

COURT HOUSE NEWS

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE, ORPHANS COURT, MARRIAGE LICENSES, ETC.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Harry O. Farver and wife to Mary Hooper, lot for \$575.
Joseph W. Smith and others to William U. Lease and wife, lot, for \$10.
Frank R. Edwards and wife to Geo. Elton Hall and wife, lot, for \$10.
Jacob Farver and wife to E. Mayo Farver, 16 acres, for \$10.
Harry C. Frick and wife to Frank A. Frick and wife, 67 square perches, for \$200.
Frank and John J. Nicholes to Eugene R. Phillips, 16 acres, for \$5.
Theodore Hively and wife to Willie C. Reed and wife, lot, for \$350.
Sevin E. Fogle and wife to Ezra M. Sensenev, lot, for \$5.
Sevin E. Fogle and wife to E. M. Sensenev and wife, lot in Union Bridge, for \$500.
George D. Bankert and E. O. West, trustees, to John W. Reaver and wife, lot, for \$50.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Randall G. Spoerlein, Accident, and Anna P. Snader, New Windsor.
Milton S. Fulda and Marie Delbrook, both of Baltimore.
Alfred M. Zollicoffer and Ruth Anna Koons, both of Carroll County.
Mordecai J. Selby, New Windsor, and Rae Wagner, Westminster.
Leroy Eugene Fickett, Taylorville, and Sophronia E. Hood, Woodbine.
Bargues Frizzell and Ella G. Green, both of Gamber.
Clarence R. Hiltzbrich and Mamie J. Swagler, both of Baltimore.
Ralph Wildasin and Grace Smith, Manchester.
George R. Spangler, Littlestown, Pa., and Ethel V. Study, Silver Run.

ORPHANS COURT

Monday, December 19th.—The last will and testament of George A. Barnes, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted unto Georgianna Barnes, who received order of Court to appraise and order to notify creditors.
Emma S. and Samuel E. Harnish, administrators of Samuel A. Harnish, deceased, settled their first and final account.
Mary E. and John H. Elgin, executors of Jacob F. Elgin, deceased, returned inventory of personal property and received order of court to sell bonds.
Florence F. Myerly, Ida B. Brown, Thomas S. Jones and Carrie E. Rantoul, administrators of Angelina Jones, deceased, settled their first and final account.
Tuesday, December 20th.—George W. Arrington, administrator of Caroline Arrington, deceased, returned inventory of personal property, debts due and current money.
The Court adjourned to meet on Tuesday, December 27th, and Wednesday, December 28th.

STATEWOOD

Mount Pleasant Methodist Episcopal church will hold its Xmas entertainment Wednesday evening, December 28.
Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Frizell, who were married at the home of the bride, near here, on Tuesday past.
Mr. and Mrs. Jink Griffie, who are boarding in Baltimore for the winter months are receiving congratulations on the birth of a fine baby boy.
Mrs. Georgianna Barnes has the sympathy of her many friends here and vicinity on the loss of her husband, Alfred Barnes, who was buried on Saturday past.
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene LaMotte and daughter, Charlotte, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Shipley and family.
Gertrude B. Benson spent Saturday and Sunday with Maude E. Shauk in Baltimore.
Mr. and Mrs. James Wheatley, Jr., of Baltimore, and Mr. Lauterbach, of Harrisonville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Monroe on Sunday past.
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Democratic Advocate.

INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mr. Truman Hook, two sisters and friend of near this city, were painfully injured early this morning on Falls Hill when Stephen Suwalski ran into them with a large touring car. The injured were taken to Reisterstown for medical aid and later brought to their home.
Suwalski and companion H. M. Myers, both of Baltimore, were brought here and locked up in jail for a hearing before Justice Walsh this morning. It is said that Suwalski was intoxicated. Mr. Hook was coming to his home from Baltimore and was across the Falls in Carroll county when the cars came together. Both cars are badly damaged.

MILLER

George Parsons Miller, of Lantz, Md., died at the residence of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gorsuch Duncan, East Green street, this city, Sunday, December 17, aged 53 years. He was survived by his widow, funeral services were held at Mount Olivet Church, Frederick, Tuesday, and interment made in Mount Olivet cemetery. F. A. Sharrer & Son, funeral directors.

METTS ACQUITTED

OF MURDER

RAILROAD DETECTIVE CLEARED ON THE CHARGE OF KILLING DOFFLEMYER, OF LURAY, VA.

Jerry H. Metts, Baldwin-Felts railroad detective, was acquitted Tuesday afternoon when tried before our Court, on a charge of killing on October 11 William Dofflemeyer, a Luray (Va.) youth who was shot to death in the yards of the Norfolk and Western Railroad near Hagerstown.
Judges Moss and Forsythe, who sat without a jury, brought in the verdict within a few minutes after both sides had submitted their cases without argument. The trial began at 10 o'clock this morning and was conducted as expeditiously as possible.
The case was removed here for trial after a demonstration at a sitting of the coroner's jury at Hagerstown. Several detectives were scattered through the crowd of 250 persons who attended the trial, but there were no signs of disorder. Judge Moss before giving the verdict, warned against any demonstration in connection with it.
In rendering the decision Judge Moss called attention to the hazards connected with police work and said that a certain amount of discretion must be allowed to the officer as to when his own life is endangered by those whom he seeks to arrest. While expressing regret for the tragedy, he said he could not feel that there must have been something more behind the occurrence than had been told by the companions of young Dofflemeyer, otherwise, he said, they certainly would have gone to some of the many friends they said they had in Hagerstown and told them of the shooting.
The State's case received a body blow when William H. Schaener, a flagman, called by the prosecution, testified that Metts had told him he had seen three men lurking in the yard and would signal to him to stop the outgoing freight train in the event that the trespassers tried to board it. The victims' companions, had previously testified that they had not left their place of concealment in the field near by until the train had started to pull out of the yard. The youths testified that they had left Luray to go to the Hagerstown Fair, admitting that he had stolen a ride on a freight car to do so and had planned to return the same way. They said they had waited in the corral awaiting the departure of a southbound freight. Not until the freight was under way, they said, had they gone on the railroad right of way.
Metts testified that he had seen the youths walking around a line of freight cars loaded with merchandise and had watched them for some time to see if they intended trying to open any of the cars. He said he then arranged his signal with the flagman and as the freight pulled out boarded it, believing the youths were trying to do the same. When the car on which he was riding came opposite the trio Metts said he jumped off and asked them what they were doing.
Metts asserted, however, that when he accosted the boys they did not answer him, but one of them aimed a blow at him which he dodged. This was followed, he said, with an oath and an admonition by one of the youths to kill him before he could get his gun. A shot followed, he said, which wounded Metts in the left hand, whereupon, he said, he drew his own weapon and fired, though he was not able to aim because one of the group had seized his wrist.
Testimony was adduced to prove that Dofflemeyer could have run from the scene of the alleged scuffle to the point where he dropped despite the fact that he had a bullet through his heart.
The youths also admitted having been secretive as to the entire occurrence until they had reached home, stating they feared arrest. They denied, however, that any of the trio had a pistol.
It was brought out that Metts was formerly employed as a raiding agent by the Federal Government and during his service had been wounded a number of times. He admitted that he was under indictment at present in Virginia for having given away liquor which had been taken by the Government.
Hiram Dofflemeyer, father of the victim of the shooting, broke down twice, sobbing loudly as the court viewed the clothes the youth had worn when shot.
The defense was represented by Henry S. Keady, of Hagerstown; F. Neal Parke, of Westminster; and William F. Keyser, of Luray, Va.; State Attorney D. Angle Wolfinger of Washington county and Theodore Brown, of Carroll county, conducted the prosecution.

SOME HOG—720 POUNDS

On December 14, a butchering took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Freyman, near Ogg Summit, when they butchered three hogs that weighed 380, 395 and 720 pounds. Those present and helped were Dennis Green, Ernest Wolf, Joshua Woolery, Clayton Starnes, Clayton Reck, Harry Arnold, John Wolf, Tivis Buckingham, William Hoffman and son, William. Clarence and Wilbur Freyman. All had a good time guessing on the big hog.

Additional Briefs

Mr. Joseph W. Smith, East Main street, is seriously ill at his home.
Mrs. Paul Shaeffer, of Washington is a guest at her parents, Bond street.
Klee & Hoff, this city, presented us with one of their new calendars for the New Year.
Miss Charlotte Myers is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Myers, over the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strevige, of Snydersburg, are smiling over the arrival of a young daughter.
Miss Marjorie Green, of Frederick, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Green, near Gamber.
Mr. Arthur Walsh, of Richmond, Va., is visiting relatives in this city and county during the Christmas holidays.
The Church of God Sunday school will render their Xmas program on Monday evening, December 26. All welcome.

Mr. Wilford Copenhaver, a teacher of Yale University, is a guest of his parents, Pennsylvania avenue, over the holidays.
Misses Grace Lippy and Helen Reese, students of Wilson College, are at their homes where they will spend their holidays.
Mrs. J. D. Crowl, Center street, was called to the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. John Sumner, of Baltimore, who is desperately ill.
Mr. and Mrs. Carol Twigg and family, of Charleston, W. Va., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dentor S. Gehr, Bond street.
Mr. Geo. Zentgraf, of Baltimore, called on friends in this city Tuesday. Mr. Zentgraf is recovering from a light attack of pneumonia.

Miss Pauline Frizzell, of New York, is spending a short time with relatives in this county. She will go to Florida after leaving here.
St. John's Basketball team will play the St. Martin's Shamrocks, of Baltimore, on Thursday, December 29, at 8 p. m. in the Armory.

St. Benjamin's Reformed Sunday school will hold its Christmas service on Monday evening, December 26, at 7.30. Everybody welcome.
A large number of people attended the Christmas cantata held at the Opera House last night, which was given by the Westminster High School, and Mr. Paul Reese offered some practical plans.

Speaking of the meeting The Charleston Gazette, of Sunday, December 18, among other things, said: "The location of the state capitol was discussed and Paul Reese, a local architect, offered some practical plans for the use of the proposed site on the banks of the Kanawha and Elk rivers. He had prepared in advance estimates of the cost of filling the low lands lying between Goshorn and Brown streets and the two rivers, with sand from the river bottom. The figures showed the fill could be made for \$100,000. The estimate did not include the retaining wall Mr. Roberts, employe of the government as a river expert, was a visitor at the meeting."

Miss Virginia Trayer, of Randolph Macon College returned home last night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Trayer, West Main street.
Mrs. Charles Reifsnider, of Baltimore, will give a bridge party at her home, 15 West Preston street, on December 29 for her daughter, Miss Jane Carew Reifsnider.

Rev. George W. Dame, D. D., rector, Ascension Episcopal church, Christmas services 7.30 a. m. Celebration holy communion, 10.30 service, sermon and holy communion.
Miss Dorothy Rainey returned home Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Rainey, East Green street. Miss Dorothy is a student of Southern Seminary, Buena Vista.

The mail carriers are loaded down, making several trips over their routes instead of one. The parcel post delivery is bigger than ever. This morning the fast mail unloaded two large truck loads of mail for this office.

After reading that Mrs. Harry Chapman, 705 Light street, Baltimore, was considering the adoption of a baby boy as a Christmas gift to herself and husband, Mrs. Nellie Bassler, 3643 Maple avenue, offered her son, John, 3 years old.

Misses Gladys Starnes and Eva Harden, of California, are guests in this city. Miss Starnes is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Starnes, and Miss Harden is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Scott Stonaker, Pennsylvania avenue.

The Sunday school of Bachman's Lutheran Church, Bachman's Mills, will hold their annual Christmas entertainment on the evening of Tuesday, December 7, beginning at 7.30 o'clock. In case of inclement weather it will be held on Sunday evening, January 1, 1922.

The second dance of the Cotillion Club of Westminster will be held Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock in the Armory. Patronesses will be Mesdames James Pearce Wantz, Wm. H. Thomas, Carroll Albaugh, John L. Reifsnider, Jr., Fred D. Miller, D. Luther Bare, Henry M. Fitzhugh, John H. Cunningham and James F. Briscoe.

Henry Watterson, one of the country's best known journalists and former owner and publisher of the Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal, died at Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday morning. Colonel Watterson's death was unexpected, though it had been known for some days that he was ill. The veteran publisher had been there for several weeks, as was his custom on his annual trips to Florida. His wife, son and daughter were at his bedside when he died.

BIG DAMAGE BY WIND

OFFICE AND COOPER SHOP OF ENGLER & SPONSORER UNROOFED—BIG CHICKEN HOUSE OF DOHNEA NYGREN WRECKED—EDWARD STONER'S PORCH BLOWN DOWN.

Considerable damage resulted from the heavy windstorm early Sunday morning which swept over this city, unroofing houses, blowing down electric light poles, etc.
On Liberty street the large porch of Edward Stoner was a total wreck, most of the casing being carried to Green street. The house roof also suffered. The loss is placed at \$200.
The roof of the office and cooper shop of Engler & Sponsorer was unroofed.
The roof on Koontz's creamery has been raised six inches on the corner of Green and Liberty streets.
J. L. O'Farrell's slate roof was damaged by a large tile chimney being blown over.
A large chicken house on the property of Dohnea Nygren, George street, was wrecked. It was virtually lifted from the foundation and strewn over the lot.
A chicken house on the Myers farm, on the Spring Mills road, was lifted up and set in his barn yard, but in pieces. The henery was built on the West side of the barn.
Our electric system was put out of commission by a pole on Center street falling over and by a flag pole at St. John's Church blowing down, taking some wires along with it.
Many window panes were smashed and other damage to trees, fences, etc., were reported.

PAUL REESE DOING WELL IN CHARLESTON, W. VA.
Mr. Paul Reese, formerly of this city is doing well as an architect in Charleston, W. Va. Some while ago the state capitol building located at Charleston burned to the ground and the citizens of the state are now engaged in laying plans for the erection of a new building to cost seven million dollars. Recently the West Side Building, of Charleston, W. Va., held a meeting to discuss the matter of the erection of the state building on that side of Charleston and Mr. Paul Reese offered some practical plans.

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AUTO DEFIES TWO TRAINS
Sunbury, Pa., Dec. 18.—An automobile of small but popular make, on peaceful pursuits, survived an attack by two powerful locomotives here today and went merrily on his way. Two trains, one from Philadelphia and one from Harrisburg, were on the tracks and Mrs. H. F. Bowersox, of Middleburg, who were in the car, escaped death miraculously when the automobile was struck by one train at a grade crossing, thrown over on another track and hammered by a train going in opposite direction, being pushed along the tracks and finally off to the side in the street by the pilot.

Out of harm's way, the little car righted itself, drew up along the side of the curb and there it was found that the woman only had a slight cut on her face and the man was uninjured. The car continued under its own power.

THREE LIVES ARE TAKEN BY STORM
Pittsburgh, Dec. 18.—Three persons killed on highway and damage totaling thousands of dollars was done by the wind and rain storm that hit the Pittsburgh district shortly before midnight and continued most of the night. Two automobile accidents resulting in the death of three persons and the injury of another, and other accidents attributed to the gale occurred within the city limits and nearby boroughes. Plate glass windows of downtown stores were smashed, sign boards were blown over, electric wires were torn loose, telegraph poles were snapped off and streets were strewn with wreckage from minor accidents.

SALEM LUTHERAN
Rev. J. F. D. Bowersox, pastor, St. Rev. James—Preaching at 10 a. m. Theme, "If I Had Not Come." There will be a Cantata rendered by the school on Wednesday evening at 7.30.
St. John's—Christmas entertainment at 7.30 p. m. All welcome.

Three women were dead and 34 persons more or less seriously injured were in hospitals at Columbus, O., Wednesday, the result of an explosion of natural gas which partially wrecked Wright's Women's Furnishing store. The force of the blast broke windows a block distant and tore up a portion of the street and sidewalk demolishing several automobiles parked nearby.

WOULD PUT ALL ROADS

IN STATE BOARD'S CARE

SENATOR HARRISON TO FILE BILLS ELIMINATING COUNTY CONTROL ENTIRELY.
State Senator Orlando Harrison, of Worcester county, will submit to the next Legislature a proposition in connection with the State roads system that is as revolutionary as was Governor Crothers' proposition for the establishment of the present highways. Moreover, he has been assured the backing of people from all parts of the State, and believes the Legislature will pass his measures.
These provide for taking the county roads absolutely out of politics, turning them over for construction and maintenance to the State Roads Commission and putting that body in control of every foot of public highways in the State. This will, if adopted, entirely eliminate the county roads engineers and the more or less makeshift roads organizations that are maintained by most of the counties.
The new plan also will cut out what is generally recognized as the biggest source of waste of the taxpayer's money, and will make serious inroads in the political organizations of most of the counties, for the ability of county political leaders to put men and carts at work on the roads, to do little besides draw their per diem charges, has been for many years one of the bulwarks of the county machines of whatever party that happens to be in control.
Senator Harrison, said yesterday that he expected a great deal of opposition from the politicians in the counties to his proposition, but he also expected the backing of the taxpayers generally and the taxpayers' organizations in all parts of the State. There are 13,110 miles of improved and unimproved roads in the counties outside the roads in the State roads system. Most of this county mileage is of unimproved or dirt roads. It is on these dirt roads that most of the county appropriation for roads maintenance is spent.

Will Introduce Two Bills
Senator Harrison's contention is that most of the money so spent is wasted, that the taxpayer gets no real benefit from it. He proposes to introduce two measures dealing with this situation. The first will be a resolution asking the various counties to send to the Senate a statement of the amount of money they have levied and expended for their roads each year for the last 10 years.

On receipt of this information the average annual amount expended for 10 years in each county will be fixed as that county's allotment and a bill will be offered requiring it to appropriate at least that much annually for roads. This money will be turned over to the State Roads Commission or to the State Treasurer subject to the Commission's take over all the roads in the county appropriating it.

State Board in Full Charge
The point is, however, that all the money raised by the counties for roads will, if his bill passes, be spent by the State Roads Commission and not by the counties direct. The dirt roads will be kept in repair and any surplus over the amount required for repair and maintenance will be expended in the building of hard roads.

In speaking of his proposition yesterday Senator Harrison said: "A large part of the money raised by taxation in the counties and spent for road work is wasted. More of it goes for the maintenance of political machines than goes for road improvement. My plan is to have the Roads Commission take over all the roads in the State and maintain them, the counties paying for this work about as much as they pay now, with perhaps a small percentage of annual increase."

"I believe the Roads Commission can keep even the dirt roads in much better shape than they are kept now and for less money, so there will be available each year a county fund for hard roads, which fund the State can supplement as it does now under the Lateral Roads Act."

Will Cut Out Overhead.
"I believe this plan will give us good roads all over the State. Even the dirt roads can be made into good roads with proper handling and management. The State Roads Commission has the equipment, it has the organization and it has the ability to do this work better than any other agency in the State."

"By having the commission do it each county will be relieved of the overhead of its own organization, waste will be cut out, and I believe we will get better results for our money than we get now. I expect considerable opposition from political managers, but the day of the political machine, maintained by keeping a lot of hangers-on drawing money from the roads funds and doing little or no work, is passing."

"The women of the State are demanding the improvement of their roads. Many of them are now driving automobiles and they have to go about more than they used to. The contract between the State roads and their own county highways is constantly being broken, and they are demanding more roads for the money they pay in taxes. I know how it is in Worcester, and I have been told it is the same pretty nearly all over the State."

Would Do Better Work
"The Roads Commission is now maintaining about 1,500 miles of State road each year and is constantly building new roads. Its organization reaches into every county in the State. It could take over the maintenance of 13,000 miles of additional road, most of it dirt road, with very little additional trouble and with comparatively small increase in its organization, and I am confident that the roads work would be better done than it is at present."

"I shall introduce the measures necessary to put all the roads in the State under the commission's control and shall do the best I can to put them through the next Legislature. In this I have been assured of co-operation from all parts of the State."

The State Roads Commission has taken no position on this proposition. It holds that it is a matter for the Legislature to determine, but it is prepared to take charge of all the roads and do the work ordered by the Legislature.

MARRIED WHEN

UNCONSCIOUS

GEORGE W. OWINGS TO ANSWER NON-SUPPORT CHARGE—UNAWARE OF HIS WEDDING—THE BRIDE, MISS BLUM, DENIES MR. OWINGS' CHARGES
At the present term of the Circuit Court for Carroll county George W. Owings, a hospital attendant, was indicted on a charge of non-support of his wife, Clara Blum Owings. He has not as yet been tried, but out of his indictment has come one of the most novel suits ever docketed in this State.
By his attorneys, Bond & Parke, Owings has filed in the Equity Court, a bill of complaint asking for annulment of the marriage. The bill alleges that, without Owings' knowledge or consent, Clara Helen Blum in person procured the marriage license from the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll county; that Owings at that time was visiting at the home of George A. Shipley, a retired farmer; near this city, that he was called in the night on July 25 last, by the brothers of Miss Blum and other persons, who demanded that he go with them to marry her; that he refused and tried to escape; that they seized him and struck him on the head with some metal implement rendering him unconscious; that he did not recover or realize what was going on until he found himself near midnight at Westminster in an automobile, and was informed that he had been married to Miss Blum; that afterwards he was informed that her brothers and other parties accompanying them had conveyed him and Miss Blum in two automobiles to Westminster, where Rev. R. N. Edwards, pastor of Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, performed the marriage ceremony; that he was then taken from Westminster toward Miss Blum's home, but on the way managed to escape; that he has never in any way ratified the marriage nor lived with Miss Blum as her husband.
Mrs. Owings, by her attorneys, Theodore F. Brown and Edward O. Wentz, has filed her answer denying all the allegations of the bill of complaint except as to the fact of the marriage. She declares that she procured the license at the request of Owings; that the marriage was entered into in accordance with an engagement existing for several months, that the marriage was the free and voluntary act of Owings, and that after the ceremony they went to her home, where they spent the night; that the next day her husband left home, promising to return on the following Wednesday, saying he was going to his work in Baltimore county; but that since that time he has refused to discharge his marital obligations, and has brought the suit for annulment for the purpose of evading them.

The county marriage license records show that Miss Blum did procure the license, giving the groom's age as 28 years and her own as 21. The clergyman who performed the ceremony says he noticed nothing of an unusual character attending the directors.

CRIB AND TREE AT ST. JOHN'S
Under the direction of the Sisters of Notre Dame, a very interesting program was presented by the pupils of St. John's School on Thursday afternoon for the entertainment of their parents and friends. The Christmas tableaux portrayed in a realistic way the scene of the first Christmas night when heaven and earth were brought together by the birth of the Son of God in the stable of Bethlehem. The joy brought to earth was witnessed in the happiness of the pupils as they received from the hands of Santa himself, their gifts and candies.

MIDNIGHT MASS
The most popular service of the year at St. John's church is the solemn Mass which begins a few minutes after twelve Christmas morning. Many non-Catholics like to attend on account of its unusual character. The choir boys will render the Christmas hymns and the senior choir have prepared an attractive program of music including a Credo by Gounod. The president of St. Charles' College, Catonsville, the Rev. C. D. Hogue will preach the sermon. At ten o'clock Christmas morning, the children's choir will sing the special hymns of the season.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, MANCHESTER.
Rev. C. G. Leatherman, pastor, December 25, 6 a. m. early service, 9.30 a. m. Bible school, 10.30 a. m. regular service. Topic, "The Birth of the King." 7.30 p. m. Christmas service by Sunday school, December 28. Cantata by choir, "The Adoration." Silver offering at the door. If weather is inclement it will be held Sunday night, January 1.

CANTATA AT CENTENARY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
A large chorus choir will render the beautiful cantata "The Light of the World," at Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, on Christmas, Sunday evening at 7.30. Interspersed with choice solos and duets. The cantata is a most inspiring production. Twenty-five voices will participate.

SALE REGISTER STARTS NEXT WEEK
Our spring sale register will begin in our next issue in December 30. All sale registers will be printed in the Advocate at the nominal fee of \$1.00 until the day of sale.

ABRETTED WITH COMMUNION CUP
Captain McGovern of the Detective Bureau, of Baltimore, was requested by State's Attorney Brown of Westminster, to try to locate the owner of a large silver communion cup found on Charles Williams, alias Charles Burns, who was arrested Wednesday morning.
The cup bore an inscription as follows: "In loving memory of Virginia McCurdy, 1852-1920, by the Mothers' Meeting, Be Thou Faithful Unto Death and I Will Give Thee a Crown of Life."
State's Attorney Brown is of the opinion that the cup is part of a large amount of silver probably stolen in Baltimore, as the negro claims Baltimore as his home and refuses to say where he obtained the cup.

DEATHS.
FISCEL.
Mrs. Matilda Fiscel died at her home, New Windsor, Sunday morning, December 19, aged 73 years and 13 days. She is survived by her husband, Ephraim Fiscel and one daughter, Miss Katherine Fiscel, at home. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock by Revs. Ness and Parrish. Interment in Pike Creek cemetery. The pallbearers were: Evan McKinstry, Thomas Balle, Jos. Stittley, Daniel Enslar, Samuel Hoff and Lewis Green. Harvey Bankard & Son, funeral directors.

SMITH
Mrs. Carrie B. Smith died at her home, near Taneytown, Wednesday, December 20. She is survived by her husband, Scott M. Smith and two sons, Roy and Walter, of near Taneytown; two brothers, Mr. George Clutz and Harry Clutz, both of Baltimore, and two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Adams, of Lancaster and Mrs. Harry Hiltzbrich, of Taneytown. Funeral services were held today at the Lutheran church, Taneytown, Rev. L. B. Hafer officiating. Interment in adjoining cemetery. C. O. Fuss and Son, funeral directors.

LEE
Martin Paul Lee, aged 6 months, infant son of Michael and Mary Smith, died at their home in Aradale, on Thursday night. His funeral was held at the above residence on Sunday afternoon. Interment in Hampstead cemetery. C. V. Tipton & Son, funeral directors.

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