

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

J. FRANCIS REESE SUCCEEDS ROSS J. BLOCHER AT HIGH SCHOOL.

Transfers of Real Estate, Marriage Licenses, Etc.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Geo. A. Shipley et al. to Bertha E. Zahn and husband, convey 153 acres and 16 square perches, for \$8593.65.

Geo. A. Shipley et al. trustees, to Ethel M. Davis, convey 2 tracts of land, for \$4560.

John L. Clarke and wife to Emory C. Barnes and wife, convey tract of land, for \$1500.

Alice S. Englar to James S. Slaughter and wife, convey 4 acres of land, for \$5.

Mary A. Hahn to Mary J. Zile, convey parcel of land, for \$1.

Geo. A. Shipley et al. to Lula E. Zahn, convey tracts of land, for \$1599.81.

William Harold Sugars and wife to Richard A. Martin, convey parcel of land, for \$5.

T. Herbert Shriver to Hilda Shriver, convey parcels of land, for \$1.

Frances Hoffman to William Hoffman, convey 6,375 square feet, for \$825.

George Houck and wife to Sue E. Keller, convey parcel of land, for \$5.

William F. Eckenrode and wife to Margaret A. McGill, et al., convey 7,128 square feet, for \$1750.

Charles J. Delone to Carroll Cigar Company, convey 4 lots, for \$3,000.

William H. Bennett et al. to James B. George and Harry R. DeVries, convey 74 3-5 perches, for \$7000.

Emma J. Burgoon to Sarah J. Brown, convey 14 2-10 perches, for \$600.

Edward F. Cramer and wife to Grover Fritz and wife, convey 2 acres and 14 perches, for \$400.

Thomas E. Moore and wife to Thos. C. Moore and wife, convey 61 acres, for \$2500.

Theodore F. Yingling et al. to John T. Yingling, Jr., convey 8 1/2 acres, for \$3915.16.

Stanley Dorsey et al. to John H. Dorsey and wife, convey 1 acre, for \$800.

Martha V. Barnes and husband to George W. Albaugh, convey 156 acres, 2 roads and 30 perches, for \$5.

Geo. W. Albaugh and wife to Martha V. Barnes and husband, convey 61 acres, 3 roads and 34 perches, for \$10.

Frank Brown to Frank B. Beasman, convey 51 3-4 acres, for \$5.

Frank Brown to Johnnie E. Beasman, convey 41 acres, for \$2000.

Hampstead Garage Company to Newton S. Watts, convey 5700 square feet, for \$1999.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, December 6.—The last will and testament of Geo. W. Pickett, late of Carroll county, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted to Somerville Condon, who received order to notify creditors.

The last will and testament of John W. Murray, late of Carroll county, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted to Sarah E. Houck and Laura M. Kelbaugh, who received order to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Mary Fair, executrix of Daniel H. Fair, deceased, returned list of debts due and settled her first and final account.

Abram T. Cronk, administrator of Caroline Hinkle, deceased, settled his first and final account.

The Birnie Trust Company, Guardian of Charles F. Swigart, settled his first and final account.

Tuesday, December 7.—The last will and testament of Samuel Weybright, late of Carroll county, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted to Jesse P. Weybright, who received order to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Letters of administration on the estate of Anna B. Baker, deceased, were granted to John A. C. Baker, who received order to notify creditors.

The Westminster Deposit & Trust Company, Guardian of Estelle A. Haines, now Mrs. Weller, settled his first and final account.

School Commissioners.

A regular meeting of the board of School Commissioners of Carroll county was held on Monday, December 6, all the members being present. The meeting was called to order by the president at 10 a. m.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting the regular order of business was taken up.

Prof. Wilbur L. Kooztz, principal of the Westminster school, came before the board with a proposition for the establishment of a high school at that place. The Board was unanimous in endorsing this movement, and assured Mr. Kooztz of their co-operation in carrying out his plans.

Progress in the work on the Mt. Airy school building was reported unsatisfactory, and the county superintendent was requested to write to the contractors informing them that they will be expected to have the building completed in the time specified in the contract.

Mr. J. Francis Reese was appointed instructor in the Commercial Department of the Westminster High School to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Ross J. Blocher.

After passing a number of bills the Board adjourned at 12.30 p. m.

County Commissioners.

The board met on Monday and Tuesday of this week with a full attendance and transacted the following business:

Appointed Charles E. Fink, Esq., as counsel for one year.

Dr. Henry M. Fitzhugh was made physician to the jail, and Dr. Eugene Sullivan the County Home, for one year each.

Mr. Joseph A. Waeschke, this city, was sent to Springfield State Hospital, Sykesville, Monday for treatment at the expense of the county.

FORD TRACTOR MAY MAKE 8 HR. DAY FOR FARMER

Work of Farmer and Wife May Soon Be One Grand, Sweet Song.

"An eight-hour or even six-hour day for the farmer!"

That's what Henry Ford is figuring on.

With his son, Edsel, under the firm name of Henry Ford & Son, the auto maker is about to make a farm tractor that will lighten the load of Mr. and Mrs. Farmer and do away with the one great difficulty that has made all back-to-the-farm movements die in infancy.

Here are some of the things it is claimed Ford's tractor will do:

Pull the farmer's plow, giving Dobbin a long rest.

Operate the threshing machine, so the farmer won't have to depend on the "lime-honored" threshing gang.

Run the water for his barn and house.

Turn the housewife's churn.

Turn the washing machine.

Stack the hay and straw.

Pile the sacks in the granary.

Shred the corn.

Drive the harvesters and mowing machines.

Tote the produce to market.

Carry the family to the little cross-roads on Sunday.

In fact there's very little the tractor won't do—they say Ford even tried to teach it to milk a cow.

With this machine, Ford figures labor on the farm will be cut in half, and the other city men who would like to become farmers can do so without fear of the heavy manual labor that now keeps them in the offices.

There will be no corporation to make the tractor—each workman will share in the profits. Ford plans to have each workman spend only four months in the factory—the other eight on the farm. In this way his expert mechanics will get next to improvements that may be needed in the tractor from time to time.

Profits will be distributed among not only the men, but also the farmers who buy the machines.

While work will be started almost immediately on producing the machines, they will not be placed on the market for nearly a year. They will be used on Ford's Dearborn estate, where he has an immense experimental farm. The first tractor given to the world will be sent to Luther Burbank, famous California plant specialist.

To show how important this tractor is going to be when Ford finally gets it on the market, here are a few figures that may interest you:

There are on American farms 25,411,000 horses.

Of these 20,328,800 are estimated to be worth \$199,921,500.

Each horse develops about seven-eighths of a horse-power.

The value of the work horses and harness is \$3,045,855,000.

That's \$214.05 per horsepower.

Suppose Ford's tractor costs \$150 per horsepower.

That would save \$199,921,500.

Well, Ford thinks his tractor will cost a whole lot less than that.

GERMAN GENERALS CAPTURED

Germany Will Listen to Peace Proposals if Reasonable.

The entire staff of the Eighty-second German Army Division, including two generals, was captured by Russian mounted scouts and brought as prisoners to the Russian lines as the result of a daring night raid.

A British submarine torpedoed and sank a Turkish torpedo-boat destroyer on the Sea of Marmora.

The extreme southeastern neck of Serbian territory, lying between the Greek and Bulgarian frontiers, where the British and French forces have their lines, is the scene of violent fighting. The British, near Doiran, which is almost on the Greek border, have twice been compelled to withdraw from their positions by the Bulgarian's violent bombardments and infantry attacks.

It is announced by Lloyds, in London, that the American oil steamer communitaw did not sail from Alexandria, Egypt, until Wednesday. This seems to dispose of the reports that she had been sunk by a submarine which were received on Tuesday.

Germany will listen to peace proposals if they are such as she considers reasonable, but will not herself propose peace.

The Austro-German forces employed in the Serbian campaign are estimated at 20 divisions (240,000 men). Five of the divisions are said to be Austrian. The number of Serbian troops retiring into Albania was 220,000.

WEDDINGS

George—Corbin.

Miss Bessie Corbin, of Baltimore, daughter of Mrs. William Corbin, East Main street, were married at the parsonage of Hampden Methodist Protestant Church Tuesday afternoon by Rev. E. D. Stone, pastor of the church. The bride wore a blue traveling suit and carried a shower bouquet of roses. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. George left for Philadelphia, Atlantic City, New York and other northern points. They will reside at 3514 Chestnut avenue, Baltimore.

Ohler—Cluts.

Miss Emma S. Cluts and Raymond J. Ohler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Ohler, of Taneytown, were married yesterday at noon at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cluts, near Taneytown, by Rev. L. B. Hafer, pastor of the Lutheran church, Taneytown. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Grier Keiholtz. Only members of the immediate families were present. They will reside with the bride's parents, near Taneytown.

Blizzard in Allegany.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 9.—The first real snowfall of the season occurred here today.

Frederickburg the snow has reached a depth of about four inches and a small blizzard is prevailing. The wind is causing the snow to drift.

ELECT DIRECTORS.

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CARROLL COUNTY HOLD ANNUAL MEETING—BANQUET AT WESTMINSTER HOTEL.

Since January 1, 1915, when the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Carroll County adopted a new system of insurance nearly 50 per cent. increase in its business was shown by the statement read by their efficient secretary and treasurer, C. Gloyd Lynch, at its annual meeting held at its office on Monday morning.

After their regular routine of work the election of officers was held, which resulted as follows: E. E. Reinhold, Dr. J. J. Weaver, Louis E. Shriver, Elias O. Grimes, Dr. Charles Billingslea, John N. Weaver, Fenley L. Hering, Denton S. Gehr, Dr. J. H. Billingslea and Harry R. De Vries, as being elected directors.

The officers are Dr. J. J. Weaver, Jr., President, Elias O. Grimes, vice-president; C. Gloyd Lynch, secretary and treasurer; E. Oliver Grimes, Jr., counsel.

After the meeting the officers and directors went to the Westminster Hotel where a grand menu, which this hostelry is famous for was served and enjoyed.

Carroll County W. C. T. U. Meet.

The Executive body of the Carroll County W. C. T. U. met at Temperance Headquarters, Times Building, this city, promptly at 10 o'clock, Friday, December 3rd. The County President, Mrs. Philena Fenby, of Finksburg, was present and presided over the sessions. Miss Margaret J. Bilz, of Spring Lake, Michigan, National Lecturer and Organizer, for the W. C. T. U. was present and conducted the devotional. Miss Bilz's lesson was a most beautiful and impressive one, from Christ's own words, "I go to prepare a place for you. Miss Bilz said for many years, at the temple the eternal home for the indwelling of the souls of those present, had been in preparation. After the lesson, Miss Bilz accompanied by Mrs. William R. McDaniel, visited the High School, and as had been previously arranged for, spoke to the pupils in the grammar and high school grades upon the evil effects of tobacco and alcohol on the mind and body of the youth. Miss Bilz spoke in very complimentary terms of the High School, and said Carroll county was to be congratulated for having a man like Prof. C. H. Kolb, with such high standard of morals, and who led such an exemplary life, as the Principal of the High School. She urged the mothers to give the school and its teachers, their cooperation and encouragement, and to petition the State Legislature for a better law against the sale of tobacco and cigarettes, for the State of Maryland. Many lines of work were discussed at the morning session of the Executive, and plans for the year were made. The Secretary was absent. Mrs. J. C. Wailes was appointed to her place. Ladies were present from Union Bridge, Sykesville, Finksburg, Statewood, Sandyville and Patawissa. At 12.30 the Executive rose for the noon hour, to meet at an institute at 1.30 p. m. Miss Bilz again conducted the devotional, basing her lesson upon the Crusade psalm. The institute work was then taken up, a parliamentary drill conducted, and instructions given out to the ladies until 4.30 p. m. The meeting was a most helpful one in many ways, and the members of the different Unions, left for their work with renewed determination to have Maryland dry territory in 1916. Through the courtesy of Dr. Forlines, and Mr. Augustus Shriver, Scout Masters, the Scout room was used when the attendance became too large for the headquarters room. At 5.30 p. m. Miss Bilz was sent by automobile to Manchester, where she delivered an address in the Lutheran Church at 7.30 in the evening.

Please Remember Our County Poor at Christmas.

With only three weeks remaining until Christmas, I am again appealing to the good people of Carroll county for aid in carrying some of the brightness and happiness of the season to our aged and afflicted friends, the inmates of the County Home.

So generous in former years, that I feel this should not be called an appeal, but simply a reminder, that the time has come again, when we can give at least one bright and happy day to these aged wards of the County, and I feel confident the responses will come just as freely, promptly and liberally as in former years. As the time is so short, I want to ask all who will help, to please send their contributions as early as possible, as it takes time and thought to provide the little gifts which will bring pleasure and comfort to them. I sincerely wish that all who help to make this annual festival a success, could be present and enjoy it with us. The pleasure and appreciation of the old people fully repays all the care and thought expended upon it, and I will gladly notify any of the contributors of the day and hour upon which it is held if requested to do so. A few of those who were present last year, have gone to their rest, but others have taken their places, and they are looking forward to the Christmas joy which we hope to carry to them. Please send all contributions care of MISS MARY BOSTWICK SHELLMAN, 206 East Main Street, Westminster, Md.

DEATHS.

Leffert.

John Leffert, one of the best known cigar manufacturers in this county, died yesterday morning at 11.30 o'clock from a complication of diseases aged 69 years. Mr. Leffert had been ill for over a year, but was able to be around his place of business up till about two weeks ago, when he was moved to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Denton Warehime, near this city, where he became dangerously ill and died.

He conducted a successful cigar factory for the past 25 years on East Main street. In connection with the factory he ran a prosperous cigar store and cafe business.

He was connected with a number of fraternal orders, being a charter member of the Eagle and Moose Orders; also a Knights of Pythias and Royal Arcanum.

Besides his widow he is survived by the following children: William E. Leffert, Shelby, Ohio; John Leffert, Hering, Denton S. Gehr, Dr. J. H. Billingslea and Harry R. De Vries, all of this city, and Mrs. Roy Stout, of Baltimore.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 9 a. m., in St. John's Catholic Church, conducted by Rev. J. C. Mallon. Interment in the Westminster cemetery. The pallbearers will be Harry C. Hesson and Harry C. Fogle, representing the Lodge of Eagles; David E. Walsh and Lewis Sellman, representing the Moose; John E. Saylor and Walter H. Davis, representing the Knights of Pythias; William Swinn and Frank T. Shaefler. F. C. Sharrer, funeral director.

Miller.

Edgar B. Miller, second son of Rev. Dr. P. H. Miller, pastor of Concordia Church, West Franklin street, Baltimore, died at the home of his sister, in Govans, Baltimore county, on Monday last. The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, interment being in Lorraine Cemetery, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Miller was taken ill with tuberculosis in Los Angeles, California, some months ago, and went to a sanatorium in Globe, Arizona, with no apparent relief, when appendicitis developed.

His father went to Globe a few weeks ago and brought his son to Baltimore, a very ill man, who he gradually grew weaker until the end.

Edgar, as we all called him here, where he grew to manhood, was 38 years of age, and has many friends in Westminster and vicinity who deplore his early death.

His father was pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Carroll street, for 22 years. The family has the sympathy of a host of friends in their sad bereavement.

Feeser.

Following a several weeks' confinement to her bed, resulting from a fall in which she broke her leg, Mrs. Sarah A. Feeser died Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Horatio Blah, of near Blah's school-house. She was aged 82 years, 11 months and 4 days.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Blah with whom she made her home, Mrs. Emory Utz, of near St. Bartholomew's Church, and Mrs. Powell, of near Pleasant Valley, and four sons, Charles, of near Locust Hill; Herbert, of near Blah's school-house; Edward and Elbert, of Deep Run, Md.

The funeral was held at the Blah home at nine o'clock today, with further services at the Lutheran Church, Silver Run. Rev. George E. Sheffer, pastor of the West Manheim Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment will be made in the adjoining cemetery.—From Locust Hill Correspondent.

Spencer.

James W. Spencer, a farmer, of near Statewood, died at his home yesterday morning, at 8 a. m., aged 63 years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Amanda E. Spencer, four sons and one daughter, John E. Spencer, of Statewood; Rev. Harry Spencer, of Winchester, Va.; Howard, of Baltimore; Albert Spencer, of Statewood, and Miss Millie Spencer, at home.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon meeting at the house at 1 p. m., with further services in Mt. Pleasant Methodist Episcopal church, of which the deceased was a member. Rev. J. R. Pardee, officiating. Interment in the adjoining cemetery. The pallbearers will be George B. Knox, Obediah Buckingham, George A. Barnes, William N. Shauk, Howard S. Zepf, and Maurice Stockdale. F. C. Sharrer, funeral director.

Mullinix.

Mrs. Rachel L. Mullinix, wife of Francis E. Mullinix, of near Mt. Airy, died at her home December about 11 p. m. She was aged 66 years, eight months and two days. Besides her husband the following children survive: Clarence G., of Baltimore; Clifford A., of Ridgeville; Samuel E., of Long Corner, and Elmer S., at home.

The funeral took place on Saturday morning with services at the Mt. Olive M. E. church, and interment in the cemetery adjoining. Services were conducted by Rev. Strawsburg, of the Methodist Protestant church, of which the deceased was a member, assisted by Rev. T. M. Dickey, pastor of the Mt. Olive church.

The pallbearers were James, Webster, Addison, Sandy, Edward and Francis E. Mullinix, of C. nephews of the husband of the deceased.

Eisnogle.

Samuel Eisnogle, contractor and builder, and well known in the vicinity of Lewistown, died on Sunday morning at one o'clock, at Sabillasville, aged 61 years. He was a son of Michael and Elizabeth Eisnogle. He is survived by a son, Paul Eisnogle; daughter, Mrs. Ruth Yeager, both residing in Baltimore. Two brothers, James Eisnogle, of near Thurmont, and Jacob Eisnogle, of this city, also survive. The funeral took place Tuesday at 12 o'clock.

ILL MAN JUMPS OUT WINDOW.

JAMES H. GUE NOW IN SERIOUS CONDITION FROM SHOCK.

Getting out of his bed unknown to the occupants of the house, and while delirious, James H. Gue, aged about 78 years, of near Mt. Airy, walked to the second story window of the house and jumped to the ground about twenty feet below. As a result he is now in a precarious condition and it is feared that the shock may result fatally.

Mr. Gue has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Sandy Mullinix, and has been in rather bad health for the past four or five weeks, although he has not been confined to the bed all of the time.

It was six o'clock December 2, and about ten minutes after he had been left in the room alone, when Mr. Gue, delirious, got up from his bed, hurriedly dressed, walked to the window and jumped out.

Persons in the house who were in the room directly beneath Mr. Gue's, heard the noise and ran to investigate. They found the aged man lying in a heap by the side of the house.

Compulsory School Attendance.

A pamphlet has been issued by the Maryland State Federation of Women's Clubs entitled "What Shall the Women Do About Compulsory School Attendance?" It states as follows: The General Assembly of 1914 adjourned without enacting a state-wide compulsory school attendance law. The law of 1912 requires school attendance in Baltimore City, makes it optional in 17 counties, and specifically exempts six counties from its operation. This condition of affairs raises several fundamental questions in the light of a number of facts which are to be found in the reports of the United States Census and of the Maryland State Board of Education.

"Under the law of 1912 nine counties are making an effort to secure a larger attendance of children—Baltimore, Caroline, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Montgomery, Prince George, Queen Anne and Talbot. Reports from these counties show a slight increase in enrollment and a high increase in average attendance for the months when the law is enforced.

"In the remaining eight counties there is practically no enforcement of the law—Allegany, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Calvert, Garrett, Washington and Wicomico."

Last year the State of Maryland apportioned a school tax of about \$2.94 per child on the enumeration of 252,081 children in our counties.

Of these, 159,786 was a total number of different pupils in our county schools.

Of these, 146,714 were enrolled on January 1st, 1915.

Of these, 105,003 was the average number in attendance in the year 1914-15.

What has become of the 54,783 children whose names had gotten on the registers of the schools in our counties?

Lovell.

Mrs. Martha E. Lovell, wife of E. E. Lovell, died at her home near Dennings, Monday evening, aged 62 years, 10 months and 8 days. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mollie Zile and Miss Elsie Lovell; six sons, John, Walter, Mark, Clyde, Ray and Earl Lovell, and one brother, O. A. Haines, of Silver Run.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in St. James Methodist Episcopal church, South, Rev. Dr. Rood, officiating. Interment in the adjoining cemetery. The pallbearers were John Brown, William Eckard, Earl Warner, Preston Duvall, Edward Byers and Harvey Lambert. C. O. Fuss & Son, funeral directors.

Wright.

Miss Mary Catherine Wright, aged 82 years, 10 months and 7 days, died Saturday evening, at her home near Weldon. She is survived by one sister, Hannah S. Chadwick.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m., in Bethel Methodist Episcopal church, near Sam's Creek. Rev. J. T. Marsh officiating. Interment in the adjoining cemetery. The pallbearers were C. J. Nicodemus, Emory Eckard, Nathan Haines, and George Fox. C. O. Fuss & Son, funeral directors.

Ohler.

Harry E. Ohler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ohler, near Taneytown, died at the home of his parents, Wednesday morning, of typhoid fever, aged 19 years, 4 months and 5 days. Mr. Ohler was the popular teacher at Pine Hill school near Taneytown for several years and was vice president of the P. O. S. of A. He is survived by his parents and two brothers, Ellis and Clarence Ohler.

Funeral services were held this morning in the Lutheran church, Rev. L. B. Hafer, officiating. Interment in the adjoining cemetery. The pallbearers, taken from the P. O. S. of A., were Allen Bollinger, Paul Fair, S. Bankard, Roy Phillips, David E. Crabbs and Lloyd Ridinger. C. O. Fuss & Son, funeral directors.

Heintzman.

George F. Heintzman, of Boring, died Wednesday at his home. He was 50 years old and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary N. Heintzman, and several children. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning from St. Paul's Church, Arcadia.

Marriage Licenses.

Luther S. Hess and Carrie B. Bowers, both of Littlestown, Pa., John J. Baker and Helen E. Bishop, both of Taneytown.

Earl R. Bowers and Mary P. Humbert, both of Taneytown.

Raymond J. Ohler and Emma S. Cluts, both of Taneytown.

Harry Meeter Crouch and Edna Sophie Louise Fischer, both of Baltimore.

PERSONALS

Miss Bertha Henry, Liberty street, spent the week's end in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Magin spent the week's end in Baltimore visiting friends.

Miss Hilda Devilbiss, Jessie and Erna Shaw, this city, spent Monday in Hanover, Pa.

Mr. Edward Lantz, East Main street, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bowers, Hanover, Pa.

Miss Carrie M. Niner, of Bird Hill, is visiting relatives and friends in Baltimore and vicinity.

Miss Marjorie Yingling, Pennsylvania avenue, is visiting relatives and friends in Baltimore.

Misses Mary and Elizabeth Reaver, East Main street, spent the first part of this week in Baltimore.

Miss Derma Yeiser, Pennsylvania avenue, spent yesterday with Miss Pauline Smeak, Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Charles B. Stoner and Mr. Carol Greiner, Hanover, Pa., were in this city yesterday on business.

Misses Grace Elgin, Louise Lippy and Charlotte Zepp, Pennsylvania