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Notes of a Trip to Mexico

BY E. MCS.

PART III.

JULY, 8.—Sunday. Today we landed at Vera Cruz where Cortez arrived 400 years ago. Its small harbor is protected by reefs as that of Jaffa. They are now spending several millions to enlarge it by breakwaters. Much of the city is built on made land, and is very hot and unhealthy, but there is no danger of yellow fever in staying for a day or two except for intemperate people.

However, the Company which sold us a ticket through to Mexico should have landed us at Vera Cruz at least. Instead we had to hire a boat and go ashore, half a mile in the pouring rain, after a bargain with the boatman. We got wet, something that we always avoid as much as possible, and we couldn't dry in the moist, rainy weather. Went to Mass at 12 in the Cathedral. Few people. (Buzans on roofs of low, one-story houses, even in Mexico city. The roofs are flat, so we understand about the people on the roofs in the Bible.) There was no sermon, nor anything except pure and simple Mass.

Some of our men passengers of English speech, immediately began to drink and treat one another at the bar in Vera Cruz. Why do men drink alcohol so much? Is it to supply brain waste? Why do they smoke and not the women? Why are the women satisfied with tea?

The Mexican hat is tall and broad-brimmed, like a sugar-loaf in a deep and wide basin. It is a couple of pounds in weight when made of felt; it is also made of straw, too. It is of all colors, richly decorated with beautiful cords, etc., and costs up to \$30 and \$50, or higher. It has its owner's initials on it, and very often the rest his clothing isn't worth fifty cents; a cotton shirt, trousers, and sandals or bare feet. Why is it so tall and thick? Probably to keep a space of air above the head, and thus protect the wearer from the sun's rays.

We saw nests about two feet long hanging from branches of trees.

We saw the Mexican poncho or serape; it is the Roman *pluvialis*, a cloak like the priests' chasuble, slipped over the head. It must be fine for windy weather, as it cannot be blown away. It is worn by the common people, the original inhabitants, and is made of cotton or wool of various colors, chiefly whitish. The women wear a blue shawl instead.

The houses of the natives, many of them were palisades or wattles, with thatch roof, so that the wind had free play; earthen floor; hammocks or simple beds. None of the native women wear a head-dress, except sometimes flowers, but doff or don the mantilla. The veil is exquisitely graceful on the Spanish women; no French bonnet comes near it.

Most of the houses of the country folk were of Sun-dried brick, called adobe, or of cobble stones, or of old railroad ties, roofed with thatch, were huts or cabins, and some of the native women had large straw sombreros like the men. Many times we saw a man with two or more hats on at once, as if the cheaper were to preserve the other.

There are no smoking cars and every one smokes everywhere, and spits always on the floor.

We were at a hotel in Orizaba, and the first thing we heard our next neighbor do in the morning was to strike a match and light a cigarette. Even women, some of them, smoked cigars and cigarettes. A beggarwoman lisped for alms without taking the cigarette from her mouth.

Wood is very scarce on the vast plains of the Mexican table land, and railway sleepers and telegraph poles are of iron.

Why are beggars always at church doors? Is it not because religious people are charitable? Do beggars group about doors of theatres?

We saw wheels in some churches with many bells on the tire, and it was turned by a crank.

Girard College, Philadelphia, is the richest in the world; supports and educates 2,000 orphan boys. No minister of any denomination is allowed to enter it, either professionally or otherwise, but the superintendent reads the Bible and prays. They say those boys don't rise in the world. People take a boy for his family, these boys are orphans. People don't trust young men who have been brought up without religious training. Yet the very best instruction obtainable is given them in sciences, trades, etc. They have the latest and the best of everything, and the cleverest teachers. "What doth it prophesy," Matt. xvi, 26. Even for this world not much.

July 9.—Slept in the mountain town of Orizaba, in a room 20x25x35, brick floor, plain bed, etc., broom and all like our college in Rome. Architecture similar. Meals ditto. Nothing for breakfast but coffee, chocolate, etc., and bread. Hence very easy for priests to fast on Sunday morning. The first real meal is at 10.30 or 11 o'clock. We were quite pleased to return to customs of college days at Rome.

The church of the Jesuits at Orizaba was as usual the most elegant, but had images of some saints besides those of their own order. These churches of regulars generally have only "family" portraits.

The images of our Lord's in His passion are very torn and bloody, realistic; the other saints are mostly in real dresses of silk, velvet, etc., hence mostly under glass to preserve them. In this way one can get a head put hands and feet on a stick and cover it with clothes, instead of buying a whole statue as we do.

At this place we ventured to try our College-Spanish on a venerable ecclesiastic, but he replied, with the charming grace of a Viejo Castilano: "No hablo ingles, Senor." This saddened us. We noticed wonderful instance of economy. Double headed matches of wax, as we seldom burn half the match in using. So double-headed locomotives to drag train up this fearful grade of mountain railway.

The Mexican houses are built around a central court, which is very nice for a hot country. Evidently latitude and climate make architecture, as the Pompeian houses resemble these Mexican ones.

The horse-shoe track up the mountain gave many splendid views of towns, farms, ranchos in valley below, but at last we got up to the clouds, it being the rainy season, and saw nothing.

A little boy that was with us from Havana now first donned his poncho, colored like a Roman Scarf, (a rainbow) and it was very pretty. Many of the gentlemen who are not Indians, wear the Mexican hat.

We saw women with real scapulars on, outside their dresses. This is the original way, because the monks and nuns wear that part of their dress so.

Where a fatal accident has occurred on the railway, they put up a black cross.

Now for the first time we knew what a Hacienda or Rancho is. We recall Bret Harte's "Bulls of the Blessed Trinity," and can realize the California "Missions." The proprietor's house with its garden, etc., was walled around, and the Indians lived in huts or cabins alongside, while the thousands of acres farms with flocks and herds extended all around. Never a fence at all, but shepherds watching cattle, some of them with ponchos made of long grass.

We are reminded of the shepherd at Corinth playing on his pipe for his flock, and the shepherd at Olympia lifting up the lamb with his crook.

These natives wear their poncho swung over their shoulders like our own Indians their blankets, and are quiet, mysterious-looking, like ours; evidently same race, but full faced, and without the aggressive high cheek-bone. In fact, most of them look so sad and gentle that you have "Alexandro and Ramona"

over and over. They seem like ghosts revisiting the places where they lived in the flesh.

The "peons" or farm-hands are practically slaves. Their wages are as low as the life limit allows, I believe, and they cannot strike to any effect; they must buy at the rancho-store as there is not another convenient, and they never get out of debt, cigars and pulque tempting them too much, besides rent, children, etc. No one can leave the hacienda while in debt, hence they stay there forever.

Immense tracts of corn and the Maguay plant, on land as flat as water, and with many great crooked cracks in it, water-courses, but very rarely any water in them, even at this rainy season. No fences.

The English destroyed or exiled the Indians. They are false and proud, not admitting human brotherhood. Catholic Spain can point out this great country governed by a pure Indian, one of the "grand old men" that rule the earth. He was selected for the fifth time on July 9, 1900, although 70 years of age, but he leads a good, domestic, temperate life, drinks wine at table only, never smokes, rises early.

The tipple of the Indians is pulque, a drink made from the fermented juice of the Maguay, containing very little alcohol, looking like thin milk, and costing about as much as milk in our village, and drunk like milk. In fact you got a glass in a store for half a cent.

The Indians at the "Missions" were doubtless like those on the ranchos, except that the ranchero wants to get rich, and may or may not have concerned himself about their religion and advance in civilization. The pulque is dipped from a tub like milk.

The Mexicans on meeting shake hands, put their heads over one another's shoulder, and slap each other on the back, smiling. (The Chinese shake their own hands, the Feejees rub noses.) Boot-blackening 25 cents. (United States money.) Board at first class hotel in Puebla, \$1.00 (gold) a day, all included and very good.

Railroad fares are in proportion. If the first class is \$1.00, the second is 60 cents, the third is 50 cents. In street cars they have classes also, sometimes a car divided in two. Train gives notice ten times before starting, but does not back up twice to get a good start before going, as in Spain.

A dutchman we were told once made a bet to jump over a hill if he was allowed a good start; he ran a mile for this purpose but was out of breath then and didn't jump.

Public cemetery very poorly kept. Divided into three classes, also vegetation rank, and as in our country, the further north you go, the more care they take of flowers, and vice-versa. Catholics think of soul so much, that they seem to neglect care of place where bodies lie.

Hotel rooms around a central space covered with glass, 75 feet high; this yard or room about 60x40 was our dining room at Puebla. The rooms have a veranda in front all around, two stories, and you hear all of the noise of talking, piano, billiards, etc., which prevent you sleeping late or early.

The French invaded Mexico, 1862, but it proved unhealthy in many ways. They have French cemeteries, Juarez shot Maximilian. Diaz also is a pure Indian, like Juarez, from Oaxaca, and now in his 70th year reelected a fifth time, governs his country independently like Bismarck, Gladstone, etc. We delight to see this.

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MARYLAND'S DEBT LOW.

Our State Debt Of as Compared With Most of the Others.

In the list of debts of States Maryland stands near the bottom, according to the rank as determined by the small amount. The actual indebtedness of the State is placed at \$2,885,269.13, of which amount only \$7,400 is legacy from the period prior to the loans for the construction of the annex to the Penitentiary, the purchase of Springfield and the improvement, the loans for an armory of the Fifth Maryland Regiment and for new State building and for other public improvement. In other words the State would be free from debt but for these recent improvements.

During the last two years there has been an increase of \$600,000 in the State debt. This increase is accounted for in the issuance January 1, 1900 of the "Consolidated Loan of 1899" for the completion of the Fifth Regiment armory, together with the issuance July 1, 1900, of a part of the "State Building and Improvement Loan," amounting to \$300,000. As an offset to this interest-bearing debt the state holds bonds, stocks and cash aggregating \$3,424,057, leaving the net debt of the state September 30, 1900, \$2,885,269.13. While the funded debt was increased \$600,000, the net debt in excess of that of the previous year is but \$288,226.13.

Against Maryland's indebtedness there stand assets which would fully wipe out all liabilities, hence the state may be said to be practically free from debt.

The following states have now no debt—no funded obligations which have matured and are unprovided for or remain unprovided for before maturity: Illinois, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska and Nevada. The following states have only a nominal debt: California, \$4,000; Michigan \$250,000; New Jersey, \$70,000; Oregon, \$165,000, and Vermont, \$204,000.

In 1890 the debt of Illinois was \$1,184,000; Iowa, \$245,000; Montana, \$167,000; Nebraska, \$233,000; Nevada, \$509,000; California, \$2,522,000; Michigan, \$5,300,000; New Jersey, \$1,022,000; Vermont, \$148,000.

New York has a debt of \$10,000,000, of which the obligations incurred by the canals represent about \$9,000,000. Outside of that item of disbursement New York has practically no debt. Pennsylvania owes \$835,000, and Ohio, \$700,000.

Massachusetts has a large debt, \$16,000,000; Indiana a large debt, \$4,700,000; Colorado a considerable debt, \$2,700,000; and Connecticut a fairly large debt of \$2,100,000. With these exceptions, all the heavy State debts are in Southern States which went through the expensive process of reconstruction.

Tennessee has a debt of \$16,000,000; Virginia, \$26,000,000; Louisiana, \$10,800,000; North Carolina, \$6,500,000; Alabama, \$9,300,000; Georgia, \$7,800,000; South Carolina, \$6,800,000, and Mississippi, \$2,900,000. Texas, Kentucky and West Virginia have small debts.

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From this I rightly conjectured that he had in some way become aware of the square black bottle in my portmanteau.

It was not the first occasion I had for observing that the truly artistic soul is gifted with superior powers of divination.—Detroit Journal.

GUM drops a few years ago were the most fashionable variety of candy, but dealers spoiled the trade by putting brandy and other forms of alcohol in them.

HE GOT TWELVE LIONS.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., Feb. 17.—

Vice-President-elect Theodore Roosevelt was at Colorado Springs today, the guest of P. B. Stewart, who was one of the members of the Roosevelt hunting party in Rio Blanco county during the first three weeks of its outing.

The Vice-president-elect is in excellent health and spirits and will return to the east in good condition for the duties upon which he is to enter soon. His time until the inauguration will be taken up in attending to his correspondence, the accumulation of six weeks. A public reception will be given him in this city tomorrow afternoon. He expressed a desire that nothing in the nature of a banquet be held, and the reception will be an informal handshaking.

Speaking of his hunting trip, Colonel Roosevelt said:

"We did not see a bear or wolf on the entire trip. Aside from lynx and smaller game our hunting was confined to the so-called mountain lions or panthers. I got 12 of them.

"I never enjoyed a holiday more, and I have never been out with a better hunter than John Goff. His hounds are without exception the best I have ever seen for the work.

"As I am obliged to go East in view of the nearness of the inauguration, I am to my great regret, unable to address the Colorado Legislature in accordance with its kind request. I cannot sufficiently express my appreciation for the generous courtesy and hospitality with which I have been treated in Colorado, and I shall eagerly hail the first chance again to come to the State."

Colonel Roosevelt is much annoyed over hair-raising stories that have been circulated concerning his hunting experiences. He says that many of these were greatly exaggerated.—Sun.

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THE chamois seem to be credited with a temperature much higher than that of domestic animals, one hunter finding it to be 130 degrees Fahrenheit. Applying the thermometer to many newly killed specimens, an English observer records an average of 101.5 degrees in chamois suddenly killed, and up to 4 or 5 degrees more in animals running.

A MISSOURI judge has hit upon an effective plan for getting tramps to leave town. He sentences all brought before him to thirty days' work on the streets and gives them half an hour to get their tools. That half hour sees them well on their way out of town.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 22, 1901.

LENT began Wednesday.

The Western Maryland Railroad Station at Clear Spring was burned.

It is announced that the proposed sewerage system for Baltimore city can be built for \$12,000,000.

Mr. H. A. Weller has been appointed postmaster at Graceham, this county, vice W. J. Cramer, dead.

Colored illiterates in the vicinity of St. Michaels are forming schools among themselves to avoid the effect of a possible disfranchisement.

Through the kindness of Mr. A. A. Morner we have received a copy of the Census Bulletin, containing the population of Maryland by counties.

CALVIN B. THURSTON, a Republican worker of Hagerstown, was appointed weigher of mails between Hagerstown and Cherry Run for 30 days.

ALONZO HELPERSTAY, of Hagerstown, a painter, has been appointed weigher of mails at Union Station, Baltimore, for 30 days, from February 20.

JOHN J. ANDERSON died suddenly Saturday morning in Clear Spring, Washington county, of heart disease and acute indigestion, aged 35 years.

On last Saturday Mrs. Mary Mentzer sold her house and lot, situated on Green Street, at public sale, to Mr. F. A. Welly, for the sum of \$200.00.

The old Briscoe house, northwest of this place, is being remodelled and thoroughly repaired. Mr. David Wachter, who is doing the work, will occupy the house when completed.

It has been officially announced that the Baldwin Locomotive Works will remain in Philadelphia. Thus die the hopes of both Hagerstown and Cecil county.

REBECCA KERNS, aged 46 years, died in Cumberland from neglect and poverty. It was ascertained after her death that she had over \$200 in bank, from which a fine casket was bought for her burial.

Word was received in this place Monday that Mr. A. Eyster died in Philadelphia last Sunday night. Mr. Eyster formerly lived in this place, being proprietor of the Western Maryland Hotel, now Hotel Spangler.

It is understood that Charles N. Hargett and several other citizens of Frederick are arranging for the purchase of the Louis McMurray Packing Company's plant when the present owners move to Appleton, Wis.

ANDREW CARNEGIE has included Cumberland in the cities to which he has offered libraries. The sum of \$25,000 will be given for the purpose on condition that the city expend \$2,500 annually in maintenance.

JOHN PHILIP, a miner, convicted of unlawful assembly in connection with the recent strike at Klondike mine last summer, was fined \$50 and costs by Judge Sloan. It is thought the organization will pay the fine. Philip's is the last of the numerous cases in connection with the strike.

ISAAC FAUSNAUGHT, aged 70 years, a well-known citizen of Westport, was hurled from his bicycle and killed Monday by Baltimore and Ohio train No. 55 while riding between the tracks from Piedmont to Keyser. He took the smooth cinder path because the road was too muddy. He was badly mangled.

ROSWELL WARD, aged 2 years, son of Ross Ward, of Perryville, was seriously burned last Saturday night. A lighted torch in the hands of an elder brother, with whom he was playing, set fire to the little fellow's clothing and before the flames could be extinguished his body from the knees to his face was shockingly burned.

NEARLY all of the Garrett and Allegheny county people who took claims in the Nome gold District will go back to Alaska in the spring to work them. They organized the Maryland Mining Company, and at a recent meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, M. M. Schroeder; vice-president, M. M. Ashby; secretary, H. Harry West; treasurer, M. Nathan; manager, John Shartzer.

Mrs. Henrietta Lamb, mother of Mrs. Robert Rutherford, who died suddenly at Jefferson, Frederick county, has asked that a post-mortem examination be made of the body, since she has suspicions of foul play. A physician examined the body and pronounced heart failure the cause of death. The State Attorney will not act unless developments point to more positive confirmation of the theory of the mother.

COMMITTED TO MONTEVUE.

Ludi Polysoc, a former laborer on the B. & O. Railroad improvements at Jamsville, who was committed to Montevue Hospital some weeks ago for treatment and subsequently released, was again committed to Montevue by Judge Motter Tuesday afternoon. Since his release Polysoc, who is an Austrian and can scarcely make himself understood in English, has been roving about the county, lying outdoors, eating herbs, etc. He was arrested in the mountain about Myersville, and complained of being unwell.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. J. L. Motter, of Williamsport, is visiting Mrs. A. A. Annan.

Mr. Samuel Gamble attended the Maryland State Encampment, G. A. R., held in Baltimore this week.

SURPRISE PARTY.

On Feb. 14 a surprise party was given Mrs. Conrad Saffer, at her home in this place, in honor of the fifty-sixth anniversary of her birth, by her children and grandchildren. After spending the afternoon in games and other amusements, they were called to supper where a table was laden with all the delicacies of the season. After supper the guests returned to their homes, well pleased.

SUCCESSFUL FAIR.

The fair and supper held in St. Stephen's Hall, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of last week, was a grand success. The total amount of money received from the fair and supper was \$1,005.64; net receipts, \$824.33. We have been requested by the president of the fair committee to extend the thanks of the committee to all who contributed to the success of the fair.

BANK BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.

The Citizens' National Bank of Frederick, Joseph D. Baker, president, is arranging to make extensive improvements to their banking house, which is already the most imposing building in the city. The entire ground floor will be remodelled and converted into one large banking room. An additional improved vault will be erected in the building. Mr. A. S. Dempwolf, of York, Pa., architect, is designing the plans for the improvements.

ADAMS COUNTY POPULATION.

The population of Adams county, Pa., as returned by the late census enumerators, is 34,495, against 33,486 in 1890. Gettysburg has 3,495 inhabitants, being an increase of 274 during the decade. Fairfield borough 395; Hamilton borough 1,598. Fairfield borough, organized from part of Hamilton since 1890. Freedom township 516, in 1890 the population was 561. Liberty township 836, in 1890 it was 761. Littlestown, 1,118, in 1890, 991. McSherrystown, 1,490, an increase of 470.

GIANT WALNUT SOLD.

Miss Rebecca Earhart, of Myers district, Carroll county, has sold a walnut tree which stood in front of her residence, for \$155. The price was paid for the tree as it stood. The purchaser has cut it down and will ship it to Germany. The earth around it was removed, and it was sawed off two feet below the surface of the ground. The trunk made a log 14 feet long and nearly 4 feet in diameter. Two of the limbs made one log 20 and another 30 feet long. The tree was 150 years old, and was a prominent landmark in that vicinity.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Miss Haney, for the past two years teacher of an art class at Linden, Montgomery county, has mysteriously disappeared from the home of her uncle, Mr. Foster, at Woodville, near Linden, where she lived as an adopted daughter. A few mornings ago her aunt, Mrs. Foster, found a note in her room, stating that "she had gone away, and it would be useless to search for her, as they would never find her." Mr. Foster has made every effort to locate her, but up to the present time has discovered no clue to her whereabouts.

VERDICT FOR \$100 DAMAGES.

The jury in the case of Max Klotz, who sued the city of Hagerstown for \$5,000, came in with a verdict, after being out six hours, for Klotz for \$100. Two years ago while crossing West Franklin street Klotz was struck by a bicycle rider, Lester Davis, and hurt on the back of his head. He alleged the town was responsible for his injuries by not enforcing the ordinance prohibiting inordinate riding. He spent 10 days in the Hebrew Hospital, but Dr. Blum testified he was treated there chiefly for tuberculosis. The city will take an appeal.

SCHOOLHOUSE BURNED.

The Colored Public Schoolhouse at Quince Orchard, Montgomery county, was recently destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of several hundred dollars. The fire is believed to have been the work of the party or parties who have recently made several attempts at incendiarism in the Quince Orchard neighborhood. The County School Commissioners have decided to offer a reward of \$50 for the apprehension of the guilty persons and the company in which the building was insured has offered a similar reward. It is stated that the County Commissioners will also offer a reward.

CARROLL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The annual institute of the Carroll county public school teachers commenced Monday in Westminster. Practically every school teacher in the county was present, besides many other public educators and citizens of Westminster. The public schools in Carroll county are suspended temporarily and the institute was in session daily until Thursday. The following made addresses on Monday: State Superintendent M. Bates Stephens, Rev. S. Simpson, Hon. J. W. Herrington, Rev. James W. Reese, C. C. Borer, of the Keystone State Normal School of Pennsylvania, and Prof. F. Bonnotte, of Western Maryland College.

ROBBED OF HIS CORK-LEG FUND.

Deputy Sheriff Emory Nelson and Robert Weber, of Brunswick, arrested George Minnick and Timothy McDade, who were committed to jail in default of \$200 bail for the action of the court, charged with stealing \$80 from Samuel Ridenbaugh on August 7. The victim of the robbery has but one leg, and by selling papers and doing other minor jobs was endeavoring to raise money sufficient to purchase himself a cork leg. The robbery aroused so much interest that a public subscription was taken up for the young man, which enabled him to purchase the leg.—Sun.

THREE BIG FIRES.

Thirty-Seven Head of Live Stock Burned—Children Carried From Burning House in Clear Creek.

The large three-story barn on the farm of Mr. D. S. Gillelan, about 14 miles southeast of this place, along the Taneytown road, and tenanted by Mr. Gillelan's son, Mr. Maurice Gillelan, was entirely destroyed by fire last evening, together with the stock and every outbuilding on the south side of the road. Ten head of mules, 1 horse, 12 head of cattle, 4 calves, 10 hogs, and a lot of chickens, comprise the live stock that was burned to death. Three mules and 6 horses were gotten out of the burning building. All the hay, (about 40 tons), straw, corn fodder, about 200 bushels of rye, 100 bushels of oats, a lot of wheat, and between 1,200 and 1,400 bushels of corn, were burned, as was also all the farming implements stored in the barn and the sheds nearby, consisting of a new self binder, new grain drill, wagons, plows, etc., and all the harness and gears. Everything was burned except one or two small articles.

The fire started about 6 o'clock in the evening and seemed to envelop the entire barn at the same time. So quickly did the fire spread that the most persistent efforts to save the live stock failed. The fire is supposed to have been of an incendiary origin. Two strange men were seen at the barn a short time before the fire was discovered. The burning of the stock was a pitiable sight. During his efforts to save some of the stock, Mr. Maurice Gillelan had one of his hands severely burnt. The barn and some of the outbuildings were insured. There is also some insurance on the stock and contents of the barn. The insurance is carried in the Baltimore County Mutual, the Carroll County Mutual and the Granger's Insurance Companies. The loss will amount to about \$5,000.

The barn was one of the finest in this section of the country. It was built forty years ago, and was always kept in first-class repair. The bridge over Middle creek caught fire twice during the burning of the barn, but each time the fire was extinguished before any damage was done to the bridge.

Several hundred people visited the scene of the fire.

MIDNIGHT FIRE.

The large dwelling house on the farm belonging to Mr. Isaac S. Annan, situated a short distance west of this place, and known as the "Annan-dale" property, and formerly owned by Mr. William L. McGinnis, was entirely destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday morning. The fire was discovered about 12 o'clock. The house was occupied by Mr. William Long and family, who were awakened by the cracking of the burning timbers. The family barely escaped from the building with their lives. The children were carried from the burning house in their night clothes and taken to a tenant house on the premises, where they were made comfortable. Mr. Long's entire household property, including wearing apparel, was burned with the house. A sewing machine was the only thing gotten out of the building. Besides household property, fifty dollars in money belonging to Mr. Long was burned. Mr. Long's loss is quite heavy, as he carried no insurance. The spring house was also burned. Mr. Annan carried insurance on the dwelling house. How the fire started is not known.

HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE.

On Monday morning the house on the farm belonging to Mr. Wm. H. Boyer, situated 14 miles northeast of this place, known as the old Weigand property, and occupied by Mr. Thos. Boyer and family, was destroyed by fire. Some of the household goods were also burned. The house was insured.

ANGORA GOATS.

Mr. Edmond P. Cohill has ordered 30 Angora goats, which he will place on his farm near Hancock, Washington county, this spring. The raising of these goats which has been much encouraged by the United States Department of Agriculture, is practically a new industry east of the Mississippi river. Mr. Cohill has joined the Angora Goat Breeders' Association of America and will have all his stock registered. Mr. Horace Field, of Wellsboro, Pa., will go West in a few days to bring east 900 head of Angora goats. Mr. Cohill is the only person in this section who will get a bunch of this number, the rest going to points in Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. The raising of these goats is profitable in a triple sense. Their pelts are valuable, their meat sweet and juicy, and probably most of all the goats tend to reclaim land practically a waste by weeding out the dense overgrowth. Land regarded as useless has become tillable after the goats are allowed to roam over it several years.

UNKNOWN MAN DEAD.

An unknown man who was at the Western Maryland Hospital, Cumberland, for over two weeks in an unconscious condition, died February 17 without being able to tell his name or in any way disclose his identity. He was between 35 and 40 years of age and rather respectable looking. He worked on the Baltimore and Ohio second track as a mason, but no one seems to know anything about him. He was the victim of a mysterious assault at Ellerslie, in Allegany county. When he was discovered a pair of iron tongs five feet long, covered with blood and hair, was found lying near him. His skull was fractured from the base to the top. The authorities hope to run down the murderers.

GUY P. ASPEN, sophomore, Maryland University, School of Medicine, Baltimore, was fined \$25 for cutting off the mustache of Henry Schurman, freshman, at same school.

MRS. COOK MAY START CRUSADE.

Mrs. Mollie Cook, who is endeavoring to enslave Mrs. Carrie Nation in a mild form by starting a crusade against the saloons in Williamsport, where she formerly lived, commenced her work by delivering a harangue to a large crowd in the United Brethren Church, in Williamsport. The talk was not on the programme, but Mrs. Cook fired the audience with bitter words, denouncing the saloons and announcing her determination to stamp them out if it is possible to do so. She also attacked the cigarette evil and the tobacco habit in every form.

She states that she will hold prayer and song services in front of saloons for the purpose of converting the proprietors and drunkards and to save young men from ruin. The saloon men anticipate sensational demonstrations to follow in the wake of Mrs. Cook's enthusiasm and announce that they will resist any effort made to interfere with their business, at the same time claiming the protection of the law by complying with the license requirements of the State and county.

CHARGED WITH ARSON.

Evers Shroyer was indicted by the grand jury on Saturday afternoon upon a charge of setting fire to the public schoolhouse at Pleasant Walk, this county. The schoolhouse was burned some months ago, and since then the case has been investigated by Detective Sebold, of Baltimore, with the result that sufficient evidence was presented to the grand jury to warrant the indictment of Shroyer. He was arraigned before the court on Saturday afternoon and was held in \$1,000 bail, which was furnished.

At the time of the burning of the schoolhouse it was alleged that the fire was of incendiary origin and that the building had been set on fire because of spite against the teacher, Robert J. Ridgely. Shroyer's enmity to the teacher, because the latter had punished Shroyer's children, directed suspicion toward him. Shroyer alleged to have said repeatedly that he would drive Ridgely from the community if he had to burn the schoolhouse to do it, and to have declared to a resident of the community that a whole regiment could not prevent the burning of the schoolhouse. Shroyer is about forty years of age. He will probably be tried at the present term of court.—Fred. News.

WOMEN WORKERS.

Hagerstown is struggling with the servant problem. White girls can be secured for domestic service now only with great difficulties. This is largely due to the great number of factories there which employ white women. There are three knitting mills, a paper-box factory and several other factories, all of which employ between 500 and 700 girls, who earn from \$2 to \$12 a week. Servant girls are paid from \$1 to \$5 a week. Few get more than \$2 a week. Many women and girls have forsaken the kitchen and gone into the factories.

It is said that nearly every white girl in Hagerstown who will work is employed in the factories. Many housewives, failing in their efforts to employ help, are forced to do the housework themselves. Others have gone to boarding. The factories will not employ colored females, and this class of house help has not given general satisfaction in Hagerstown.

A SURPRISE PARTY.

A very enjoyable surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Eyster in honor of their daughter, Miss Nellie, on last Saturday evening. Those present were: Misses Anna Adelsberger, Alice Hoke, Maud Derr, Ella Maxwell, Carrie Rowe, Maud Maxwell, Ruth Gillelan, Mary Ellen Eyster, Luella White, Eva Rowe, Nellie Eyster, Mrs. Wm. Fuss, Mrs. G. T. Eyster, Mrs. James B. Gelwick, Messrs. John Zacharias, Henry Hoke, Charles Maxwell, William Rowe, Richard Zacharias, of Frederick; Joseph E. Rowe, Roy Maxwell, George S. Eyster, Hugh Adelsberger. Refreshments were served and different games were participated in. All had a pleasant time.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Another case of highway robbery occurred near Ridgeville on Saturday night. Saturday was pay-day for the laborers on the B. & O. Railroad improvements and Lewis Miles, colored, going home from work, had his pay in one of his pockets, when he was stopped by three men, two of whom were white and one colored, who demanded his money. As the men threatened him with pistols, Miles turned over to them all the money he had—fifteen dollars. The men then let him go, but when he had gotten some distance from them began to fire at him. One of the bullets struck him in his back, but as he had gotten almost out of range the wound it made was not serious.

Miles went to the house of Mr. John Hahn, where he spent the night. The following morning Mr. Hahn went with him to a magistrate's office. Constable F. I. Lewis, assisted by Mr. Trayer, of New Market, and a posse of deputies arrested nine men who could identify none of his assailants among them.

ROBBERIES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

George P. Spessard's general merchandise store, in Washington county, was entered by burglars Sunday night and robbed of a quantity of goods. Entrance was effected through a rear window. When the store was opened Monday morning goods of every description was scattered over the floor. The money drawer was broken open, but Mr. Spessard never leaves any money in the store at night. Mr. Spessard sleeps in the same building, but did not hear any noise during the night. The residence of Mr. De Haven, who keeps a store at Cherry Run, was robbed Saturday of a gold watch, a bunch of keys and a sum of money. Two men suspected of the burglary were captured in Hagerstown and searched, but nothing being found on them, they were released. One of the men were five shirts. The men said they were on their way from Berkeley county, West Virginia, where they worked in a saw mill, to their home at Cashtown, Pennsylvania.

NEW CENTURY CLUB.

The regular meeting of the "New Century Club" was held at the home of Mrs. Andrew Annan, Feb. 19. The evening was appropriately spent with Washington and Lincoln, although we have two great men for discussion. St. Valentine was not entirely forgotten, as Sam Weller's Valentine was read. The room was tastefully decorated with flags and plants, while a large portrait of Washington was surrounded by flags. The programs were very suggestive, being written on cardboard hatchets, decorated with cherries. The following are some of the features which made the evening a great success: Sketch of Lincoln; Lincoln's address at Gettysburg; Violin Solo, by a quartet. Sketch of Washington; Vocal Quartette; Items concerning Washington and Lincoln; Interesting talks by some of the guests; Violin Solo; Essay on Lincoln, read by a guest. At the close of this delightful program delicious refreshments were served. Those present from out of town were: Mrs. J. L. Motter, of Williamsport, who is Mrs. Annan's house guest; Miss Carlisle, of Hagerstown; Miss Galt, of Taneytown; other guests present were: Rev. and Mrs. Shulenberger, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Annan, Rev. and Mrs. Reinwald, Rev. Riddle, Mrs. Elmhart, Miss Elmhart, Mrs. A. E. Horner, Mrs. Helman, Miss A. Helman, Misses Emily and Sara Annan, Mrs. H. Stokes, Miss S. Guthrie, Prof. Palmer, Mr. L. Zimmerman, Mr. T. Zimmerman, Mr. E. Rhodes, Mr. J. Horner. Club members who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Beam, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Annan, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hack, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Annan, Miss Belle Kowe, Miss Helman, Mrs. J. W. Elmhart, Misses Helen, Ruth and Bessie Hoke, Miss Eva Shulenberger, Miss Harriet White, Miss Anna Annan, Mr. E. L. Rowe, Mr. L. Annan.

A FREEZING BAPTISM.

A thousand people stood in a raw, freezing atmosphere from 1 o'clock until 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon along the banks of the Potomac river at Williamsport to witness Rev. H. W. Richardson baptize eight people in the icy waters of the river. The spectators came from the immediate neighborhood, Hagerstown, Martinsburg and other places. Great bonfires were built along the shore to alleviate the suffering of the spectators and the converts who were immersed. A baptism in an exciting service was held in the United Brethren Church by Rev. Mr. Richardson. The congregation then marched from the church to the Conococheague creek, where it empties into the Potomac. It was first intended to baptize the converts at this point, but the ice was too thick and several of the ladies objected because of the great depth of the water. The procession then moved to the ferry on the river, a channel having a few days ago been cut through the four-inch ice from shore to shore.

The converts, minister and a score of their friends got on a flat boat and ferried through the channel to the middle of the river. Rev. Mr. Richardson got out and stood in three feet of water, which was filled with floating ice. The converts were taken off the boat one at a time, and each immersed three times in the river. When all were baptized the boat moved back to the shore, where carriages were waiting to convey the converts, shivering and wet to their homes. Several of the parties baptized were ill with grip.

TWO PITIFUL CASES.

Master Kelle Taylor, the young son of Rev. Elbert B. Taylor, rector of the Ascension Methodist Episcopal Church, of Westminster, was taken home Tuesday paralyzed from his head to his feet. He was a student of St. John's School, at Manlius, N. Y. About four months ago he was injured in a football game. The injury was very serious at the time, for he was practically paralyzed from his head to his feet. His father had him taken to a hospital at Syracuse, N. Y., where he has been undergoing treatment, and is improving slightly. The pathetic case has just come to light of the freezing of the 13-year-old son of Jonas Fridinger, of Westport. The lad, whose name is Bert Jonas Fridinger, was working for a farmer in Carroll county, but disappeared about a week ago. Four days afterward he was found in the barn by one of the farm hands under the straw. He had been there from Friday until Tuesday without food or drink. His feet and limbs were badly frozen. Dr. Charles R. Fouts advised that he be taken to the Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore for treatment. It is thought it will be necessary to amputate his feet. The boy would give no reason for hiding himself, but it is thought he had done something wrong and was afraid to put in his appearance.—Sun.

SUIT FOR PERSONAL DAMAGES.

The case of George W. Miller, an aged citizen of Frederick, against the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for \$5,000 damages for injuries sustained last June by falling down an areaway on West Patrick street, was taken up before the Court and a jury Monday morning.

The jury is composed as follows: Samuel A. Nussbaum, foreman; Chas. R. Titlow, G. W. Bushman, H. Clayton Trundle, Milton Derr, Jr., Andrew H. Albough, Clayton Zimmerman, James T. Waesche, N. E. Norris, W. A. Aldridge, John Boyer and E. J. Utterback. Frank Pampel, counsel for Mr. Miller, stated that on account of the street lights not being on, Emmitsburg, Md., the plaintiff fell into the open area breaking his leg and receiving other injuries that have rendered him a cripple for life through the negligence of the city officials.

SALE REGISTER.

March 5, at 1 p. m., Mrs. Franklin B. Welly will sell at her residence, near Emmitsburg, horses, cattle, farming implements and household goods.

March 9, at 2 p. m., at the Public Square, in Emmitsburg, Md., A. Differend, Notary, will sell a tract of land, with improvements, situated northwest of Emmitsburg, known as the Ann Eliza Wetzel property. See adv.

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FAIRFIELD ITEMS.

FAIRFIELD, Feb. 19.—The following is the result of the election held in Hagerstown township to-day:

For Judge: 123
C. G. Bigham, rep. 133
Charles Corwell, dem.

For Inspector: 110
James Izer, rep. 143
James Strausbaugh, dem.

For Supervisors: 97
John Reese, rep. 100
Elmer Bonnet, dem. 102
Samuel Stoops, dem. 147

For School Directors: 109
A. G. Sanders, 3 years, rep. 112
Nicholas Biesecker, 3 years, rep. 133
Grant Hunt, 1 year, rep. 143
Wm. H. Fowler, 3 years, dem. 140
Wm. P. Allison, 3 years, dem. 154
Harry Sloanaker, 1 year, dem.

For Auditor: 113
Wm. Haysen, rep. 140
J. E. Kissinger, dem.

For Clerk: 114
Charles Young, rep. 139
Wm. H. Rentzel, dem.

FOR ASSESSOR.

J. A. Spangler, rep. 110
Upton H. Cromer, dem.

A small boy of Mr. John J. Sanders, of Liberty township, died on Wednesday morning of diphtheria. Mrs. Sanders and two other children have the disease.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rife, of near Cashtown, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Musselman, of this place. Mr. Henry Welly of this place had sold on last Friday, selling one horse, cow, buggy and house goods.

Our roads at this time are in a bad shape for wagoning. One can scarcely get along on account of snow banks, the road being opened too narrow for wagons.

Mr. F. Shulley made a business trip to Emmitsburg on last Saturday. Mr. Harry Plank, of Liberty township, who has a government position, is home for a few days.

The Mite Society of Fountaindale will have an oyster and chicken supper at the home of J. J. Barton, on Saturday night, February 23. The proceeds to be used for repaying the M. E. Church.

Mrs. Ann Reed, a colored lady, who lived in Fairfield a number of years, is dead. Her son, Wm. Reed, having moved to Gettysburg one year ago, she went with him. She died on last Thursday, interment in cemetery near Fairfield. She was the wife of George Reed, who died some years ago. Mrs. Reed was about 80 years old.

Dr. W. G. Dubs showed your correspondent medicine bottles that were made in England. They were of a blue color. The doctor handles a great deal of medicine. He makes a liniment that cannot be excelled. Good luck to him. They are selling for 12 cts. per dozen. On last Saturday, and Monday of this week they were 18 cts. per dozen. That is rather a big downfall.

Mr. Charles Rife, of near Cashtown, has bought Mr. Jesse Hoffman's farm, along the Cashtown road, leading from Fairfield. Mr. Hoffman is deceased.

Mrs. Kate Musselman, who moved to Philadelphia one year ago, has come to the conclusion that old Adams county is good enough for her. She is coming back about the middle of March, and will live in her house near the station. There are several houses for rent in Fairfield as yet.

Mrs. Nation is playing havoc with the saloon keepers in Kansas, breaking show windows, etc. Your correspondent thinks if anyone should come to the saloons in the night and break in windows he would receive a warm reception. The laws in Kansas are different from the laws in this State. Here a man has a right to protect his property.

GREEN MOUNT ITEMS.

The election passed off very quietly as usual.

Mr. H. P. Bigham was in Gettysburg on Monday.

Mr. Charles McDonnell intends moving above Gettysburg in the spring.

Mrs. Funt, who is having her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Shellenman, near Fairplay, is very sick.

Mr. John Eiker had the misfortune to lose his pocketbook which contained about five dollars.

Mr. Charles Venchhoff, of Fairplay, is nursing a sore foot, the result of a piece of ice falling on it.

One of Mr. George McDonnell's children is sick with pneumonia.

Mr. Levi Snyder and wife visited at Mr. M. Kemper's last week.

Mr. Nipple, of near Round Top, fell one night last week, receiving a severe cut. Several stitches were required to close the cut.

Mr. Harry Klinge cut a large gash in his hand on last Monday, whilst cutting wood.

Mr. J. Strausbaugh and Miss Jessie Wood visited at Mr. Samuel Dubs' last week.

Mr. Samuel Rhodes was fatally hurt on the head last Tuesday, while working on the sawmill of Musselman Bros., of which he died on Sunday. Interment at Mount Joy cemetery. The deceased was in his 41st year.

Mr. Wm. McNair was thrown out of his buggy by a trace coming loose, while returning from Emmitsburg, and received several ugly cuts about the face.

LEARNING HOW TO VOTE.

In Crisfield it is generally agreed that to allow assistance to voters in a secret ballot except in case of physical disability will practically stop the purchase of votes and tend to decide political questions on their merits. Very little education would be required to vote the form of ballot which is now used in Massachusetts and will probably be adopted in Maryland. Any voter who had thoroughly mastered the word "Republican" could vote for every man on his ticket without any trouble. This name of the party on the ticket and would serve as an infallible guide to the correct marking of the ticket. Then the party leaders could give instructions to those unable to master the words "Republican." "Democratic" or "Prohibition." Such a ballot will not disfranchise anybody in Somerset county who can remember one word or count up to 20. But those who cannot read have become frightened and have gone to work. The negroes are forming schools and the whites who are unable to read are taking lessons. There is an unprecedented demand for primers and spelling books. The proposed ballot has had the effect of a compulsory education law and the value of an education has been emphasized. The closing of the public schools of Somerset at this time is considered as a hardship and is being generally condemned.

DIED.

CLARKE.—On Feb. 19, 1901, at Mr. St. Mary's College, of La Grappe and Quincy, J. Leo Clarke, of Honesdale, Pa., aged about 19 years. His remains were sent to Honesdale for interment.

ENGINEER KILLED AT HIS POST.

The New York and Washington fast mail, which left Philadelphia at 12:20 Monday morning, over the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad, composed of engine, baggage car, two postal cars, day coach, smoker and three Pullmans, went crashing into a derailed platform car, loaded with an oil tank, at Broad Creek, one mile south of North East, Md., passenger station, at 2 A. M. One man was killed outright and 12 were injured. The dead man is Edward C. Mead, engineer of the Mail train, a resident of Wilmington. The most seriously injured are: George Myers, of Ridley Park, Pa., fireman of the mail train, foot cut off and otherwise injured; E. D. Phillips, of Philadelphia, baggage master of mail train, injured about the legs. In addition to these 10 mail clerks were injured.

The baggage car of the mail train was thrown upon the edge of a 40-foot embankment, and was badly wrecked. The forward postal car was thrown from its trucks and smashed, while its mate shared a like fate. The Pullman cars did not leave the rails and the occupants of the cars were not injured.

Engineer Mead, who stuck to his post after reversing his engine, was thrown from his place in the cab under the trucks of the baggage car and the rear end of the tender crushed down upon his body, burying him deep under the debris. It took several hours to recover his body, which was horribly mangled and burned. One side of his head was stove in, while every rib in his body was broken. Fireman Myers, when he saw the collision was inevitable, jumped and

