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Local and Personal.

This is meant to be a purely Local News column, to which the RECORD invites contributions. Events of local importance—whether current or in the near future, accidents, cases of extreme illness, society and church happenings, marriages, deaths, etc., should be reported to the Editor in writing; otherwise they may not appear.

Mrs. Eliza Kelly, who was stricken with paralysis recently, is gradually recovering the use of her limbs.

An article from W. L. Amos, on Farmers' Institutes, will appear in next week's issue, space not being available this week.

Over 1200 tons of hay have been packed by Reindollar & Co's traveling packer this fall and winter, the most of it in Pennsylvania.

A tight freeze now would likely mean scarcity of water this winter, as springs, especially, are low, and the ground comparatively dry.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Carrie G. Hillerbrink to Mr. Charles H. Stonestier, on Wednesday evening, December 13th.

Miss Virginia Dutera, who has been at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore several weeks for treatment, returned home last Saturday much improved in health.

A special meeting, at which there will be a number of visitors, will be held by the P. O. S. of A., next Thursday evening. A full attendance of members is requested.

All the diptheria cases are getting well, and no new ones are reported. A child of Mr. and Mrs. James Deimitt, near town, died on Thursday night from a violent case of scarlet fever.

There are decided indications of a coal famine, as it seems almost impossible for dealers to get their orders filled. Strikes, scarcity of cars and great demand, operate to bring about this condition.

Mrs. J. H. Roop and five children arrived here last Friday, from Franklin Grove, Ill. As announced in last issue they will reside in this district hereafter. Dr. Roop and son will arrive in a few weeks.

We extend our thanks to G. Albert Rapp for a roast of venison, he having received a portion of one of the deer recently killed during the annual hunt of the Adams county clubs, of which we have heretofore made mention.

John Baird, Sr., probably the best known house painter in the county, fell down the steps to the back porch of his residence, last Friday night, and dislocated his right shoulder. Considering his advanced age he is recovering rapidly.

While T. H. Eckenrode was sawing logs on the Brower (Renner) farm, on Wednesday, his large circular saw broke into three pieces, caused by the log becoming loose on the carrier and falling over. The saw was a fine one, having cost \$86.00.

From present indications, there will be no scarcity of Christmas presents on sale in our town stores, as counters and windows are already taking on quite a holiday appearance. The columns of the RECORD will serve as a good shoppers guide, during this month.

James A. Reid, John Yingling and Charles G. Brown, who expect to be carriers on three of the rural delivery routes starting from this office, will go to Westminster on Saturday to execute contracts and receive instructions. The new service will begin on Friday, the 15th.

In cleaning out a grain shed, on the Birnie farm, one day last week, nine skunks were found by Mr. Baby-lon, and killed. As they were black ones, it is said that their pelts are worth \$2.00 each. The air in the neighborhood was heavy enough for several days to box and ship, had there been a market for it.

Taneytown Ministerial Ass'n.

Monday afternoon the Taneytown Ministerial Association held its regular fortnightly meeting, at the Lutheran parsonage. In addition to Revs. A. Bateman, J. O. Clippinger and C. A. Britt, of town, Revs. C. Kine-wald and D. H. Riddle, of Emmitsburg, and G. W. Baughman, of Uniontown, were present. The chief feature of the meeting was the reading of a paper by Rev. C. A. Britt on "The Reconciliation of Theology." The paper discussed in a trenchant manner a number of points in certain present-day theological thinking, wherein a departure from older standards is attempted, and a modification of these standards sought. Among the points noted were the changed views of this new school of thinkers on the doctrines of the incarnation, the atonement and justification by faith, as these doctrines are set forth in the older creeds of the church, and their acceptance of the unproved dogma of probation after death.

Discussion of the paper by all the ministers present followed its reading, and a general conference in the conclusion reached by the writer showed how deep and true to the pure teaching of God's word beats the hearts of this body of Christ's servants. The meeting was voted a most enjoyable one by all. Before adjournment it was decided that the next regular meeting should be held at the United Brethren parsonage, and that the subject, "Causes of Failure in the Religious Life," be adopted for general discussion. The Association meets next Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian manse for the study of the Greek New Testament. The passage to be considered is Matthew 1:18-25.

Church Notices.

The preaching in the Taneytown Messiah U. B. church next Sunday, will be in the morning at 10 o'clock, and at Harney in the evening at 7 o'clock.

J. O. CLIPPINGER, Pastor.

COUNTY AND STATE.

News Notes of General Interest from Various Sources.

Congress opened on Monday. The session promises to be both interesting and important.

The McKinstry Athletic Club defeated a picked nine in an exciting game of base ball, on Thanksgiving day, the score being 11 to 10.

The Philadelphia Exposition Exhibition closed last Saturday, and was a successful venture, financially. It is probable that it will be reopened next fall.

The Union Bridge Pilot, which appeared three weeks ago, has changed proprietors already, J. Hamilton Repp being at present at the head of the concern.

Rev. C. A. Hoy, of the Maryland Lutheran Synod, has resigned his charge and joined the "Faith healers." It is said that he will go to Chicago and enter actively into their work.

A new depot, which will cost between four and five thousand dollars, is under consideration by the Western Maryland Railroad Company for Hampstead, Carroll county, Md.

A wrapper and shirt waist factory will be opened in Emmitsburg, Frederick county, about the middle of the month Mr. Waldman, the promoter of the enterprise, says he hopes to give employment to about 50 women and girls.

The suit to break the will of the late Samuel Engle ended on Monday without a verdict, which lets the will stand, at least for the present. It is said that some important witnesses could not be secured and that there will be another trial.

Rev. R. S. Patterson, pastor of the Woodsboro charge of the Lutheran church, has received a call to Berlin, Somerset county, Pa. Rev. C. L. Ritter, of the Lutheran charge at Rickettsville, has also received a call to a charge in Pennsylvania. Rev. Patterson will accept.

An immense auditorium has been built at Mountain Lake Park. The roof, which required 114,000 shingles two feet long, covers a half acre of ground; it required 35,000 feet of lumber to make the rafters and their supports; the stage is 128x42 feet and will seat 600 people. Altogether, it is said to be one of the finest auditoriums in the country.

Dr. and Mrs. U. A. Sharetts arrived Sunday from New York where they have been spending the summer. They will leave Frederick on Thursday for New York, where they will sail on Saturday on the "Preferior" for Vienna, where Dr. Sharetts will pass the winter in study. Dr. Sharetts expects to resume his practice here in the spring.—*Examiner.*

The U. S. Government has sent out an order that all revenue stamps must be cut, scratched or perforated when used. Keen rascals are washing ink stains off of used stamps and reusing them and swindling the government out thousands of dollars, \$30,000 being lost in one gang. After dating the stamp, slit, cut and scratch it that it may be destroyed and mutilated, just as in the cigar and beer business.

The case of Representative-elect Roberts, of Utah, was introduced in the House, on Tuesday, by Mr. Taylor, of Ohio, and a resolution was adopted by a vote of 302 to 30 to refer the eligibility of Mr. Roberts to a special committee of nine which shall report upon his right to a seat. In the meantime he is denied the privileges of a member. Roberts spoke in his own defense. As is generally known, he is a polygamist.

A sensational article in a Philadelphia Sunday paper stated that the late John H. Allemen, cashier of the First National Bank, of Hanover, who died October 9, 1898, and was buried in Mount Olivet cemetery, is not dead and that a wax figure had been buried in his stead, so that he could escape arrest for a defalcation of a large amount of the funds of the bank. The Hanover papers publish affidavits from the undertaker and embalmer who prepared the body for burial, and from fifteen reputable citizens, that they viewed the body just prior to its interment, and that it was that of John H. Allemen. The article has raised considerable indignation.

Up to the present time there have been 25,945 claims filed in the Pension Office as a result of the war with Spain and the war in the Philippines. Of these 695 come from the navy. The faster the regiments are mustered out the greater are the number of claims for pensions filed. The average since the first application was made has been about 50 a week. There has been no material increase recently, but with the expectation of a speedy cessation of hostilities in the Philippines the Commissioner of Pensions is making preparations to handle a large number of claims which it is thought will undoubtedly be made at that time.

Orphans' Court Proceedings.

MONDAY, Dec. 4th., 1899.—Henry Galt, administrator of Elizabeth Forsythe, settled first and final account. Lydia A. Frook, administratrix of J. Henry Frook, returned inventory of personal property and received orders to sell personal property and to notify creditors.

TUESDAY, Dec. 5th., 1899.—John L. Breitweiser, executor of Catharine Breitweiser, settled first account. David U. Hesson, administrator of Isaac Hesson, returned inventory of personal property and received orders to sell personal property and to notify creditors.

BETTER SCHOOL WANTED.

Citizens of Union Bridge hold a Public Meeting.

A large and enthusiastic mass-meeting was held in the Town Hall at Union Bridge, on Monday evening, Dec. 4th., under the auspices of Olive Council, No. 50, Order of United American Mechanics, to take some action in the direction of drawing the attention of the County School Board to advance the condition of the School matters of the town. The taxpayers and patrons of the school have groaned under a never ending burden, until public sentiment can no longer be suppressed, and, whether for good or evil, the general public, as well as the fraternal organizations, have now taken the matter up for disposal one way or the other, definitely.

The meeting was conducted in an orderly but enthusiastic manner, no acrimony or mud-slinging of any kind was indulged in, either with regard to the School Board or teachers. There were about 150 patrons of the school present, many having been prevented from attending by compulsory attendance at the meeting of the Fire Company, for election of officers, and the Red Men, whom Rev. Chas. A. Rotan, of Baltimore, was visiting with a large delegation from Baltimore tribes.

The following strong resolutions were adopted.

To the Board of School Commissioners of Carroll County, Maryland.

Whereas, the tax payers of Union Bridge (12th. Election) District of Carroll County, Maryland, feel that we have not received the consideration in school matters that our importance and contributions to the expense of county and state deserve;

Whereas, we have suffered for the lack of proper and sufficient conveniences and comforts in the way of a school building, and

Whereas, we have recognized the inadequacy of the curriculum that has been in vogue in our local schools during certain periods for several years past, and

Whereas, we believe that much of the defectiveness and dissatisfaction is superinduced by the absence of trustees for our school and the coincident failure to give support to the efforts and objects of the principal and teachers; Therefore be it

Resolved, That we earnestly, firmly and with determination, yet kindly and courteously ask your honorable body to give serious consideration to the matter of providing us with school houses equal to our income, creditable to our town, and sufficient unto all purposes.

Resolved, That we beseech you to appoint a board of trustees to administer the affairs of our schools, having the school's interest at heart, and of such competency and reputation and willingness as will guarantee a proper conduct of educational affairs in the district. In this pursuit fail not to object to assure you of our unequalled support. Finally,

Resolved, That a committee of six (6) be appointed to consist of Messrs. W. R. Shaw, John H. Repp, Cleveland Anders, J. J. Dittmer, J. E. Lambert, and C. H. Stein to present these testimonies and resolutions to the Board at its next meeting, and press their purposes aimed at with all diligence and vigilance.

This action is the sentiment and wishes of the tax-payers and patrons of the school of Union Bridge District, in Mass-meeting assembled.

D. E. LITTLE,
J. E. LAMBERT, Sec'y.
W. F. TOWNSEND, Committee.

Our Special Offer Again.

Our special offer of fifty free subscriptions to FOOD AND DRINK to old subscribers who pay up during December, is practically exhausted already. It is our purpose, however, to donate all of the fifty copies reserved for new subscribers, that may remain untaken at the end of the month, to additional old subscribers, as all of the 100 copies will be disposed of.

We again call attention to our third page advertisement of this scheme, as it will not appear again, though it may be taken advantage of throughout the month, as long as the "gift" sale. Our April list, proposition—five subscriptions for \$1.00 from now until that date—is being taken advantage of. A little effort on the part of friends of the RECORD, in this direction, would help us wonderfully.

New County Officers.

A number of the newly elected county officers assumed their stations last Monday.

Sheriff George T. Motter, County Treasurer John E. Masenhimer and Jacob N. Dehoff, the newly elected County Commissioner of Carroll county, qualified on Monday. The new board, composed of Commissioners Daniel S. Diehl, of Uniontown, Jesse Lemon, of Silver Run, and Jacob N. Dehoff, of Greensmont, organized by electing Mr. Lemon vice-president.

Mr. Lemon has been a member of the board for four years. The retiring president is John E. Stem, who completed his full term of six years. Sheriff George T. Motter appointed as his deputy William H. Wilson, of Manchester. Mr. Wilson held the position under the retiring Sheriff, Ephraim B. Haines. Mr. Masenhimer, as County Treasurer, succeeds himself. The other county officers will not qualify until next week.

Middleburg Farmers.

The farmers of Middleburg district held a meeting at Lynn's Hotel, Saturday afternoon last, at which to make preparation for the coming Institute, promised by Director W. L. Amos, February 9th. 1900. The following organization was effected, Jesse P. Weybright, chairman; John D. Engel secretary; and John D. Dutterer, treasurer. A committee of the following farmers was appointed to arrange the details of the coming Institute: Jesse P. Weybright, chairman; E. O. Norris, Eli M. Dutterer, Jacob Gladhill and Luther Sharetts.

DIED.

DECEASED.—On Dec. 7, '99, near Taneytown, Herbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Deimitt, in his 4th year.

MICHAEL GETS FIVE

Years in the Penitentiary for Forgiving Notes.

John T. Michael, who is well known in Westminster, Uniontown, Taneytown and other districts of this county, pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery in the Circuit Court of this county, on Tuesday, and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. The case was quickly disposed of, and the crowd in attendance was disappointed in not hearing sensational details.

Michael had been indicted by the May term grand jury, and was released on bail pending his trial. When his case was called last week he could not be found, but was captured last Sunday in Baltimore. There were two indictments against Michael, one for forging the names of his wife, Fannie M. Michael, Henry Troutfelt, J. Henry Benner and Elizabeth Benner to a note for \$325.10 in favor of Wm. B. Thomas, of Westminster, and the other for forging the name of his wife, Fannie M. Michael, and Henry Benner to a note for \$300 in favor of George H. Birnie & Co. The last indictment was settled.

Visit to Sparrow's Point.

The editor of the RECORD had occasion to visit Sparrow's Point, last Friday night to participate in a fraternal event, and while there, spent an hour going through a portion of the immense steel works, under the guidance of a gentleman connected with the concern. The sensation, to a novice, of approaching and entering such a place at night, must be as near a vision of the infernal regions as one can receive on earth; as the fire, smoke, noise, brimstone, and his Satanic majesty's imps, can easily be duplicated, without a great stretch of imagination as they are all present, in fact, except the latter.

Enough of the process of making steel ingots, and their being drawn, or rolled into railroad iron, was seen within the hour to give one a very fair idea of the process, though a full day, with a thoroughly posted guide, would be necessary in order to reach anything like a satisfactory knowledge of the work, and even then he would only be in possession of a very superficial understanding of it.

There are now employed at Sparrow's Point about 4000 hands, and the work goes on day and night, Sunday's not excepted. Apparently, wages are satisfactory, and the employees seem perfectly satisfied. The principal thing that seems to be wanting is individual ownership of property—everything there is owned and controlled by the Company—and there is naturally some dissatisfaction on the part of those who would like to own their own homes, and feel themselves less a part of a vast machine, no part of which they can call their own.

Those who visit this vast enterprise, which is only one of similar concerns operated by the Pennsylvania Steel Company, though he may be filled with opposition to trusts and great corporations, cannot help but come away with his previous opinions weakened, because he must admire the ability, enterprise and capital which combine to make such an establishment possible. Individual wealth, or effort, could not accomplish such a great aggregate of results.

Following our usual custom, we will begin a Sale Register with the first or second issue in January. All persons who will register their bills pointed at this office, or advertise sale at length in the RECORD, will be entitled to a free notice in this register from the time the register commences, until the sale. Those who prefer having their work done elsewhere will be charged 50c. Let us have your name and date in time for the first issue. The notices will be limited to three lines.

D. E. LITTLE,
J. E. LAMBERT, Sec'y.
W. F. TOWNSEND, Committee.

Free Mail Delivery.

Free delivery of mail matter will be commenced throughout this section of the county, on Friday 15th. We are not sufficiently in possession of the details of the system, either as the routes or duties of the carriers, to give our readers definite information. The idea however, is to deliver and collect mail matter of all classes, and save the people the inconvenience of going to the post office. We hope our next issue we hope to be able to explain the new departure more fully.

The routes will be over certain roads, spaced in the contract of each carrier. The time of departure from main office, and connections with other carriers, as well as a time for return to main office, will also be specified. The whole scheme being in the direction of a first-class rural free delivery service. It is probable that a trial of the plan will develop improvements which will make the service both popular and beneficial, and in the course of a year the details may be so elaborated and perfected as to bear but slight resemblance to the first, or experimental, effort.

Court Proceedings.

State of Md. vs Arthur Perry; bastardy. Tried before jury; verdict guilty. J. M. Reifsnider for state, and Henning for traverser.

State of Md. vs John T. Michael; forgery. Pled guilty confessed; sentenced by the court to be confined in Maryland Penitentiary for the period of five years. J. M. Reifsnider for state, and Henning for traverser.

State of Md. vs Frank Brothers; bastardy. Tried before jury; verdict guilty. J. M. Reifsnider for state, Henning for traverser.

State of Md. vs Lorenza B. Walker; assault and rape. Tried before jury. J. M. Reifsnider for state, and Henning for prisoner.

State of Md. vs Charles Brown; rioting, etc. Pled guilty confessed by traverser, and fined \$5 and costs. The jury business was continued on Thursday and jury discharged.

HELP THE POOR.

An Appeal which should meet with Liberal Returns.

As the joyous Christmas season draws near, we again take this means of reminding the many kind friends, who have aided us in the past, that we wish to carry some of the brightens of Christmas, to the homeless and aged, who are forced to seek shelter in our county Alms House. It is with pleasure, we are able to report, that during the past year, our Sunday afternoon services have continued almost without intermission, even through the intense cold and almost impassable roads of last winter, and the burning heat of the summer, and that they have been well attended by the inmates. All who were able to leave their rooms, both men and women, are found to be constant and attentive listeners, and some of them, frequently take part in the services, either by prayer or testimony.

As our friends have always responded liberally, we feel that it is not necessary to do more than make this appeal, and to state, in a few words, which may add to the comfort, or brighten up the rooms of those who are unable to leave them, will be a most liberal contribution.

All money sent will be carefully expended for such articles as may be of special use or need, and as the inmates come from all parts of our Heaven-blessed country, we hope to hear, through the kind friends of those outside of Westminster, and that other schools will initiate the children at Medford, who, through their teacher, Mrs. Forney, sent a liberal contribution.

Those finding it most convenient, can send their donations to Miss Florence Miller at the Lutheran parsonage, or Miss Helen Glatfelter, who have kindly consented to assist us. With thanks for assistance in the past, and with the reminder that we wish to do it as much as you have done it into one of the least of these, my brethren, we have done it unto me," we again ask those who have with home and friends, to remember our County Poor at the Alms House.

MARY B. SHELLMAN,
NANNIE RINKER, Committee.

Too Good to Be Lost.

Not long since, a Reverend gentleman of this county, who does a great deal of marrying, and does not accept a fee of over \$1.00, was called upon by a young couple who desired his services in the knot-tying line. After the brief but important ceremony was finished, the groom handed the minister—whose eyesight is a little dim—a folded greenback. Not considering it necessary to scrutinize the bill closely he simply asked, "Is it a Y?"

The groom, possibly mistaking the sound of "Y," for "fee," answered in the affirmative, when the bride was handed \$4.00 (change) by the minister, and the couple departed.

The supposed Y, however, much to the surprise of the good man, proved, on examination, to be a plain, unassuming, U. S. \$1.00 bill, which left the groom the better of the bargain by a brand new bride with \$3.00 profit in his pocket on a \$1.00 investment. Very properly, the Reverend thought the deal a trifle of a good thing on the part of the youngsters, and on the next day hunted them up and recovered his \$4.00, though, it is said, not without some remonstrance on their part.

Music Recital.

(For the RECORD.)
Mr. Howard L. Benson, music instructor, gave his first student's recital of the season, at his home on West Main St., Westminster, on Friday evening last, December 1st. A number of the friends of the pupils were present and greatly enjoyed the evening's entertainment. The selections were all of a high character, and reflected credit on both instructor and pupils. The following is the programme as given:

1. Spanish Dance No. 1. Moszkowski, Hoffman.
2. Concert Polonaise in E major. Chopin. Miss Shreve. Miss Zapp.
3. (a) Waltz in C major. Wagner. (b) Barcarole. Miss Shipley.
4. Fantasia and Sonata in C minor. Mozart. adagio, allegro molto.
5. Norwegian Dance. Miss Lynch. Grieg.
6. Argentine. Miss Balch. Ketterer.
7. Valse Arabesque. Miss Balch. Loh.
8. Minstrel Serenade. Miss Stonestier. Mr. Shunk.
9. Rondo Capriccioso. Miss Shreve. Boethius.
10. Overture to La Grande Duchesse. Weis.
11. (a) Impromptu in A flat minor. Schuber. (b) Etude in A minor, Op. 25, No. 21. Chopin. (c) Faust Waltz. Gounod-Lied.

A Social Event.

(For the RECORD.)
A very pleasant social was given at the hospitable home of Mr. S. Luther Angell, of this town, for the benefit of the people of the vicinity, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 6th., 1899. The evening was pleasantly spent in social conversation by the older people, while the younger folks engaged in playing the latest games of the season. At 11 o'clock a fine collation of cakes, candies, fruit, etc., was served, after which the guests were invited homeward greatly pleased with the success of the party.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Angell, J. A. and Mrs. Angell, Zimmerman, Misses Bessie Derr, Carrie Stonestier, Ida Smith, Bessie Null, Lucy Stull, Fannie Martin, Grace Null, Eliza Angell, and young Mrs. Stonestier, Charles Olinger, Nora Angell, Ada Wanz, Mame Zimmerman, Leslie Reifsnider, Emma Hall, Messrs. Elmer Derr, William Nail, Jesse Reifsnider, Philip Stull, Wilbur Shorb, Byron Stull, Clarence Nail, Calvin Hahn, Harry Wanz, William Hahn, Harry Martin, Gordon Angell, and Mrs. Angell, and Misses Stonestier, Harold Null, Harry Angell and Arthur Angell.

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OUR HAVANA LETTER.

Some Excitement in Cuba but No Real Danger.

Since my last letter, Cuba has been stirred up considerably. It does not take much to excite the average Cuban. If you should happen to see two or more of them standing on a street corner and gesticulating with their heads, shoulders, arms and hands, you would be apt to conclude that the subject matter of their conversation was some very important personal question, involving serious results, whereas it inevitably occurs that they are talking about the weather, or some other trivial question.

But it can not be denied that the intense excitement of the last few days has had adequate causes. First of all, the Spanish Bishop of Havana having resigned, the Roman Catholic population of Cuba looked for the appointment of a Cuban prelate to this office; but the Vatican at Rome has decided that the new Bishop of Cuba shall be a foreigner, a Monsignor Sharrett, now at Washington, D. C.

The Cubans are continually hearing, "You cannot govern yourselves," and are sore over the uncalculated criticisms which Americans are making of a civilization of which they are proud, and which, despite its many faults, is at least entitled to a fair examination, this act of the Vatican has caused a deep resentment among those who are Roman Catholics by tradition, and not by conviction. But that which has added even more fuel to the flame, has been the announcement that the present military regime was to give place immediately to a civil form of government.

The Cubans, who are impatient and suspicious of every move upon the part of the United States that does not bear upon the withdrawal of all United States troops from Cuba, and the carrying out of the pledge contained in the joint resolution of 1898, have seen in this contemplated change only a sinister scheme by which to gain more absolute authority over the island, and eventually make it part of the Union. All sorts of rumors have been current this week about the Cubans going out to fight against the present constituted authorities, but as there has been no real move toward this, the rumors have been made to resort to arms.

The Cubans may not know many things they ought to know, but they do know that it would be the height of foolishness to go to war with the United States. Telegrams received from Washington during the last few days, reassuring the people that the military government would be displaced, have had a very quieting effect, and the belief has been strengthened that President McKinley will fulfill all he has promised.

The result was that the Spanish minions, who never needed much incentive to treat with the utmost inequality the natives of the island, arrested them, and without fair evidence and no trial, they were condemned and executed amid the protest and lamentation of this entire population.

As this was the first time since the sad event took place, that fitting honors could be given to them, and adequate expression given to the intense and poignant grief which was occasioned, the whole city seemed to be bent in honoring the day. The streets presented a somber aspect, draped in crape, as were most of the buildings. A long and mournful procession went to the place where the young men had been shot down, and after appropriate ceremonies were held, a memorial tablet was unveiled in the presence of a throng of people that numbered many thousands.

Thanksgiving day was observed in Havana only by the Americans. The Spanish merchants and the mass of the people ignored the day entirely. Really, all of the holidays which have been held in Cuba since the American occupation, this was the least noticed and honored. Besides, the average Cuban is now so absorbed in the future of Cuba that he cannot value what he has, and does not feel grateful for what he has come into the possession of. Well, another year may bring about a decay of spirit, and it is to be hoped that all the sulks and suspicions that are spoiling the enjoyment of the actual blessings which have been so abundantly bestowed upon the people of Cuba, shall have vanished.

Bark Hill.

Mr. Charles Haines and family occupy the house recently vacated by Mr. John N. Smith.

The colored people had a literary exhibition and festival at their church on Wednesday night.

Mr. Freddy Engler, son of Rev. Wm. Engler, is slowly convalescing from an attack of pneumonia.

The people of this village regret the departure of Rev. John Evans, the evangelist, of Patapsco, who has gone home for a brief rest. He will then continue on last Sunday afternoon, assisted by Rev. John Saxton with his series of meetings at Warfieldsburn and Winfield, which are in progress at the former place. The meetings here still continue.

Mr. Maurice L. Smith sold his huckster route for the week to Mr. D. Little, of Union Bridge.

Mrs. Serepta Weikert sold her residence situated on Main St., to James M. Smith, for the sum of \$600.

A very interesting and edifying meeting was held in the Lutheran church last Sunday evening; a large audience present.

The Monocacy Holiday Sabbath school will hold their Christmas entertainment, on Saturday evening, Dec. 23rd.

Our public schools are in a flourishing condition, under the skillful management of Vernon Beachley and Miss Cora Shaw.

Correspondence.

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

To Correspondents.

As the mail route heretofore existing between Linwood and Taneytown has been discontinued as a continuous route, under the new system, our correspondents should mail all communications to the RECORD on Thursday evening, at the latest, in order that we may be sure to receive the same via the Western Maryland fast mail on Friday morning. Heretofore we received mail matter from Uniontown via this route, at about 9.15 a. m. Under the new system we do not expect to receive it until some time in the afternoon. Any other changes which our mutual interests will be announced later.

New Windsor.

A very destructive fire occurred last Saturday morning on the farm owned and occupied by Mr. Philip Snader, about 13 miles south of New Windsor on the Marston road. His barn was consumed with all its contents including five head of fine horses and one of the best yearling colts in the country; five head of good milk cows, ten steers, six sheep, and two out of five cattle were in the barn yard. The barn, harness, a grain separator, all this year's crop of grain and a good portion of the crop of hay.

The cause of the fire is unknown. It was discovered about 3 o'clock, when the roof was about to fall in, and it was then too late to save anything at all in the building. Three of the cattle

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th., 1899.

Responsibility for Poorly paid School Teachers.

The plank adopted by the republic-
an state convention of Maryland, de-
claring for better pay for school teach-
ers, was deserving of greater atten-
tion than it received, and it is strange
that republican newspapers did not
make more out of it. Most of them
contented themselves with the mere
announcement of proposed better pay
for teachers, and the assertion that,
as a class, their services were not
properly rewarded, and overlooked
entirely the main result—that better
pay would mean better teachers and
schools.

Better paid teachers, in fact, comes
very near being the solution of the
way through which a higher grade
education may be reached. We agree,
that the teachers now giving their
services in the Carroll county schools
are not adequately paid. This is true
of those really fitted to teach—and we
trust that there are but few of the op-
posite class—and better pay would
not only remedy this injustice, but
gradually weed out incompetents; be-
cause, the profession once profitable,
the result would be more teachers,
and the retention of the fittest.

The matter of better pay, however,
is largely a local, or county, question.
There is no complaint, for instance,
in Baltimore county, of poor pay, and
less in other counties than in Car-
roll. Baltimore county levies a school
tax of 30c on the \$100, for school pur-
poses, against 17c in Carroll county,
while other counties levy from 20 to
30c on the \$100. This fact, alone, is
sufficient to explain why Carroll
county salaries are lower, and why
her schools are apt to be behind the
standard of those of other counties.
In another issue we shall give a table
showing the tax rate, for school pur-
poses, of every county in the state, and
such other figures as may be neces-
sary to make a fair comparative state-
ment.

Evidently, there are but two ways
of making higher salaries and better
schools possible—assuming that ex-
penditure of management does not enter
into the subject—first, through cutting
off appropriations to colleges and de-
voting these sums to the public
schools; or 2nd, by raising the county
school tax rate, in counties such as
Carroll. We believe that the first
method named is one right and just
to pursue, for reasons heretofore
stated, and that the latter would not
be objected to by a large number of
tax-payers, because no intelligent and
patriotic citizen objects to paying
taxes when he receives adequate
value in return.

The fact is, our county has out-
grown the poorly paid, poorly equip-
ped, teacher. We do not now want it
said that much of the education
learned in the public schools must be
unlearned upon entering a high
school, or college. This is a present
condition, not so much due to the
difference of systems in use in public
and high schools, as between the dif-
ference in teachers; real education is
the same, everywhere, because it is
based on fact, rather than system. At
best, the public school system is limited
to primary education, but we ought
to be sure that it is a real
foundation, and not one faultily
constructed by an unskilled builder, and
in this we see the importance of bet-
ter pay.

It is a matter of general information
that many of our best teachers leave
Carroll county for other states and
counties where they receive better
pay—and nobody blames them. What
is to be said of the system of econ-
omy (?) on the part of our county
officials which causes this exodus? How
can we boast of "the lowest tax rate
of any county in the state," when
Union Bridge, the second place in
population in the county, holds a
public meeting—practically an indig-
nant meeting—for the purpose of
trying to secure a decent school build-
ing?

There is not a single profession of as
much importance as that of teaching
the young, yet, the powers-that-be
are drying the occupation clear out
of the list of professions, until now it
is taken up as a make-shift by boys
and girls just fresh from their school
days, with the object of making a lit-
tle money and "keeping their hand
in" until something better turns up.
The few young men who do equip
themselves specially for teaching,
never expect to remain in this county,
and nine-tenths of the young ladies
who adopt the calling, do so with the
full expectation of dropping it as soon
as the right man presents himself
with an offer of matrimony. And this
is the condition in which we find the
profession that has charge of the im-
portant work of educating the future
citizens of our state.

The importance of more money for
school purposes is self-evident; the
question is, where shall it come from?
We said in the beginning of this arti-
cle that but two methods were avail-
able—there is a third, and probably
the easiest to adopt, whether or not
it should take the place of either of
the two mentioned. The state tax is
.17a on the \$100; of this, .10 is for
school tax, .02 for free books and .05
for the payment of the state debt.

The latter amount will soon not be
needed, for the reason that the state

is practically out of debt. The state
tax can therefore be reduced .05a, or
that amount, through favorable leg-
islation, could be placed to the credit
of the state school fund. Undoubt-
edly, there is here offered an opportu-
nity to the friends of public education
to secure, at the coming General As-
sembly, additional public funds. We
frankly admit that while the success
of this method would be preferable to
allowing our school system to remain
as it is, the first and right thing to do
is to cut off the appropriations to pri-
vate concerns from which the public
derives no commensurate benefit, turn
them into the state treasury, where
they belong, fix the state school tax
at about fifteen cents on the \$100,
and pass a law fixing the school tax
rate for the counties at not less than
twenty cents on the \$100. Then we
would be enabled to pay better sal-
aries, provide decent school buildings
and gradually introduce the High
School system; while at the same time
the present state tax rate would be
reduced.

Corrupt Election Practices.

The recent election in this county
has been followed by reports of the
use of money and intoxicants for the
purpose of purchasing and influenc-
ing votes, and these reports, to our
shame it must be said, are not merely
reports, but facts; and not only are
they facts, but, as such, they are
winked at and condoned because they
represent regulation political meth-
ods, indulged in by persons who would
resent the charge of dishonesty, and
who stand as "representative men" of
the community.

It is a fact that cannot be denied
that there are men who would not
think of defrauding anybody out of a
cent, whose word is their bond, and
who are upright in every respect—un-
til they become candidates for public
office; then, "the end" seems to "jus-
tify the means," and they directly or
indirectly, for the time being, stoop
to all the dishonest practices of pol-
itics.

There are candidates who pretend
to be of the "good man" sort, who
would not directly offer an individual
a dollar for his vote, but who have no
compunctions in placing in the hands
of less conscientious (?) partisans, am-
ple funds for certain corrupt prac-
tices, and no questions asked. These
same conscientious gentlemen have
even been known to go so far as to
have jugs of whiskey, conveniently
placed with trusty lieutenants, for
the purpose of "warming up" doubt-
ful voters on election day.

Most people are willing to admit
that the corrupt practices attending
elections are wrong, but not many
are willing to try to prevent them.
They say, "Both parties do it, and you
can't stop it." Now, this is silly non-
sense. There is a way of preventing
the buying and improperly influenc-
ing of votes, and it is by strictly
omitting the disgraceful system in
one party, and the rigid prosecution
by it of all cases indulged in by the
other. It may take an election or two
to do it, but it can be done as effec-
tively as the law against selling liquor
on election day has closed the saloons.
The evidence can be secured, and
indictments must be found, to break
up this great political evil. Let us as
good citizens of Carroll county resolve
to aid in this direction. Let us de-
mand of our parties that this dishon-
est, irreligious and un-American sys-
tem of politics must be crushed as a
poisonous reptile. Let us, if need be,
instead of contributing to a corrup-
tion fund, contribute to a fund to be
used for the purpose of securing evi-
dence and prosecuting cases of corrupt
practices. Let us play fair, and make
the other side do the same.

If necessary, a Pure Elections
League can be formed, without in any
degree interfering with party loyalty,
through which both parties may be
made keep within the bounds of law
and honesty. This is a matter, the
correction of which rests wholly with
the people. Honest practices before
elections are just as attainable as
honest methods of casting and count-
ing the ballots. The latter, we have;
the former, we may have, if we will.

The West in Congress.

Washington correspondents of a
number of Eastern papers are calling
attention to the fact that in the
Fifty-sixth Congress the West will
practically dominate in the transac-
tion of business in the House. For
the first time in history the Speaker
will come from a state west of the
Mississippi, and the chairmen of most
of the important committees will hail
from states west of the Alleghenies.

The change of the center of influ-
ence from Maine, where it rested for
the last two Congresses, to the Mis-
sissippi Valley is a jump which has no
parallel in Congressional annals. This
change in reality is simply an evi-
dence that Congress is conforming it-
self more and more to the altered
conditions of the country. The im-
portance of the West has been gradu-
ally increasing, and with the Ameri-
can flag floating over Hawaii and the
far-off Philippines, which was former-
ly known as the West, more accurate-
ly speaking, becomes the East. The
West furnished the men who bore the
burden of the fighting in the recent
war against Spain as well as those
who stood on the firing line in the
distant suburbs of Manila. The West
is supplying most of the men now
shaping the policy of the nation. It
has the balance of power in the
Electoral College as well as in Congress,
and the recognition of its importance
now is simply a delayed realization of
the facts by the people of the East,
who have persisted in closing their
eyes to the actual situation.—Omaha
Bea.

Standing by the Government.

It is a view commonly held among
statesmen that partisanship must be
too obtrusive where foreign policy
is concerned, while in times of war-
fare the government must be sustain-
ed rather than criticized. This view
has evidently had wide acceptance in
the United States and in England
during recent and still pending em-
ergencies. For example, the by-elec-
tions held in England since the out-
break of war in South Africa have
given the Conservative candidates

abnormally large majorities—not be-
cause of any sudden disapproval of
Liberalism, but simply because the
existing government happens to be
Conservative, and the people have
thought it needful to show their un-
questioned loyalty in the face of ac-
tive foreign war in one direction and
of rumored hostile intrigues else-
where.

In like manner, though not so
marked a degree, the American elec-
tions in November sustained the ad-
ministration. It is true that Mr.
Bryan ingeniously read into the re-
turns a great deal of comfort for his
supporters; but the most candid news-
paper opponents of President Mc-
Kinley's policy have declared that
the elections indicated an unmis-
takably strong support of the chief
measures to which the administra-
tion is committed, and particularly of
its Philippine policy.

It is one thing, of course, to support
the government in a time of war, and
it is another thing to espouse the pol-
icy, in pursuance of which war has
arisen, with enthusiasm and without
misgivings. Surely few people well
acquainted with the undertone of
American sentiment would now say
that there is deep joy or gladness in
the hearts of the people in conse-
quence of our having extended our
sovereignty to the Philippine Islands.

It is true that there are those who
continue to say that this nation is
delirious with the fever of imperi-
alism, but they are in error. The av-
erage American craves imperial domi-
nion about as little as does the average
Swiss. Nevertheless, it is the general
conviction of the country that a se-
quence of events which human fore-
sight could not control has thrown
upon us the burden of establishing
order in the Philippines, and of taking
Spain's place there as sovereign in
the meaning that international law
attaches to that term.—From "The
Progress of the World," in the Ameri-
can Monthly Review of Reviews for
December.

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that it would bring back two is as-
tonishing. Such men merely exist.
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amount to anything. The men who
win are the men who think out the
right course to pursue, and then back
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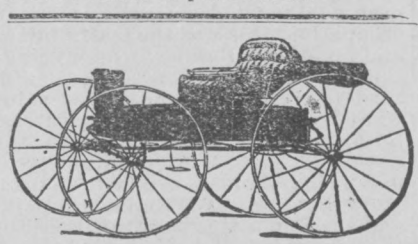
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sale of the Real Estate of Samuel
Reindollar, late of Carroll county, de-
ceased, made by William M. Rein-
dollar, Executor of the last Will
and Testament of said deceased, and
this day reported to this Court by the
said Executors, be ratified and con-
firmed, unless cause be shown to the
contrary on or before the 4th. Mon-
day, 25th. day of December next;
provided a copy of this Order be in-
serted for three successive weeks in
some newspaper printed and publish-
ed in Carroll county, before the 3rd.
Monday, 18th. day of December,
next.

The report states the amount of sale
to be Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred
and Four Dollars and Forty Cents.
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JACOB RINEH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

A Long and Very Important Document.

The President's message is unusually long, but this is due to the unusual number of important matters which are presented by the Constitution to discuss. It is well expressed, clear and admirable in tone. Those who do not agree with his views will scarcely question his sincerity or the patriotism which inspired them. The message begins with the finances. A brief recapitulation of the evidence of prosperity during the year is supplemented with the announcement that there will be a surplus of \$40,000,000 at the end of the next fiscal year, as against a deficit of \$88,000,000 on June 1, 1899. It then takes up the subject of currency and banking, and advocates substantially the same reforms as have already been suggested by subcommittee of the congressional committee.

In view of the continuance of war in the Philippines, the President makes no suggestion as to the future of government, beyond the condemnation of the proposal to give the inhabitants self-government under the protectorate of the United States. This, he says, is not to be thought of, but Congress will assume charge of the matter as soon as the war is over. He advises Congress to provide, as speedily as possible, some form of government for Hawaii, Alaska and Porto Rico. A temporary government is suggested for the last, which shall be almost wholly a government from Washington. The President thinks that education is the true solution of the governmental problem in these new territories. He dwells at length on Cuba, but what he says is more a summary of what has been done in the island than the forecast of a policy. In alluding to the relations of Cuba towards the United States, he says: "Whether those ties shall be organic or conventional, the destinies of Cuba are in some right form and manner irrevocably linked with our own; but how and how far is for the future to determine in the ripeness of events."

The message discusses at length the trusts and their injury to the people, and advises Congress to legislate further on the subject. The matter is boldly put and the remedy suggested is entirely in the hands of Congress. "It is not the President's duty to suggest practical steps for the abatement of the evil, and with the aid of Congress he can take such steps."

The message gives briefly the relations of the United States with foreign countries. They are generally good. Turkey has exhibited a strong disinclination to meet the pecuniary demands of this country for injuries to American citizens. Local authorities in Germany still object to our products, and it is proposed to invite some of them over to inspect them. The Alaskan boundary dispute between this country and Great Britain is in statu quo, and the other disputes, which, it is said, were in the way of settlement, are held up indefinitely, to await England's pleasure on this matter. The President says he has maintained strict neutrality in the war between England and the Transvaal republic.

He urges prompt action by Congress to enable the Navy Department to provide armor for the vessels under construction. He advocates cable to Manila, and renews his suggestion to Congress to vote an appropriation for a commission to investigate the commercial and industrial situation in China. He also advocates the enlargement of the American merchant marine by a system of subsidies.

Dairymen Organize.

Westminster, Dec. 3.—Two meetings were held in Carroll county yesterday by the dairymen and milk shippers. One was at Westminster and the other at Sykesville. Both were largely attended. At the Westminster meeting there were about 100 dairymen residing along the line of the Western Maryland Railroad present. Ex-Sheriff Ephraim Haines and Charles C. Engel were elected chairman and secretary. They formed an association, which they named the Western Maryland Dairymen's Protective Association. The officers elected are as follows: President, Ephraim Haines, of Wakefield; vice-president, Jacob Koop, of Manchester; Atlee W. Wampler, of Patapsco, and L. P. Slingluff, of New Windsor; secretary, Charles C. Engel, of Avondale; treasurer, Robert Englar, of Linwood; directors, Reuben Saylor, Union Bridge; Dennis A. Smith, of Wakefield; John Koyser, of Westminster; Andrew Drechsler, of Carrollton; Charles M. Sheeler and Basil Bohn, of Gwynnbrook; Henry K. Miller, of Miller's, and William Benson, of Upderco.

The meeting at Sykesville resulted in an association being formed, called the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Dairymen's Association. They organized by electing the following officers: President, James B. Clark, of Ellicott City; vice-president, Senator-elect Johnnie E. Beasman, of Frederick; secretary and treasurer, Wade H. D. Warfield, of Sykesville. The board of directors include the officers mentioned at Sykesville. D. D. Shively, Robert P.ue, John W. Forsythe, Frank I. Lewis and Frank W. Gosnell. Forty-two shippers were enrolled in the organization, representing every shipper of milk and butter on the main stem of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Johnnie E. Beasman and James P. Molesworth were elected delegates to the meeting of the United Dairymen's Association of Maryland and Baltimore City, to be held in Baltimore on Wednesday, December 6. Both organizations are now members of the United Dairymen's Association. The object, as set out in the meetings, is for the protection of the dairymen's interests as producers of milk and butter, and form a more harmonious relationship with the middlemen and the consumers. They disclaim any idea of a trust.—Sun.

Gave up His Job.

A janitor in a village school threw up his job. When asked what was the trouble, he answered: "I'm honest and won't stand being slurred. If I find a pencil or a handkerchief about the school when I'm sweeping, I'll hang it up. Every little while the teacher or someone else is too cowardly gives me a slur." "In what way?" asked the officer. "Why, a little while ago I saw written on the board, 'Find the common multiple.' Well I looked from cellar to garret, and I wouldn't know the thing I met it on the street. What made me quit my job? Last night, in big letters, written on the blackboard, it said, 'Find the greatest common divisor. Well I says to myself, 'Well the damned thing is lost and I'll get blamed for stealing 'em, so I'll quit.'—Ex.

Steady, Boys, Steady!

A Missouri woman died and was being carried by four pall bearers, to the graveyard, when the bearers in passing a sandy part of the road, stumbled and fell and jolted the woman back to life. She lived seven years after that and then died. Again the pall bearers picked up the coffin and marched to the graveyard, and when they reached the sandy spot the husband rushed forward and said: "Steady, boys, steady!"

The success of Victor Liver Syrup is a merited one. It is a simple yet powerful medicine that strikes straight out from the shoulder, and cures diseased conditions of the system, and is a general family medicine.

Double Pipe Creek.

Mr. Cramer Hoke and Miss Edith Fisher, of near Emmitsburg, were guests of Miss Mary R. Weybright, on Sunday evening.

Mr. S. Weybright visited his brother-in-law, P. B. Snader, on Monday, and viewed the remains of the disaster caused by the burning of his barn, contents and stock, on Saturday morning. It was a sad sight to see animals chained and haltered to stalls, and thus perish. Mr. Snader always kept good stock, and took pride in caring for them, and it is his greatest regret that he was unable to rescue them. To be aroused from sound sleep, and to be unable to rescue them, was a terrible experience. He heard the cattle moaning and bellowing, and the horses groaning, was a trying ordeal for a man who has always taken the greatest care of his stock. The stock was comfortable before he retired. Flames were passing over the dwelling house, and for a time it seemed that all must go, but by the aid of Mr. Lewis, who had gathered all the buildings were saved but the barn, sheep stable and grain shed, with all his fodder and provender. The corn crib, wagon shed and hen house were all saved, and the barn house which stood near the barn yard, was saved by the use of water and shoveling ground on it.

Mr. Lewis had improved the grade of the Middleburg road, on the eastern slope of the first hill from town, by blasting the ledge of rocks away, and conveying them down the hill, making a great improvement in the grade.

This is butchering week in our town—the time of long sausages and jolly women. All have butchered except "Daddy" Hollabaugh—as the boys call him—whose big porker has been the centre of attraction, and many guesses have been made on its weight varying as much as 150 pounds.

The beautiful weather of the past month has given the farmers all the opportunity needed to get their crops in, and some have been out of work.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Lilla Viola Fogle to Mr. S. Koyser Weybright, on December 20th, 1899, at 7.30 p. m.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found relief until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by R. S. McKinney, Druggist, Taneytown, Md.

Emmitsburg.

On last Friday night, a recital of the highest order was given in the Emmitsburg Opera House, by Miss Clara Asherfeld, pianist and Miss Cummins, soprano, both of the Peabody Institute, Baltimore. The selections were fine, taken from Gounod, Chopin, Schumann, Rubinstein, Schubert and others. On account of the inclement weather, the house was not as well filled as it otherwise would have been.

Mr. J. H. T. Webb, one of Emmitsburg's oldest citizens, died early Tuesday morning at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Pius Felix, after an illness of two weeks, aged eighty-two years. At the breaking of the Civil War, Mr. Webb joined the confederate army, and served in it until the close of the war. For a number of years, he carried on the tailoring business in this place, but a few years ago a slight stroke of paralysis incapacitated him for work. He leaves a widow, two sons—Edward and Francis—and three daughters—Mrs. Knuffman, Stoner, Mrs. Pius Felix and Miss Annie Webb. His funeral took place Thursday morning, Rev. Chas. Reine-wald, of the Lutheran church, officiated. Recently Mr. Webb connected himself with that church.

Mr. Geo. L. Smith, formerly of this place, but now residing at Westminster, is visiting with his niece, Mrs. Anna Banker, at Mr. S. N. McNairs.

The Appetite of a Goat.

Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose stomachs and liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful Stomach and Liver Remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular body habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c. at R. S. McKinney's drug store.

A CROSS ON HIS BACK.

It Was Made With Chalk, but Was Too Heavy to Carry.

There is a story of an evildoer tailor current with the French peasantry. He fancied that his neighbor, who received a pension for the loss of an arm incurred while fighting for his country, was better off than himself. Both men went to pay their rent on the same day.

"That's a lucky man," said the tailor to the landlord. "He gets well paid for his arm."

"But who would be willing to part with an arm, even if he were paid for it?"

"I would," declared the tailor.

"You!" cried the landlord. "Why, man, you wouldn't be willing to bear anything of the sort, no matter how much you were paid for it?"

"I wish some one would try me."

"Now, see here," said the landlord, who had studied human nature, "I'll tell you what, if you'll wear even so much as a chalk mark on your back, I'll remit your rent as long as you wear it on your coat so it can be seen, the condition being that you tell no one why it is there."

"Agreed," said the tailor eagerly. "That's an easy way to pay rent!"

So the chalk mark in the form of a cross was made on the back of his coat, and the delighted landlord sallied forth upon the street.

Strangers and acquaintances hailed him to tell him of the mark on his back. Jokes were made at his expense, children laughed and pointed at him, and his wife answered him with questions and with conjugal familiarity told him he was a fool. The usually amiable man grew surlily and morose; he shunned men, women and children and frequented back streets. Before the week was up the tailor foundered, and he was buried in the arms of his best friend, his wife had threatened to leave his house and he considered himself miserable and ill used.

Finally, one night he took off his coat and rubbed out the chalk mark and said: "There! I would not wear that cross on my back another week, but I could have all the money there is in Paris!"—Youth's Companion.

A Freak of the Lightning.

A curious case of lightning destruction took place at Gathelina, an imperial summer residence not far from St. Petersburg, where stood a stone column 50 feet high, held together by iron angles. When rain fell, more or less water penetrated the stones in the interior of the monument. One day it was struck by lightning, and instantly the whole column disappeared from view, leaving a lone sentry on guard.

The only explanation is that the heat of the lightning instantly generated steam on coming in contact with some of the water, and the terrific explosion followed.

AN ARIZONA WONDER.

A PETRIFIED FOREST THAT IS A MARVEL OF BEAUTY.

It Covers a Hundred Square Miles and is a Mass of Glittering Agate in a Bewildering Array of Gorgeous Colorings.

The territory of Arizona is a vast museum of natural curiosities, and many of the most wonderful in all the world. The atmosphere, the climate, the mountains, the soil, the rivers, the forests are filled with phenomena, many of which exist nowhere else. In the desert, 300 miles square, with Flagstaff as a center, are spreading out a variety of wonders of which the people of this country have little or no conception, but if they were in Europe or Asia thousands of our citizens would cross the ocean to see them. Being within only two or three days' journey of Chicago and easy access by frequent trains of sleeping and dining cars and other modern luxuries of travel, they are overlooked by the multitude and are practically unknown.

To my mind, next to the Grand canyon of the Colorado, the most interesting and impressive of the natural wonders of the great Arizona museum is the petrified forest, which covers nearly 100 square miles, within easy distance, either on foot or horseback, from Billings station, on the Santa Fe railroad, but it can be more easily reached by carriage and a jolly where better accommodations can be found. The government explorers have christened it Chalcedony park.

The surface of the ground for miles and miles around is covered with gigantic logs three or four feet in diameter, petrified to the core, and they are translucent. Some are almost transparent. All present the most beautiful shades of blue, yellow, pink, purple, red and gray. Some are like gigantic amethysts, some resemble the smoky topaz and some are pure and white as alabaster. At places the chips of agate from the trunks that have crumbled lie a foot deep upon the ground, and it is easy to obtain cross sections of trees showing every vein and even the bark.

Comparatively little of this agate has been used in manufacturing, although it is easy to obtain. Manufacturing jewelers of New York have made table tops and boxes and other articles from strips that have been sent them, and if the material were not so abundant its beauty would command enormous prices. Where you can get a carload of jewelry for nothing you are not likely to pay high prices for it.

A bird's eye view of the petrified forests on a sunny day suggests a gigantic kaleidoscope. The surface of the earth resembles an infinite variety of rainbows. The geologists say that plain, now 5,000 feet above the sea, was once covered by a forest, which was submerged for ages in water strongly charged with minerals, until the fibers of the trees were thoroughly soaked and transformed into eternal stone. Many of the trunks are still packed in a deposit of fine clay, which was left by the receding waters, but the erosion of the wind has pulverized much of the clay and carried it off in the air, exposing the secrets that nature buried under its surface.

One great tree spans a deep gulch 40 feet wide. It lies where it fell centuries, perhaps ages, ago, and is a most beautiful specimen of petrified wood. The rings and the bark can be easily traced through the translucent agate, and it is firm enough and strong enough to last as many centuries as it already spent in its peculiar position. It is undoubtedly the only bridge of agate in the world and alone is worth a long journey to see.

The Indians of the southwest used to visit the petrified forests frequently to obtain agate for their arrow shafts, and the material was scattered over the entire continent by exchange between the different tribes, from the isthmus of Panama to Beijing strait. The great deposit here explains where all the arrowheads of moss agate came from and other weapons and implements of similar material that are found in the Indian mounds and graves of the central and western states. In the stone age the agate of the petrified forest was the very best material that could be obtained for both the implements of war and peace of the aboriginals. A scalping knife could be made very easily from one of the chips of agate and could be ground to a very fine edge. Many crystals were used for jewelry and ornaments also.—Chicago Record.

Her Objection.

A New Hampshire man wished to have telephone connection between his house and a new one built for his son's summer residence. The best wire took the wire over the cottage of an old lady, to whom he applied for permission to make the slight use of her roof that was necessary.

The old lady gave her consent, but made a firm stipulation at the same time.

"If I'm willing you should run wires over my roof and hitch 'em wherever you see fit," she said pleasantly, "provided you don't use 'em after 9 o'clock at night. That's my bedtime, and I'm a light sleeper at best, and the noise of folks talking overhead would be sure to keep me awake."—Youth's Companion.

A Bargain.

"Arthur, dear," she said, "I do wish you would not use cigarettes."

"Why?"

"Because you don't know what is in them."

"Oh, yes, I do! Why, for the trifling sum that cigarette costs you get nicotine, valerian, possibly arsenic, and any quantity of other little, murmur, I thought you carried all that stuff in your head?"

"I do," quickly replied the lawyer, with a knowing wink. "These are for the judges."

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