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NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST.

Brief Items from County, State, and our Exchanges.

Memorial Day, in Gettysburg, seems to have produced an unusual number of "drunk" cases, one murder and an assault. Evidently, this day ought to be one in which bars are closed by law, as on election day.

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The *Valley Register*, Middletown, one of our very best exchanges, has installed a new press and folding machine, which is indicative of the prosperity our contemporary is known to enjoy; and we may add, which it deserves.

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Newspapers published in the United States at the close of 1905: Weeklies, 14,455; semi-weeklies, 499; tri-weeklies, 54; dailies, 2,215; total newspapers, 17,223. Periodicals published in the United States at the close of 1903: Monthlies, 2,710; all other periodicals, 552; total periodicals, 3,262; total newspapers and periodicals, 20,485.

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The commencement of New Windsor College took place at the college hall on Thursday. Prizes were awarded, as follows: General proficiency, William O. Yates; second proficiency, Bessie M. Foard; elocution, Helen Englar; mathematics, Earle Anders; penmanship, Madrid Lambert; music, Bessie M. Foard. William O. Yates, a candidate for the ministry, was graduated with the degree of A. B.

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The Baltimore papers are very busy trying to select a United States Senator for Governor, and as they have canvassed the merits of every prominent democrat in the state from Garrett to Worcester, it is to be hoped that he will be able to find an eligible one in the lot. It is a fortunate thing that the Governor has so much able counsel, otherwise he might be compelled to call a special session of the legislature.

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The yearly meeting of the Old Order German Baptist church, is meeting this week, at Englewood, near Dayton, Ohio. There are about 15,000 visitors present from all over the United States. The program consisted of several sermons by leading Dunkard ministers, both men and women; a big barbecue, a public foot-washing of the members of the church and a song service at midnight Sunday. The church has decided that next year it will hold its convention in California.

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The next meeting at the Carroll County Grange will be at Arcadia, this Saturday. There will be a secret session beginning at ten o'clock and an open meeting at two o'clock. The addresses in the afternoon will deal with farming topics and the public is welcome and urged to be present. Dinner will be served to visiting members by the ladies of the local grange. The afternoon session wili be followed by a festival to be continued at night. The latter will be held on the lawn.

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Bertha Collingwood, 14 years old, was bitten on the calf of the leg last Sunday, at Franklin, Pa., by a large copperhead snake. Henry Corbett, an oil-well pumper who witnessed the occurence, knew the bite would be fatal unless something was done immediately. He accordingly bound the leg above and below the wound, and then carried the girl into the pump station, in which was a suction gas pump. He placed the wound over the end of the pipe which admits the air, and held the girl there until all the poison had been sucked out. The girl will suffer no ill effects from the wound.

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As the result of a peculiar accident Harry Hartman, aged 10 years, son of Samuel Hartman, of near Quincy, will be blind the balance of his life. While playing the lad came across an old bicycle tire, in which he placed a quantity of lime. Afterward he poured water into it, with the usual result. The lime slaked, there was an explosion and a quantity of the lime was blown into the boy's face and eyes. The lad was taken by a local physician to Philadelphia, where six specialists made a careful examination of the eyes. All agreed that the sight was destroyed the moment the lime entered the eyes and that nothing could be done for the relief of the boy.

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"Go home and take those bathing suits off. This is no bathing resort." Rev. George M. Schoener, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic Church, Rochester, Pa., roared this from the pulpit at many of his fair hearers last Sunday, and the fashionable suburb of Pittsburg is in spasms over it. Father Schoener was speaking of the "peekaboo" shirtwaists which many of the fashionable ladies of the congregation were wearing that warm day. "The church of God is no place for an unseemly display of gayety clothing and those queer shirtwaists," continued the man of God, and the women left the church hurriedly after the service was concluded.

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A Baltimore man was saved probably very serious suffering by the knowledge of herbs possessed by an old mountaineer near Monterey. In company with Constable E. O. Honodle, Rouzerville, and a Baltimore friend, he was walking through the mountain not far from Monterey, Sunday morning, when he was bitten in the ankle by a copperhead snake. The ankle and foot quickly swelled to large proportions. Whiskey was given the man and he was hurriedly taken to Monterey where the assistance of an old resident of the mountain was called into requisition. He made a decotion of the juice from some herb and milk and gave it to the sufferer to drink, with the result that the effects of the snake poison quickly began to disappear and in a day the man was out of all danger.—*Waynesboro Record*.

Rev. Beard Denounces Enemies.

The following is from the Middletown, Md., correspondence of the Baltimore *Sun*, in Monday's issue, and is dated last Sunday;

"At the close of the communion services in the Lutheran Church here this morning the pastor, Rev. M. L. Beard, who recently received a call to Thurmont, announced that this would possibly be the last time he would administer the Holy Communion as pastor of the congregation.

He then denounced those who, he declared, were responsible for his leaving. "Satan put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray the Saviour," said the preacher, "and so he put it into the hearts of several members of this congregation to concoct a diabolical plot for my betrayal."

He declared that he had been ordered from the organ platform by a wave of the hand; had been branded as a liar in the presence of his council; that he and his family had been traduced and slandered by a few, and that because he was a minister of the Gospel he was compelled to refrain from resenting it. He said that, while his ministerial course had been vindicated by the recent large congregational meeting and he had been assured that if he remained his salary would be paid in full and possibly increased, he thought it best to leave.

Mr. Beard declared that he would not go until those responsible for the trouble in the congregation preferred the charges they declared they held against him, so that his congregation, by vote, might either pronounce him guilty or vindicate him."

Close of C. E. Convention.

The report of the closing hours of the County C. E. Convention will be found on the second page of this issue. We are indebted to Rev. W. E. Wheeler for a review of proceedings from the close of last week's report to the beginning of Friday night's portion of the program. The resolutions adopted were as follows:

Resolved, That we, the Carroll County Union of Christian Endeavor, in convention assembled, do hereby acknowledge our dependence upon Almighty God, and return Him our grateful thanks for the manifold blessings enjoyed during the year. We also reaffirm our allegiance to the cause of Christian Endeavor and its principles as laid down by its founder and president, Rev. Francis E Clark; and be it further

Resolved, That we call special attention to the following departments of work:

Recognizing the greatness of the mission work and realizing the need of an increase in the missionary spirit, we heartily endorse the most excellent thoughts given us during this convention.

The Junior work has been especially interesting, and the importance of training the child has been most forcefully set before us. And be it further

Resolved, That we hereby express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Lutherans and Presbyterians for the use of their churches;

To the entertainment and lunch committees for the abundant and excellent entertainment provided;

To the reception committee for the hospitable manner in which they received us;

To the choir for their delightful music;

To the speakers for their inspiring and helpful messages;

To the decoration committee for the beautiful decorations;

To the press for their kindness in notifying the public of this Endeavor Convention;

To the president for chartering a train and arranging for the transportation of delegates;

To all who have in any way contributed to the success of this convention.

As it is customary for the committee to remember any deceased of the Union, we mention the names of two of which we have heard, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we record the death of Mr. John W. Schultz and Mr. Horace Ebaugh, both of St. John's (Leister's) Society, Salem charge, and that we tender to their families and friends, as well as to the members of their society our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and direct them to the great Giver of all good and perfect gifts as the one who comforts all hearts and wipes away all tears. And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this part of these resolutions be sent to their families and to the secretary of the St. John's Society, and that they be spread upon the minutes of this convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GUY L. FOWLER,
Chairman of Committee.

Conover—Hill.

(For the RECORD.)

One of the prettiest occasions of the season in Taneytown, was solemnized at the home of Mr. Richard S. Hill, Tuesday afternoon, it being the uniting by the holy bonds of matrimony of his only daughter, May H., to Mr. Charles M. Conover, of Harrisburg, Pa. The home was tastefully decorated with roses, ferns and potted plants. The dining room wore a dress of pink and white, while the other rooms were banked with evergreens and cut flowers.

The guests, which numbered about seventy-five, were from Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Littlestown, Harney, Walkersville, Crisfield and Baltimore. Promptly at two p. m., the bridal party, consisting of eight attendants and two flower children, Missis Daisy Hinea, Daisy Witherow, Myrtle Kiser, Elsie Shoemaker,; Messrs. Warren Hill, Roy Hesson, Walter Morelock, George Morelock, Reta Morelock and Melvin Hill, marched in to the strains of "Lohengrin," where they were met by the Rev. D. J. Wolfe, and made man and wife.

After the congratulations, they proceeded to the dining room which was ornamented by pink and white festooning which was caught over the center of table, from which was suspended a basket filled with pink and white roses, under which, in a pyramid, stood the wedding cake, which was prepared by by Mr. H. S. Hill, at his bakery, and baked by his employee, Mr. Mehrl Baumgardner. It stood about thirty inches high and fourteen inches at base, containing one hundred and fifty eggs with other ingredients to correspond.

The bride was attired in a gown of Persian Lawn, trimmed in Mechlin lace and insertion, and wore white gloves and slippers and carried an immense bunch of bride roses and asparagus ferns tied with loops of white satin ribbon which reached to the hem of her dress.

The groom wore a suit of conventional black with steel gloves and white tie.

They left for a short trip through Pa., and will make their future home in Harrisburg, Pa., where they have the home already furnished, Their many friends wish them a long, happy, successful life. The bride received many handsome and costly presents, consisting mostly of linen, china and silverware.

A Funeral Custom.

The following, from the Centreville *Observer*, truthfully states the proprieties in the case:

"The editor of this paper would be the last man on earth to knowingly say a word to hurt the feelings of any of its subscribers or citizens, especially at a time when the dark winged messenger of death has brought sorrow to the home, but from the best of motives we desire to call the attention of our readers to the custom of publishing 'cards of thanks.' It is a custom that has outgrown its purpose, if it ever had one. When sickness and death comes to your home it is only natural that your friends and neighbors should do what they can to assist you. They would be heathens if they did not. They know from the expression of your face that you are thankful and deeply appreciate all they do, and it is not necessary to rush into print and tell the world that your neighbors were kind to you when in trouble. The reading public are becoming tired of the old stereotyped 'card of thanks.' You can express to your friends, by a look or word, your thankfulness in a more impressive manner than you can in a column of cold type."

W. M. Wreck at Fulton Station.

Six cars and an engine were derailed at Fulton Station, on the Western Maryland railroad, Monday night.

The wreck was caused by two cars breaking away while being shifted about at Walbrook Station. In order to prevent a wreck in the tunnel the cars were thrown from the track at Fulton Station. They crashed into the roundhouse and damaged the lower portion of it. Later a train of cars became unmanageable, as the air brakes would not work, and it ran into the two derailed cars. One truck of the engine was derailed and four cars were broken up. The cars and the contents made a pile of debris, blocking traffic on both tracks and caused a delay of several hours. The engineer and fireman of the train jumped just before reaching the station and were uninjured.

A portion of the signal tower was demolished by the impact of some of the freight cars, and operator Blair, who was in the tower, was compelled to run for his life.

MARRIED.

MOWER—RUDISIL.—On June 5, 1906, in York, Pa., by Rev. W. H. Washinger, Rev. A. B. Mower to Miss Wilhelmina Rudisil.

Church Notices.

Uniontown Lutheran charge, Children's Day services. Mt. Union, June 10 a. m.; Winters at 2.30 p. m.; Uniontown at 7.30 p. m. Baust church, June 17, at 10 a. m.

Children's Day service at St. Paul's Lutheran church, Harney, on Sunday, at 2 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

W. G. MINNICK, Pastor.

Rev. B. F. Clarkson, will address the Linwood Sunday School, on Sunday afternoon, June 10th.

Preaching next Sunday morning at Harney, at 10 o'clock; S. S., at 9 am.; C. E., 7 p. m. Prayermeeting Saturday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Preaching at Taneytown, next Sunday evening, at 8 o'clock; C. E., at 7 o'clock; S. S., at 1.30. Prayermeeting Wednesday evening, at 7.45 o'clock. E. C. B. CASTLE, Pastor.

Church services at the Taneytown Presbyterian church, Sunday June 10th., at 10 a. m.; C. E. at 7 p. m.; Prayermeeting, Wednesday evening at 8 p.m., topic, "Prayer and Promise." Church services at Piney Creek, at 2 p. m. H. P. SANDERS, Pastor.

'FRISCO TO ST. LOUIS.

From Earthquake Scenes Across the Great West.

After the 18th. of April we lived as best we could, having new experiences each day and renewed nervousness each night, sleeping with one eye open and one foot out and clothes on until Tuesday 26th., when we left for the country, in Sonoma County, a distance of about 60 miles. The place of our new abode was a cottage in the wood of the "Ideal Fruit Farm," the property of Mr. N. A. Griffith, who is reported to have the finest gravenstein apple orchard in the state. His is an ideal family, and in fact all is ideal that he possesses, hence the very appropriate name for his beautiful residence and ranch. Here we remained for about 5 weeks.

On Wednesday, 23rd., in glorious weather, I boarded the California Northwestern Railroad for San Francisco, passing through the ill-fated Santa Rosa, once a beautiful and prosperous city, but now a mass of debris. One cannot help feeling sad in gazing upon the destruction wrought there in such a brief period as 42 seconds, still it is evident that the same spirit which is characteristic of the citizens of San Francisco, that of a newer and grander city, is to be found there.

The destruction from the earthquake there far exceeds that of San Francisco. All possible haste here, as elsewhere, is being made in clearing out the debris, bringing out the make-up of a true Californian. Passing through some of the most beautiful scenery in the State we reached the bay where all crossed on the steamer Ukiah.

Our eyes were opened when we reached the city. On all sides temporary business houses were to be found and many who once operated department stores were laughing at misfortune, so to speak and beginning business anew. At the foot of Market St., are relic shops galore containing many curious and interesting articles found in Chinatown and elsewhere. Comparatively few of the car lines are in operation, as they were mostly the now absolete cable car lines, which makes transportation both difficult and dangerous, as the streets are crowded with wagons and people, necessitating open eyes and ears.

Truly, it is surprising the amount of business, and how philosophically the people bear their losses. With all the hustle and excitement one cannot keep down the peculiar feeling which comes over you when you gaze upon the new dress the city has been compelled to wear, and involuntarily you make a comparison of the present with the beautiful past. All over the city are to be seen villages of tents. Cooking, on a very large scale, is still done on the streets, with sheds built around the stoves, while a few fortunates cook as before on gas ranges.

Every little yard, or flower bed, is now occupied by some sort of business, and on all sides are to be seen "shingles" of business men and professional men, some floating from residence windows. The "lid" is still on, and in all probability will continue so for several months.

A strong fight is being made for the rebuilding of Chinatown on its former location and the wind appears to be in its favor. Rents in most all instances have advanced many times their original rate. On the whole, San Francisco is doing nobly, and deserves great credit. My stop over in the city being only a few hours. I cannot give a very lengthy account of conditions.

Left for Oakland, enroute to St. Louis on the steamer Piedmont, and found that city very much crowded. At 6.30, both glad and sad, I bade goodbye to the State, and boarded the Southern Pacific R. R. During the night passed through Stockton, Sacramento and other points, and at daybreak we were crossing the Sierra Nevadas. On all sides snow to the depth of several feet was to be seen, and am told is there the year round. Along this road, for 45 miles, are the snow sheds, a tunnel constructed of boards, which, while being quite a novelty gets very monotonous. Picture yourself in a tunnel for the same distance and you can then realize what it is. The city with its heat and dust and the mountains with its frost and snow.

One would hardly think that all the change in temperature you experience in July and January is to be found here in 8 hours travel. The mountains of Arizona furnish grand scenery in their ruggedness, but the Sierras, with their snow caps, excel in grandeur.

In Nevada are thousands of acres of land void of everything except a few scrubby towns, sage brush, alkali and jack rabbits. One can travel miles without knowing the State is inhabited. All the land between Sparks, Nev., and Ogden, Utah, is covered with this alkali to such an extent that it resembles your land after a light snow.

We crossed the Great Salt Lake, a distance of about 35 miles by rail. This is also a pleasant change at first, but all welcome the opposite shore. Ogden is a great shipping centre. One of the shipping sights was that of 26 carloads of lambs, with herdsmen and dog camped on top of car.

We found the Rockies similar in regards to snow to the Sierras, but the scenery in general was far more to my taste. Wyoming loomed up with more monotonous travel and waste land. Here are promontories, miles in length, and shaped by the hand of nature in a manner that the hand of man could not. Adjoining them are found level strips, all of which is waste. Truly this does seem like the wild and woolly west. Excavations and waterways, apparently artificial, are in evidence. Miles are crossed without the sight of man, beast, trees, fences or anything pertaining to civilization, still some rave about the beauty of such a place while others scoff at it.

The good cold rain and wind, of which Wyoming boasts, did not fail to appear, and upon arrival in Cheyenne the weather and conditions in general were very disagreeable. Nebraska, with its desirable winds and beautiful scenery, while not mountainous, nevertheless had its many hundreds of acres of waste lands. It seems almost incredible that so much waste land existed in this country, still it's a fact.

Following the Platte River for miles we at last found an improvement in the land as we neared the middle of the State, and continued improvement to the Missouri River where land is fertile and very desirable farms are to be seen. Omaha is a fine city and an excellent business town. Iowa surpasses anything in agricultural beauty to be seen in days of travel. As the shades of night fell the curtain dropped and the performance came to a close, and early morning found me back in old St. Louis, after five days and nights travel.

H. CLAY ENGLAR,

St. Louis, Mo.

Chicago Eating Fish and Eggs.

Chicago is eating fish and eggs. The greatest slump ever experienced in meats for local consumption is now on. Sausage and canned stuffs are almost unsalable. Retail butchers are cursing the President, the packers and the public, for their sales have dropped off 50 per cent. Fish dealers have more business than they can handle. Rush orders have been sent to lake points where the bass, whitefish and pickerel come from.

At all the wholesale meat markets today it was said the demand for meats was about half the normal. Hog products are suffering most, yet speculators who had the temerity to sell lard and pork short found the packers in full control. The prices were bid up and now are higher than before the President's message went to Congress.

Your neighbor needs the RECORD—mention it to him!

Killed by Blow on Head.

(For the RECORD.)

Mr. Howard Miller, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. Shorb, of near Emmittsburg, who was knocked down and then hammered on the head with a six-pound iron pump handle, at the Globe Hotel, Gettysburg, on May 30, by William Eyler, also of near Emmittsburg, laid unconscious for twenty-seven hours, then died. His body was removed to his late home, near Two Taverns, and buried on Saturday, June 2, at St. James church, near Harney, the services being by the pastor, Rev. Lindaman.

Mr. Miller was in his 32nd. year and leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss. He was a son of John Miller, of near Two Taverns, and leaves the following brothers and sisters; Mrs. Anna Melhime, Mrs. Rosa Ohlinger, Mrs. Lillian McGuigan, and John, Cleveland and Mervin Miller; also a large circle of relatives and friends who feel deep, sympathy for the distressed family.

The Gettysburg *Compiler* says if the killing of Miller is called murder, it will be the first ever occuring in the borough of Gettysburg, or for one hundred years. It appears that Miller and a brother-in-law of Eyler, named Long, between whom there has been bad feeling for some time, the outcome of a horse trade, had an altercation in the bar-room of the hotel, during which blows were exchanged, but neither was hurt. It was after this that Eyler broke the handle from a pump in the yard, saying "I'll fight for my brother-in-law," and without warning rushed into the hotel office, where Miller was standing unaware of the attack, and struck him several times on the head felling him to the floor.

Eyler then ran from the hotel and out of the town without being captured. Deputy sheriff Wilson telephoned the affair to Emmittsburg and later in the evening constable Ashbaugh captured him. Fearing violence, he was lodged in Frederick jail until Monday, when he was taken to Gettysburg on requisition papers, where he will await trial on the charge of "premeditated wilful and malicious murder" as found by the corner's jury.

The Firemens' Convention.

Westminster was thronged with visitors, on Wednesday, the occasion being the parade connected with the annual State Firemens' Convention. The city was profusely decorated and five arches spanned the streets, which at night were illuminated by electricity, presenting a beautiful sight. About 1000 uniformed men were in the line of parade, and the marching was generally good.

On Thursday, the convention decided to meet next year at Annapolis, and elected the following officers: President, Palmer Tennant, of Hagerstown; senior vice president, Charles F. Dahle, of Baltimore; secretary, J. Pearre Wantz, of Westminster; treasurer, G. Walter Wright, of Cambridge; board of trustees for the state appropriation, John DeP. Douw, Philip E. Porter, John H. Cunningham, William H. A. Hamilton and John J. Stump.

During the past year five companies were admitted to the association, making the whole number now forming the organization 48.

The contests for prizes offered by the Westminster Fire Department resulted as follows:

For the largest and best equipped company, including band and drum corps, Good Will Fire Company, of Lonaconing, and Hampstead Fire Company, $25 each, on a tie.

Best Band — Lonaconing Military Band, $25. (The First Regiment Band, of Westminster, not competing.)

Hook-and-Ladder Contest—Independent Steam Fire Company No. 3, Hagerstown, first ($75), time :37 11-15; Good Will Fire Company, Lonaconing, second ($25), time :37 13-15; Antietam Fire Company No. 3, Hagerstown, third, time :39 1.15.

Hose Race (open to the world; 250 yards)—Independent Junior Steam Fire Company No. 3, Hagerstown, first ($150), time :37 1-10; Good Will Fire Company, Lonaconing, second ($50), time :44; Antietam Fire Company No. 2, Hagerstown, ruled out on error.

Hose Race (open to association teams only)—Independent Junior Steam Fire Company No. 3, first ($100), time :38 1-15; Antietam Fire Company No. 2, Hagerstown, second ($25), time :42 1-20; Good Will Fire Company, Lonaconing, third, time :43 1-15. Distance 250 yards.

Drill Contest—In this contest Friendship Fire Company, of Chambersburg, Pa., was the only entry and was awarded the prize of $75.

Hagerstown R. R. Shops.

Hagerstown, Md., June 6.—Vice-President Fairfax S. Landstreet, of the Western Maryland Railroad, accompanied by other officials of the company, who were tendered a banquet in Hagerstown last night by the business men, went to Hancock this morning on their special train on a tour of inspection. They returned to Hagerstown this afternoon, leaving later for Baltimore.

Mr. Landstreet said to THE SUN correspondent.

"Our visit to Hagerstown has been made very pleasant for us. We deeply feel and appreciate heartily the cordial reception the people of Hagerstown have accorded us. The Western Maryland Railroad Company is interested in Hagerstown. Nothing would please us more than to see it take on great prosperity, and we can assure the business interests that wherever it is possible the railroad company will do its share in helping to build up the town. We propose to establish important shops in Hagerstown, and other improvements of an important nature we expect to make later."

Orphans' Court Proceedings.

MONDAY, June 4th., 1906.—William Wilson, executor of Joshua Wilson, deceased, received order to deposit funds in names of infants.

TUESDAY, June 5th., 1906.—William L. Armacost, executor of Daniel Armacost, deceased, returned report of sale of stock, and additional inventory of money and settled his second and final account.

Leonard Parrish, administrator of John W. Parrish, deceased, received order to release mortgage.

John D. Feeser, executor of David H. Feeser, deceased, returned inventories of personal property and money.

Lewis E. Hull and C. Jesse Hull, executors of Eli Hull, deceased, returned inventories of personal property and money.

Letters of administration on the estate of Jeremiah Yingling, deceased, granted unto Jesse F. Shreeve, who received order to notify creditors.

Automobile News Items.

There seems to be need of the enforcement of the automobile law for our town. Reckless running of machines on our streets should be stopped, as there is great danger to pedestrians as well as to passengers and passing teams.—*Garrett Journal*, Oakland, Md.

An automobile accident occurred near the tower, Confederate Avenue, on Memorial Day, which resulted in the auto being demolished and the occupants—three gentlemen from Frederick—narrowly escaping serious injury. The car, a $3,000 Pope Toledo, was being run at a high rate of speed and when the curve was reached the gentlemen who was steering the machine lost control and the auto ran into one of the large iron balls which serves as a guard. The two men in front were thrown out, one of them receiving slight injuries. The machine went on, striking the second and third balls, tearing them from their moorings and finally upset. The man in the rear seat was pinned in and badly cut and bruised. The car was so badly wrecked that it will cost at least $1000 to repair it.—*Gettsburg Star*.

SENATOR GORMAN DEAD.

Will Cause changes in Democratic Politics.

Senator Arthur Pue Gorman was stricken with a heart attack at his Washington residence, 1432 K. street, about 8.50 a. m., Monday, and at 9.17 a. m., he was dead. Although he had been sick for months, there had recently seemed to be marked improvement in his condition, and the suddenness of his death prostrated Mrs. Gorman, who was at his bedside, with his six children.

In a short time the news spread through Washington and to Baltimore, where it created a profound impression. Among the earliest callers at the house was Vice-President Fairbanks. Practically every member of the Senate and a large number of Representatives called later.

The funeral was held Thursday, in Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington. In deference to Mr. Gorma's wishes, there were no public formalities.

In the absence of Senator Rayner, the news was announced to the Senate by Senator Bailey, of Texas. Congressman Talbott announced it in the House. After the adoption of suitable resolutions and the appointment of committees to attend the funeral both houses adjourned. In Baltimore, Washington and elsewhere many tributes were paid the dead Senator by friends and opponents gave their estimates of his remarkable career.

Political developments of vital interest to Maryland will follow. Upon Governor Warfield rests the duty of appointing Mr. Gorman's successor in the Senate unless he calls a special session of the Legislature, which is considered unlikely.

Among those mentioned as the possible appointee are ex-Governors William Pinkney Whyte, E. E. Jackson and Frank Brown, Gen. L. Victor Baughman Rear-Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, Messrs John P. Poe, Douglas H. Thomas and Attorney-General William Shepard Bryan. There is also some talk of naming a man of the type of Messrs Edgar H. Gans, B. Howard Haman and Wm. L. Marbury.

It is not believed that any man in the near future will acquire Mr. Gorman's great power over the Democratic organization in this State.

The funeral of Senator Gorman was marked by the simplicity which he had asked. Although the funeral was private, the spacious parlors of his late home, at the corner of Sixteenth and K streets, were thronged almost to discomfort by a gathering of men distinguished in national politics and prominent in the affairs of his native state. All of them were given opportunity for a last glance at the pale, still features of the dead leader, and, in addition to those who had been asked to attend the services, a large number of others in humbler walks of life, but equally sincere in their mourning, filed by the coffin.

The casket itself was almost hidden by the flowers placed upon it, foremost of which was the superb wreath of lilies and ferns from the conservatories of the White House, sent by President Roosevelt, together with a note of condolence. A magnificent standing wreath of orchids and lilies was the tribute sent by the United States Senate, and his cousin and lifelong associate, former Senator Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia, sent a large bunch of American Beauty roses.

Seats were arranged in the parlor around the casket for the honorary and the active pallbearers. The active pallbearers were Murray Vandiver, Spencer C. Jones, Frank Furst, Col. Buchanan Schley, J. Fred C. Talbott and Joshua W. Miles. The honorary pallbearers were former Governor John Lee Carroll, former Governor E. E. Jackson, John P. Poe, Bernard Carter, Gen. L. Victor Baughman, T. M. Lanahan, I. Freeman Rasin, Dr. J. W. Hering, Thomas H. Hunt, John R. McLean, James L. Norris and W. W. Fuller.

Horrible Story of Packing Houses.

Washington, June 4.—Horrifying disclosures are made in the special report on the Chicago packing houses prepared by Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor, and James B. Reynolds, of New York, and submitted to Congress to-day by President Roosevelt. In his message accompanying the report, the President characterized conditions found by the two investigators as "revolting," and urges immediate and drastic legislation, "in the interests of health and decency."

He not only recommends the passage of the so-called Beveridge amendment to the Agricultural Appropriation bill, but threatens to destroy the foreign business of the packers should Congress fail to provide for Federal inspection of meats at all stages of preparation. In the event of such failure, the President says that he will be "compelled to order that inspection labels and certificates on canned products shall not be used hereafter." Without these labels the products will be excluded from European markets.

In the Neill-Reynolds report some of the statements made are sickening. The packers are charged with displaying absolute disregard not only of the accepted rules of sanitation and cleanliness, but also those of common decency.

In describing dirty conditions in the meat-handling rooms and the disgusting practices of the employes the two investigators have been compelled to use plain language. They tell only what they actually saw during their two and a half weeks' visit in Packingtown. Numerous affidavits were presented to them, most of which were rejected as being beyond the possibility of verification in the limited time at their disposal. Attention is called by both the President and the investigators that the present report is only preliminary, and that certain grave charges, especially those in connection with the alleged improper use of chemicals and dyes in "doctoring" meats that otherwise would have to be discarded, are still the subject of inquiry.

The report submitted to-day sustains the serious allegations that have been made by independent investigators respecting the lack of sanitation and cleanliness, and shows graphically that the present system of Government inspection is entirely inadequate to prevent germ-laden meat products being thrown generally on the market at home as well as abroad.

This report was first met with an indignant and sweeping denial by the packing houses, but at the same time a vigorous "house cleaning" campaign was commenced, which, visitors say, has bettered conditions fifty per-cent. This is regarded as a confession of the truth of the report. Everywhere signs appear admonishing employes to "keep clean," and rules have been posted forbidding the use of tobacco in all food producing rooms. The plumbing, ventilation, light and toilet arrangements, have been generally overhauled, and everywhere there is evidence of greatly increased cleanliness.

Memorial Day May be Changed.

There is a movement on foot among Grand Army men to change Memorial day from May 30th to the last Sunday of May, and the suggestion is meeting with popular favor. The old soldier claims that Memorial day as now celebrated does not belong to him; that it is turned into a day of sports, frolics and too often dissipation, and that the real significance is lost sight of or forgotten and the lessons of patriotism, formerly associated with the day, are no longer taught.

At the coming national encampment in Minneapolis the change of date will be discussed and probably acted upon if what appears to be the present sentiment prevails.

During 1905, 1143 persons lost their lives in the coal mines of Pennsylvania and there were 2365 non-fatal accidents.

Must Use "Approved" Boxes.

The Fourth Assistant Postmaster General has issued the following statement regarding rural delivery boxes;

"There has recently been considerable discussion on the subject of the requirements of the Postoffice Department affecting rural mail boxes, such discussion including suggestions that patrons of the service be permitted to make their own boxes and that the boxes may be either of metal or wood—no restrictions as to size, material and manner of construction to be imposed. Most of the arguments advanced against the existing practice of the department have been to the effect that as any kind of mail box may be used in the star-route mail service, patrons of rural delivery should be accorded the same privilege, and that they should not be required to buy 'a patented box at an excessively exorbitant price.'

"It is learned upon inquiry at the Postoffice Department that in return for the vast sums of money expended in maintaining rural delivery and the inestimable benefits derived through it, patrons of the service are asked to do but two things—namely, to provide themselves with and properly erect suitable boxes, which are waterproof and fit receptacles for mail, not necessarily boxes that are patented, and to maintain the roads over which rural routes are laid out in condition to be traveled with facility and safety at all seasons of the year.

"When rural delivery was first introduced as an experiment and up to Aug. 1, 1901, there was no requirement as to the kind of boxes to be used for the reception of mail on rural routes, but patrons could and did erect any sort of receptacle for the purpose that suited their fancies, and these included every conceivable sort—cigar and cracker boxes, oil and powder cans, old bootlegs, tiling, rabbit gums and shingles nailed together, affording no protection from the weather, and were as unsightly as they were inappropriate.

"As a result of this condition the department was constantly in receipt of complaints of losses of or damages to mail, necessitating investigations involving both time and expense, and also of complaints from the owners of property in front of whose premises such receptacles had been erected by others that they were a disgrace to the community and to the service, accompanied by demands for their removal."

Political Destruction for Roosevelt

Chicago, Ill., June 5.—Political destruction of President Roosevelt and all who acknowledge alliance with him in his fight on the packers is the plan of the millionaire proprietors of America's meat industry. As soon as J. Ogden Armour returns from Europe the heads of the big concerns will meet and arrange a plan of action.

It contemplates the enlistment of all the trusts and corporations at whom the administrative guns have been aimed.

With the powerful organization of the millionaires invested in big industries the captains of finance will endeavor to capture the machinery of whichever of the two big parties may be the most effectively utilized. According to a leading lawyer for the packers who was engaged in their defense in the recent trial before Judge Humphrey, the great capitalists of this country realize that Roosevelt can no longer be trusted to represent their interests.

Lately he has shown tendencies that are dangerously socialistic, they aver, and has demonstrated the peril of electing a man of radical mind to the presidency. This lawyer, who is the recognized spokesman for the packers, but refuses to permit the use of his name for political reasons, says:

"President Roosevelt has done all he can to ruin the great financial interests of this country. He has hounded the coal mine owners, persecuted the railroads and pursued the packers with enmity engendered in defeat in business when he tried to become a packer. He has loaned himself to the practical destruction of insurance interests and in other ways has demonstrated his unfitness. This last act means that the live stock raisers, Western farmers and packers will unite against him.

"The ruination of America's foreign meat trade will hurt the farmers as badly as it does the packers. With the nucleus will begin the operation of an irresistible force in politics which shall defeat all radicals who play to the galleries at the expense of capital.

"It is certain that if Roosevelt remains a leader of the republican party the big capitalists will be afraid to make contributions to compaign funds. If it becomes necessary to abandon the republican party, democratic leaders are always ready to adopt reasonable measures. A conservative democratic element, supported by the great capitalistic interests, would quickly become as powerful as the republican party has been. The packers believe the issues of the next campaign will be between the consumer, who wants to gain at the loss of capitalists, and the united business interests of this country."

Naturalization to be Difficult.

If the bill changing the naturalization laws, which passed the House of Representatives on Tuesday, became a law, comparatively few aliens will become citizens of this country years to come.

The bill provides for a bureau of naturalization at Washington, which shall furnish all blanks for use and keep a record of all naturalizations. It requires an applicant to file a petition for naturalization ninety days before it is acted upon by a court. It prohibits any naturalization thirty days before any general elections. It authorizes the United States district attorney to appear and cross-examine applicants and witnesses. It adds the additional qualifications that applicants must be able to speak English before receiving final papers, and they must swear that they intend to reside permanently in the United States.

This act practically relieves the state courts from jurisdiction, vesting all authority in the national government. Under the system now obtaining a foreigner desiring to become a citizen may apply either to a state or a United States court. The law requires the declaration to be made two years before the second papers can be applied for. Where the state is asked to pass upon the applicant the papers must be obtained in the Court of Common Pleas, the form of procedure being prescribed by the Supreme Bench. Before appearing before the judge the would-be citizen must answer a series of questions which are reduced to writing. These relate to himself, his family, his residence, &c., and winds up with certain queries regarding his knowledge of our government. As a rule, the foreigners are unacquainted with the terms used and the obliging clerks usually post them. Snch a thing as a constitution is unknown to those who hail from Russia, Italy, Spain, or even Germany, where an autocratic form of government obtains. Neither does he understand what an organized government implies, and if placed before a judge without being coached every one would flunk.

Middleburg.—Clarence Koontz, of Baltimore, arrived home last Saturday evening for a two weeks' vacation.

Wm. P. Ohler, wife and daughter, Mary, of Taneytown, and Mrs. Mary Divens, of Baltimore, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. David Mackley.

Mrs. J. N. Miller, of Waynesboro, spent the past week in town visiting her old friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Bettie Snare, of Lutherville, Baltimore Co., made a short visit to town this week. She was accompanied home by her aged mother, Mrs. Ann McKinney, who will spend the summer with her.

Miss Mabel and Lucy Mackley and Mary Ohler spent last Thursday with Misses Ella and Maud Devilbiss.

Children's service this Sabbath evening.

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Bark Hill.—Harry Eckard has negotiated for the purchase of the late Sarah Coates house and lot, which adjoins his place, at the price of $225.00.

Clarence and Walter Scott and Clarence Hooker, of Baltimore, were recent guests of the latter's aged grandmother, at Scraggy Maples.

Mr. Angell has improved newly acquired property by erecting a new buggy and wagon shed, a corn crib, new stall and stable fittings, some wire fencing, liming one of the lots and papering two rooms, besides other needed repairs.

What seems to be a swindling case occurred here a few days ago, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harris being the innocent victims. Some horse dealers called on the above to see an old horse which they had for sale. A purchase was made for $20, and the dealers left with the horse. After going about a half mile, they tied the newly purchased horse by the roadside and returned to the Harris's startling them with the statement that the horse had dropped dead in the road near the big hill, and they demanded a return of $15. Mr. and Mrs. Harris considered the demand just, if the horse was so near death when they sold him a few moments before, and honestly returned the amount demanded to the dealers. They went on and found "Ned" grazing where he had been left and worth a dozen dead horses. The rascals soon hurried him away, no doubt laughing at their dishonest and false transation which they no doubt deemed a very smart trick. The story soon spread and those dealers, if seen here again, are likely to receive a coating of stale eggs or something worse, and 'twould serve them right.

Children's services in the Bethel, Sunday, June, 17th.

The ice cream festival on the church lawn, under the auspices of the L. H. M. S., is now in progress.

Misses Hoffman and Murray, of Woodsboro, were guests of Miss Cora Wilson, from Saturday till Monday.

Some of the village folks attended the Firemen's Convention, in Westminster, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Jones was hastily called to Baltimore to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, on Sunday morning, to the bedside of her husband who was very seriously injured in a wreck near Washington, on Saturday night. He had an arm broken in four places and all toes cut off from one foot save the little one. Latest reports, he was doing nicely. He was a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad between Washington and other points. Mrs. Jones and daughter spend their winters in Washington and their summers here at their residence.

Scraggy Maples again a scene of mourning, for on early Sunday morning the remains of Charles Franklin Hooker were brought from Baltimore to his mother's, by his family. He died after a serious illness of five weeks from malaria fever and kidney trouble, on Friday, June 1st., at 9 p. m., at his late residence, 709 Appleton St., in his 53rd. year. He is survived by a widow, two sons, a daughter, an aged mother and one sister. Religious services were held at his late residence on Saturday, at 8 p. m., by Rev. P. A. Heilman, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran church, Druid Hill Avenue. The concluding services were observed at his mother's home on Monday, at 10 a. m., by her pastor, Rev. L. F. Murray. The interment was in Union Bridge cemetery, in the family lot. The bearers were Nathan and John Rowe, Josiah Dayhoff, Oliver Angell, Charles Wilson and Harry Eckard. Mrs. Edward Delaplane, of Baltimore; Mrs. Anna L. Rowe, of Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., and Mr. John Bringman, of Roanoke, Va., were present at the funeral.

Union Bridge.—Mrs. Peter Frebert, who died on Thursday, 24th., after a lingering illness, was buried on Sunday, 29th, at Winters' church. Rev. Macalister, formerly pastor of the Reformed church, Union Bridge, was the officiating minister.

Decoration day was appropriately observed at Union Bridge. The exercises at the cemetery were largely attended. The address was delivered by Rev. Otto Bregenzer, of St. James' Lutheran church; prayer was offered by Rev. B. F. Clarkson, of the M. E. church; the Union Bridge band played several pieces, and the M. C. I. quartet sang a selection. The firemen, in uniform, and several of the secret societies, led by the band, paraded out Main street to the cemetery, and presented a neat, soldierly appearance. Many strangers from the surrounding country were present, and a long procession of carriages followed the parade or formed part of it.

On Monday of last week, about 5 o'clock, the freight office in our town was discovered to be on fire. An alarm was sounded and in a surprisingly short time the firemen were on the scene and the fire extinguished. The building is a frame structure, and caught fire on the roof—from a passing locomotive it is supposed—and but for the promptness and efficiency of our fire department, Union Bridge would have been visited by a destructive conflagration.

The W. M. R. R. recently ordered a new engine, and when it was brought to Union Bridge, it was found to be too long for the round table, so it was sent backwards to Baltimore to be turned around. Only about 42 miles to turn. "All the world knew that some one had blundered."

Children's-day exercises are to be held in the M. E. church, Sunday, 10th, at 10.30 a. m. We are not informed as to the time of these services in our other churches, but are under the impression that they are to be at night.

Uniontown.—Misses Anna and Hester O'Meara, Messrs. Will O'Meara, Walter Gruble and Edward Kelly, of Glyndon, were the guests of Mrs. Clayton Hann and daughter, Miss Herma, on Sunday.

Mrs. Hannah Dotterer, of Woodside, entertained, on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Senseney, Miss Eva Senseney, Raymond and Earl Senseney, Mrs. Johnson Hollenberry and daughters; Misses Romain and Gorinne; Miss Laura Eckard, Miss Welty and Miss Jane Crouse.

Mrs. Harry Cover, of Westminster, and Mr. Luther Hiteshew, of Baltimore, were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hiteshew, on Sunday.

Edward Cover, of Easton, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs Harry Cover.

A festival will be held at Morelock's school house, on Saturday, June, 16th. A band of music will be present and a good time expected.

We regret to lose one of our friends, and one who has been for a number of years a resident of the town, Mrs. Susan Harbaugh. She has sold her home and will have sale of her personal property, on Saturday. She expects to make her home with her son, Mr. Parvin Harbaugh, of New York.

Children's Day Service at the Lutheran church, Sunday evening, June 10.

Misses Nora, Carrie and Georgie Slonaker, Rhoda Fleagle, Flora Fowble, May Routson, Romain Hollenberry, Mary Hiltabridle and Herma Hann; Messrs. Fielder Gilbert, Hugh Hiltabridle and Myers Englar, went on a straw ride to the Fireman's Convention, on Wednesday.

Children's Day Services at the M. P. church, Sunday morning, June 10th.

Pleasant Valley.—Camp No. 7, P. O. S. of A., in connection with the Sabbath School, decorated the graves, on Sunday last. The Camp has two members buried here and one at Frizellburg. It is the annual custom to observe Decoration Day by the Camp attending religious services in a body after which service our local band heads a long procession to the cemetry where, not only the graves of the departed brethren are strewn with flowers, but *every* grave.

It is a beautiful custom and has always been largely attended. Our cemetery being located on a hill, one of our speakers drawing inference from the visits of Moses to the mount aptly compares these annual visitations to those of the ancient lawgiver, calling this the mount of meditation.

The program of last Sabbath was as follows;

Music by Pleasant Valley Cornet Band.
Singing, "Home of the Soul" — Four Young Ladies.
Address, — W. R. Unger.
Essay, "Our Sacred Dead," — C. L. Yingling, of Catawba College.
Recitation, "Cover Them Over," — Norval Hahn.
Selection by Band, "Nearer My God to Thee."
Reading, "'Twill be all the same in a Hundred Years," — C. Tobias Yingling.
Singing by Choir, "The Christian Flag."
Prayer, — Rev. J. B. Stonesifer.
Strewing graves with flowers.

Our Public School closed for the summer, on last Friday. The following pupils did not miss a day during the school year; Misses Ruth Hahn, Ruth Anna Wantz, Bernetta Myers, Hattie Wantz and Master Wilbur Wantz; Miss Ruth Hahn, aged 12 years, daughter of Mr. E. M. Hahn has not missed an hour from school for three years.

Chicken pox have made their appearance in such impartial manner that there is promise of each family getting a sprinkling.

Surveyors are busy surveying for an electric road through our village enroute for Gettysburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Washington Louie have returned from a ten day's trip to Winchester, Va., where they paid a visit to Mrs. Louie's relatives.

Mrs. Thomas H. Hoover, Mrs. Mary E. Hildebridle, of No. 820 East Preston Street Balto., and Mrs. Harvey Burgoon, of Fulton Avenue, were visiting from Saturday until Monday at Dr. C. M. Brown's

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Petry are visiting friends and relatives in parts of Ohio, Illinois and Indiana.

Jacob Lawyer and Robert Waltz have returned from a trip to Baltimore, Washington, Mt. Vernon, and other places of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Unger, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Unger, Upton H. Myers, visited the Gettysburg battle-field last Saturday.

Frizellburg.—The special service referred to last week will be held in the Church of God, here, to-morrow night (Sunday.) It will be the Children's Day and Missionary service.

Mrs. William Brown, who had been in Pittsburg with her daughter about two months, returned home last week looking well.

No Endeavor service in the Chapel, on Sunday night.

Charles Wantz and wife, of near here, royally entertained a company of guests, last Sunday, at his home. About twenty-five plates were laid.

Claude Reifsnider has resigned work, owing to a bad case of stomach and liver trouble.

Mrs. Jonas Fitze was brought home from the hospital, last Tuesday, where she had been since midwinter. Her sight has not been completely restored yet, but she is very much better. About seven months ago she was sorely afflicted with typhoid fever which resulted in lameness and partial blindness.

Rev. John Dickey, of Newark, New Jersey, and his newly wedded wife, made a flying visit, here, on Tuesday evening, to see his son, Master Morrison.

Walter Snader, of Baltimore, is spending a while here.

William Waltman, who had been quite ill, is mending again.

Detour.—Samuel Weybright and wife enjoyed a trip to Franklin Co., Pa., from Friday until Monday. From all indications, there will be an immense crop of blackberries, the mountain fires aiding largely in their growth. They visited Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Welty, who know how to entertain. They also visited Hades church, German Baptist, where lovefeast was held, the following visiting Elders being present; D. C. Flory, of Waynesboro, Va.; Jacob Hollinger, of Green Spring; Daniel Baker and John Ruthrauff, Waynesboro, Pa., and J. D. Wilson, of Upton.

J. S. Weybright and family drove to Brownsville, last Saturday, to lovefeast, and were guests of Clara Mullendore.

Miss Bertha Munshower, of Thurmont is visiting her lady friend, here, Miss Grace Eigenbrode, at the home of Elder T. J. Kolb.

The D. P. Creek Band attended the Firemens' Convention in Westminster, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Edgar Biehl and Mrs. Crumbacker, of Union Bridge, spent Wednesday at W. N. Fogle's.

Mrs. A. C. Miller is spending a few days in Westminster this week, attending the convention.

Copperville.—The large new barn, on the Goulden farm, managed by L. J. Hemler, was raised on Tuesday of this week, and was a master-piece of workmanship, as there were no misfits nor anything to mar the construction, which took about 125 men. The comment was there would not be a finer barn in the district, when completed. The foliage of the lawn gave shelter for two large tables laden with a bountiful repast, prepared by about 25 of the lady neighbors.

E. O. Garner spent Saturday and Sunday with his family.

Mrs. Thomas Keefer visited her parents and friends, at Monrovia, Frederick county. The visitors at Thos. Keefer's, this week, were Mr. Keefer's mother, of Bartholow, and Mrs. Keefer's brother, and two sisters, of Monrovia.

Silver Run.—Rev. and Mrs. John O. Yoder returned home Saturday, after spending the week with friends in New Jersey.

Miss Elsie Knipple, of Hanover, Pa., spent several days last week with her parents.

Grover Knipple and George Bowersox, of Gettysburg, Pa., are spending several days in this place.

George, Wareheim, of Baltimore, spent several days with his cousin, Sterling Lawyer, at Shady Lawn.

Children's day services will be held in the Lutheran church Sunday, June 10th., at 10 o'clock.

York Road.—Mrs. Chas. Garber and Miss Mary Renner, of Taneytown, spent Thursday in Baltimore.

Rev. Poffenberger and wife spent one day last week with friends here.

W. N. Cover and sisters are spending a few days with their sister, Mrs. Gardner, in Westminster.

Miss Nannye Lynn, of Baltimore, is spending a few weeks with relatives here.

Miss Ethel Sweigart is spending this week in Westminster.

The remains of Mrs. Stull, who died at the home of her daughter, in Baltimore, were brought here last Saturday. Interment at Mt. Zion cemetery. Rev. Miller, of Baltimore, and Rev. Poffenberger had charge of the service.

Chas. Gardner, wife and daughter, of Westminster, spent a few days with Mrs. G's parents.

The dwelling of Edward Berwager former stewart of the Carroll county almshouse near Maple Grove, in Manchester district, was burned last Friday afternoon, with all its contents, above the first floor. Personal property on the first floor was saved. Loss $1,000. It is supposed the fire originated from a spark from burning brush near the structure.