

TANEYTOWN LOCAL COLUMN.

Current Items of Local News, of Special Interest to Home Readers.

Bernie Crabbs is building a dwelling at Otter Dale Mill, on the hill beyond the bridge.

Rev. James Cattanchatt attended the State C. E. convention in Baltimore, this week.

William Stouffer is building a frame dwelling, on the Mill road, beyond the corporate limits.

The Wm. N. Thomson property, on York St., was not sold at public sale, on Saturday, but was withdrawn at a bid of \$240.

Mrs. George A. Shoemaker, of A., was stricken with paralysis, on Saturday night, but at this writing is somewhat improved.

The Mt. Joy congregation, Rev. W. G. Minnick, pastor, recently sent 66 quart jars of fruit to the Lutheran Deaconess Home, at Baltimore.

There is not likely to be a scarcity of calendars here, this year, as the Record office has booked orders for about 1000 very handsome ones, from local business men.

A party of ladies and gentlemen tendered Prof. Clarence V. Clippinger a birthday surprise party, on Monday evening. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by all.

The election in Taneytown, was quite a contrast to the one last year. There was no "blue goose" in operation this year, and no open attempt made to influence voters.

As a result of the election, John McCarty had the pleasure of wheeling Samuel H. Harman, of this district, from the square to the railroad, last Saturday night.

The Clark addition to Taneytown, on which four dwellings have been erected within a year, promises to be a popular extension to the town, because of excellence of location.

A series of Evangelistic services will begin in the U. B. church of this place, next Monday evening. Services to begin at 7.15 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend; all are welcome.

Would it not be a good investment to run a creamery and canning factory, in connection with another, in this place? The same power could be used for both, as well as but one investment for property.

Mr. Norval P. Shoemaker and wife arrived here on Thursday evening, from their wedding tour. We understand that the newly wedded pair will reside with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Shoemaker.

The members of St. Joseph's Catholic church, intend holding an oyster supper in the parochial school house, beginning Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 29th, and continuing on the evenings of Friday and Saturday of the same week.

The P. O. S. of A., will hold a banquet, on the first Thursday night in December, for members of the Camp, only. It is quite probable that State President, C. Harvey Pardee, of Baltimore, will be present. Members of the Camp are requested to bear the date in mind.

The Editor of the Record is indebted to O. O. Garner, of the Independent Experiment Station, for a box of very handsome chrysanthemums, for which he returns sincere thanks. The flowers far exceed in perfection those commonly raised in this neighborhood.

The following sketch, from the Indianapolis Press, fully explains itself: "William X. Curran, who had been for a number of years custodian of the Majestic building, died at his home, 630 South East street, Monday night, of uraemic poisoning. Mr. Curran, who was familiarly known as 'Captain,' took charge of the Majestic building in 1896, and prior to that time was custodian of the Commercial Club. In speaking of him, last night, Samuel D. Pray, secretary of the Indianapolis Gas Company, said that he had never known a more genial or kindly man. 'He did not have an enemy in the world,' said Mr. Pray, 'and every one liked him.' Mr. Curran, who was about sixty years old at the time of his death, was a veteran of the civil war, in which he rendered honorable service."

A Story of Fish.

"The biggest fish I ever caught," began the story teller, a scholarly looking party, who evidently knew more about school books than fly hooks.

"Got away," interrupted a thin-faced little man with a nose like a single.

"I'm no liar," the story teller flared up. "This is a true story, and I'm prepared to swear to it. It was in the year '89, when we had the hottest summer."

"I didn't know the summer of '89 was so very hot," said a man in a weather-beaten straw hat.

"If all you didn't know," said the story teller, "was piled on top of me, I should be flatter than a flounder and leader than a mackerel. As I was saying, in the summer of '89 a party of us went to upper Canada on a fishing expedition. It wasn't hot up there a little bit. On the contrary, it was so cold that the ice froze the first night we got there."

"Gosh!" exclaimed the little man with a shingle nose.

"As I was saying," said the story teller, showing genuine gameness, "it froze the first night we got there. I was fishing alone, and went out the next morning just the same, and I hadn't been fishing more than fifteen minutes when the fish got away. I thought was going to pull the boat under. I let go of my rod and it went scotching through the water, but I soon got it again, and the light over the water and under it began to earnest. I hadn't been fishing for a long time and was nervous as the dickens, but I had some sense left, and I didn't intend to let that fish get away. If I could help it, I was so excited that I never did know how long I tussled with it, but in time I landed him in the boat, and he was the biggest one I ever caught in my life. I was so excited."

"How much did he weigh?" eagerly inquired the man in a straw hat as he drew up close to the story teller. "Exactly half a pound," said the story teller, as serious as a sermon. "You think you are darn smart, don't you?" sniffed the little man with the shingle nose, as he got up and walked outside, where he could get more breathing room.—Washington Star.

Coins Worth a Premium.

These are some of the rare coins for which collectors are always on the look-out.

Half-cents—All proof coins of the years in the forties except that of 1849 with the large date are worth about \$10 each. Coins of 1790, 1795 and 1797 are quite rare.

Cents—1793 has seven rare varieties of which the first three are similar and lack periods in the legends. The obverse bears the 13 link endless chain. The fourth variety has a strawberry leaf under the head. The fifth and sixth have a trefol, the one upright and the other turned to the right. No. 7 has a liberty cap head. These are worth from \$4.50 up.

The cent of 1799 is the rarest of all. It has no date, and the design is missing with 1796, and the head is looking to the right. The two varieties are worth \$7.50 to \$20 each.

From \$2 to \$3 is paid for the 1804 cent, which is similar. The 1809 cent brings \$1 to \$3.

Of recent years the 1850 nickel cent is the most sought. It is worth from \$3 to \$4. Those of 1857 and 1858 are similar in design, but of no special value. After that year the Indian head was put on cents of the present design.

Proof coins of the last two-cent piece coined in 1875 are worth from \$1 to \$10.

Proof three and five cent pieces, of 1877 are worth from \$2.50 to \$4.

The silver three cent piece of from 1836 to 1839 is worth \$1 to \$2.

All silver half-dimes that date previous to 1829 are rare and are worth from \$1.50 to \$4.

The silver half-dime and dime of 1846 are both rare, the former being priced at from \$2 to \$3 and the latter \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Dimes previous to 1816 are quite rare and bring \$1 to \$2.

Twenty cent pieces of 1877 and 1878 are worth \$2.50 to \$4.

Quarters of 1796 and 1804 are worth from \$2 to \$4. Those of 1823 and 1827 are worth from \$2 to \$3. The 1833 quarter without arrowheads and rays is worth \$3 to \$7. The quarter of 1856 without the device, "In God we Trust," and the one at the San Francisco mint, is very rare and is priced accordingly.

Silver half-dollars of 1796 and 1797 are worth \$20 to \$40. That of 1808, with the Goddess of Liberty seated, is worth \$25 to \$30. That of 1835 without arrowheads and rays is worth \$25 to \$30.

The 1804 silver dollar has been sold for from \$300 to \$1,200, which the last one brought. There are other dollars which are very rare and upon which there is no set price. These rare dollars include that of 1794, of 1836, of which there are four varieties, and that with the flying eagle is worth \$7 to \$15; the 1838 dollar, of which there are two varieties each, the 1851 and 1852 and the 1866 dollar, without the device and with the San Francisco mint mark.

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SELECTIONS

ENGLAND'S COMING CENSUS.

An Enumeration to Be Made on March 31 Next.

Under the direction of the local government board the registrar general and his able conductors at Somerset House are already preparing for the census of the United Kingdom on March 31 next. As it happens, the date falls on a Sunday, and that day has been chosen because most people are at home then. The people of Great Britain—England, Scotland and Wales—will be counted simultaneously with those of Ireland. In both cases the arrangements are on identical lines, except that Ireland will have a religious census, and the rest of the kingdom will not.

Preparatory to the census of ten years ago England and Wales were parceled out into 34,000 districts, so that, allowing for the growth of the population, the number of districts next March will fall little short of 40,000. Each district will have an enumerator, his duty being to distribute, collect and copy the householders' schedules. Institutions and establishments holding more than 100 inmates will be specially enumerated, in the minority of cases by the chief resident officers. Appointed about the middle of February, this army of enumerators will be under the immediate control of the local registrars, their work being supervised by superintendent registrars.

The enumerators will distribute the householders' schedules during the week prior to the census day and collect them on the Monday following. Within a reasonable period the returns must be delivered by the enumerators, so as to be examined and revised by the local registrars before being passed on to the superintendent registrars, who in due course transmit them to the census office. Summary returns form the basis of preliminary reports, which is succeeded by a general report, and both are in process of time laid before the houses of parliament.

When the results of the last census became known, the fact that the population of England and Wales fell short of the official estimate by nearly 750,000 created quite a sensation, but the random charges of inaccuracy were not substantiated. England and Wales were shown to contain 29,002,525 inhabitants, Scotland 4,025,647 and Ireland 4,704,750, making 37,732,922 the total for the United Kingdom. What increase is to be established? According to the registrar general's estimate, the population of England and Wales in July of the present year amounted to 32,000,000. Scotland 4,313,963 and Ireland 4,515,471, representing a total of 40,829,434 for the United Kingdom. Seeing that the natural increase of the population amounts roughly to 112,712 every three months the census of 1901 may be expected to demonstrate a great increase in population. It is estimated that the population of the United Kingdom in 1901 will be 42,500,000, or an advance of 3,500,000 since the census of 1891.

New York Theater Prices. It used to be said that the theater prices in New York were lower than in the large foreign cities because the highest price here was \$1.50, while in London \$1 more is demanded for the most desirable places. Since that time New Yorkers have seen theater prices gradually increased to \$2 in almost every theater, while in London the inclination has been for several years to lessen the expenses of theater goers. It was always no more expensive there in reality than in New York, because the number of places held at \$2.50 was small in comparison with the orchestra seats of a New York theater. Now the local theaters are generally more expensive than those in London, and the circumstances attending the sale of tickets make the pleasure still more desirable. Very few seats that are desirable are ever to be had at the box offices, and while the public is everywhere warned against the speculators, tickets are to be had only at the hotels and at the same prices asked by the street speculators. So the average New Yorker who looks for the best seat in a city theater must pay \$2.50 for it.—New York Sun.

He Saw. The drummer was telling his cockney friend his latest story.

"A chap out west," he said, "was about to go into business. He hadn't much capital, but he had lots of pluck. A hard headed old uncle asked him one day what lines of goods he expected to carry."

"I am not certain yet," he answered him, "except that I shall carry a full line of courage." "It'm his old uncle snorted. 'A line of courage is nothing but a rope of sand.'"

"I see," exclaimed the cockney. "You can't make a rope of sand! Haw, haw!"—Chicago Tribune.

A Careful Player. "How did that young man come out of the poker game he got into at Crimison Gulch?"

"Oh," answered Three Finger Sam, "he came out all right. You see, he played very conservative. He didn't get into any of those frequent doses, like just said, 'That's good!' and kept his hands off the money."—Washington Star.

Western Maryland R. R. Thanksgiving Day Special Excursion to Hagerstown and the Wonderful Caverns of Luray.

On Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 29th), the Western Maryland Railroad will run special excursions to Hagerstown and Luray. The special train will leave Bruceville at 8 a. m., and returning will leave Luray at 5.30 p. m., and Hagerstown at 8.15 p. m. The excursion rate from Bruceville to Hagerstown and return will be only \$1.00 and to Luray \$2.50, including coupon of admission to the Caverns and services of guides. The wonders of the renowned Caverns of Luray are indescribable and truly fit alone in their own realistic descriptions and crystalizations of the inspiring beauty and grandeur. Ticks good going and returning only on special train and limited to date (November 29th).

How Pat Mailed the Letter. Mr. Blank gave his new groom, Patrick, a letter and two cents, with instructions to mail the letter at the postoffice.

Presently Pat returned and deposited the two cents on his employer's desk with an air of conscious pride.

"How's this, Pat?" said Mr. Blank, in surprise, "didn't you mail the letter?"

"I did that, sir," said Patrick, gleefully.

"But why did you return the money?"

"Well, sir, I watched the old lady back behind the windy, and slipped it in when he wasn't looking!"

YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

Two Good Dog Stories—A Naughty but Clever Cat—She Found Her Good Fairy.

As a breed, perhaps, the St. Bernard may be said to be the telepathist among dogs. We speak of instinct in animals; we call this or that dog intelligent and characterize the one or other related incident as wonderful or impossible. Telepathy is the most possible explanation. In the instance of a St. Bernard owned by a gentleman at Prague we have a case of telepathy. How else can the story be explained or accepted?

During the evening of a day on which there had been a heavy fall of snow, and while snow was still falling, the gentleman, sitting alone by the fire with his dog, noticed him growing uneasy and restless in manner. Presently the dog got up and whined for the door of the room to be opened. Thinking he wanted to go to the kitchen for food, the owner opened the door. He found the dog, but the animal returned and seemed to expect something further from him. Going out into the hall after the dog, he found him making the same signs of uneasiness before the hall door. His owner therefore took the dog in his arms and thought the usual exercise was what the dog wanted.

On his opening the door the dog, contrary to his custom, turned to the left and made straight off in a certain direction. Following him at a run, the owner lost sight of him. Whistling and calling did not bring the dog back. He was able to track the animal's foot steps and found him in the act of moving the snow from a wretched wail, a man still living, who from hunger and exposure had fainted and was half frozen. This was some half mile from home.

A gentleman personally known to me recounted the following experience: "When I lived at Rust-chuck-on-the-Danube, I had a very clever little dog. The dog was not used greatly on for sport, but was chiefly the companion of my children. I was in the habit of taking journeys of several days' duration and uncertain length. Usually I was not able to inform my family of the day of my return. Sometimes the difficulties of traveling made it impossible for me to judge myself when I might return."

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