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DAVID E. STEM DEAD.

For 67 Years He Was at the Same Store at Sam's Creek--Was President of Two Leading Banks in the County



David Engel Stem, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of this county, died at his home at Sam's Creek about 5 o'clock Saturday morning at the age of 83 years. Mr. Stem's death was very sudden although it was expected. Early last fall he was bedridden but he never entirely recovered. About midnight Friday he was taken with a sinking spell and died within five hours, and was consigned to the end.

For 67 years Mr. Stem had been engaged in business as a merchant at Sam's Creek, but his activities had not been confined to that community only. For a number of years he was president of the First National Bank of New Windsor, and succeeded late John Hibbard as its president. With the founding of the Westminster Post & Trust Company, he was chosen as its president, and acted in that capacity at both of these institutions until his death. He took a deep interest in the affairs of both.

An ardent churchman and a devout Christian, of him, it may be truly said, that he was a "pillar" of the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church at Sam's Creek. He was the owner of the farm, which stood the old Strawbridge Methodist Episcopal Church, some 200 years ago he conveyed the site of the meeting house and as much land was desired to the American Meth-

odist Historical Society, and was influential in aiding the erection of a monument to mark the historic spot.

He is survived by one son and two daughters, J. Ezra Stem, East Main street; Mrs. George E. Matthews, East Main street, and Miss Margaret Stem, at home.

Main street, and Miss Margaret A. Stem, at home; also by two step brothers, William T. Stem, Detroit, Mich., and Charles Stem, near Dennings, and a step sister, Mrs. Leana Zile, East Main street.

The funeral services were held at the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. W. C. Parrish, the pastor of the deceased, assisted by Rev. R. N. Edwards and Elder A. P. Snader were held at the home of the deceased, this city, and Elder A. P. Snader, of New Windsor, were the officiating ministers. Interment was in the family burying lot in the cemetery adjoining the church.

The pallbearers were C. Edward Carlisle, Marshall Nusbbaum, Samuel A. Ensor, William Borland, Walter Engel and Dr. L. C. Stutely. C. M. Waltz was the funeral director.

THEY'RE GOING DRIVING

A thief or thieves are taking up a collection of harness in the various parts of our city and State's Attorney says he is hot on their trail to apprehend the guilty.

Monday, during the day, the stable of the property of Matthew & Myers has entered and the harness taken from the horse of Oscar Essich, who keeps his team there while attending the school.

Joseph S. Stoner, mail carrier on route 2, who rents the J. Walter Clark stable, lost all his harness some time Monday night by some thief taking away with it.

Guy Kiler, mail carrier on Route 4, occupies the stable in the rear of John Bowers' store, had a new set of harness stolen Tuesday about noon. Mr. Kiler left about 8 a. m. on his route, on his return he found his loss.

EXTENSIVE SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The Rev. Alfred B. Saylor is the pastor of Preachers is giving a special course of sermons every Sunday evening at ten o'clock on the Church, Restoration and Growth. Father Saylor is treating the subject from the point of the modern thinker. He is answering the questions so often asked today, Why a Church? Is it accomplishing its purpose?

Announcement is made that the Service of the Words of Christ upon the Cross, the musical production of Theophilus, will be rendered on Tuesday evening, March 21. A Washington choir will furnish the program. Non-catholics as well as the members of the congregation will be interested in this presentation.

Usually, the half that has not been said is the better half.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

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

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

Allen R. Lippy and wife to Clinton V. Lippy and wife, 19 acres, for \$10.
John C. F. Keck and wife to Clinton V. Lippy and wife, 2 acres, for \$300.
Leander E. Albaugh and wife to Howard C. Albaugh and wife, 4 acres, for \$5.00.
John B. Hiltbride to M. Theodore Yeiser, city lot, for \$10.
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Elisha P. Wheeler and wife to Emerson R. Armacost, and wife, 6188 square feet, for \$5.
Luther B. Hafer, trustee, to Mary A. Nusbbaum, 118 acres, for \$7148.75.
John McC. Bennett to Henry P. Day and wife, 1/2 acre, for \$380.
William B. Grimes and wife to Charles S. Conaway, 57 acres, for \$10.
John W. Everhart and wife, to Harry R. Iverson and wife, 43 acres, for \$5.
Elizabeth Gettler to Noah P. Selby and wife, 1/4 acre, for \$950.
Charles S. Conaway and wife to William B. Grimes, and wife, 57 acres, for \$1500.
Florence R. Derr and husband to Charles A. Kenny and wife, 26 square feet, for \$650.
Joseph E. Hunter, trustee, to Edward O. Weant, 128 acres, for \$9,900.
Sarah M. Petry et al. to Herbert J. Petry and wife, 141 acres, for \$7,500.
Kaufman Weskins and wife to Ezra C. Arbauzh, 9620 square feet, for \$80.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

George E. Hoover and Zelma L. Bloom, both from New Windsor.
John E. Long, Baltimore, and Carrie E. Snyder, Westminster.
William A. Hann and Goldie M. Smith, both of Manchester.
James W. Brown and Goldie Belle Fowle, both of Upperco.
Roy S. Brandenburg and Rae Irene Hauver, both of Foxville.
Charles L. Black and Pearl E. Stetson, both of New Windsor.

ORPHANS' COURT

Monday, March 6th.—The last will and testament of Sarah Jane Crumbacker, deceased, was duly probated and letters testamentary thereon granted to George L. Stockdale, who received order to notify creditors.

Francis Orndorff, executor of Lizzie O. Steele, deceased, returned inventory of personal property and received warrant to appraise real estate.

Minnie F. Leatherwood, administratrix of Jesse Leatherwood, deceased, advised, order of Court to sell stocks, bonds and war savings stamps.

William H. Roberts, Jr., and Harry Roberts, executors of William H. Roberts, deceased, settled their first and final account and received order to deposit funds.

The last will and testament of Mortimer J. McDonald was duly probated.

John S. Bushey and Harry Koller, executors of James J. Koller, deceased, settled their first and final account.

Adella Weetenkamp, administratrix of John Weetenkamp, deceased, received order to transfer stock.

Tuesday, March 7th.—Letters of administration on the estate of Richard C. Hastings, deceased, were granted unto Anna L. Hastings, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Madeline Gilbert Dffenbach was appointed guardian for Gordon Gilbert Power.

Sarah H. Petry and Herbert J. Petry, administrators of David R. Petry, deceased, reported sale of personal property and settled their first and final account.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF POULTRY PRODUCERS.

On October 20, 1920, Thomas T. Shaffer, Harry Black and 28 others, filed a petition with the County Commissioners for the opening of a county road 7/8 of a mile long in Manchester district. Examiners were appointed and the road laid out. The examiners reported that the advantages to property owners equaled the disadvantages and allowed no damages. Harvey J. T. Rhodes, of the land owners, through whose property the proposed road was laid out, with others, objected to the report of the examiners. The County Commissioners confirmed the examiners' report. From this action Mr. Rhodes took an appeal to the Circuit Court, where the matter was heard before a jury. During the trial, which took two days, the courtroom was crowded. More than 50 witnesses were examined. The jury, by its verdict in favor of the road petitioners and by refusing to award any damages to Mr. Rhodes, confirmed the action of the County Commissioners. Messrs. Bond & Parke represented the petitioners and Guy W. Steele the objectors.

MITTEN GETS TWO YEARS.

Mitten was sentenced to two years in House of Correction. Franklin 6 months in jail and \$100 fine. The two girls—Winters and Zeigler—5 and 6 years in Maryland Training School.

PROF. WARFIELD PARALYZED.

Dr. E. A. Warfield of the Western Maryland College faculty, was taken ill with a stroke of paralysis yesterday afternoon, while hearing a class. His condition is not favorable this morning.

Home, to the small boy, is merely a filling station.—Hartford Times.

MR. BOWERS' CAR STOLEN.

JOHN T. KING, OF BALTIMORE, THE THIEF, CAPTURED AFTER WILD RUN TO ESCAPE—CAR BADLY DAMAGED

John T. King, 18 years old, was arrested in Baltimore, for stealing the large touring Stearns Knight car of Mr. Wm. H. Bowers, Sunday night, and also on a robbery charge.

Mr. Bowers lives on Liberty Heights and put his machine in the garage, which is located in the front of his residence, about 10 o'clock Sunday night. About 6 o'clock Monday morning State Policeman Duke, who boards at Mr. Bowers' home, was called to go to Buckeystown to help search for young Gartrell, who is wanted for the killing of Miss Jenkins. When officer Duke went for his motorcycle, which was also kept in the garage, he noticed that car was gone and informed Mr. Bowers. After telephoning around Mr. Bowers was called up from the Police Department in Baltimore, stating that they had his car.

King knew what he was doing as he cut the wires on the magneto so that the Policeman Duke could not follow him.

King confessed that he broke open the garage and stole the automobile. He said he was in this city and started to walk home when passing Mr. Bowers' garage he noticed it was open. Entering he took the big car, and after starting it with one of the master keys found later on his possession, started for Baltimore.

This is how King slipped and Mr. Bowers received his car.

As Patrolman Woolner was passing the Chelsea Pharmacy, 2200 North Charles street, about 3:20 Monday morning he noticed that the door was wide open, and stopping his motorcycle, he saw three men dash through it. Two of the men ran down Twenty-second street toward Maryland avenue, while the third jumped into a waiting automobile, started the machine and sped down Charles street.

Patrolman Woolner jumped on his motorcycle and, drawing his revolver pursued, calling to the man to halt. The latter paid no attention to the warning, but at a mad speed rushed down Charles street. Every time Woolner drew near, King would crowd the policeman over against the curb until he had to draw back. Finally Woolner fired several shots at King, one passing through the side window shield, barely missing his head. The chase ended in an alley near Light and Lee streets, when lack of gasoline and a disabled engine stopped the bandit.

Mr. Bowers went for his car Monday with the expectation of bringing it back under its own power, but when he examined the motor he found two piston rods broken and forced through the crank case, making a hole about 6 inches in diameter, and doing other damage. The car was towed home. The damage will amount to several hundred dollars.

ORATORIO ELIJAH REHEARSALS TO BE RESUMED.

The Western Maryland College Choral club will resume rehearsals of the Oratorio Elijah this Monday, March 13th, in Smith Hall at the College at 7:30 p. m. All members of the chorus are urged to be present. Miss Dorst, the director of the choral club, would like to have a greatly augmented chorus and invites all lovers of good music who have not joined thus far to join at once, she would like to have at least one hundred additional voices. During March the rehearsals will be held on Monday evenings after that time on Friday evenings. This invitation extends to all people of the county and elsewhere who are within reach of the college and can attend rehearsals.

The great success of the Oratorio last commencement has inspired further attempts in this line. Announcement of the soloists will be made shortly.

CONTRACTORS TO MAKE REPAIRS FOR W. M. R. R.

All general maintenance work of the entire system of the Western Maryland Railway has been placed under contract to Dickson Construction and Repair Company of Youngstown, Ohio. About 3000 employees were affected by the move.

Mr. Charles W. Stambaugh, Bond street, this city, has been made supervisor and superintendent of tracks by the Construction Company. His jurisdiction commences at Middleburg and runs to Port Covington. The worst feature of the change is that all the men that come under the maintenance work were reduced from 39 to 25 cents an hour, a loss of 14 cents, and straight time. No pay for overtime. The 39 cents an hour was for 8 hours, but the 25 cents is for 10 hours. Fourteen crossing watchmen have been dismissed from service. Mr. Samuel Greenholtz being the unfortunate one in this city. Messrs. William Helm and Monroe Storms will operate the crossing gates here, each serving 12 hours a day instead of 8 under the old system. A number of workmen in this city have lost out under the change.

The passes used by the employees, heretofore have been recalled. Those using the trains daily are required to buy monthly tickets.

REJECTED SUITOR KILLS GIRL

HARVEY GARTRELL SHOTS ARTA IRIS JENKINS, AT HOME OF HER GRANDPARENTS—TURNS WEAPON ON HIMSELF—ONLY SLIGHTLY WOUNDED—ESCAPES FROM POSSE.

Arta Iris Jenkins, the pretty 17-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Jenkins, near Berrett, was shot in the forehead and instantly killed at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hess, Buckeystown, shortly after noon Sunday by Harvey Gartrell, about 20, a rejected suitor.

Gartrell then turned the pistol on himself, but inflicted only a slight scalp wound. Then he escaped in an automobile. He abandoned the car two miles from the scene of the tragedy and was last seen making his way across a field in the direction of the Monocacy river.

The crime threw the quiet village into excitement and threats of vengeance were freely made. The murderer was followed a short distance on foot, but he soon outdistanced his pursuers. The latter came upon the abandoned car about two miles from Frederick.

The victim came to the home of her grandparents the first of the year to care for Mrs. Hess, who was not in good health. On two previous occasions Gartrell, who is the son of Sankley Gartrell, near Morgans, called to see her, and each time was requested not to come again. Two weeks ago, when he called, she returned him a watch that he gave her at Christmas, and on that occasion again asked him not to visit her.

Sunday morning, with Mr. and Mrs. Hess, she attended the Methodist Protestant Church. They returned home at noon, and were in the kitchen at dinner when Gartrell drove up, parked his automobile in the yard and rapped at the front door. Mr. Hess went to the door and invited the young man into the parlor. He returned to the kitchen and told his granddaughter that Gartrell was in the house.

She at first hesitated to receive him but finally went to the parlor. In the meantime Mrs. Hess, thinking that the youth would remain for dinner, prepared an extra place at the table. Just as she was about to invite him to the meal, about 1 minute after Miss Jenkins had entered the parlor, both were startled by a scream, followed by a shot. Mr. Hess rushed to the parlor and found his granddaughter lying motionless on the floor, with blood rushing from a wound in her head.

Gartrell, who stood a few feet from the body, turned the weapon toward himself and fired. He fell and Mr. Hess grappled with him and wrenched the weapon from his hand. Regaining his feet Gartrell dashed out the front door, jumped into his car, turned the machine in the direction of this city and left at a high rate of speed. Mrs. Hess, grandmother of the girl, who had been in poor health, collapsed after the tragedy and fears are entertained for her recovery.

Dr. T. Clyde Routsom, a neighbor, was immediately summoned, but the victim was dead when he arrived, the ball from a .32-calibre, lodged in her brain, causing instant death. The bullet that grazed the head of the murderer imbedded itself in the rear wall of the parlor.

State's Attorney Aaron R. Anders and Justice of the Peace J. Graham Johnson went to the house and viewed the remains. The body lay in the same place where it had fallen. A coroner's jury, with John H. Baker, foreman, after hearing the testimony of Mr. Hess, who said: "We were at dinner after having returned from church, when Gartrell drove in an automobile into the yard, got out and came to the front door. I met him at the door and asked him into the parlor. I then went where my wife and granddaughter were eating dinner and told Arta that Gartrell was here. She at first hesitated to see him when I suggested as a courtesy, to go and see him. Mrs. Hess then prepared a place for him at the table and the next instant I heard a scream, followed by the report of a pistol. I rushed to the room found the girl lying on the floor and a revolver in her hand. He turned the gun on himself, fired and fell to the floor. While he was down I grappled with him and took the weapon out of his hand. Blood was oozing from a scalp wound on his forehead. I said to him 'you have killed Arta!' He replied 'shoot me' and almost at the same time ran from the house, jumped into his automobile and disappeared. I immediately summoned Dr. Routsom."

After hearing the testimony the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the girl had died from a bullet fired from a revolver by Harvey Gartrell.

The theory is that Gartrell eluded his pursuers by walking along the edge of the stream under a sloping hill. They also found evidence that he watched the posse from points of vantage under the hill. It is known that the officers and a large number of persons who assisted in the hunt did not go closer perhaps than 25 feet from the river, as the fugitive was tracked to a fence which parallels the stream for some distance, where they lost the trail.

Sheriff Jones, of Frederick county, found a pocketbook and package of

MAY SEIZE HOMES UNDER NEW DRY BILL

DOMICILES OF ALL PERSONS WHERE WINE IS KEPT ARE BRANDED COMMON NUISANCE.

From the Baltimore News.

Annapolis, March 7.—Despite the ground covered in the Legislature by the Anti-Saloon League's prohibition enforcement bill, opinions still vary widely as to what is meant by certain provisions of the measure and what these provisions will really do if the bill is given final passage.

The enforcement bill has passed the House, where it was the occasion of heated debate, and would seem to have an equal chance of passing the Senate—even minus a referendum amendment.

Undoubtedly Floor Leader Gambrill made a strong play—though so far as the House was concerned an ineffective one—when he stated in his assault upon the bill that any farmer's wife who prepared a little homemade wine or any farmer who made cider would become a criminal, their residence liable to be shut up for one year.

In connection with Mr. Gambrill's statement, which Anti-Saloon League leaders deem an unwarranted assumption, it may be worth while to reproduce Sections 15 and 16 of the bill as it has passed the House and as it will come before the Senate.

"A Common Nuisance."

SECTION 15.

And, Be it enacted, That any room, house, building, boat, vehicle, structure, or place where intoxicating liquor is manufactured, sold, kept, or bartered in violation of this act, and all intoxicating liquor and property kept and used in maintaining the same, is hereby declared to be a common nuisance, and any person who maintains such a common nuisance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$1000, or be imprisoned in the jail or the Maryland House of Correction for not more than one year, or both.

If a person has knowledge or reason to believe that his room, house, building, boat, vehicle, structure, or place is occupied or used for the manufacture or sale of liquor contrary to the provisions of this act, and suffers the same to be so occupied or used, such room, house, building, boat, vehicle, structure, or place shall be subject to a lien for and may be sold to pay all fines and costs assessed against the person guilty of such nuisance for such violation, and any such lien may be enforced by action in any court having jurisdiction.

SECTION 16.

And be it enacted, That an action to enforce any nuisance defined in this act may be brought in the name of the State of Maryland by the Attorney General of the State, or by any State's Attorney of this State, or his deputies or assistants. Such action shall be brought and tried as an action in equity and may be brought in any court having jurisdiction to hear and determine equity cases.

HOODLUM KID DOWNEY.

Dewey, our wrestler, put the Hoosier Kid's back on the mat in just 43 minutes at the Onera House Tuesday night and grabbed the prize.

Hoodlum Kid put up a nice little bunch of hours that he could throw Dewey in two hours, but announced later that he could not finish the job, so Dewey planned his bare back to the mat in 43 minutes before a crowd of lovers of the sport, estimated at 125. Mr. C. C. Beach was referee. The scream of the evening was "Dutch" Hoff, of Leidy's fame, and Buck Warner, of Avondale. Buck was the most scientific of the two, but "Dutch" furnished so much humor and kept the crowd in a side splitting finish throughout, that the referee decided to divide the purse.

"It is said a Bolshevik in Russia is in prison for counterfeiting." Evidently not room for him in the lunatic asylum.—Detroit Journal.

Every once in a while the water-wagon perceptibly skids in the wet places.—Columbia Record.

Home Brew Not Tolerated.

SECTION 12.

And Be It Enacted, That it shall be unlawful to advertise, manufacture, sell or possess for sale, any utensil, contrivance, machine, preparation, compound, tablet, substance, formula, direction or recipe advertised, designed or intended for use in the unlawful manufacture of intoxicating liquor. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the manufacture, sale, possession or use of sweet cider or vinegar, or the presses or machinery for the manufacture of such cider, vinegar or fruit juices as provided by law.

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THE SEIZURE OF HOMES.

UPON JUDGMENT OF THE COURT ORDERING SUCH NUISANCE TO BE ABATED, THE COURT MAY ORDER THAT THE ROOM, HOUSE, BUILDING, STRUCTURE, BOAT, VEHICLE OR PLACE SHALL NOT BE OCCUPIED OR USED FOR ONE YEAR AFTER, BUT THE COURT MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, PERMIT IT TO BE OCCUPIED OR USED IF THE OWNER, LESSEE, TENANT OR OCCUPANT THEREOF SHALL GIVE BOND WITH SUFFICIENT SURETY, TO BE APPROVED BY THE COURT MAKING THE ORDER, IN THE PENAL AND LIQUIDATED SUM OF NOT LESS THAN \$500, NOR MORE THAN \$1000, PAYABLE TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND CONDITIONED THAT INTOXICATING LIQUOR, SOLD, BARTERED, KEPT OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF THEREIN OR THEREON, AND THAT HE WILL PAY ALL FINES, COSTS AND DAMAGES THAT MAY BE ASSESSED FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ACT UPON SAID PROPERTY.

League Felt Gambrill's Blow.

Now, when Mr. Gambrill got to talking about farmers and farmers' wives and what the enforcement act would do to the denizens of the virtuous rural regions—though the gentleman from Howard used no such phrase—he hit the Anti-Saloon League right where it lives and the League felt the force of the blow. It may be all very well to punish with vigor the vicious city-dweller; it may be the essence of equity to deprive him of his "home-brew," yet to deprive the country people—champions of the League—of their "light" (and homemade) wines and cider is quite another thing and a serious infringement of rustic rights.

The League leaders, however, do not meet the Gambrill attack, which is evidently getting some favorable reaction in the counties by any native admission that the law is intended to be enforced against certain classes of the citizenry and not against others.

Cider, the League people seem to think, cider made on the premises and not transported, is in a class by itself, but "home brew" can claim no such tolerance, as witness Section 12 of the bill:

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