













## TANEYTOWN LOCAL COLUMN

### Items of Local News of Special Interest to Home Readers.

All copy for ADVERTISEMENTS on this page must be in hand early on Thursday morning of each week, except Special Notices and short announcements.

Communion services will be held in the Lutheran Church, this Sunday morning.

The "ice man" is having troubles of his own just now, which are reflected more or less by his willing summer patrons.

The Taneytown Grange has sold a lot of Middle St., north of their building, to John A. Noll, who will build a dwelling on it.

Those who intend having us print sale bills for March, should bring in the lists of items about February 1st. It is necessary that some be printed early, in order to avoid a rush nearer the time of sale.

The P. O. S. of A. banquet, Thursday night, was a great success, seventy being present notwithstanding bad roads. The Camp will have a jubilee initiation, on February 22nd, and already has ten candidates for the occasion.

The recent changes in ownership of properties here, have caused uneasiness among tenants, due to the scarcity of houses to move into in the Spring, but all will probably be accommodated, though there will be no extra room for outsiders.

Mrs. Curtis Baker, nee Wertz, of near Copperville, died on Saturday last after an illness of several years. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, interment being made in the Reformed cemetery. She leaves a husband and a number of children.

Rev. D. W. Sollenberger, whose death was briefly mentioned last week, leaves a widow who was Mrs. Albert Frock, nee Starr, of this district, a sister of Mrs. Solomon Myers, of Trevanion. Rev. Sollenberger was 63 years of age, and one of the ablest men in the U. B. Church.

As the expiration of the term of Postmaster S. C. Reaver draws near, interest in the appointment of his successor increases. Petitions have been circulated for the appointment, by S. C. Reaver, James H. Reinhold and Robert S. McKinney, while there are supposed to be two or more "dark horses."

Geo. W. Grottle, of Greenville, O., returned to Emmitsburg, on Tuesday, and will remain until February, when he will visit friends in Baltimore and then return to Ohio. He was pleased with his visit here, and is highly complimentary in his opinions of the town, its improvements, business advantages, and life.

We again warn our readers against the danger of enclosing notes, or letters, with packages of merchandise when sending the latter by mail, unless willing to pay the letter rate of postage on the package. The lowest fine is \$10.00, and postmasters have the right to open packages. Send your notes of explanation separately, for it is best to spend two cents than be arrested and pay \$10.00.

On Monday night, the 29th., Monocacy Lodge A. F. & A. M. will be instituted here with full Masonic ceremony by representatives of the grand Lodge of Maryland, after which it will be in regular working order, having passed the probationary period. In due time, Monocacy Lodge promises to be a prosperous one. Delegations will be present from Westminster, Union Bridge and Thurmont. Following the ceremonies a banquet will be served.

Citizens of Taneytown and vicinity will be much inconvenienced by the change in time of the fast-mail on the W. M. R. R., which now passes Bruceville at 7 o'clock, instead of 5:42 p. m. In other words, under the former schedule, the train reached Baltimore about the time it passes Bruceville, while now it reaches Baltimore, Union Station, at 8:45, an hour much too late to be desirable, not counting the additional wait of over an hour at Bruceville, in all, about two hours and a quarter.

### Am I An Honest Man?

Do I evade the payment of my just taxes?  
Do I violate any law in making my money?  
Would I be ashamed to tell how, and where any part of my income is derived?  
Do I own land or property that is used for illegal or immoral purposes?  
Do I demand my employees to do in my interest something that I would not do myself?  
Do I employ methods in my business that would not have been considered honest by my ancestors?  
Do I consider dividends an excuse for irregular methods?—Chicago Tribune.

### Queer Problems of Law.

Hundreds of years of test cases have not yet elucidated all the possible points of difficulty in the English law.  
Here is a rather queer problem with which the Blackstone lawyers have just been confronted: An English gentleman had twin sons who were born within a few minutes of each other. He made a will that his property in Australia should go to whichever of the two sons arrived at the age of 21 first.  
The younger of the two emigrated to Australia, while the other remained in England, and the former was still in the Antipodes at the time of his death. Now, Australian time is some hours in advance of Greenwich, and, therefore, the young man out there was 21 before his elder brother at home. Which of these two brothers is legally entitled to the property? The question has not yet been decided, and in the meantime readers may exercise their own acumen upon it.  
Are eggs, eggs, or are only hens' eggs, eggs? This may seem a ridiculous question, but nice shades of meaning are involved, and a case which turned upon it went through two or three courts of law. A lady sent an order for a dozen eggs to a dairyman and he sent her ducks' eggs. She sent them back as not being what she ordered, but he refused to take them. She, in turn, declined to keep them, and some time elapsing between their journeys from the house to the shop, the eggs went bad, and eventually the shopkeeper sued the lady for 15.6d., their value.  
The county court judge ordered her to pay, declaring that ducks' eggs were as much eggs as any others; but the lady appealed, and the King's Bench reversed the decision on the ground that when a party ordered eggs, hens' eggs were meant and if any other contention were admitted, any kind of eggs might be sent, such as pigeons', canaries' or even rattlesnakes'. Ducks' eggs, it was decided, were not eggs in the ordinary meaning of the term.  
Is skimmed milk, milk? A man asked for a glass of milk to drink and was given skimmed milk, and the purveyor was fined for it, but in a higher court the decision was reversed, it being contended at the time that skimmed milk was really much more milk than milk that was not skimmed, since it contained something that was not milk at all—that is, cream.

**New Windsor.**—Dr. J. E. Myers has purchased a property on Main street, for \$3,300.  
Miss Winnie Wampler, of Ohio, who has been visiting Miss Marie Baile, left on Monday.  
A social surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Getty, by a number of their friends on last Friday evening at their home, near town.  
Mrs. Blaine Baile died at her home, on Monday morning, of pneumonia. She leaves a husband, a daughter, two weeks, and husband. Her remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery on Wednesday.

### A PARENT'S PLEA.

My little boy is eight years old. He goes to school each day; He doesn't mind the tasks they set; They seem to him but play. He heads his class at rattle work And also takes the lead At making dinky paper boats— But I wish that he could read. They teach him physiology. And, oh, it chills our hearts To hear our prattling innocent Mix up his inward parts! He also learns astronomy. And names the stars by night— Of course he's very up to date. But I wish that he could write. They teach him things botanical; They teach him how to draw; He bubbles of mythology And gravitation's law. And the children of science With him are quite a fad. They tell me he's a clever boy. But I wish that he could add.



Rebuked Him.  
"I had a peculiar dream last night, Mary," said a Kansas City railroad man to his wife yesterday. "I dreamed I was appointed agent for my line in San Francisco at double the salary I'm now getting."

"How fine!" said his wife, with a smile.  
"Yes," continued the man, "and I started for San Francisco to take the place. At a small station in Kansas, where the train stopped, I saw a dog fight going on, and stepped off the car to witness it. The train went on without me, and I woke up before I could catch another." The wife's smile changed to a look of keen disappointment. "Henry," she said, with emphasis, "you have the instincts of a brute. Why didn't you stay on that train and let that dog fight alone? You'll never get a good job if you act like that."—Kansas City Times

### Beats The Music Cure.

"To keep the body in tune," writes Mrs. Mary Brown, 20 Lafayette Place, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., "I take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are the most reliable and pleasant laxative I have found." Best for the Stomach, Liver and Bowels. Guaranteed by R. S. McKinney, druggist, 25c.

### PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Tom Sloane, the ex-jockey, is now appearing in vaudeville.  
Richard Mansfield appears in New York during the Lenten season.  
Ethel Barrymore has scored a big hit in J. M. Barrie's new play, "Alice-Sit-by-the-Fire."  
Walter N. Lawrence has engaged Orlan Boyd Byron for the part of Colonel George Amesley in "The Man on the Box" at the Madison Square theater, in which Henry E. Dixey is starring.  
Eva Davenport says she is quite sure in her announcement of intention of appearing next year as Faustina in "The Merry Wives of Windsor." She says the idea was suggested to her by Forbes Robertson.  
Mrs. Schuyler Covington, author of "The Archbishop and the Lady" and other stories, has written a one act play dealing with an exciting incident during the American Revolution and called "Between Two Fires."

### PITH AND POINT.

Even the man who thinks he will go to heaven wants to pick his company.  
There are a few people in the world who have so much trouble that they are in a nightmare all the time.  
What the world badly needs just now is something that will have the odor of a sachet bag and the virtue of an onion poultice.  
If men had as much patience with the baby's squalls as they have with their own, what model nurses they would be.  
Everything comes out all right in the end, but the trouble is that the "end" is usually six feet long and a foot wide, and grass grows over it.—Athena Globe.

### FACTS FROM FRANCE.

Only 819,229 children were born in France last year. This country has the lowest birth rate for many years and is 142,000 fewer than in 1871 (during the Franco-German war).  
A notice has been posted at the Paris School of Medicine to the effect that the slabs of Persia require six teachers of French, a professor of medicine and one of surgery to go to Teheran.  
It is estimated that 25,000 habitual criminals, persons who at one time or another have been sentenced for serious offenses, are now committing depredations in Paris. In order to check their exploits the number of cyclist policemen is to be increased to 620.  
An agreeable movement of the bowels without any unpleasant effect is produced by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by R. S. McKinney, Druggist, Taneytown, Md.

**New Track Combine.**  
Chicago and Michigan athletic authorities are arranging a track meet with the University of Pennsylvania to be held indoors some time this winter.

**Want New York Boxing Law.**  
Senator Pawley of New York is to be assisted by District Attorney Jerome in trying to get a new boxing law through the legislature this winter.

## HIS MAIDEN CASE

"The first year after my admission," said the judge, "I was elected state attorney. My maiden case was one of petit larceny. Bill Dawkes, one of those trifling, good sort of fellows—called because good for nothing—had been found in possession of a certain amount of cotton which the owner had left hanging out overnight and which was non est—that is to say, 'turned up missing'—in the morning.

"I drafted the indictment with great care, charging William Dawkes, yeoman, with stealing one carcass of cotton, the personal property of one Pelatiah Potts, out of the possession and against the will of the said Pelatiah, feloniously and with force of arms, did steal, take and carry away.

"What's the matter? I asked sharply when my friend Bob C. burst out laughing on hearing me read over this, my first professional production.

"It's the best joke of the season," said Bob.

"What is it?"

"Why, that pun—calling a sheep thief a yeoman."

"My office was a scene of confusion at the end of five minutes. Bob had had gone through the case door of my bookcase, two of my three chairs lay with broken legs and Bob and I had a pair of black eyes between us. It was more than a month before either spoke to the other.

"But I'm wandering from the point. In due time the prisoner was brought up for trial. Old Polfox appeared for the defense.

"Old P. was a character. The only law book he had ever read was 'Swann's Treatise for Justices of the Peace,' but in that and the Scriptures he was powerful. He had a way of quoting and applying the latter, which in religious communities made it difficult to oppose him without incurring a suspicion of orthodoxy. His forte lay in carrying the jury, whom he generally succeeded in convincing that they and they were on one side and his adversary on the other. His style of grammar was original.

"I had carefully written out my opening, and when I read it over to Nellie Wynne, to whom I was paying attention at that time, she was real nice, which I knew was feigning for bully, an encomium I felt not a little proud of.

"When the case came on I spoke my piece without a blunder. I cited my authority to prove that he in whose possession stolen property is found soon after the theft is in law presumed to be the thief. I was prepared to prove, I said, that the property in question had disappeared at the dead hour of night, when all honest people were in their beds, and had been found at early dawn in the smokehouse of Dawkes, the defendant.

"I put my witness on the stand and proved, the counsel, value and identity of the property, its mysterious disappearance and subsequent reappearance in the constructive possession of the prisoner and rested.

"Old Polfox said solemn silence, his eyes closed and his red bandanna over his head. He asked no questions and called no witnesses. I was disappointed at the old fellow's giving in so easily. It would take away half the glory of the triumph.

"But I was reckoning without my host.

"Old Polfox slowly got up on his legs and removed his bandanna and, taking up the Bible on which the clerk had sworn the witnesses, began:

"I am grieved, my brothering—he always called the jury his 'brothering'—I am grieved and sore amazed to hear such heathenish doctrines in a Christian courtroom. We've been listening to. What say the sacred volume I hold in my hand? Why, it says, 'At the mouth of two witnesses let every matter be established.' Now, my brothering, I ask what two witnesses—what one witness—see my client book this sheep? Echo answers. 'Nary one!' My deluded young brother has read profane authors to show that findin' of goods on the wrong man's premises is proof of his stealing! 'an. It's a 'presumption of law,' he says, and a great piece of presumption it is, my brothering. Now, in this same sacred volume we have narrated a case in 'put—that of one Benjamin, which you all learn about. A silver cup, with a hundred times as much as this trumpery sheep, was discovered not way off in Benjamin's smokehouse, where Ben 'nighn't 'a been for a week, but chucked into the mouth of the very sack he was ridin' onto. Benjamin was innocent. But, my brothering, if it was Benjamin's luck instead of my poor, unfortunate client's to be tried his day on trial before you, you'd be obliged, according to my unexperienced brother, to bring him in guilty, in spite of Scripture, and consign him to a place where he would have to wear a coat of many colors of a different stripe from all hearn about. A silver cup, with a hundred times as much as this trumpery sheep, was discovered not way off in Benjamin's smokehouse, where Ben 'nighn't 'a been for a week, but chucked into the mouth of the very sack he was ridin' onto. Benjamin was innocent. But, my brothering, if it was Benjamin's luck instead of my poor, unfortunate client's to be tried his day on trial before you, you'd be obliged, according to my unexperienced brother, to bring him in guilty, in spite of Scripture, and consign him to a place where he would have to wear a coat of many colors of a different stripe from all hearn about. 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