run, Md., and Miss Anna Amelia Wolfe, adopted daughter of Mrs. Amanda Wolfe, of near Littlestown, were married on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Reformed parsonage at Silver Run, Md., by the groom's pastor, Rev. Charles Hoover.

After the wedding a reception was held between 8 and 10 o'clock at the home of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Hull will make their home with the bride's mother. Mr. L. A. Carbaugh, of Hanover, Pa., is an uncle of the bride.

Frownfelter—Stoner.

Thursday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock in the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal church, H. Marker Frownfelter, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Frownfelter, of New Windsor, and Anna Margaret Stoner, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Stoner, of near Warfieldsburg, were quietly married by Rev. L. Emory Bennett.

The bride wore a dark blue traveling suit with a large black hat. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for Baltimore, Washington and Norfolk, Va. Upon their arturn they will reside in New Windsor.

Carroll—Gibson.

Miss Grace A. Gibson, until a few days ago a teacher in the Belair High School, and Daniel H. Carroll, of P., deputy register of wills of Harford county, were married at Westminster, Md., January 2. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph C. Mallon. Not even their closest friends were let into the secret, and it was not until today that the wedding became known. Early on the morning of January 2 Mr. Carroll joined her in Baltimore, and the trip to Westminster was made and the nuptial knot tied.

MR. FOWLER WINS.

COURT OF APPEALS DECIDES THAT THE $1900 OF THE LATE WM. R. FOWLER DOES NOT BELONG TO WILLIAM A. MATHIAS—AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The Court of Appeals decides in favor of the estate of Wm. R. Fowler and against Wm. A. Mathias.

A case of interest to banks has just been decided by the Court of Appeals. William R. Fowler deposited $1900 in the Union National Bank of Westminster, "In account with W. R. Fowler or William A. Mathias or either of them," in a deposit book. He intended that at his death the money put on deposit should go to William A. Mathias, but Fowler kept the bank book and at his death it was found among his private papers. Upon the death of Fowler, Wm. A. Mathias claimed the money as his property, and Charles T. Fowler, as administrator of Wm. R. Fowler, asserted that it belonged to his intestate for distribution among his next of kin. Judge Thomas decided that the money did not belong to Wm. A. Mathias and the Court of Appeals has affirmed Judge Thomas' decision. This ruling of the Court of Appeals determines that a deposit in the name of two, payable to the order of either, is not a gift to the person named, if the party making this deposit keeps the bank books, even if the depositor intended the other for him at his death.

Bond & Parke represented Mr. Chas. T. Fowler and Clemson and Steele Mr. Mathias.

TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGN SPENDS TWENTY MILLIONS

Sixty-six per cent. Comes From Public Funds—New York State Leads.

More than $20,500,000 was spent last year in the campaign against tuberculosis in the United States. Of this sum, 66.8 per cent. was derived from public funds, either federal, state, county or municipal, and the remainder was contributed by private philantrophy. These are some of the interesting figures contained in the annual statistical statement of The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, made public today. The statement is based largely on actual reports received from anti-tuberculosis agencies throughout the country, but where reports are not available, the figures have been estimated.

Institutional care and treatment of consumptives in hospitals and sanatoria makes up the largest share of the total expenditures. More than $17,300,000 was spent for this purpose, with an additional $925,000 for special treatment of tuberculosis insane and prisoners. These figures include not only the cost of maintenance, but in some instances the cost of construction of institutions. Anti-tuberculosis associations spent the next largest sum, amounting to a little over $900,000. Care of patients in dispensaries and by visiting nurses cost almost as much, approximately $860,000. The growth of the open air school movement is shown in the fact that last year more than $300,000 was spent for this purpose, as against $10,000 expended five years ago. State and city boards of health spent $200,000 directly on tuberculosis work.

In the last five years, the percentage of money spent from public funds has steadily increased from 53 per cent. in 1909 to 69.3 per cent. in 1913, and 66.8 per cent. last year. The National Association considers this increase significant, since it indicates a shifting of the burden of institutional care of the consumptive from the private purse to the general public purse where it rightly belongs.

New York State spent more money last year in the tuberculosis campaign than any other two states in the Union, due largely to the increased and rapidly developing movement for city and county care of the tuberculous. Pennsylvania, which has occupied second place for the past four years, was superseded last year by Illinois, with Massachusetts in fourth place and Colorado in fifth place.

Destroying Cut Worms.

My garden is greatly troubled with cut worms in the early spring. Would you advise salt to kill them?"

If a garden is kept cleanly cultivated all the year and not allowed to grow up in weeds in the fall, there will be few cutworms. When I bought the garden I now cultivate it had been lying out in weeds for years, and the first spring I had cut worms by the thousand and had the fight of my life. Since then my garden has been run as an all-the-year garden and is constantly kept in crops and kept clean, and now there is rarely a cut worm, for the eggs are laid among weeds in the fall. To destroy them in spring mix some wheat bran, barley moistened with water sweetened with molasses, and add one part of Paris green to 50 parts of the bran and mix it well so that some of the green sticks to every particle. Then scattered a little around any plants that are liable to be attacked and the cut worms wil lbe killed. Then keep the garden perfectly clean of grass and weeds all the year round, and do not merely plant a spring garden and then have a weed patch in the fall.—W. F. Massey, in The Progressive Farmer.

Anticipating the Future.

"This political opponent of ours is making a strong appeal," said the campaign manager.

"How?" asked Senator Sorghum.

"By coming out strong for prison reform."

"Accuse him of graft of the most subtle and farsighted sort. Say he's looking forward to a luxurious life at public expense."

DEATHS.

Koontz.

Mrs. Savilla J., wife of Amos J. Koontz and daughter of the late Jacob and Katherine Starner, died at her home in Hagerstown, aged 78 years. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Jeremiah, of Pleasant Valley; Josephus, of Hanover; John, of Hagerstown; Mrs. Lizzie Bloom, of Baltimore; Mrs. Lydia Reeder, of Kansas, and Mrs. Clara Reeder, of Hagerstown; also 22 grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Rebecca Bankert, of Canada Hill; Mrs. Mary Wartz, of Pleasant Valley; Mrs. Maggie Baust, of Pleasant Valley; Mrs. Kate Petry, of Union Mills; Messrs. Jeremiah and Calvin Starner, of Westminster.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at St. Benjamin's Lutheran church, conducted by Rev. Hersh, and assisted by Rev. Brown. Pallbearers were six nephews of the deceased, Charles, Jacob, William, Calvin, Jr., and Edward Starner and Holley Dell. James M. Stoner, funeral director.

Sellers.

Mrs. Sarah Sellers, wife of Emmanuel Sellers, died Monday afternoon, at her home at Melrose, after a ten days illness of paralysis, aged 68 years. Besides her husband, she leaves one son and three daughters, Noah Sellers, of Melrose; Mrs. Sadie Utz, at home; Mrs. Mary Geesey, of Black Rock; and Mrs. Lewis Stuffle, of Hanover. Also the following brothers and sisters: Solomon Bixler, of Hanover, Pa.; Jacob Bixler, of Milford, Ind.; Jonas Bixler, of Chicago, Ill.; David Bixler, of Iola, Kansas; Mrs. Ellen Bergen, of Kentland, Ind.; Mrs. Noah Peterman, of Hanover, Pa.; Mrs. Amos Sauble, of Melrose.

The funeral was held Friday with services at the house at 10 o'clock. Interment in Manchester cemetery, Rev. T. S. Lau officiating.

Miller.

Richard H. Miller, aged 80 years died at his home in Hampstead, Saturday night from apoplexy. He is survived by four brothers and one sister, George Miller, John Miller, Michael Miller, of Arcadia; Jacob Miller, of Baltimore, and Miss Ruth Gardner, of Baltimore.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Hampstead Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. A. H. McKinney officiating. Pallbearers were H. R. Wooden, M. V. Boring, M. A. Snyder, H. R. Cooper, John Rhoten and Frank Armacost. C. V. Tipton & Son, funeral directors.

O'Hare.

Mrs. Mary L. O'Hare, aged 24 years died at the Mercy Hospital, Baltimore Monday. Mrs. O'Hare attempted to light a gas light which exploded and burned her severely. She was taken to the Mercy Hospital where she died shortly afterwards.

Her remains were brought here yesterday morning and services held in St. John's Catholic Church. Interment in adjoining cemetery. Pallbearers were Gloyd Lynch, Gloyd Diffendal, Joseph Boyle, Dr. T. J. Coonan, Thomas Baumgartner and William Weagley. Harvey Bankard & Son, funeral directors.

Bowman.

Mr. James Bowman died at his home at Tannery, Saturday aged 62 years. He is survived by his widow, one daughter and one son, at home. Funeral services were held Monday at Smallwood church, Rev. William Hetrick officiating. Interment in adjoining cemetery. Pallbearers were Howard Sies, Robert Green, Charles Merriman, Abraham Bankert, Henry Sharp and Joseph Wimert. James M. Stoner, funeral director.

Markle.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Markle, widow of the late John Markle, whose death occurred at her home at Pleasant Hill, on Saturday night was held from the home of her son, Charles, at Pleasant Hill, Tuesday morning with short services at the house at 9 o'clock and further services and interment at Sherman's church, Rev. S. L. Hench officiating.

Mrs. Alvin Dell and Son Die.

Death again has come into our midst and taken away a fond wife and mother and a dear little son from the home of Mr. Alvin Dell. Little Harry, aged 2 years passed away on Sunday night at 11 o'clock, death due to pneumonia and on Monday evening at 6.30 his mother, Mrs. Esther Dell, was called to her reward. Although neither was expected to recover these deaths were a shock to her many friends, and the husband has the sympathy of the entire community. Mrs. Dell was a member of St. Mary's Reformed church at Silver Run, and was a loving wife and mother. She was aged 22 years and was the daughter of Edward Everhart, of Westminster. She is survived by her husband and a little son, aged one month.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning from their late home in Union Mills, Rev. S. C. Hoover officiating. The pallbearers for the mother were Weldon R. Nusbaum, George W. Bankert, Milton Feeser, Harry Groft, Raymond Markle and Seldon Taylor. Four boys carried the little white casket—Stewart Hollinger, Roy Frock, John Bankert and Harry Stonesifer.

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Barnes, of Gamber, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage Sunday, January 10th. All their children were home except Mrs. Albert Creswell, of Baltimore. Mr. Barnes had been quite ill the first part of the week, but to the delight of all present, was able to be up and about that day.

Those present were, their son, Charles and wife, Mrs. Herbert Arnold and daughter, Everal, and Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips, of Warfieldsburg.

OPERA CHANGES HANDS

MESSRS. J. FRANCIS REESE AND PETER N. SAMIOS PURCHASERS.

Mr. C. C. Beach, proprietor of the Opera House, made the announcement this week that he had transferred his interest, good will and absolute control of the business established and known as the Opera, the Nick in the Wall, &c., to Mr. John Francis Reese and Mr. Peter N. Samios, two hustling and accommodating young men of our city.

Messrs. Reese and Samios took charge on Tuesday evening and will do everything in their power to keep the high standard of the Opera, which has been the success of this play house under the management of Mr. Beach.

They have the best wishes of the Advocate for a successful career.

Mr. Beach's retirement was caused by attention given to other business.

"HELLO BOY" 6 YEARS OLD

Youngest Telephone Operator in World Handles Switchboard.

Kennith W. Tinker, aged 6 son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tinker, whose father is the owner of an independent telephone company, largely of rural subscribers, is one of the youngest telephone operators in Michigan, if not the United States. Without any assistance he has mastered the switchboard with such a degree of proficiency that it is no longer necessary to have a more experienced operator nearby to take the more difficult local calls.

Although handicapped without education until last September, when he started to school, the boy's achievements as a telephone operator have won him congratulations from many of the patrons in acknowledgment of his good work.

It was less than a year ago that the parents noticed that their son was taking considerable interest in the operation of the switchboard. The office of central is located in the Tinker residence, three miles east of this village, which has afforded the child an opportunity at all times to become familiar with the names and numbers of the 215 subscribers on the 27 party lines leading from the switchboard.—From Detroit Times.

Dangerous Game With Bull.

In the interior of Venezuela and Columbia toro coleado is the feature of fiesta days. A principal street of the town is roped off and a wild bull is liberated. From eight to ten mounted horsemen enter the improvised arena, their only defense against attacks of the bill being their superb horsemanship and a knowledge how to twist the bull's tail in such a manner as to cause him to tumble over. While the attention of the bull is attracted by some of the party a horseman dashes from the rear at full speed, gives a dextrous twist, and over rolls the bull. This sport is not without its danger, and almost every coleado festival adds to the hospital list. The honor of being champion bull-tail twister develops keen competition, for the winner is crowned with flowers by the prettiest girl in the village. Some performers become so expert as to be sure of their twist at a specified point, the great achievement being to bring the animal to the dust just in front of the balcony of one's ladylove.

Billy Sunday-isms.

The man who prays is a better citizen than the man who damns.

If you sleep with dogs, you must expect to get up with fleas.

I ask no quarter of the devil and I give none.

You might as well shoot peas against Gibraltar with a popgun or try to dam Niagara with toothpicks, as to disprove the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A hobo, with God in his heart, is worth a whole lot more to his country than a millionaire booze-holster.

The man who turns his back on Jesus Christ will go to hell; I don't care who he is.

You admire the preacher who tells you the truth, even though he may shoot your old carcass full of holes while he's on the job.

Paul was no perfunctory parson, dealing out soothing syrup to his congregations.

I don't bother about grammar when I preach. I just grab up chunks of truth, hurl it out, and if it's got any jagged edges, let her rip.

When you sneer at revivals you spit into the face of God.—From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

How Tabby Fooled Terrier.

I was a witness to what was nearly a tragedy the other day, a writer in the Lowell Citizen-Courier states. An Irish terrier and a gray tabby cat went at war, and the terrier's barks and assaults were met by tabby's snarls, and, as she had a chance, by a clever stroke of her paw. But the battle went against her, and she turned tail and fled, with the terrier close after.

Tabby chose a poor route of escape, however, for the sqabble occurred over the canal, and tabby made a bee line across the street through the iron fence and dropped into the canal.

You know what a swirl of water there is at this point, and only the proverbial nine lives of the cat saved her from drowning. Fortunately, she was washed out of the whirlpool and made her way to the bank of the canal, where, as you know, the water overtops the wall, and reached solid ground, apparently none the worse for her double encounter.

The terrier was nonpulsed. His prey had escaped, but where? He peered through the fence and scurried first one way and then the other across the bridge, his tail up, and his eyes full of the lust of battle. But all to no purpose, so off he sped, probably to chase other felines and wish himself better fortune next time.

FIGHTING IN RUSSIAN POLAND

French Fall Back Before Germans.

Furious fighting has been resumed in Russian Poland, according to a dispatch from Petrograd. The dispatch states that Russian forces in the north, pushing toward East Prussia, have captured a number of villages, but says that in the centre the Germans, by violent attacks, have gained considerable ground.

Berlin claims that Russian attacks upon German positions in East Prussia have been repulsed.

In the presence of Emperor William, German troops drove the French from the heights of Vregny, northeast of Soissons, in a spirited battle on Wednesday, according to an official announcement at Berlin. An announcement at Paris admits that the French have been obliged to yield at this point.

A flood in the River Aisne, threatening to break the French communications by destroying temporary bridges thrown across the stream, has caused French forces in the district between Crouy and Missy to fall back to the south bank of the river, according to an announcement at Paris.

Edw. Beck to be Named Speaker of the House by Democrat Caucus.

The other day this paper, in referring to Hon. J. Edward Beck's big vote in a Republican county, as well as other qualifications, suggested that he should be named speaker of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg by unanimous vote.

Since then there have been developments that make the suggestion quite a bit more substantial than a mere pipe dream.

It is now learned on reliable authority that Mr. Beck will be made the unanimous choice of his party for speaker. This, of course, will not assure his election, but if the Republicans have any sort of conception of how to do the proper thing it will come to that.

At all events it will be a distinct—even though empty—honor for our townsman, and incidentally for the town and county. It will at least have this substantial result, that it will single Mr. Beck out for proper recognition when it comes to naming the important committees.

Mr. Beck was non-communicative today when seen by a representative of this paper, as to the speakership move, but admitted that he had been ordered by those high up to be in Harrisburg not later than next Monday afternoon, from which it may be gathered that there is something doing by the "slate" committee.—From Waynesboro Herald, December 31.

A Hiatus Defined.

Clem Haggins, orator, statesman, attorney, Democrat, and also well known, was addressing a meeting of the general council in behalf of one of his clients, namely, the sinking fund commission, which collects licenses and soaks away the money taken in to pay some of the city's most pressing debts in the future. The sinking fund had a revenue measure it wished passed to round out a series of license ordinances. Let Mr. Huggins explain:

"This measure is made necessary because it has been found that there is a hiatus in the circus and wild animal show law that has never been taken care of."

"There's no reason why hiatuses shouldn't pay a license, just like other wild animals," said someone, swayed by Mr. Huggin's oratory. "What is a hiatus, anyway?"

"A hiatus," spoke up Councilman Thomas Dolan, "is no animal at all. It's that space between where the vest ends and the pants begin when the two don't join as they should. That's a hiatus."

Mr. Huggins certainly uses big words.—Louisville Times.

Report of Sales Realized from Red Cross Seals.

Miss Caroline Billingslea and Miss Eleanor Thomas had this work in charge but were ably assisted by the young ladies of the town. These ladies wish to express their appreciation of the polite and kind treatment they received from everybody. They report the following sales: From the booth at Post Office, stores, newspapers and advertising, $79.69; Catholic School, $15; East End High School, $12.15; West End High School, $4.50; Mayor Hall, through the Sykesville Herald, $10; Miss Rose McCall, through the Brandenburg Public School, $5; Mr. Arthur Griffee, a public school teacher, at Finksburg and friends, $5; Miss Marie Baile, New Windsor, $4.35; Rev. Dr. Frazier, New Windsor, $1.65; Miss Birnie, Taneytown, $4.80; Mr. Lewis Stauffer, Union Bridge, $5; Miss Trump, Manchester, $1.01; Mr. Chester Baile, Medford, .73; Miss Sayers, Smallwood, $1; Miss McCaffrey, a public school teacher, $1.10. Total $150.98. Expenses about $10, which amount was donated, making the net receipts $160.98.

Abraham Shaffer Surprised.

Quite a surprise was given Abraham Shaffer, of Brummel, on Thursday, January 7, in honor of his 24th birthday. Dancing began at 8 o'clock and kept up until a late hour. All enjoyed themselves very much.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Shaffer, Mrs. Jerry Shaffer, Mrs. Aaron Long, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Yingling, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strevig, Mr. and Mrs. George Strevig; Messrs. Christy Weike, Edward McGee, Robert Fleming, Zack Harris, Carroll Yingling, Hon. Warehein, Edward Martin, Dewey Yingling, Benjamin Croft, John Martin, Charles Shaffer, Guy Neudecker, Harry Hosfeld, Curtis Myers, Arthur Shaffer, Adam Foster, John Shaffer, E. Miller, William Strevig, William Magee, Robert Shaffer, Edgar Yingling; Misses Bessie Magee, Alice Weike, Ethel Miller, Alice Shaffer, Helen Miller, Mary Long and several others.

It is estimated that the amount of capital invested in Swiss hotels and restaurants is $175,000,000, and that these establishments employ more than 10,000 persons.

PERSONALS

Mr. Lewis Sachs and son, Irvin, of Baltimore, were in this city yesterday.

Mr. J. Hampton Baumgartner, of Baltimore, was in this city this week for a day.

Mr. James E. Smith, Jr., East Main street, spent Sunday at Creagerstown, Md.

Mrs. Monday, of Annapolis, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mackley, East Main street.

Mr. Harry Flohr has returned to his home in Gamber after spending two weeks in Baltimore.

Miss Maude Flohr, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flohr, near Gamber.

Miss Hattie Chrest,, East Main street, spent the first of this week visiting friends and relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. Harry C. Albaugh and James M. Stoner, this city, were in Hanover on business (?) Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Sterling Fowler, Pennsylvania avenue, was taken to a hospital in Baltimore on Monday for treatment.

Mrs. Theodore Tracey and daughter, Anna, of Lineboro, spent several days with Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Wertz, of Hanover, Pa.

Mr. Harvey Kuhn and daughter, Lottie, of Manchester, attended the funeral of Kenneth N. Hufnagle, at Hanover, Pa., Tuesday.

Mr. O. Angelo, of Union Bridge, who has been in Virginia for some time looking after his interest there returned home yesterday.

Mrs. George R. Brown and Mrs. D. F. Shipley attended a meeting of the Finksburg W. C. T. U., held at Mrs. Alpha Bentz's, Tuesday afternoon, January 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Yeiser and family, Pennsylvania avenue,and Miss Pauline Smeak, near this city, spent Sunday with Mr. Charles Hosfeld and family, Mount Pleasant.

The Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flohr, near Gamber, were: Mr. and Mrs. Glen Leist and daughter, Mary, of Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. William Edmondson, of Gamber.

Miss Louise Page, of Baltimore, and Miss Marjorie Blizzard, of near this city were the guests several days of last week, of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Flaugher, at their home at Buena Vista, Cascade, Md.

Charles Roberts Seabrook, who has spent some time in the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Seabrook, left on Wednesday for Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Seabrook is employed as bridge engineer by the Lackawanna Bridge Company.

Ensign Lawrence Reifsnider, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Milton Reifsnider, this city, spent a few days last week with his parents. Mr. Reifsnider, wife and child have just returned to Annapolis from Mexico, where he has been stationed for the past 8 months. They will leave for Cuba shortly, where he will be on duty for some time.

MORE THAN 50,000 PERSONS KILLED IN ITALY

Fatalities May be Less Than at Messina, But Area of Quake is Greater; Priceless Relics Gone.

Rome, Jan. 14.—With every hour, as additional and more accurate details are received, the horror of yesterday's earthquake increases, threatening to place it in the list of similar catastrophes in Europe second only to the Messina disaster of 1908.

The list of dead, dying and injured has increased from a relatively small figure last night to more than 50,000, according to an official announcement today, and it is expected that this number may grow before the day is over.

The full extent of the property loss has not yet been determined. Here in Rome priceless statues, century-old buildings and structures that for years have been the mecca of visitors have been destroyed or injured

Though the loss of life, and possibly the damage, may be less than if was in 1908, the area of the disturbance greatly exceeds the Messina earthquake. It covers the whole central portion of Italy, extending from Naples on the south to Ferrara on the north.

TARHEELS NEED NOT GO "DRY"

Virginia Court Holds Common Carriers Must Transport Liquor.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 13.—The Virginia Supreme Court held today that common carriers cannot refuse to transport from Virginia into North Carolina liquors intended for personal consumption, but not for sale.

The decision, which reverses the Corporation Court at Bristol, Va., says the trial court erred in holding the Webb-Kenyon Federal law constitutional and in holding the North Carolina statute—prohibiting the importation of liquors—to be within the purview of the Federal law.

The case came to the Supreme Court on an appeal from the decision of the Bristol Court upholding an express company in its refusal to transport liquors from Bristol into North Carolina cities.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sunday school 9.15 a. m. Morning worship 10.30 o'clock. Epworth League 6.45 p. m. Evening worship 7.30 o'clock. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

Evangelistic services will begin February 25th. The pastor will be assisted by William D. Laumaster, an evangelist of Philadelphia.

Getting at the Cause.

Mr. Littlerest—Doctor, what did you tell me was your special treatment for sleeplessness?

Medico—We strike at the cause or the origin of the trouble.

Mr. Littlerest—You don't say so! Well, you will find the baby in the other room. Only don't strike at him too hard.