

Local and Personal.

This is meant to be a purely local news column. Events of local importance—whether current or in the past—accidents, cases of extreme illness, society and church happenings, marriages, deaths, etc., should be reported to the editor in writing, otherwise they may not appear.

Mrs. C. A. Kohler, of Brantree, Ky., is at present visiting friends in this place.

Mrs. J. W. Kobler, of Philadelphia, spent Wednesday with her uncle, Mr. H. D. Mehrine.

Mrs. Laura Lentz, of Florence, Ky., is expected to arrive here this (Friday) evening on a visit to her old home.

Misses Alice and Carrie Baumgardner, and Miss Ida Essich, left on Thursday on a visit to Halltown, West Va.

Our usual war article will not appear in this issue because Mr. Harman is unable to write, owing to a disabled hand.

The "warning to women," on this page, by "H.," ought to be interesting to lady readers. We hope to have more letters of this kind, from "H.," as well as others.

We are indebted to Wm. B. Dutta for papers from Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia, which shows that he is taking the northern route from California.

We are indebted to the generosity of Messrs H. A. Shoemaker and J. H. Lambert for a lot of fine apples, and to Chas. E. Sullivan for a supply of delicious plums.

The annual Catholic picnic will be held in Clabaugh's grove, on Wednesday, August 4th. The usual attractions will be supplied and a large crowd is expected.

Miss Lida Russell of Herndon, Va., Miss Emma Ecker, of New Windsor, and Miss Annie Bullington, of Baltimore, are on a visit among relatives in town and district.

Charles O. Fuss, Harry L. Feeser and David D. Renner, of this district, will be delegates to the P. O. S. of A. State Convention which meets in Westminster, August 10-11th.

Sherman Gilds has the nucleus for a side show—a four legged chicken. A breed of this kind would be popular with children, on account of the greater number of "drum sticks."

P. B. Englar was, on Friday last, appointed postmaster for this place, vice T. H. Eckenrode, removed. The office will be removed to the store of the appointee, on Monday, August 10th.

Dr. H. R. Black, dentist, of Hanover, Pa., spent Sunday with his friend, W. S. Kramer, agent of the Maryland Bible Society, who has made this place his headquarters for several weeks past.

Mrs. W. F. Hoover and daughter Ruth, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. Hoover's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoover near town. Since their arrival Ruth has been very sick and is under the care of Dr. C. Birnie.

A party, composed of the Misses Galt, Mrs. Sallie Babylon, Mrs. Woods Orapster and Mrs. Upton Birnie, was out on Monday to fish in Piney Creek; the last named person was the most successful, she having caught an eel two feet in length.

Rev. D. F. Garland arrived home from California on Saturday evening. On Wednesday evening, the 4th, of August, he will deliver an address in the Lutheran church on the subject of the great conversion, to which all Christian Endeavorers, and all friends of the cause, are cordially invited.

Mrs. Rev. Shulenberger, Miss Alice Annan, and Messrs L. and T. Zimmerman, of Emmitsburg; the Misses Farquhar, Miss Sue Hahn and Mr. George Scholl, of Baltimore; Mrs. Bessie Motter, of Frederick; Mr. E. L. Motter of Kansas City; Mr. Morris Haines, of Linwood, and Miss Carlisle, of Hagerstown, were entertained at Dr. Motter's in addition to the members of the music club, on Thursday night.

The town authorities, at a special meeting on Monday night, passed a resolution, directing Engineer Kenly, to name a date in the near future on which he will meet the Board of Commissioners, with the object in view of making a survey and furnishing specifications for a public water supply for Taneytown. The enterprise seems to be taking shape, and future developments will be watched with interest.

Prof. Henry Meier has purchased a lot from the Reformed congregation on the north side of Emmitsburg street, and will erect a school building suitable for his growing patronage. The building will be two stories, with slate roof, and will contain three rooms; two on first floor and one on the second. The lot will be a very desirable location for a school, and the building, being built especially for the purpose, will be convenient and satisfactory in every particular, having furnace heat and plenty of light and ventilation.

The Emmitsburg Guitars, Banjo and Mandolin Club, gave a concert in the public school building, on Thursday night, for the benefit of the Lutheran C. E. Society of this place. The program which was composed of fourteen numbers was most excellently rendered, and that the large audience present was delighted, was evidenced by frequent encores. The participants, who were entertained after the concert at Dr. G. T. Motter's, were as follows: Misses Eva and Raelie Shulenberger, Helen, Bessie and Ruth Hock, Martha Simonton, Mrs. A. A. Hock, and Messrs Edgar Rhodes and W. S. Kramer. The net receipts amounted to about \$25. Space does not permit the extended report which the event is justly entitled to.

COUNTY AND STATE.

Items of Interest Gleaned from many Sources.

The Granger's picnic at William's Grove, will be held August 23rd, to 25th.

The P. O. S. of A. picnic, announced for August 7th., in Rodkey's Grove, near Tyrone, will be held on some later date, notice of which will be given hereafter.

Senator Wellington arrived in Washington, on Monday, looking thin and pale. The general impression is that he is far from well and needs a long period of absolute rest.

The Inter-State Telephone Co., has grown very popular with the public; in Frederick alone there being 250 instruments. The charge is \$25 per year for business houses and \$15 per year for private dwellings.

Abram E. Snader, of New Windsor district, Carroll county, has threshed twelve and a half acres of wheat, which yielded 80 bushels, an average of forty-six and two-fifths bushels per acre. It is thought that this yield has never been equaled in Carroll county.

The republican county central committee met on Monday and set Saturday, August 14, for the primaries, and Monday, August 16, as the date of the county convention. Members of a new county central committee to serve for the ensuing two years will also be elected at the primaries.

The electric light in Littlestown, which was given a fair test there several days ago in the hotels and several stores, has proved most satisfactory and beyond what the Company expected. It is described as a very steady, regular and pure white light, and not surpassed by the best lights produced anywhere. The town will commence to light the town regularly on August 1.

A large crowd is expected at Glyndon Park Camp next Sunday, when Rev. Sam P. Jones will begin a three days' visit to the camp. Mr. Jones will hold three services on Sunday, two on Monday and three on Tuesday. He is expected to talk on religious and prohibition lines on Sunday, and to deliver a number of his popular lectures on the two following days.

The barn of Emanuel Zepp, in Deep Run Valley, Myers district, was destroyed by fire on Monday, together with the wheat, hay, farming implements and wagon shed. It is supposed that the fire was started by some children who were playing with matches in the barn. The loss is estimated at \$1,200 to \$1,400, partially covered by insurance in the Dug Hill Company.

County Surveyor Elmer E. Piper, has just completed an accurate map of Washington county. The map is five by six feet in dimensions, and shows every town, village, road, schoolhouse, stream, election district and railroad in the county. It is the first large map of the county made since 1859. The map which Surveyor Piper has finished was drawn for the school commissioners.

Miss Gertrude McMurrin, of Westminster, was married on Wednesday to Mr. Wm. O. Blakey, of Gordonsville, Orange county, Va. Only a few relatives and intimate friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed at the bride's home by Rev. James Cattanauch, of Taneytown Md., assisted by the Rev. Mr. Lawson, of Lynchburg, Va. The bride is a great-grand-daughter of Martha Washington.

The dedication of the Aberdeen waterworks took place on Wednesday, 12th December when George Walker's dwelling and store was burned the firemen drained every well in the neighborhood. Then the general cry for waterworks arose. Immediate action was taken, and the outcome of it was that Aberdeen is now abundantly supplied with water, and in honor of the completion of the waterworks the exercises were given.

The home of A. H. Hildebride, a dispatcher employed by the Western Maryland Railroad at Hiller Station, at Glyndon, was partially destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The loss will amount to over \$3,000, which is partly covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is not definitely known, but is believed to have been a defective flue. The house was vacant at the time, Mr. Hildebride being at the home of a friend, and the family being at Pen-Mar.

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the Presbyterian reunion, at Mount Alto Park, on the 5th, of August next, have about completed their work. They have succeeded in getting quite a number of most able speakers who will not only entertain, but instruct those who attend. The principal speakers will be the Rev. F. M. Woods, D. D., of Martinsburg, W. Va.; Rev. George P. Wilson, of Hagerstown, Md.; the Rev. S. A. Martin, D. D., President of Wilson College, and the Hon. John Stewart, of Chambersburg.

Charles T. Reiffelder and Davis Myers, administrators of the late Daniel J. Geiman, sold 46 shares of the stock of the Union National Bank of Westminster on Saturday afternoon at a very large premium. The par value is \$25 per share. Ten shares were sold to Richard Manning at \$32.50; ten to Alfred Englar at \$35.50, and ten at \$38.00, and six to Jesse Richardson at \$39.00, and six to Jesse Stevenson at \$39.00. The sales aggregated \$2,425, the par value being \$1,150. This is the bank of which State Senator J. W. Hering is cashier. The premium is the highest ever paid on the stock of any bank in this county.

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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

County Ticket Nominated and Delegates Elected.

Carroll democrats had a big day in Westminster, on Monday, three conventions being held. The first, elected delegates to the state convention in Baltimore, as follows: Dr. Joseph T. Hering, of Westminster; Rev. J. C. Purcell, of Freedom; T. Herbert Shiriver, of Myers; George R. Rupp, of Hampstead, and Edward O. Weant, of Middleburg.

Next, the judicial convention assembled, which elected the following delegates to the Convention of the Fifth Judicial Circuit to be held in Westminster on August 4th.; John R. Strevig, of Manchester; Louis P. Slingshiff, of New Windsor; William H. Thomas, of Westminster; S. R. Waters, of Mt. Airy, and George W. Chase of Franklin, all of whom are supposed to favor the renomination of Judge Jones.

The regular county convention was held last, and was presided over by Evan Haines, of Uniontown, with Addison Morlock, secretary. Its proceedings excited great interest, though everything worked smoothly, barring several great disappointments. B. F. Crouse, was placed in nomination for clerk, but withdrew his name, and Dr. Billingslea received the nomination by acclamation, which was also the manner of nominating Mr. Wadlow for Register of Wills, and Masonheimer and Kennedy. The following is the complete ticket:

Clerk of the Circuit Court—Dr. J. Howell Billingslea, of Westminster. Register of Wills—John Oliver Wadlow, of Freedom.

Sheriff—Ephraim Haines, of New Windsor. House of Delegates—Benjamin F. Crouse, of Westminster; Dr. Milton M. Norris, of Union Bridge, Nathaniel Bay, of Woolery's, and Daniel J. Hesson, of Taneytown.

County Commissioner—Daniel S. Diehl, of Uniontown. County Treasurer—John E. Mason, of Manchester.

County Surveyor—Philip C. Kennedy, of Westminster. After the work of the convention was completed, addresses were delivered by Dr. F. T. Shaw and Dr. J. Howell Billingslea. The money question was not referred to in any way, nor did the Gorman issue manifest itself, and, altogether, the convention was perfectly harmonious.

A Terrible Fall.

Harry G. Hawk, an employee at Otter Dale mills, fell from the door on the third floor, to the ground, on Tuesday about noon, and sustained a compound fracture of the left leg between the knee and ankle. He was considerably bruised and shaken up, but escaped almost miraculously from a greater injury, and possible loss of life. He was engaged in cleaning up a lot of rubbish, preparatory to the opening of the mill for regular running, and had carried a load of litter to the door to throw out, when his foot slipped on the sill, which was wet and considerably worn, and being unable to catch hold of anything, fell to the ground outside about twenty feet.

Drs. Motter and Seiss were sent for promptly, and the injured member treated. Both bones were found to be broken, the larger protruding through the skin, necessitating the cutting off of about an inch of the bone in order to get the limb in shape. While the injury is very severe, it is believed that, unless complications ensue, Mr. Hawk will be able to go to work again in several months.

Orphans' Court Proceedings.

MONDAY, July 26th, 1897.—Adam N. Humbert and Isaiah F. Humbert, executors of Jacob A. Humbert, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, inventory of money, list of debts and list of advancements, and a received order to sell goods and chattels.

Reuben H. Alexander, executor of Olivia A. M. Loans, deceased, settled first and final account.

James Sheely, and Hezekiah Halm, executors of Elizabeth Motter, deceased, received order to sell goods and chattels.

Letters of administration on the estate of William H. Miller, deceased were granted to William H. Miller.

TUESDAY, July 27th, 1897.—Certified copy of the last will and testament of Anthony S. Diller, late of Hudson County, state of New Jersey, deceased, and probate thereof filed.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Services in the Bethel, at Uniontown, on Sunday morning at 10 a. m. Subject, "True Christian Endeavor."

Sunday school at 9 a. m. Services at Frizzellburg, at 2 p. m. Subject, "A Model Man."

Services in the Bethel at 8 p. m. subject, "The Brotherhood of Man, or do Beneficial Societies Benefit?" The public is cordially invited to attend.

THOS. B. TYLER, Pastor.

The preaching next Sabbath in the U. B. church of this place will be in the evening at 8 o'clock.

There will be no preaching services in either the Taneytown or Piney Creek Presbyterian churches, after this Sunday, until August 29th., when services will be held at Piney Creek, in the morning.

EX-POSTMASTER ACCUSED.

Held for Trial on the charge of Falsifying Accounts.

William H. Hull, ex-postmaster of Beggs, Carroll county, was released on \$500 bail on Wednesday by Commissioner Rogers for the action of the federal grand jury on the charge of having falsified his accounts with the government, for the purpose of securing more compensation than he was legally entitled to by the cancellation of stamps. Postoffice Inspector Maxwell, the principal witness against the accused, testified that an examination of Hull's accounts showed that during his incumbency of the Beggs office his accounts showed stamps cancelled per quarter from \$13.45 to as high as \$54.71 for the third quarter of 1896, and averaging over four times as much as any of his predecessors, or of his successor—Mr. John P. Crouse—the present incumbent.

Mr. Crouse said that the best of his knowledge, had not increased during the time Hull was postmaster, and Postmaster Joseph B. Boyle of Westminster; John E. Everhart, mail-carrier between Westminster and Beggs, and George W. Yeiser, postmaster at Union Mills, testified to the same effect.

Attorney General Harry M. Clabaugh, counsel for Hull, brought out the fact that a free delivery system has been introduced from Westminster to within three-quarters of a mile from the Beggs office, but Postmaster Boyle said this had made little difference with the business of the Beggs office as to revenue from cancelled stamps; neither would the fact of changing the office from Hull's store to a private house a half mile away have much effect. Mr. Boyle said that if informed the business of the office was increased four or five times during Hull's administration, he wouldn't believe the statement. Hull made no statement in his own behalf. His father, George W. Hull, furnished the required bail.

Commissioner Rogers commented severely upon the fact that neither District Attorney Marbury, or Mr. Lee, his assistant, was present to conduct the government's case.—*American.*

Democratic State Convention.

The democratic state ticket was nominated on Wednesday, as follows: Thomas A. Smith, Comptroller, J. Frank Ford, Clerk of Court of Appeals.

The currency plank in the platform adopted is generally regarded as a "straddle." It is as follows: "The democracy of Maryland, in common with the democracy of both Union, believe now, as they always have believed, in honest money, the gold and silver money of the constitution, and the coinage of both metals, without discrimination against either, into standard dollars of final payment and redemption."

The platform is generally credited to Senator Gorman who was present as a delegate, and was chairman of the committee on Resolutions. The convention was entirely harmonious. The State Central Committee for Carroll county is composed of T. Herbert Shiriver, B. F. Crouse and N. W. Steele.

Base Ball at Uniontown.

A game of base ball was played at Uniontown, on Thursday afternoon, between the Union Bridge and home clubs. The game was well contested, and the early part of the game, the visitors took the lead, due to both a portune hitting in the third and fourth innings; Straw and Wolfe being the chief offenders against the pitching of Bablon. During the game Wolfe had two home runs, and Straw a batting average of .666 for the game. All this time Whitehill was pitching fine ball for the visitors, but the home team continued to play alone until the last two innings, when they played a true "Oriole" finish, scoring the winning run in the ninth with one out.

Babylon, while touched up rather lively during the game, kept cool under fire, and being backed by good fielding, the game was in left hand, especially good—was able to come out with colors flying.

The following is the score by innings:

Ings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	T
U. B.	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	7
Un'tn	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	8

Mr. Robert Fass, of Union Bridge, umpired the game, giving general satisfaction. The game will be played at Taneytown will be welcomed on our diamond.

McKinstry.

Our farmers are plowing for their next wheat crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, of Linwood, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Yingling, on Sunday.

Miss Mollie Williams, of Taneytown, was the guest of Misses Edna and Bertha Lindsey, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Jessie Yingling, who had a fork prong run through his hand, is able to be out again.

Miss Dora Lindsay is spending the summer with her aunt, at Copperville.

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Correspondence.

All communications for the Record must be signed by the writer's own name, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence that the matters and facts transmitted are legitimate and correct. Items of a mischievous character need not be sent.

The Record reserves the right to publish either all, or a portion of, communications received, and is not to be understood as indicating the opinions of others thus published. Articles on timely topics, whether of a purely news character or not, are always desired.

Uniontown.

Mr. John N. Weaver and wife, of Union Bridge, and Miss Addie L. Senesey, of Linwood, were the guests of Mr. Harry Weaver's family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Ziles of Medford, were at Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Garner's the same day.

Mr. E. G. Gilbert spent Tuesday in Frederick.

Mrs. Will Anders and son, Earl, of New Windsor, were guests of Mrs. Lizzie Davis, several days during the week.

Mr. James E. Smith, of Westminster attended the memorial services of Elder Seilhammer, and spent the day with friends in town.

Mrs. Will Shaw, of New York City, is visiting Mr. John Shaw's family.

The memorial services for Elder G. W. Seilhammer, were held on Sunday morning in the Bethel. Addresses on the life and character of the deceased were made by Rev. Wm. Crouse, of Westminster, Elders J. W. Rodkey, J. Eckard, and Prof. Jesse F. Billmeyer.

Elder T. B. Tyler read his obituary as recorded in the *Church Advocate*. Mr. Jesse P. Garner read the memorial and resolutions passed by the S. S. Music appropriate to the occasion was rendered, under the leadership of Prof. Jesse F. Billmeyer.

The remains of Mrs. Adalade Stitely Shaw, wife of Mr. Alvin Shaw, of Hagerstown, who died Monday morning, July 26th., of Bright's disease, aged 51 years, were brought to the home of his father, Mr. John Shaw, at the east end of town, on Tuesday evening. They formerly resided here. H. H. Weaver & Co., undertakers, took charge of the remains at Linwood; interment at Sans Creek, Wednesday morning. The floral tributes, from the many friends of the deceased, were many and beautiful.

Miss Mabel W. LeFevre has gone to Littlestown to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Merring have returned from visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Nevin Hitesew and Mrs. John E. Heck are on the sick list.

Mrs. C. Ogden, and Mrs. Maxwell, of Woodbury, New Jersey, are guests at Dr. J. J. Weaver's.

Mrs. Jesse Eckard and Mrs. Jennie Diferbaugh spent Tuesday at Mr. E. G. Gilbert's.

Master H. Carroll Weaver is visiting his Grandmother Martin, in Westminster.

Mrs. E. E. Brubaker has improved her dwelling by building a bay window at the west end.

A number of fresh Air-children from Baltimore will be received and entertained by some of our citizens, during the coming week.

The eclipse of the Sun, was viewed by your correspondent and a number of others, on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Wm. Hoffman, Miss Bertha and Mr. Benjamin Hoffman, of Baltimore, formerly of this place, have registered at the Eureka House, Mr. Gover Rontson proprietor.

A very interesting meeting of the Ladies Foreign Missionary society, was held in the lecture room of the Church of God, this Friday afternoon.

The I. O. M. Picnic will be held this Saturday afternoon, in Mrs. Stouffer's grove, at Clear Ridge.

Banker's Mill.

The inclement weather, which has prevailed, for the last two weeks, has kept our farmers from progressing with their work. Most of the oats is cut and on shocks, but the timothy hay, which has become hard and dry in the field, will, if the weather permits, be harvested by next week. Corn and other growing crops are looking well, and promise a beautiful yield.

A missionary meeting will be held at Baust church on Sunday (to be held) at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Regular preaching in the morning at 10 a. m., by the pastor, K. O. Spessard.

Miss May Harmon, who was confined to her bed for several weeks, with malaria fever, is, we are glad to say, convalescent. She was attended by Dr. Kemp.

Mr. Geo. C. Harmon is suffering with several large blood boils.

Double Pipe Creek.

On last Saturday, Mr. Howard Powell and daughter, Pauline, were at Cheversville, Washington Co., at his mother's funeral at Beaver Creek, at the German Baptist church; she having died suddenly of paralysis.

Mr. Frank Loy, telegraph operator at D. P. Creek, is now at the home of his parents, very ill with typhoid pneumonia. Mr. Ed. Martin, of Owen's Creek Mills, is assisting Mr. Barrick, in the depot.

Mr. Charles Stambaugh delivered to the depot, his crop of wheat, 300 bushels, on contract for July 25th., on Saturday 24th., and received his \$1.00 per bushel. Another party brought his 23th. of July wheat in on Monday, 26th., and it was not received.

A young man by the name of Fogle, from near Thurmont, who was hurt by work on last Monday, contracted with Mr. Oliver Angel to help thresh and help until evening. Tuesday morning being very rainy, and he being in want of a better pair of shoes, he begged Mr. Angel to give him \$1.25 when he and Angel's son went to the store and obtained the shoes, and then skipped. Mr. Angel has been in pursuit of him, but has failed to find him.

On Wednesday, while Mr. Milton Troxell was hauling wheat to the depot, he was on the wagon tongue urging one of the horses to pull, when he was severely kicked on the left leg, near the thigh.

Elder D. R. Saylor was overcome by the heat on last Thursday a week, while helping to open wheat shocks; at this writing he is much better, and is able to be up and around again.

Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held on Saturday, 31st., at 10 a. m., at Rocky Ridge German Baptist church. Elder John D. W. Dearford, of Gettysburg, is expected to be present. Quarterly council at 2 p. m. On Sunday at 10 a. m., children's meeting by Elders G. R. Sappington and Dearford.

Miss Mattie L. Weybright spent last week with relatives at New Windsor and Medford, and this week in Westminster, with her sister, Mrs. John T. Royer.

Corn is growing very rapidly. Farmers are taking advantage of the wet spells, and are hauling their corn to market at 30c a bushel. A few farmers have some wheat and rye on shocks and considerable hay is to be made yet. Threshing is at a stand still, except that which was housed in barns and sheds.

A pole or post shed 24x40 ft. 14 ft. high, will hold over 500 bushels of wheat, which can be threshed out at any time, then used for clover seed, and then for fodder, and would more than pay the cost in one season, and especially a rainy one like this. It can be built for \$40 or less.

Copperville.

Mr. E. E. Reindollar has his mill about completed, and ready to go to work. Mr. Beard had the machinery in operation on Wednesday, testing it, and hoped to grind some wheat that evening, as he wished to get away as soon as possible. The mill has a full set of rolls, with all modern improvements. The grinding capacity is from forty to fifty barrels per day, with a storage capacity of from four to five thousand bushels of wheat. A large cooper shop is also in operation in connection with the mill, which will employ about three coopers.

The heavy rains of the last week have washed the roads and fields badly, and it is feared that many stacks of wheat are ruined.

The Copperville fishing club has again got the fishing fever and have several dams in view which they propose to seine. They talk of purchasing a smaller seine for the purpose of fishing in places, where the old seine is too large.

The Copperville boys have their hands more than full discussing such things as politics, Sabbath school picnics, farmers institutes, fishing, etc. One of them is said to have passed a civil service examination recently.

(An account of the accident to Harry G. Hawk, substantially the same as contained in this correspondence, was already in type, therefore we omit the repetition.—Ed.)

Harney.

Mrs. Dittman and daughter, who have been spending some time visiting friends in this place, left on Monday for Smithburg, Md.

Mrs. Rev. Reather, of Baltimore, is visiting her brother, Rev. G. W. Winnick, at the Lutheran parsonage.

Many of our people say that potatoes are taking the second growth, and some complain of their beginning to rot in

COUNTY DIRECTORY.

Court Officers.

(Jury terms held in Westminster, 2nd Monday in May and November; non-jury, 2nd Monday in February and August.)

JUDGES—Hon. Chas. B. Roberts, Chief and Resident Judge, H. S. James, Resident and Hon. Isaac T. Jones, Associate Judges.

CLERK OF THE COURT—Benjamin F. Crouse.

CLERK—Gershom Hoff.

AUDITOR—J. J. Baumgartner.

ORPHANS' COURT—Jacob Rinehart, William Y. Frizell, Albert Schaeffer.

REGISTRAR OF WILLS—George M. Parke.

County Officers.

STATES ATTORNEY—J. Milton Reifmiller.

SHERIFF—J. Oliver Murray.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—John H. Stem, David Stoner, Jesse Lemon.

COUNTY TREASURER—Alfred T. Buckingham.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS—Howard F. Schaeffer, Charles H. Sapp, Charles V. Wantz.

Legislature.

SENATOR—Dr. J. W. Herling.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES—Charles H. Smith, Charles J. H. Gantner, Dr. Cloworthy Birnie, William F. Cover.

TANEYTOWN DIST.

NOTARY PUBLIC—G. Walter Witt.

TAX COLLECTOR—W. W. Crapster.

MAGISTRATES—A. F. Orndorff, Henry Witt, John T. Fogle.

CONSTABLE—B. S. Miller.

REGISTRARS—Thomas D. Thomson, J. V. Beckenrode.

Town Officers.

BOARDS—H. D. Mehring.

COMMISSIONERS—T. Motter, Edward Kemper, W. Jesse Roberts, Joshua Koutz, E. K. Reaver.

BAILIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR—B. S. Miller.

Church Notices.

Presbyterian Church.—Regular church services held alternately, morning and afternoon, in the Taneytown and Piney Creek Churches.

Rev. James C. Knapp, Pastor.

Trinity Lutheran Church.—Regular Services every Sunday at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Rev. D. Frank Garland, Pastor.

Grace Reformed Church.—Services every Sunday at 10 o'clock, a. m., and 8 p. m. Sunday School 9 a. m., Y. P. S. C. E. 7 p. m. Rev. A. Bateman, Pastor.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church.—Mass 9.30 a. m. Vespers, 3.30 p. m., catechism, 3 p. m. every Sunday. On the first Sunday of each month, benediction after mass, concluding the services of the day. Rev. T. D. Mead, Pastor.

Unitarian Brethren Church.—Services as follows: Preaching morning and afternoon alternately at 10.40 a. m. and 2.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 1.30 p. m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evening, at 7.30.

Preaching at Harmony morning and evening alternately. Rev. J. O. Clippinger, Pastor.

Post Office.

T. H. BECKENRODE, Postmaster.

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Trial of Hay Caps.

The frequent and extended use of the three styles of hay caps—viz, the Symmes' paper hat, lined cotton and cotton impregnated with tannin, has led to the following conclusions at the Massachusetts hatch experiment station:

1. Caps of some sort are extremely useful, especially with such crops as clover, millet, oats and peas and other slow curing crops, especially those much injured by excessive handling.

2. The Symmes' cap is most quickly applied—an important point—and is best liked. It appears to be wearing very well. 3. Of the two styles of cloth caps in use, those impregnated with tannin are most durable. The lined caps are more mildewed than the others and have become much more torn. 4. It has been found that in some cases, where clover has been cooked quite green and covered with the three kinds of caps and allowed to stand for some time with frequent rains, it has kept better under cloth than under the Symmes' caps. The porosity of the former in such cases appears to be an advantage.

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WARNING TO WOMEN.

A Sensible Letter containing a pointed Moral.

(For the Record.)

Very many months ago, you kindly requested me to contribute something for the inner page of the RECORD. Before a week had passed by, after your letter came, my hands, fingers, wrists and elbows became disabled from the horrible demon, rheumatism; and prevented me from using a pen or pencil for weeks and months. Since my recovery, I wish to contribute that something to the welcome RECORD, even if it adds but little to its value. My very first article, will be a warning to women who are careless and inconsiderate about slight physical ailments and injuries of the body.

My dear sisters, who read the RECORD, do not feel offended at my plain talk, for I mean to promote good, not evil. Very many ambitious and industrious women do many careless things, and are so inconsiderate, We expose and impose on our general health by careless and injudicious treatment. We act like we were crazy, by carelessly neglecting ourselves at the first and proper moment.

Men are not half so careless; for, if they receive bruises and scratches, or have slight pains, small lumps and swellings, or even damp socks, they will at once command the services of a wife, mother, sister, physician—or possibly, all combined—to administer rapid healing treatment to the slightly afflicted parts. They will not procrastinate, when they receive any injury, but act immediately. They take better care of their precious bodies, than we inconsiderate women of to-day. If we get wet stockings and shoes, and damp skirts, in gardening, in berrying, in laundrying, in the poultry yard, in the dairy and in scrubbing, we ignore the idea of changing them off before all the morning's work is completed. By that time our clothing has become dry, and the mischief is done; laggingly, often the result, is very frequently neuralgia and pneumonia. If we receive cuts, bruises, burns, abrasions or colds, in a careless manner, we are inconsiderate enough to remark, "they can go, as they came," and thus cause much suffering and expense from pure neglect and carelessness.

I will terminate my letter, by an example of womanly carelessness—by no means, the only one—that has come to my knowledge. There are many very similar ones, and Jane Digby is not alone in this neglect of the human body.

Jane was a thrifty, ambitious housekeeper, and always had done her family laundrying. Wishing to economize in time and labor, she would remove the boiling clothes, from a large boiler into a tub (instead of a bucket) and then, lifting and carrying the heavy tub of clothes, placed it on the high wash-bench, by pressing her left knee against the lower edge of the big tub, with its heavy metal hoop at the bottom. Jane said to her mother, "I can not be bothered taking a few clothes in a bucket. It takes too long to transfer the clothes from the wash boiler." Since Jane is an invalid, her ideas of economy have widely differed.

During March of 1896, Jane observed a lump on the left knee cap. It grew to the size of a small hen's egg, without giving any annoyance. Jane said, "It came of itself, it can go of itself." She made no effort to remove the swelling by prompt and judicious treatment. In August, of the same year, the knee became inflamed and swollen and full of minute blisters, which soon developed in many deep holes, discharging impurities freely, and causing excruciating pain. She began home treatment (at this late hour) and continued through September, without any relief. The first of October, Jane said, she must have medical treatment. She had two physicians examine and treat the ulcerated knee, one of which, has been retained in service, to this present date.

During the months of November, December, January and February, the patient suffered untold agony. Wakeful and wretched nights of pain dragged into days of unrest and torture. Morphine had to be given to gain partial rest, and soothe to sleep. These terrible, suffering days and nights, ran into weeks and months. Poultries, curds, ointments, oils, carbolic acids, medicated soaps, bottles of blood tonic, pills, powders and herb teas were used in great quantities, and yet, poor Jane is a cripple and convalescent—much better, but not cured.

She moves very slowly, from one room to the other, with a limp and some pain—much pain at times—and for faster locomotion and ease, uses crutches. Jane told me, "All this pain, annoyance, labor and expense came from a trifling lump, that was caused by such a careless act, and stolid indifference. Oh, what a bitter experience!" Dear Sisters, be more careful of little injuries, and give immediate attention to physical ailments, no matter, how slight; and, regardless of what others may say or do.

L. H. H. Serragy Maples, July 20th., 1897.

Preparing Tomato Figs.

Tomato figs are both economical and tasty. Select the small yellow tomatoes; seed, peel and weigh. Allow three pounds of sugar to six of tomatoes. Put a layer of tomatoes on the bottom of your preserving-kettle, then a layer of sugar, and stand them

over a moderate fire. Cook very gently until the sugar has penetrated the tomatoes. Lift them carefully, one at a time, and spread on a large wet platter. Dry in the hot sun, sprinkling them several times with granulated sugar. When dry, pack them in jars, with a layer of sugar between the layers of tomatoes. Cover with glass while drying.

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Cold Beverages are Injurious.

"A word should, perhaps, be said as to the unwholesomeness of the extremely cold water, tea, lemonade and other liquids which are so extensively used throughout the United States," writes Mrs. S. T. Rorer in the Ladies' Home Journal. "These cold drinks reduce the temperature of the stomach, thereby checking digestion, and for this reason should be avoided during or immediately after meals. It cannot be denied that one may become a toper on non-intoxicants as well as intoxicants, and that it is very easy to create a strong desire for frequent draughts of any pleasant cold drink. Where perspiration flows freely the effect is less serious, but in most cases the free use of cold draughts disturbs the stomach, and it would be much better if they were entirely given up. Teach your little ones, as well as yourself, to be satisfied with water at a temperature of 50 degrees, and to limit the amount of sweet drinks taken."

The Economic Value of a Toad.

The Hatch Experiment Station of the State College at Amherst, has just issued Bulletin No. 46, which is on "The Habits, Food and Economic Value of the American Toad." The bulletin is the work of A. H. Kirkland, assistant entomologist to the Gypsy Moth Committee. Mr. Kirkland finds that insects constitute 77 per cent of the food of a toad. To show the number of worms which a toad destroys he states that in the stomach of a single toad he found fifty-five army worms, in another sixty-five gypsy moth caterpillars, and in a third thirty-seven tent caterpillars. He records an experiment where, in three hours' time, a toad had consumed between thirty and thirty-five full grown celery worms. He found by examination of a large number of toads, that 57 per cent of the insects they destroy are injurious to cultivated crops, or in other ways obnoxious to man. A toad would devour, in the months of May, June and July, the following: Three thousand three hundred and twelve ants, 2,308 cut worms, 1,840 myrapsods, 2,208 snout bugs, 368 weevils and 393 carabids. Of these 9,938 are injurious insects and 868 are beneficial insects. Mr. Kirkland then figures out the amount in dollars and cents which a toad may be worth. Confining his attention to but one element of the food, the cut worms, and assuming that 10 per cent of these insects would have been killed by the carabid beetles, it still leaves 1,988 cut worms to the toad's credit; and if the damage the cut worms would have caused be estimated at one cent per worm, a figure which gardeners and tobacco-growers will probably consider ridiculously low; it will be seen that a toad might destroy cut worms which would otherwise have destroyed crops to the extent of \$19.88.—American Cultivator.

Don't nauseate your stomach with

teas and bitter herbs, but regulate your liver and sick headache by using those famous little pills known as De Witt's Little Early Risers. J. McKellip, Druggist, Taneytown, Md.

Mrs. Rorer's Tomato Ketchup.

Mrs. S. T. Rorer, the famous cooking expert, gives this, her favorite, receipts for making tomato ketchup in the August Ladies' Home Journal: "Use half a bushel of sound August tomatoes. Wash and cut them into pieces. Cook gently for half an hour, then press through a sieve. Cook again for one hour; then add one ounce of ground ginger, one ounce of mustard, one gill of salt, half a pound of sugar, and one quart of vinegar. Cook to the proper consistency and divide into jars. Seal with a cork and five drops of oil of nutmeg, and the same of celery, or a tablespoonful of celery seed. Bottle, cork and seal."

Fluids with Meals.

The arguments presented by many writers seem to prove that the moderate taking of fluids with the food at meals is not without benefit. But the importance of the thorough mastication of food before it is presented to the stomach must never be overlooked. If this is interfered with in any way by the use of liquids, we must promptly prohibit their indulgence.

Fluids may be taken ad libitum during meals by those whose digestive powers will allow it, but such persons should keep in mind that the strongest stomach may be abused too far, while those whose stomachs are already unequal to a severe strain should be especially careful as to the quantity of fluid imbibed with the food.

The saliva is the best lubricator for

the food while it is in the mouth, both because of its starch-digesting powers and because its alkalinity serves to stimulate a copious flow of the acid secretion of the stomach.

Any habit, therefore, which permits the entrance of food into the stomach before it is thoroughly incorporated with saliva must be pronounced pernicious in the extreme.

If we cannot afford the time necessary for masticating our food properly and incorporating it thoroughly with saliva, it would be better to take nothing but broths and similar foods. The use of water and other liquids as lubricants is not to be tolerated.

On the other hand, if we bear in mind the whole mechanism of digestion, it will readily be seen that in cases of weakness or want of tone on the part of the muscles of the stomach, when every part of the food cannot be properly presented to the action of the digestive juices, the introduction into the stomach of a moderate amount of water may be of no slight benefit. The mass of food will become more pliable, and so more easily operated upon by the weakened muscles.

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COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS.

Things Farmers Ought to Know Before Applying Them.

The principal features of a farmer's bulletin on commercial fertilizers by E. B. Voorhes are brought out in the following summary:

Commercial fertilizers are mainly valuable because they furnish the elements—nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash—which serve as food, not as stimulants. The ideal of farming in the past and the demands for special products in the present make their use necessary in profitable farming.

In order to use these commercial fertilizers profitably the farmer should know, first, that nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash are the essential materials; second, that the agricultural value of these constituents depends largely upon their chemical form; third, that these forms are contained in specific products of a well defined character and composition, and may be purchased as such from dealers and manufacturers, and may be mixed successfully on the farm.

The agricultural value of a fertilizer bears no strict relation to the commercial value. The one is determined by soil, crop and climatic conditions, the other by market conditions.

The conditions in the composition and value of manufactured fertilizers which contain the three essential constituents are due to variations in the character and in the proportion of the materials used.

The ton basis alone is not a safe guide in the selection of commercial fertilizers. Low ton prices mean either low content of good forms of plant food or the use of poorer forms. Fertilizers, high grade both in quality and quantity of plant food, cannot be purchased at a low price per ton.

The kind and amount of fertilizer to be used should be determined by the value of the crop grown and its power of acquiring food.

A definite system or plan should be adopted in the use of commercial fertilizers. "Hit or miss" methods are expensive.

The Single Shovel Plow.

A contributor to The National Stockman says:

I have helped to plow hundreds of acres of potatoes with an old fashioned single shovel plow, and I can say in no modern farm implement that does as satisfactory work in clayey loams or clays that have been packed by beating rains after being planted. This old implement has been practically discarded by growers here for many years, but some have returned to its use this season, and the slow work with it will pay, if any work in growing potatoes pays this year. When the plants showed above ground, the practice formerly was to run close to the row with a long and very narrow shovel, the plow stock being held at such an angle that the point of the shovel actually went under the hills.

The soil in the rows is solid in many fields this year, packed by incessant rain, and no modern cultivator can be so set that the earth in the rows may be loosened so well as it is done with the single shovel, taking one side of the row at a time. If the shovels of a two horse cultivator were set at the angle we used to hold the single shovel, they would lift the plants out. Two acres a day was called a day's work, and this seems slow, but the plant started life slowly, and in the end it was worth no matter how packed rains had made it after planting, and loose soil in the hill is a necessity in successful potato growing.

The Value of Cow Manure.

Cow manure does not heat quickly. It is therefore not in favor for forcing beds or for crops where early results are important. For this reason it ought always to be partly composted, so as to reduce its bulk before it is used. An excellent mix with manure from the horse stable, because the latter, being drier, is much more likely to become "fire fanged" from the entire destruction of its vegetable fiber. Yet in actual practice the slower cow manure is more nearly equal to horse manure than is generally supposed.

From fattening cattle fed as horses are on hay and oats the excrement is quite as rich as that from horses, and it does not differ from the latter so much as is commonly supposed. Careful experiments have shown that on a fattening lot to young growing cattle one per cent of the nutrition of food went to make growth. With milk cows giving milk this proportion was increased to 99 per cent. Considering the amount of nutrition which a cow in full flow of milk manufactures from its food every day this result is remarkable. In fattening animals the food eaten furnishes in flesh or fat far less nutrition than this.—American Cultivator.

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A THREE FIELD ROTATION.

It Increases the Annual Yields and Secures More Leisure Time.

Notwithstanding the difference of opinion that exists in regard to the best system of rotation where the staple crops are wheat and corn, the fact remains that the true test of any system is its continued success. By the rotation of the three field system, and not overstocking the farm, the annual bills for commercial fertilizers can be reduced to the minimum, provided only enough stock is kept to consume and convert into manure the crops raised, excepting the surplus of grain, pork, beef and wool sold off the farm. This writes a contributor to The American Agriculturist, authority for the following: Such a rotation must include red clover and intervals of rest from the constant production of wheat and corn. It requires the carrying the tillable land into three fields of equal size and proportion, and stock the tillable acreage also as follows: For each 100 acres of tillable land, 30 head of cattle, 80 sheep, 4 work horses and 25 hogs will be sufficient.

Where one has a good barn and sheds extending back from each end, with a long narrow road to connect with the field that falls upon the roofs, a level barnyard having raised sides so that no liquid manure can escape, and the straw stacked in the center, a large quantity of manure can be made each year by the 1st of August from the straw and refuse remaining together with the droppings and urine of the animals kept in the basement of the barn and these in and about the yard.

Now, instead of breaking up the clover sward in August, when heat and drought prevail and the cost of the preparation of the land for wheat crop is doubled, adopt the following method: Begin in August by applying ten horse loads of manure to the acre on the field where most needed, making of each load six or eight piles 12 feet apart each way. Let this remain in piles until the following spring, when the manure will have rotted and the soil will be rich for the quick and vigorous growth of the wheat plants.

By this system of seeding the corn field with wheat, labor is not only completely economized, but the high cut stalks, when harrowed down, act as a mulch to protect the plants and necessarily prevent washing on high points and knolls, which would otherwise wash badly during the winter if the field were allowed to remain in the condition that it ordinarily is. The following spring sow again to clover and timothy. By this method the soil is enriched for three crops—one of corn, one of wheat and one of clover and timothy.

Renovating Poor Grass Land.

A larger amount of fertility is always gained by sowing some leguminous crop, such as soja beans, cowpeas, Canada peas or vetch, in the spring, rather than by sowing such catch crops as buckwheat, rye, turnips, rape or similar plants. Director Flag of the Rhode Island station calls attention to the New England Homestead to the importance of farmers considering the extra benefit to be derived from such a catch crop to be plowed under. He says: "Crimson clover may be sown at this time and will make a good growth for plowing under in time to seed to grass in September. About 20 pounds per acre is sufficient. It is noted by the single horse plow that it will handle 100 pounds at 6 1/2 cents and possibly may be bought for less. Sown on a well prepared seed bed, it can be sufficiently covered by harrowing with a smoothing harrow or often with a heavy brush harrow. As Canada peas are somewhat hard on the soil, it is better to use the softer bodied rye or vetch. I am inclined to think that, taking into consideration the cost of the seed and convenience of seeding, crimson clover will be the most desirable to use for green manuring in this vicinity.

Box and Barrel Gardens.

A New Jersey gardener has been experimenting to prove that many poor persons in crowded lots in cities and towns might produce vegetables for their tables. As reported in Home and Farm, he dug a hole 18 inches square and a foot deep, and in the bottom placed a box or barrel of earth on a roof will supply a family with cucumbers, squash, melons, etc.

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HAVANA ATTACKED.

Rebels Make a Raid on the Suburbs, and then Retire.

A SCARE FOR THE INHABITANTS.

Havana's outposts have again been attacked by a large body of rebels, who, before the Spanish troops could be gathered to resist, had swept through the suburbs, carrying all before them. They used, it is believed, rapid-firing guns and a large quantity of dynamite. The attack was made Wednesday night. There is an inclination among the Spanish officials in Havana to deny the fact that rebels evaded the forts and swept into the Havana limits. But the facts remain, and the path left by the rebels through the suburbs southeast of the city may be plainly seen.

At the first sounds of firing the Spanish soldiers sprang to arms. They proceeded hurriedly to the southern eastern part, whence the rattle of musketry, followed by the boom of heavy guns or dynamite, could be heard plainly all over Havana. Then the sound of firing increased, and finally, after a few hours, died away, showing that the rebels had retired. The attack was not unexpected. For weeks the rebels have been within sight of the capital and have practically moved without interference. There is a belief in Havana that the rebel raid was led by Aranguren, who is noted as one of the most daring of the rebel chiefs. Captain-General Weyler having left Havana for Matanzas the rebels were enabled to gain knowledge by insurgents of his departure led to the attack.

Commission Merchants.

Although some may have difficulty with commission merchants, it is safe to claim that much misunderstanding results from a failure to comply with the agreement on both sides. When the farmer receives the circular of a commission merchant, and finds eggs quoted at from 20 cents to 25 cents per dozen, he will, in nearly all cases, expect to receive 25 cents per dozen, except the fact that there was a lower price and that eggs differ in many respects. The highest prices quoted are for strictly choice goods. It is not always that the merchants receive the best from farmers, and they are therefore compelled to sell at a lower price than the farmer expects to receive. If the farmer sends strictly fresh eggs he may not have them attractive, and they may not be clean or assorted. The merchant cannot induce customers to believe that an article is choice unless it is attractive.

The same rule applies to poultry.

We doubt if any farmer ever shipped a lot of poultry to market in which all were alike, as there is a difference in hens, even of the same broods. Some will be very choice, but some will not be so good. The highest price quoted will be obtained only for the choice. The others will bring a lower price.

When farmers receive quotations they should make allowance for quality, and consider that there are several prices instead of only one. By so doing they will save themselves much vexation, and have more amicable relations with merchants. The commission merchant should always remember that when a farmer ships to him he places his confidence in him, and he should therefore aim to please the farmer to the fullest extent in his power.—Poultry Keeper.

He Was Ready.

Dolby and his wife were going out the other evening, and Dolby gave himself up to the comforts of his pipe and Morris chair until twenty minutes before time to start. Then he "flew around" in this fashion:

"Here, Mary," to his wife, "just lay out my things, won't you? Put the studs in my shirt, won't you? And just slip the buttons into my cuffs. Don't forget a clean collar, and I guess I'll change my underwear if you'll lay out a suit. And can't you find time to change my suspenders to my evening trousers, and put a little liquid dressing on my shoes? Then I'll want you to tie my tie and—oh, just brush my hat up a little, won't you? Yes, and there's a string needed in one of my evening shoes. So to it, won't you dear? Where's my comb and brush? No, they're not where I left them last, for I left them right here on the dresser. I can swear that I did. Find them, please, and then take the whisk broom and brush my coat a little. I think that there is a little spot on the collar that you'll have to sponge out, and there is a button needed on my trousers. I forgot to tell you before. Can't you button this blamed collar for me? It's so stiff I can't do a thing with it. Now tie my tie, please, and slip a clean handkerchief into my coat pocket, and then—good Lord, woman, it's time we were off now! And here you're not half dressed! What have you been doing? Here I'm nearly ready, and you—well, if you women don't beat the Dutch when it comes to dilly-dallying. I've a good mind to go off without you to teach you to be ready on time next time we're going any place! Now, hurry up. Here I'm all ready!"

Desired Information.

While preaching a sermon on the tender wisdom of the Omnipotent, a preacher illustrated his point by saying that he knows which of us grows best in the sunlight, and which must have shade. "You know you plant roses in the sunshine," he said, "and heliotrope and geraniums; but if you want your fuchsias to grow, you must keep them in a shady nook." After the sermon a woman came up to him, her face glowing with pleasure. "Oh, Doctor, I am so grateful for that sermon," she said, clasping his hand and shaking it warmly. His heart glowed for a moment—only for a moment, though. "Yes," she went on fervently, "I never knew before what was the matter with my fuchsias."

Great Triumph.

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General and Political.

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It is said that California alone is now sending emigrants to the Klondike fields at the rate of 2,000 a month. Every man of them expects to "strike it rich," and nearly all of them are better fitted for the undertaking by knowledge, experience and physical stamina than are a majority of those who will go for the East.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works has booked an order for twenty locomotives for Japan. This, with orders already received, makes a total of fifty locomotives built for that oriental empire. Thirty have just been shipped. Of the eighteen were for the government roads and twelve for a private corporation. The order just received is for the Japanese government.

It is said at the White House and at the State Department that there is no foundation for the report that Secretary Sherman intends to resign the office of Secretary of State and that Mr. Whitlaw Reid will succeed him in that office. Mr. Sherman, who is now at Annapolis, Md., has the following brief but comprehensive statement in regard to the report yesterday. "The story is without foundation. If my health holds out I shall see the Hawaiian annexation question to a settlement."

Assistant Secretary Vanderlip has authorized the Director of the bureau and deliver to the printing of the secretary United States notes, treasury notes and silver certificates to the amount of \$104,000,000. A large proportion of these notes will be in small denominations, one, two, five and ten, and the supply is expected to be sufficient for the needs of the treasury for a period of about three months, meeting the usual large demand for small bills required in the movement of crops. The department anticipates, in view of the abundant crops and the foreign demand, an unusually large and early call for small bills.

The gang of genuine pirates, believed to be Chinese free-booters, are said to infest the waters of Bering sea, waiting for the departure of some of the gold-laden steamers from the Yukon river region, which they propose to intercept in true Asiatic style seize the treasure and, if necessary, put the crew and prospectors to death. This information has come officially to the Treasury Department and is receiving the consideration of officials. Fears are entertained by the managers of the big steamship lines, which will bring the gold back in the autumn, that their steamers may be attacked, and one company has already asked for the protection of revenue cutters.

Man's Excessive Appetite and the Body's Capacity for Food.

To the lay mind nothing seems to auger so strongly in favor of robust health as hearty appetite. Furthermore, there would seem to be a strong connection in the public mind, sanctified by tradition from time almost immemorial, that the more a man eats the better he is. The quantity of food that many people naturally eat is very large as compared with their actual physiological requirements. Add to this the many tempting forms in which food is presented to the palate by our modern culinary arts, the sharpening of the appetite by the antepandrial cocktail, the stimulus afforded by a bottle of good wine, and the result is often the consumption of an amount of food that simply overwhelms the assimilative and excretory organs to their highest capacity, especially when combined with sedentary life, and, moreover, it tends an additional impetus to the evils springing from the use of improper quality of food.

ERRORS IN LIVING.

The human elaborating and excretory mechanism was evidently adjusted for ordinary wear and tear to an average limited period of about 70 years. Under 40 per cent of extra work we must naturally expect impairment or breakdown of the mechanism much earlier. It should therefore excite no special surprise that so large a proportion of our well-to-do people die from Bright's disease, heart failure and allied diseases at 50 or 55 who should, under normal, naturally regulated lives and habits would, have attained the natural age of 70 or over. Paradoxical though it may seem, such people usually spring from exceptionally healthy stock and often point to the fact that their immediate ancestors lived to advanced ages of 80 years or more. This paradox, however, is more apparent than real, for investigation will usually reveal the fact that for the most part the parents in such cases were people of more simple habits, such as corresponded with New England life 75 or 100 years ago.

Wrecked on Boston Shoals.

The young man looked up from his writing.

"The ab— the girl lives in Boston," he said to his chum. "Don't you think it would make a hit with her if I quoted a few lines of poetry?"

"Get the book?"

"No, but I know the verses by heart."

"Don't you take any chances. I tried the same thing once and got shook because I used a semicolon where there should have been a comma."—Washington Star.

Worst and Worser.

Lately one of the Aston constables, who is an Irishman, while in the witness box perpetrated a bull which fairly set the court in a roar. Describing the conduct of a man who had been creating a disturbance, he said:

"I saw the defendant. He made the first move in the world, and then he went over the street and made a worse."—London Tit-Bits.

Cheese has been known in China and Japan since 8000 B. C. The game of chess, as now played in Europe and America, dates from the sixteenth century.

The New Tariff Law

Which has just been signed by the President, may be appropriately considered an Industrial Declaration of Independence. An official text of the law has just been published by the American Protective Tariff League, and should be carefully examined by every citizen. Protectionists ought to have a few copies of this law for distribution. Five copies will be sent to any address for ten cents. Ask for Document No. 30 and address W. F. Wakeman, Gen'l Sec'y, 135 West 23rd Street, New York.

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