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A SHREWD KANSAN.

How James H. Reeder's Cleverness Got Him A Job

James H. Reeder, of Hays City, Judge of the Twenty-third Judicial district, was the first clerk of the Spanish land-grant court, of which Henry C. Sluss, of Wichita, is one of the judges. It is a court created by Congress, in President Harrison's administration, for the settlement of disputed land titles in the Southwest, where Spain and, afterward, Mexico formerly were sovereign.

There are five judges of the court and a clerk. The salary of the clerk is \$2,000 a year, and before the court was created it was understood by all the politicians at Washington that a Colorado man should have the office. There were reasons why he had a special claim on the office, but it is unnecessary to state them here.

The five judgeships of the court were distributed among a number of United States Senators. One of them was drawn by Senator Plumb, of Kansas, and he bestowed it upon Judge Sluss. It was a good thing for Sluss and at the same time it put him out of the running for United States Senator. Sluss knew and understood why Plumb gave him the office, and he also knew that \$5,000 a year coming in regularly was better than a ghost of a show for the United States Senate. So he took the job and has been drawing the salary ever since with little or nothing to do.

When Jim Reeder heard of the new court he telegraphed to Plumb, who happened to be in Topeka, that he wanted the clerkship, and the next afternoon he arrived on the ground in person. Reeder knew nothing of the claims of the Colorado man for the clerkship, and he did not throw up his hands when he was told. He went to his old friend George R. Peck, first, and that night they hunted up Plumb, who was in his room in the hotel.

Plumb introduced the subject, and he was very much excited. "I can't give you that place, Jim," he said. "It is promised to a man out in El Paso county, Colorado."
"Oh, yes, you can," Reeder replied. "It is the very place I want. You owe me that much."

"I owe you more than that, Jim," Plumb said, "and I will give you anything in my power but that. My promise is out."
Here Peck took a hand and for an hour they talked.

"No," repeated Plumb firmly. "I can't do it Jim. I can give you a fine consulate in India. It is a profitable office and a nice place to live in."

But Jim did not want to go abroad. He wanted the nice little salary of \$2,000 a year and expenses attached to the new court. It was just the office he had been looking for, and now he "called" Plumb. Finally Plumb weakened. He rang the bell.

"Fetch me a telegraph blank," he said when the boy appeared. The blank was brought.

"Write," he said to Reeder, and Reeder, with his pencil, took Plumb's dictation, as follows:
Hon. Henry C. Sluss, Wichita, Kan.

When the judges meet to organize your court in Denver, please support S. H. Reeder for clerk and support him to the end.

"I hate to do it boys," Plumb said with a sigh, "but I guess I'll have to," and he signed his name to the telegram.

Then a messenger was called and the telegram was sent.
The next morning Reeder took a train for Iowa, where one of the judges lived. That judge told him that he also had a candidate for the clerkship and, more than that, if the El Paso county man was not sure of it, all the judges would have candidates. This pleased the shrewd Reeder, for it crippled his strongest rival.

The next day he was back in Kansas. Then he went to Wichita, and saw Judge Sluss, and in a few days the judges assembled in Denver to organize. All the candidates for the clerkship were on hand, and the New Albany Hotel, where they stopped, was busy with politics.

Reeder, who is a diplomat and a cosmopolitan, if Kansas possesses one, by the agency of Judge Sluss, was made acquainted with all the judges, and by his graces of manner and speech won his way to their hearts. Their first meal in Denver was dinner in the evening, and while his rivals for the clerkship were busy with the judges Reeder made himself solid with the head waiter of the hotel.

"I want you to reserve for myself and party a table off to one side," he said to the man, pressing upon him a crisp \$10 bill. "We will be here some days and we want good attention."

"Yes, sah," said the delighted servant.

"Go to parlor 16," Reeder continued, "and say to Judge Sluss that you have been directed by the hotel manager to reserve a table for him and the other judges."

"Yes, sah."

"That will give you a chance to see the judges; so you will recognize them when they come into the dining room. You understand?"

"Yes, sah."

"Now, send for your best waiter. I want your brightest waiter and we want him to wait on us every meal."

"Yes, sah," and soon a bright young mulatto boy appeared and was turned over to Reeder, who slipped a \$5 bill into his hand while the head waiter gave him his instructions.

The boy departed and Reeder instructed the head waiter further in his duties.

"When the judges come in," he said, "seat them at that table. There will be five of them, which will leave an extra place. When I come in conduct me to it—accidentally like, you know."

"Yes, sah."

That evening the judges innocently played their parts. They appeared at the entrance of the dining room and, first signaled by the obsequious head waiter, they followed him to the table reserved for them. Reeder was late coming. His rivals were early, and all looked lovingly toward the vacant chair at the reserved table, but none had the courage to try to take it.

At the proper time Reeder appeared and stood at the door a moment until he caught the attention of the head waiter. He was dressed for the occasion and the people at the table viewed him with admiration. Soon the head waiter saw him and straightway led him to the one vacant seat at the judges' table. It was a very natural thing, too, for the head waiter to do. Surely a man of that bearing and dignity belonged at that table.

"Ah, gentlemen," Reeder said, taking his seat, "I am indeed fortunate. This is an unexpected pleasure."

It was an equal pleasure to the judges, they assured him, and Judge Sluss unconsciously helped the scheme along by requesting Reeder to order the dinner for all.

Now, ordering a dinner is Reeder's "long suit," and he did it so satisfactorily, even to the wines, that the duty fell to him every evening thereafter. Throughout the meal he was charming, and toward the end of the week, after rides and club dinners, which always included Reeder, he was elected clerk on the third ballot.

Twice each judge voted for his man, and then the Iowa judge said to Judge Sluss:

"Judge, I like that Kansas man of yours. I think we will have use for him. You know we will have to travel about a good deal."

And so Reeder became clerk of the court and held the office until he resigned to become a district judge last January.—Kansas City Star.

Potent Pill Pleasure.

The pills that are potent in their action and pleasant in effect are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. W. S. Philpot of Albany, Ga., says, "During a bilious attack I took one. Small as it was it did me more good than calomel blue-mass, or any other pills I ever took and at the same time it effected me pleasantly. Little Early Risers are certainly an ideal pill." Sold by T. E. Zimmerman.

HOW TO KEEP COOL.

1. Correspond with a Boston girl.
2. Stop at every soda fountain and saloon.
3. Clean your teeth daily.
4. Eat Busters' oats.
5. Take the 7.40 train for Green-land.
6. Quit talking weather.
7. Advertise in the want columns.
8. Move out on Hicks street.
9. Attend the frosts at the ball park.
10. Get your hair cut.—Toledo Blade.

"You haven't received a list of the personal property assessments for your ward?" the clerk said. "Well, I don't wonder at your kicking about it. Every taxpayer is entitled to know how much he is assessed."

"I don't care a darn about that," said the man at the window, "but I've got just curious enough to want to know how many honest men there are in my neighborhood."—Chicago Tribune.

Kind-Hearted.

"Yes," said the old native of the Kentucky mountains, "them Birdseye boys are pretty bitter, but they had some heart in dealin' with my boy Hank."

"Spare his life?" quired the tourist.

"No, but they passed him the demijohn before the shootin'."—Chicago Daily News.

"I married her," said Henpeck, "because I thought her the most even-tempered woman I had ever met."

"And isn't she?"

"Oh! very even-tempered; always mad about something."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"See here, you, sir," cried the irate father, "didn't I tell you never to call upon my daughter again?"

"No, sir, you didn't," replied the youth. "You said not to 'cross your threshold,' so I climbed in the window."—Philadelphia Press.

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A TEMPEST OF BATTLE.

Striking Description of a Cavalry Charge at Gettysburg.

A cavalry charge met by a counter-charge of cavalry is still perhaps the most terrible spectacle witnessed in war. If the reader has never seen such a charge he can form little conception of its awe inspiring fury. Imagine yourself looking down from Gettysburg's heights upon the open, wide-spreading plain below where 5,000 horses are marshaled in battle line. Standing beside them are 5,000 riders armed, hooded and spurred and ready to mount. The bugles sound the "Mount" and instantly 5,000 ponies rise above the horses as the riders spring into their saddles. In front of the respective squadrons the daring leaders take their places. The fluttering pennants or streaming guidons, ten to each regiment, mark the left of the companies. On the opposite slope of the same plain are 5,000 hostile horsemen clad in different uniforms ready to meet these in countercharge. Under those 10,000 horses are their hoofs, iron shod and pitiless, beneath whose furious tread the plain is soon to quiver. Again on each slope of the open field leap from scabbards and glisten in the sun. The trained horses chafe their restraining bits, and as the bugles note the charge their nostrils dilate and their flanks swell in sympathetic impulse with the dashing riders. "Forward!" shouts the commander. Down the lines and through the columns in quick succession ring the echoing commands, "Forward, forward!" As this order thrills through eager ears sabers flash and spurs are planted in palpitating flanks. The madly flying horses thunder across the trembling field, filling the air with clouds of dust and whizzing pebbles. Their iron rimmed hooves in remorseless tread crush the flesh and bones of hapless riders who chance to fall. As front against front these furious riders plunge, their sweeping sabers slashing edge against edge, cutting a way through opposing ranks, gashing faces, breaking arms and splitting heads, it is a scene of wildest war, a whirling tempest of battle, short lived, but terrible.—General John B. Gordon in Scribner's.

WRITER'S THOUGHT CRAMP

The Way the Flood of Inspired Ideas Ebbs and Flows.

If the fiction writer has his delicious moments when he tastes the joys which come with the excitement of creative composition—and these he undoubtedly has—also he knows distressing periods of mental apathy.

He has been working away at top speed, full of gladness in that subtle fabric which his pen weaves in the warp and woof of paper and ink. His head is packed with inspired ideas, like a gift box from the gods. His hopes ride high. His ambitions scrape the clouds.

Then something happens. It is not a snap, a break, a crash—nothing so tangible. It is just a ceasing. Abruptly, unexpectedly, all his fine thoughts vanish. No longer is there a country of majestic, white-robed heights and alluring purple-toned valleys. All is flat and gray and bleak.

Just about now, if the writer only knew it, is a most excellent time to go fishing.

At last, baffled, discouraged, heart-sick, he sits with his head in his hands, contemplating with foolish self pity the melancholy spectacle of himself.

But, like drought and flood, war and pestilence and all other ills great and small, it passes. And he knows not how or when it goes. Days after he wakes up to find himself, pen in hand, hard at work again. Of its own accord apparently the machine has set itself in motion.—Sewell Ford in The Reader.

Saved Ann a Ducking.

A colonial shrew who was threatened with the ducking stool was once saved by this plea:

"You wish to duck Ann Willott to cure her!" her defender declared. "Now if she be not cured where is the gain in ducking her? And if she be cured all the women who now keep a guard over their tongues through distaste to be likened to such a known, notorious and contemptible scold as Ann will do so no longer, but although it is not like any should become such as she, yet all will scold a little more than now they do, the check of her example being removed. Now, it is better that Ann, being a single woman without family to afflict, should go unpunished and unducked, but despised by all, and wagh her tongue as she will, standing there in for the whole town, than that she should be silenced and the tongues of other women run more free."

This argument seems to have prevailed, for Ann Willott was never ducked.—Youth's Companion.

Stephenson's Birthplace.

In a red tiled two story house on the road between Newcastle and Hexham, England, was born George Stephenson, the inventor of the first practical locomotive, on June 9, 1781. He earned his first regular money—a shilling a week—for looking after cows, and he was eighteen before he learned to read. The modeling of engines in clay was his favorite occupation as a boy, and when he grew up toward manhood he had charge of engines and displayed his inventive genius in their improvement. At last, in 1813, he produced his first locomotive, which he called a traveling engine. Lord Ravensworth was called a fool for advancing money for the construction of a locomotive. A few years, however, proved that Lord Ravensworth was not so foolish as people supposed, for in 1825 the Stockton and Darlington line was opened for traffic.

The Electrical Current.

The path traversed by a heavy current of electricity in passing through the body is a matter of great importance. The most dangerous is from one hand to the other, because the resistance of the path is low and because the current passes near the heart. Hence it is a good rule in handling live conductors to use but one hand. An important rule to observe in rescuing a person in contact with a live wire and when it is impossible to cut off the current is to push the victim off with one foot. Even should the current pass from one foot to the other through the rescuer the resistance of the path is considerable, and as the current does not pass near the heart serious injury is not likely to result.

Proof of a Conspiracy.

The following story is told in explanation of the reason why the teaching of chemistry in Turkish schools was forbidden some years ago. It had been proposed to teach this science and the first thing that struck the eyes of the ruler of the faithful on opening an elementary textbook of chemistry was the formula for water, H₂O. "Here," said the sultan, "is proof of a conspiracy to undermine my authority in the eyes of my subjects. If two O's! That's nothing but a sly way of intimating that Hamid II. is a naught!"

Beyond Belief.

Mr. Hunter (reading)—Huh! This advertisement says "roomy flat to let." Talk about your "condensed life!" Mrs. Hunter—How do you mean? Mr. Hunter—Well, if it's roomy it surely can't be a flat; if it's really a flat it can't be roomy, and if by some miracle it should be a roomy flat it wouldn't be "to let."—Philadelphia Press.

Worked Both Ways.

Juggles—Are they good divorce lawyers? Waggles—Best in the business. They've originated over a hundred different ways of collecting alimony and as many more for evading the payment of it.—Judge.

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COST OF TRAIN LUXURY.

The Reason That Railway Passenger Rates Are So High.

It may be asked why the railway locomotive does not pull passengers at a lower rate. Because it gives passengers so much room, comfort and high speed that it has to carry a ton of dead weight for each passenger. A locomotive weighing 100 tons pulls at 45 miles an hour 12 cars weighing 600 tons and containing 700 people weighing 50 tons, assuming the passengers to be men, women and children, but chiefly men, and to average 131 pounds each; 1,400 pounds of dead weight per passenger when every seat is taken. But cars cannot average more than seven-tenths full.

The railway carries free the passenger's 150 pound trunk and sends with him toilet rooms, heating stoves and fuel, smoking rooms, dining rooms and bedrooms. The houses on wheels and the locomotive which draws them have to be made very heavy in order to get the great strength made necessary by high speed.

If the railway could dispense with these comforts and luxuries and carry passengers packed closely inside and on top of low roofed, ranssiackle, unheated vehicles like the old stage and at slow speed it could pull passengers at one-tenth to one-twentieth the price of the old stage.—Engineering Magazine.

North Pole For Bald Heads.

"Talking of hair restorers," said the captain of a steamer who has been a whaler, "none of them is in it with the air of the arctic regions. A man with this hair who fails to get a new crop if he goes within the arctic circle is a hopeless case. I have seen whalers who got bald when they stayed at home for a year or two and got a new crop of hair every time they went toward the north pole on a whaling expedition."

"How do I account for it? The farther you go north the land animals get slung. It is a provision against the cold. When the arctic winter approaches, the reindeer, the bears and other animals get a thicker coat of hair or fur. Similarly the hair on the human head thickens when you go far north."

"It is a fact. Now, I don't want you to think that once the follicles of the hair are dead new hair always comes, even in northern regions. Sometimes, when a man is apparently as bald as a billiard ball, the follicles are not dead, and there is hope for him."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Quaint Old Will.

"My hobby is the collection of strange wills," said a retired sea captain. "I have gathered together copies of over fifty odd testaments, and fine reading some of them are. One, over 300 years old, bequeaths—what do you think? Why, it bequeaths its maker's soul to God. This is the way it reads:

"In Dei nomine, Amen; the year of our Lord 1541, the XXVth day of May, I, Robert Petigrew, hale of saynd and memory, make my testament and last will, in forme and manner following: First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, and my body to be buryd yn the churchyard of North Cadbery. I bequeath to my sonne Richard a cowe, a calf, the second best grass panne, 11 platters, 11 dysshyes of pewter, and an akar of wheat, an akar of drage, and an akar of meadow. To my daughter Alys, a cowe. To my sonne Thomas, my old ox. The residew of my goods, not bequeathed, I give to Mawde, my Wyffe."—Philadelphia Record.

Coral of Our Own Coast.

It is a common notion that corals grow only in tropical and subtropical waters and that no coral reefs are to be found along our own familiar coasts. As a matter of fact, coral formations stretch all along the Atlantic coast of the United States, although the reefs do not rise so high that they project from the water. Some of the most beautiful of the living coral in the New York aquarium was dredged up from the Atlantic ocean almost within sight of the city of New York, and there are many coral patches still close to the shores. Generally the northern coral is snow white, although sometimes it has a delicate brown tint. Pink coral is found occasionally, but it is rare.

A Bargain.

Fred—Kitty didn't marry that millionaire duffer after all, did she? Jack—No; he backed out, and she sued him for breach of promise.

Fred—What damages? Jack—Twenty-five thousand, and she got it.

Fred—Clear case of \$25,000 off for cash, wasn't it? I didn't think Kitty was so sharp at driving a bargain.—Comfort.

A Little Boy who makes plans to shirk his bath sometimes.

Percy is a little boy who makes plans to shirk his bath sometimes. But the other evening he came in from play tired and hot and sticky.

"Do I get a bath tonight, ma?" he asked.

"Yes," answered his mother.

"Well," he said cheerfully, "the Lord knows I need it."—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Revived Topic of Discussion.

"It looks as if we were in for another Napoleonic revival."

"What makes you think so?" "I understand the Lippe and Plaster club has revived the old debating question. 'Resolved, Dat Napoleon am a greater man dan Bonapoleon.'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Kept Amused.
Tom—Have Mand and Ethel quarreled? I don't see them together lately.
Dolly—No, they haven't quarreled, but Mand's new gown is lavender and Ethel's new gown is blue.—Somerville Journal.

ONE DOLLAR A YEAR IN ADVANCE

NOTICE.—All announcements of concerts, parties, picnics, ice cream and cake festivals and similar enterprises, got up to make money, whether for churches, associations, or individuals, must be paid for at the rate of five cents for each line.

Entered as Second-Class Matter at the Emmitsburg Postoffice.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1903.

FREDERICK COUNTY PHONE 33

Another carload of watermelons arrived in town this week.

Mr. Henry Stokes is having a new roof put on part of his house.

Middletown Valley was visited by a terrific rain storm last Saturday night.

William Helman, aged six years, was accidentally drowned in a cistern in Washington county.

A primary meeting every Saturday night would be a good thing, as it brings many people to town.

The Town Commissioners are improving part of the street leading from the Public Square to the railroad depot.

Rev. A. M. Schlaffner, of Ruffsdale, Pa., preached in the Reformed Church, in this place, last Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. A. M. Gluck, of Markes, Pa., will preach in the Reformed Church, in this place, on next Sunday morning and evening.

The Pinto tunnel of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is now entirely completed and in use. The tunnel cost \$1,000,000.

The Lonaconing Company operative store of which James Ingles is president has declared a semi-annual dividend of 8 per cent.

Dr. J. P. Sellman, of Montgomery county, has been appointed medical examiner for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at New Castle, Pa.

Miss Maud Boston, an inmate of the Gundry Sanitarium, Baltimore, committed suicide by hanging herself with a gawd strap.

There was a reunion of the graduates and students of the Maryland College Institute, Union Bridge, at Pen Mar, August 12.

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics held a picnic Saturday at Barton, Allegany county and was attended by 2,000 members.

An epidemic of diphtheria is raging at Middletown, Allegany county. Three children of Thomas Patterson died in as many days. A fourth child is very ill. Other cases are reported.

Mr. James L. Kernan has changed plans in regard to the erection of the casino on Franklin street, Baltimore, which was destroyed by fire. In place of the casino a modern hotel will be built.

Benjamin F. Conrad, of Hagerstown, was appointed principal of the West Side High School in Allegany county. Professor Conrad is a graduate of St. John's College, at Annapolis, of the class of 1900.

Rev. Luther DeYoe, of Harrisburg, Pa., formerly pastor of the Lutheran church, of this place, in renewing his subscription to THE CHRONICLE says: I also send my kindest regards to dear old Emmitsburg and her excellent CHRONICLE.

A GOOD PRICE. The Baltimore Sun of August 16, in giving an account of the Republican primary election held in Frederick last Saturday says: "Money was freely used by both sides here. Some negroes received as much as \$8 for their vote."

A very good price for the beginning of the campaign. What will be the price on election day?

HARD TO BEAT. Through the kindness of Mr. John H. Shields we have received two very large potatoes of the Irving variety, and raised by Mrs. Sarah Shaner, of near Fairplay, Pa. These two fine potatoes, the combined weight of which is three pounds, were grown on one stalk. They were weighed after being out of the ground several days. This is a record hard to beat.

A Sure Cure For Diarrhoea. Coming as it does, in the busiest season, when a man can least afford to lose time, a sure and quick cure for diarrhoea is very desirable. Anyone who has given it a trial will tell you that the quickest, surest and most pleasant remedy in use for this disease is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. There is no loss of time when it is used, as one or two doses of it will cure any ordinary attack. It never fails, not even in the most severe and dangerous cases. For sale by T. E. Zimmerman, Druggist.

EXHIBITION JUDGES NAMED. The managers of the Frederick County Fair have announced the following judges: Races—George H. Mills, Goshen, N. Y., starter. Poultry—George O. Brown, Baltimore. Cattle—Dr. Patterson, Catonsville. Horses—Dr. Atchison, Washington. Bench-Shooting Dogs—G. Gordon Massey, Delaware; Thomas W. Turner, Baltimore; Joseph Lewis, Connecticut; H. S. Black, Harrisburg; and Wilson Bernard, Bryn Mawr, Pa., and Robert Hudson, New York.

The dog show will be governed by the rules of the American Kennel Club.

RIGHT OF TRIAL BY JURY.

Important Decision in Favor of An Alleged Vagrant. Judge Witzgenbacher decided Monday at Hagerstown in the habeas corpus case of Henry Shupp, arrested for habitual vagrancy, and sentenced to the House of Correction for two months, a point that will interest every justice of the peace in the State. When Shupp was arrested Justice Hoffman did not ask him if he wanted a jury trial. Shupp sued out a writ of habeas corpus and was dismissed by Judge Witzgenbacher, who decided that the last act of Assembly conferring additional jurisdiction upon justices of the peace prescribes a mode of proceeding in cases brought before them and rendered this mode of proceeding applicable in cases of vagrancy; and the act requiring the justice to inform the prisoner of his right to a jury trial, the failure to do so ousted the justice of his jurisdiction and the prisoner was entitled to his discharge. Justice Hoffman asked the judge if the decision prevented a re-arrest. The judge replied he would pass upon that point when it came before him. Another warrant was sworn out and Shupp was immediately arrested. Justice Hoffman informed him that by the new decision he was entitled to a jury trial. Shupp said he wanted to be tried by a jury, and in default of \$100 bail, he was put in jail. He is a well-known fruit vender.

STABBING AFFRAY.

Frauds Between Colored Servants at Monterey Inn. Sheriff McFerren, of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, received a telegram that Elias Jones, colored, charged with stabbing Samuel Chase, colored, at the Monterey Inn, near Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., Monday was arrested Tuesday afternoon in Carroll county. The Sheriff has gone to Westminster to bring Jones to Chambersburg. Jones, it is said, is willing to go without requisition papers. Chase is at the Maryland University Hospital, Baltimore, in a critical condition. He was a waiter at the Monterey Inn and while intoxicated went back in the kitchen and cursed the cook, who it is alleged, stabbed Chase in the left side with a carving knife a foot long, the blade penetrating three inches below the heart. Chase, after his wound was dressed by Dr. Thomas of Baltimore, a guest at the hotel, was put on a train and sent to Baltimore. Jones fled. He rode some distance on a freight train and was heading toward Baltimore when arrested.—Sun.

FREIGHT CARS IN A CRASH.

A northbound freight train of about 40 cars drawn by two locomotives, with a pusher behind, partly while passing through Hagerstown Wednesday night. The front section went on a short distance and stopped. The engineer of the pushing engine, not knowing the train had parted, continued and pushed the cars into those ahead with terrific force.

Three of the cars loaded with coke were upset and completely demolished. The coke was piled up on Walnut street, in front of the Beeler and Green Hotels, blocking the front entrances, and also in front of the passenger depot. The track was torn up for some distance.

SAVED HIS FAMILY.

David D. Dodge, residing at Three Mile Water Station, west of Cumberland, on the L. D. Long place, was aroused Wednesday morning by the roof of his house, a mass of flames, tumbling in. His bed was set on fire. He immediately jumped to the rescue of his wife, grown daughter and little baby, who were asleep on the second floor, and after great risk succeeded in getting them to a place of safety. He returned to save some furniture, but the flames cut off his escape by the stairway, and he was obliged to leap from the second story window. Everything was lost, including some money. Mr. Dodge was badly burned on the feet.

CRIME IN ALLEGANY COUNTY.

After a conference with State's Attorney A. A. Wilson, of Allegany county, Judges A. Hunter Boyd and Ferdinand Williams passed an order of court reconvening the April term grand jury on Monday next and the petit jury on the Monday following. This action is taken on account of the crowded condition of the July docket and the unusual amount of crimes committed and arrests made recently. The grand jury will confine itself to the cases now on hand or any growing out of them. About 18 cases are of a most serious nature, three of them being murder cases and several assaults with intent to murder. There are now about 40 prisoners in the Allegany county jail and a number out on bail.

VIRGINIA COLLEGE.

One of the Leading Schools for Young Ladies in the South. Located in the famous valley of Virginia, at Roanoke, is Virginia College for Young Ladies. This college represents the highest development of a school for girls. Its reputation is national, students being registered from thirty states. New buildings have recently been erected, containing steam heat, electric light and bath and toilet rooms on every floor. A spacious and beautiful campus of ten acres surrounds the college. The faculty is composed of twenty five European and American teachers. There are also special conservatory advantages in music, art and elocution. Pupils have access to a well equipped library and reading room, where the best literature, periodicals and daily papers, are always on file. The healthfulness of the climate in connection with the superior educational advantages makes this college one of the foremost educational institutions in the country.

FOR SEPTEMBER COURT.

Jurors Drawn Today by Chief Judge McSherry. Chief Judge James McSherry Wednesday morning drew the jurors for the September term of the circuit court for this county. The following are the jurors by districts: Frederick—John H. Abbott, J. Edward Phleger, Wm. B. James, Charles Elmer Hull, John Folland, Tighman T. Hersperger, Samuel L. Lily, W. W. Osborne and John W. Merchant. Buckeystown—E. W. Mercer and Eugene A. Wachter. Middletown—Cyrus T. Biser and Roman L. Younkins. Cragersburg—John W. Loy. Emmitsburg—Charles J. Shuff and Hall W. Eyster. Catoctin—William Lewis. Urbana—John C. Kidd and Harwood Magruder. Liberty—John H. Shook and Benjamin F. Hammaker. New Market—Charles C. Ridgely and Noah Barnes. Hauvers—Hiram A. Wolfe and Frank Birely. Woodsboro—John P. Cramer and Henry C. Fox. Petersville—John F. Bradley and James P. Biser. Mt. Pleasant—Dorsey Lease and Harry Miller. Jefferson—Thomas Cochran and John W. Holter. Mechanicstown—Wm. J. Freeze and J. W. Damuth. Jackson—J. D. Horine and S. C. Braden. Johnsville—A. S. Phillips and Emmanuel S. Boone. Woodville—William A. Hood. Linganore—B. F. Dudgeon. Lewistown—George W. Cramer and Allen Harder. Tuscarora—George C. Thomas. Barkittsville—A. C. Beachley and Samuel Ausherman. Ballenger—Curtis T. Zimmerman. Braddock—William C. Kefauver.

PERSONALS.

Miss Mary Miller, of Pearl, Md., accompanied by her friend, Miss Maud Ray, of the same place, are the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison, of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Dorsey and family, of Altoona, Pa., are the guests of friends in this place and vicinity. Mr. James C. Elder, of Baltimore, is visiting his parents in this place. Mr. H. G. Beam and daughter, Miss Barbara, have returned home from Moundsville, W. Va., accompanied by Cecil Beam. Messrs. William and Maxwell Hunter, of Waynesboro, Pa., and Mr. Hubert Witten, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Beam, of "Rose Hill." Mr. Lewis S. Motter, of Harrisburg, Pa., Lida and John Motter, of Frederick, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hack. Mr. Lewis M. Motter is making a visit of several weeks in Frederick. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hack and daughter, Miss Eleanor, spent part of the week in Baltimore, Md. Miss Maggie Smith has returned to Baltimore after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Elder, of this place. Messrs. Lizzie Fleischmann and Mary A. Feldmann, of Baltimore, are visiting their cousin, Miss Lizzie K. Strack, of near this place. Rev. E. J. Quinn, of Niagara University, N. Y., formerly pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, is in town. Mr. D. C. Danner, of Mount Rock, Pa., and Mr. Harry K. Danner, of York, are visiting Mrs. W. W. Withers, of near Greenmount, Pa., and their brother-in-law, Mr. Samuel Gamble, and other relatives in this place. Miss Hazel K. Martin, of Fountaindale, Pa., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. P. Nunemaker, West Main street. Mr. Robert Horner is spending a few days among friends on the Eastern Shore. Mr. Frank P. Topper, of Woodsfield, Ohio, has returned to his home in this place. Mr. Harry Hoke, of Baltimore, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hoke.

ACCUSED OF MURDER.

William Novick, aged 32, Frank Vashider, aged 26, and William Bowman, aged 24, were arrested near Berlin, a few miles north of Frostburg, last Tuesday night, charged with the murder of Ernest C. Reber, collecting agent for the Myresdale Brewing Company, whose mangled body was found on the railroad track near McDonaldton Sunday morning a week ago.

The arrests were made within an hour after the coroner's jury rendered a verdict to the effect that Reber was the victim of foul play, and that he had been murdered by parties unknown to the jury. The prisoners protest that they are innocent. Novick, who is a Russian and who has been in America 18 years, admits that Reber was at his house just before he was run over by a train, and that they had gotten away with a four-gallon keg of beer. Reber's collections, which amounted to about \$100, were missing. It is believed Reber was murdered and his body placed on the track to hide the crime.—Sun.

Exposure to a sudden climatic change produces cold in the head and catarrh is apt to follow. Provided with Ely's Cream Balm you are armed against Nasal Catarrh. Price 50 cents at Drug-gists or Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York, will mail it. The Balm cures without pain, does not irritate or cause sneezing. It spreads its surface over an irritated and angry surface, relieving immediately the painful inflammation, cleanses and cures. Cream Balm quickly cures the cold.

A little thing sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant cuts or puny boils have paid the death penalty. It is wise to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve ever handy. It's the best Salve on earth and will prevent fatality, when Burns, Sores, Ulcers and Piles threaten. Only 25c, at T. E. Zimmerman's drug store.

DEATH OF MRS. CLINE. Mrs. Ann Maria Cline, widow of the late Samuel Cline, died at her home near Fountaindale, Pa., on Friday of last week, in the 85th year of her age. She deceased was the mother of thirteen children. She also had 64 grand children and 88 great grand-children. The interment was made in the Otterbine Chapel cemetery on Sunday last. The services were conducted by Rev. Charles A. Bushong, of Sabillasville.

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CONWAY GIVES HIMSELF UP.

He Appeared To Be In A Stupor, And Says He Does Not Know How He Reached Cumberland. Frank J. Conway, who shot and killed his wife, Gertrude Conway, in front of the Lutheran Church at Westernport, Allegany county, last Thursday evening gave himself up at the jail in Cumberland last Friday morning. Mrs. Conway was talking to another man when her husband shot her. She was a daughter of Michael Shannon, of Cumberland. Conway has some reputation locally as a song writer. He was a barber and had recently been working at his trade in Pittsburg, although while in Cumberland he generally engaged in other work. He once conducted a restaurant, but lately had been solicitor for a news paper. He is a man of pleasing address, and is a brother of ex-City Councilman James M. Conway, one of the most prominent members of the national organization of glassblowers and a leading citizen of South Cumberland. Several years ago Conway sued for divorce, but a reconciliation was effected, and the couple lived together again until a few weeks ago. Conway appeared in a stupor and says he does not know how he reached Cumberland. He rapped at the jail door between 5 and 6 o'clock and told the sheriff that he heard he was being looked for. He then asked, "Is she dead?" Conway made a long statement about finding his wife and a Frostburg woman with two men at a hotel drinking. One was Sherman Turner, of Cumberland, who left with Conway, and later, he says, he found his wife and the Frostburg woman with several carnival men drinking at another place. Later he claimed he saw two men and two women on the street, including his wife and Turner. He followed and says his wife cursed him, telling him that he should keep away; that she had him under a peace bond. She also said she would keep the society of whom she pleased. He added, "Then I suppose I shot her, but don't know what happened, her words angered me so. When the trial comes on some prominent business men of Cumberland will be found mixed up suspiciously in my family troubles." Conway says he went to the carnival at Piedmont to sell jewelry and not to harm his wife.—Baltimore Sun.

FAIRFIELD ITEMS.

FAIRFIELD, Aug. 18.—The telephone poles and wires were up as far as Fairfield last Monday. They commenced at Waynesboro. Mr. Elmer Baumgardner, who peddles berries and apples, has sold 1000 quarts huckleberries this season. They are very plentiful. A number of Fairfield people attended the festival at McIlhenny's school house, on last Saturday. Something for the young folks. The Lutheran Sunday School picnic will be held on Thursday, August 20, instead of August 27 as announced last week. Mr. Edward P. Brown, of Fairfield, made a business trip to Smithburg, Md. Mr. George Musselman, of Spring Grove; Mrs. Sarah Musselman, of Hanover; and Mrs. Eliza Bushy, of York, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Musselman, of Fairfield. Rev. W. G. Slifer and family; Misses Eva Walter and Mamie Edmonds of Baltimore, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Walter, of this place. Miss Mary C. Beach, of Glen Rock, is visiting in this place. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rowe, of Fairfield, are attending camp meeting near Harrisburg. Mrs. Oliver McClellan, of Fairfield, spent a few days at Emmitsburg, recently. Mr. Marshall Brown, of Fairfield, who has a Civil Service position, is home for a few days. Rev. Harry Musselman is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Musselman, of Fairfield. Mr. Ellis Musselman, of Washington, is spending sometime at his home in Fairfield. Mr. Joseph Carson, of Fairfield, has his contract nearly completed. He is furnishing poles for the telephone company from Fairfield to what is known as the Black Horse Tavern, along the Gettysburg road. Mr. H. E. Shanley and son, Freddie, who spent a few weeks among friends in this vicinity, left on last Saturday for their home in Reading. Rev. W. J. D. Scherer, of near Philadelphia, preached in the Presbyterian Church, Marsh Creek Stone Church, on last Sunday. He was formerly pastor of the Lutheran Church at Fairfield. The farmers in this section of the country have their plowing nearly all done at this time. Rev. Harry Musselman will preach in the Lutheran Church, in Fairfield next Sunday evening. Harvest home sermon in the morning by Rev. Mr. Ritter.

BOY CURED OF COLIC AFTER PHYSICIAN'S TREATMENT HAD FAILED.

My boy when four years old was taken with colic and cramps in his stomach. I sent for the doctor and he injected morphine, but the child kept getting worse. I then gave him half a teaspoonful of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and in half an hour he was sleeping and soon recovered.—F. L. WILKINS, Shell Lake, Wis. Mr. Wilkins is book-keeper for the Shell Lake Lumber Co. For Sale by T. E. Zimmerman, Druggist.

Canal Break Is Serious.

The break in the Chesapeake and Ohio canal at Oxleys Island, east of Dickersons, is more serious than at first thought as the masonry of the culvert is gone. About 70 men are at work there now with horses and carts filling up the break. Thirty-five boats are tied up west of Campbell's lock and 20 east of Wood's lock. All the water went out like a cataract when the break occurred relieving the nine-mile level entirely of its water.

"FEWER GALLONS; WEARS LONGER."

The secret is out and Emmitsburg can go on living just as if the riddle had never been asked. No it can't be asked. Emmitsburg is not going to be what it was before. Its houses are going to be brighter; its people a little more prosperous—they are going to have some of their money left to buy other things with. The answer to the riddle is this: you can paint a building with fewer gallons of Devco Lead and Zinc paint than with mixed paints, and it will wear several times as long as a building painted with lead and oil mixed by hand. There's proof abundance of it all over the United States. There will soon be proof abundant of it in Emmitsburg. What will people do with the rest of their money?

CHIEF JUDGE M'SHERRY.

What He Says About The Work Of The Court Of Appeals. Edward C. Peters and Charles W. Prettyman, of Rockville; Albert S. Brown, A. D. McCordell and Dr. Jesse W. Downey, of Frederick, the committee appointed by the Democratic judicial nominating convention at Rockville August 12 to officially inform Chief Justice James McSherry of his nomination, waited upon the Judge at his residence on East Second street, Frederick, Monday evening and complied with their instructions. Mr. Peters, chairman of the committee, paid a beautiful tribute to the ability, fitness and qualifications of the eminent jurist and in conclusion said: "We hope, sir, you will not be subjected to the annoyance of a contest for your election, but be assured if such a contest must come the manhood of this circuit will never permit the judicial ermine to become political spoil, or suffer it to be torn from your shoulders to gratify the malice of designing politicians."

In response, Judge McSherry gratefully accepted the honor conferred on him and in his concluding remarks said: "The volume of work done by the Court of Appeals in the last 16 years is scarcely appreciated or understood even by the profession. The average number of cases disposed of each year is 220. In 16 years the aggregate foots up 3,520. Such of these cases as the court directs to be reported are published in the Maryland reports, and the reported cases for the past 16 years are contained in 30 volumes of the Maryland reports. These volumes average 700 pages each, thus making 21,000 pages of solid printed matter. The cases as they come to the court come up on printed records and briefs. It is a conservative estimate to say the number of printed pages in the records and briefs for the past 16 years aggregate over 230,000 printed pages. Each brief contains references to many cases. The court has gone through this enormous amount of work and has finished its docket each term. "The courts sit from 10 to 3 each day, and the judges assemble each night to discuss and consider the cases argued during the day. I do not know of any other Appellate Court which dispatches its business with so much promptness; and I name the figures I have given to indicate the vast amount of work each judge is required to perform. The work is exacting, continuous and unremitting, requiring constant mental application and great physical endurance." The committee, with several friends and some members of the Judge's family who were present, repaired to the dining room where refreshments were served.

A BIRTH-DAY SURPRISE PARTY. For The Chronicle. A surprise was given Mr. Asberry Fuss, Friday evening, in honor of his 34th birthday. The guests assembled much to his surprise. He received several useful presents. About 10 o'clock the guests were invited to the dining-room where they found the table heavily laden with all the delicacies of the season. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Asberry Fuss, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fuss, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fuss, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Shriver, Mr. and Mrs. John Olier, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Want, Mr. and Mrs. John Moser, Mr. George Olier, Misses Anna and Ella Shriver, Maude Olier, Jennie Harner, Emma Munshower, Carrie Fuss, Alice and Helen Fuss, Messrs. Samuel Hockensmith, Jacob Stambaugh, Edward Grimes, Charles, Elmer, Clarence and Allen Fuss all returned to their homes much pleased, after bidding their host and hostess good night, and wishing Mr. Fuss many more such birthdays. A GUEST.

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M. E. MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

For The Chronicle. The M. E. Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. John P. Moser recently. Forty-eight persons were present. The afternoon was very pleasantly and interestingly spent. The subject was "Our work, Africa." It was well explained by the pastor and a number of papers were read on the same. After the meeting was over Mrs. Moser invited her guests to the dining-room, where they found a table laden with all the good things of the season, to which ample justice was done. A GUEST.

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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY MEETING

The Largest And Most Interesting Republican Primary Meeting Ever Held In This Place. The Emmitsburg District Republican primary meeting to elect a new central committee for this district and to select delegates to the State and County conventions to be held Frederick city, was held in Spangler's Opera House, in this place last Saturday night. It was probably the largest Republican primary meeting ever held in this place. Mr. I. S. Annan, was elected chairman of the meeting; Messrs. S. N. McNair and C. J. Shuff acted as judges, and the clerks were Messrs. H. Maurice Gillelan and W. D. Colliflower.

The meeting was a spirited one from start to finish. The two factions putting forth their best efforts to elect their respective candidates for central committee and delegates. The following resolutions were read at the meeting. The resolution offered by Mr. C. F. Rowe read as follows: Resolved, That we, the Republicans of Emmitsburg District in primary meeting assembled, do hereby plainly and strongly express ourselves in favor of the nomination of a Republican as Chief Judge of the Circuit Court for the Sixth Judicial District of Maryland.

Mr. Jas. A. Helman offered this resolution, which was adopted. "As there is a disposition on the part of some leaders of the Republican party of Frederick county to ignore the wishes of the people by opposing the nomination of a Chief Judge, Resolved, at the primary meeting at Emmitsburg, that we insist upon a convention for the purpose of nominating a Republican candidate for Chief Judge."

The nomination of a candidate for Chief Judge of this Judicial Circuit and local contentions in the ranks of the party in this District were the cause of the contest for supremacy at the primary meeting in this place. The following were elected members of the central committee: Oscar D. Fralley, David Wetzel, George C. Naylor, James O. Harbaugh, Wm. A. Snyder, Jr., J. Stewart Annan, J. Thomas Gelwicks, John W. Eckerd, H. Maurice Gillelan, Samuel L. Rowe, A. M. Patterson, I. S. Annan, John A. Horner, John F. Adelsberger and Harvey G. Winter.

These were chosen delegates to the county conventions: A. M. Patterson, J. Thomas Gelwicks, James O. Harbaugh, John A. Horner, Samuel L. Rowe, I. S. Annan, Wm. A. Snyder, Jr., John Hockensmith, Allen G. Dorsey, Niles Willhide, Charles Staub, George P. Beam, Wm. H. Ashbaugh, John F. Adelsberger and George C. Naylor.

The vote in full was as follows: FOR CENTRAL COMMITTEE. *Oscar D. Fralley, 144; David F. Wetzel, 126; Geo. C. Naylor, 126; Jas. O. Harbaugh, 126; William A. Snyder, 126; J. Stewart Annan, 125; John T. Gelwicks, 126; John W. Eckerd, 126; H. Maurice Gillelan, 126; Samuel L. Rowe, 147; *A. M. Patterson, 146; I. S. Annan, 123; John A. Horner, 125; John F. Adelsberger, 126; Harvey G. Winter, 124; H. M. Ashbaugh, 25; T. C. Hays, 25; J. D. Caldwell, 23; W. P. Smyth, 18; H. F. Maxwell, 23; W. R. Eiler, 18; E. L. Annan, 21; E. R. Zimmerman, 26; Wm. H. Weaver, 23; H. G. Beam, 24; E. H. Rowe, 25; D. S. Gillelan, 23.

*Were on both tickets. DELEGATES TO STATE AND COUNTY CONVENTION. *A. M. Patterson, 146; John T. Gelwicks, 126; Jas. O. Harbaugh, 126; John A. Horner, 126; *Samuel L. Rowe, 147; I. S. Annan, 124; Wm. A. Snyder, Jr., 126; John Hockensmith, 125; Allen G. Dorsey, 126; Niles Willhide, 126; Chas. Staub, 126; George P. Beam, 126; Wm. H. Ashbaugh, 126; John F. Adelsberger, 126; George C. Naylor, 126. Had the opposing faction been successful their central committee would have acted as delegates to the county conventions.

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