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NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST.

Brief Items from the County, State, and our Exchanges.

Tom Watson's Magazine has been sold out at Sheriff's sale, and is not likely to reappear.

The Hagerstown Fair association will make about $10,000 in clear profits this year, about $1,000 more than last year.

Mordecai Clemson, who had been an invalid at Springfield Asylum, the past year, has returned home to Union Bridger

Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the president of the Confederacy, died on Tuesday night, from pneumonia, after an illness of about a week.

William M. Weaver was arrested in Littlestown, Pa., Monday morning on the charge of stealing a horse belonging to Russell Dorsey, of near Motter's Station, Frederick county. He is in Frederick jail.

John Thomas Barnes, an influential farmer of Freedom district, died at his home near Gist Monday evening of typhoid fever, aged 54 years. He was a son of the late George H. Barnes, one of the most prominent citizens of Woolerys district. He leaves a widow and two children, also four stepsons.

Andrew Long, a well-known citizen of Franklin district and a retired farmer and merchant, died on Tuesday at his home at Long. He was a man of high standing in the neighborhood, and when the village of Enterprise (now Long) had a postoffice established, previous to the rural free-delivery system, his name was given to it, and it is still known by that name.

Charles May Anders, proprietor of the Hotel Melone at Cascade, near Pen-Mar, died Sunday night after suffering two days with hiccoughs. He had been ill with tuberculosis, but was attacked with hiccoughs early Saturday morning. Nothing could be done to check them, every known remedy being tried. He was 59 years old. He conducted a hotel on the mountain during the summer season. His widow and a son, Melvue Anders, survive. Funeral services in Woodsboro, on Wednesday.

A statement issued by the Comptroller of the Currency, recently, shows that in 1905 there were in Maryland 15 national banks, with 151,656 depositors whose total deposits amounted to $62,859,422, being an average of $414.49 for each depositor. This year the number of banks have not increased, but the number of depositors have increased to 161,458. The total deposits have increased to $70,677,477 and the average deposit has increased to $437.75. The showing that Maryland makes is most gratifying.

John F. Ryan, a noted New York financier, made a record run from Philadelphia to Washington on the P. B. & W. R. R. on Sunday morning. He hired a car drawn by engine 5147 with Charles Forbes engineer and C. W. Hall, conductor. They left Philadelphia at 8.05, but lost nine minutes following an express which they passed at Havre de Grace and reached Washington at 10.22, covering the 137 miles in 137 minutes. Mr. Ryan was enroute to Nelson county, Va., to the bedside of his son, who died of hemorrhage before he arrived.

Many persons had their pockets picked at the Hagerstown fair, the most of whom did not report their loss to the police. While John Zentmyer, of Half Way, was boarding a trolley car, his pocketbook, containing $7, was taken from his trousers pocket. Sidney Hughes of Funkstown, reported that he was relieved of $14. While Miss Faulkner, of Martinsburg, was watching the races her pocketbook, containing several dollars, was snatched from her hand. Otho Poffenberger, of Sharpsburg, was relieved of his pocketbook, containing $5.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is about ready to let a contract for steel rails for delivery next year. It is understood that the Company will order about 55,000 tons, and that the order will be split up among several companies. The corporations which will figure in the contract are said to be the Maryland Steel Company, the Carnegie Steel Company and the Cambria Steel Company. Steel rails have been selling in the open market at about $28 a ton, so that if the Baltimore and Ohio is obliged to pay the same price the contract would represent an expenditure of about $1,540,000.

In some parts of France walnuts form a regular article of diet. The peasants eat them with bread that has oftentimes been rubbed with garlic. The hygienic effects are considered good, replacing meat to a large extent. These nuts are also used to make oil. It is much cheaper and similiar in taste to that pressed from olives, and is employed to adulterate the latter. The prisoners in certain prisons are engaged in cracking walnuts and picking out the kernels, which are pressed into oil. In this country the walnut tree is fearfully neglected—hence the high price the wood commands. In our own county it is rarely one sees a fine walnut tree in spite of the fact there is so much waste land that could be made profitable. Every boy should be induced to plant a tree, knowing that if he lives to middle age he will reap the big profit of a very little labor.

Union Bridge Farmers' Club.

(For the RECORD.)

The Farmers' Club again assembled at the very comfortable home of P. Wood, on Oct. 12, 1906. Members present—P. Wood and wife, D. Wolfe and wife, J. Smith and wife, Mrs. R. Sayler, Misses Grace and Bessie Wolfe, Mrs. W. Ebbert and son, H. Fuss, wife and son, Paul; M. T. Haines, wife and daughters, Lulu, Anna, and Bessie. Visitors—Mrs. R. Rinehart, Mr. J. W. Angel, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Englar, Miss Laura Shaw, Mrs. E. Lindsay, and Mrs. Rosa Johnson, of Chicago.

The morning was spent in social intercourse. At noon all were invited to the dining room, where a bountiful dinner was much enjoyed, after which the President called the meeting to order. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Committee A responded in the following order: President Wolfe read "A Jubilee Poem," by Rev. B. F. Clarkson, which was very good indeed. We should feel proud of our home talent. Mrs. Wolfe read "The New American Fuel," caused by the removal of the internal revenue tax on fuel alcohol, which takes effect Jan. 1st., next.

Specialists are now at work on bulletins, which will teach the people how to grow things which will produce the new fuel cheaply; how to manufacture it, and how to use it.

Mrs. Sayler read "Brain and Breeches," a very good poem showing that for the same work, women receive but half the wages of men.

Pres. Wolfe read a paper—"About Soils and Fertilizers," which, upon motion, the Club decided to have published. Our host showed us a fine large apple of the Belle-De-Boscop variety, grown on his farm, also a Japanese quince, grown in their yard which resembles our quinces, only smaller.

Com. B., P. Wood and wife, M. T. Haines and wife, is expected to report at H. Fuss's Nov. 15, at 10 a. m.

The State C. E. Convention.

The State C. E. Convention, met in Salisbury, on Tuesday morning, the attendance being good. Services began with a sunrise prayer-meeting in the Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. P. A. Heilman, D. D., of Baltimore. After a praise and prayer service in the same church at 8.45 the convention was formally opened by State President Frederick Ohrenschall. Mayor Charles E. Harper made the address of welcome. He spoke with pride of the wonderful growth of the town, of its modern conveniences and of the street paving that is now in course of laying. He also told of the pleasure it gave the city to entertain such a brilliant body of men and women as the Maryland Christian Endeavor Union and extended to the 500 guests a genuine welcome.

Other addresses during the morning were "The Purpose of Christian Endeavor," W. H. G. Belt, of Baltimore; "Elements Necessary to its Success," George H. Birnie, of Taneytown; "Causes which lead to its Failure," Rev. L. S. Wright, of Baltimore; "How the Pastor may use a Christian Endeavor Society," Rev. P. A. Heilman, D. D., of Baltimore; "How to develop Leaders," C. E. Ecker, of Baltimore; "What Fields of Activity are found in the Church to-day for the developed Worker," G. K. Mather, of Westminster; "Primary conditions of fruit Bearing," Rev. D. L. Greenfield, D. D.

The afternoon was taken up with a number of helpful conferences. The service was held in Salisbury Methodist Protestant church. The topics discussed were as follows: "Missionary Work," Amos R. Wells, of Boston, managing editor of the Christian Endeavor World; "County and Local Union Work," W. M. Robinson, of Baltimore; "Temperance and Good Citizenship," Rev. C. E. R. Ward, of Relay; "Personal and Evangelistical Work," Rev. E. T. Read, of Union Bridge. Remarks upon these topics were made by the leaders, and then the different phases of the subjects were brought out by general discussion.

Two meetings were held in the evening and both were very interesting and well attended.

On Wednesday, Richard A. Harris, of Baltimore, was elected President of the Union.

Secretary Alfred S. Day, of Baltimore, reported the number of societies in the state, 264; number of members, 9,745; estimated number in 47 societies not reporting, 1,255; estimated total membership, 11,000; estimated membership in October, 1904, 10,000; estimated gain, 1,000; number of societies reporting 10 per cent. or more increase in membership, 70; number of new societies organized, 44; number of societies disbanded, 18; net gain in number of societies, 26; number of new junior societies, 53; number disbanded, 20; net gain, 35.

Contributions—Home missions, $1,62.-75; foreign missions $3,278.98; support of local church. $1,929.79; other benevolences, $1,988.92; total $7,860.54. Banner society for largest contribution to foreign missions, Dickey Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dickeyville, $770. Banner society for largest percentage of gain in membership, Solomon's Lutheran Church, Woodsboro, 316.

Pennsylvania Conference U. B. Church.

The 117th. session of the Pennsylvania Conference, United Brethren, began on Tuesday, in Otterbein church, Baltimore, with over 150 ministers and delegates present. The most important action of the day was the passage of a resolution prohibiting the loaning of any of the funds of the conference to any member, or outsider, without ample security.

Rev. W. H. Weaver was elected recording secretary, and J. W. Owens statistical secretary. A report on the growth of church property showed that the increase was very satisfactory.

A decided stand in favor of the union of the United Brethren, Congregational and Methodist Protestant denominations was taken on Wednesday by Bishop J. S. Mills during the course of his remarks.

The question of church union was brought before the Conference indirectly by reason of the visit of Rev. Joel Brown, an M. E. minister, president of the Ministerial Union of Baltimore, to the afternoon session.

Greater progress in all departments of church work was gleaned from the reports of the various charges, which consumed most of the time of both the morning and evening sessions. In all the cities and towns where churches have been established better returns were made by the ministers, who hold out the promise to the Conference of even greater strides being made by the church in the coming year.

Since the meeting of the last Conference the record shows that there have been 2,199 conversions and 2,028 accessions to the churches. At the present time the Conference is composed of 65 charges, with 159 organized churches, representing 16,532 members. The Sunday schools number 145, with an enrollment of 22,270 scholars, a considerable gain over last year in this feature of the church work.

At Thursday's session, Rev. A. L. House was accused of conduct unbecoming a minister and he was unanimously dismissed.

Three other ministers—Revs. S. Rice, C. T. Jones and A. E. Ogg—are no longer connected with the Conference, "irregularly withdrawn" being entered after their names on the roll. This action was due to the fact that all intend to become connected with other denominations. Mr. Rice intends becoming a member of the Lutheran Church, while the other two will enter the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. T. Bayard Beatty, of Woodstock, Va., and Rev. C. E. Snoke, pastor of the Gettysburg (Pa.) church, asked permission to withdraw, as they intended following other professionsr

In the election of the presiding elder for the ensuing year Rev. Dr. W. H. Washinger had no opposition and received the unanimous vote of the delegates.

MARRIED.

PETRY--FEESER.—On Oct. 11, 1906, at the Lutheran parsonage, Uniontown, by Rev. G. W. Baughman, Mr. Howard T. Petry, of Tyrone, and Miss Maud M. Feeser, of Taneytown.

SHRIVER—FOX.—On Oct. 9, 1906, at Littlestown, by Rev. C. P. Bastian, Mr. Dallas W. Shriver to Miss Luella Fox.

CUTSAIL—BOWERS.—On October, 10, 1906, at the U. B. parsonage, Taneytown, by Rev. E. C. B. Castle, Mr. Harry Cutsail to Miss Maggie E. Bowers, both of near Harney.

DIED.

Obituaries, poetry and resolutions, charged for at the rate of five cents per line. The regular death notices published free

NEWCOMER.—On Oct. 9, 1906, at Fairplay, Adams Co., Pa., Margaret Ellen Newcomer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Newcomer, aged 2 months.

Sad and dreary is our home,
Lonely is our hearts today;
For one we all loved so dearly,
Has forever passed away.

We loved little Margaret; no tongue can tell
How much we loved her and how well;
God loved her too and thought it best
To take her home to be at rest.
By her parents.

Pillowed on her Saviour's breast,
Dear little Margaret is at rest,
And we hope to meet her there,
Far beyond this world of care.
By her aunt, Dorie V. Herr.

Church Notices.

There will be no preaching services in either the Harney or Taneytown U. B. churches, this Sunday, the pastor being in attendance at Conference, in Baltimore. All other services as usual. E. C. B. CASTLE, Pastor.

Preaching services will be held in the Piney Creek Presbyterian church on Sunday at 10 a. m., and in the Taneytown church, at 2 p. m. All other services at the usual hours.
H. P. SANDERS, Pastor.

REV. SAM. JONES DEAD.

The World-renowned Evangelist Passes away in Sleeping Car.

Rev. Samuel P. Jones, the well-known evangelist, of Cartersville, Ga., died at an early hour, on Monday morning, of heart failure, in a sleeping car on the Rock Island Railroad, near Perry, Arkansas. Rev. Jones had been conducting a very successful revival at Oklahoma City, and left there to return to his home in Georgia to attend a family reunion, on Tuesday, his 59th. birthday.

Mrs. Jones and two daughters were with him when he passed away. He arose from his berth at about 5 o'clock, complaining of nausea. He drank a glass of hot water and immediately afterwards collapsed, dying in the arms of Rev. Walt. Holcomb, who has been associated with him for several years in his evangelistic work.

Samuel Porter Jones was undoubtedly the most discussed character in the religious field this country has produced in many years. He was born in Chambers county, Alabama, October 16, 1847, and was the son of Capt. John Jones, a soldier in the Civil War. When 12 years old his parents removed to Cartersville, Ga., where he studied for a number of years under private tutors and at boarding schools. At the age of 22 years he was admitted to the Georgia bar and began the practice of law with bright prospects having made a lasting impression on the public by his keen insight into legal complications from the start.

In a few years, however, his health failed, presumably on account of close application to his duties, and the young Lawyer plunged into dissipation. Nervous dyspepsia developed, and his downward career soon caused Mr. Jones to lose his professional standing. This riotous life continued until the death of his father, whom he promised, while on his deathbed, to reform and live an honorable career.

In 1872 Mr. Jones, fired with resolution, determined to fulfill his promise, and subsequently he was converted. He at once selected the ministry as his future vocation and began his new work on a small circuit near Covington, Ga. Bishop Key, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was the highest official under whom the young minister labored.

After three years the Bishop, having noticed the peculiarly impressive manner in which the young preacher uttered unusually vigorous thoughts, suggested that a revival meeting be held at a little church about 50 miles away and that the "young preacher from the pine woods be given a chance, as he seemed to possess some ability."

Rev. Mr. Jones was sent to the little church, and, although his preaching almost turned the small village upside down, his reputation only reached the nearby towns.

For five years more he worked at his post until he was called to Cincinnati to conduct a series of meetings. This was the first time the public eye was attracted to the man whose name later became so familiar to the masses of Americans.

For more than 20 years Rev. Mr. Jones journeyed throughout the United States, preaching in many towns and holding revival meetings and drawing thousands to camp-meetings throughout the country. His style of speaking was conspicuously characteristic. Abrupt and to the point, regardless of whom it concerned, he unhesitatingly addressed members of his audiences personally when circumstances seemed to justify it.

One of his hobbies was temperance, another the paying of debts and another abstinence from gambling or even what is commonly termed innocent games. He was agent for the North Georgia Orphanage for 12 years before he entered exclusively into evangelistic work.

Hawk—Smith.

(For the RECORD.)

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Smith, at Bridgeport on, Tuesday evening, Oct. 17, 1906, the contracting parties being Miss Viola Emma Smith, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Smith, and Clarence Hawk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hawk, of near Taneytown.

Promptly at six o'clock the wedding party, consisting of Zona and Lillian Smith, sisters of the bride, as flower girls, Miss Vada Castle, as maid of honor, and Mr. Preston Smith, brother of the bride, as best man, entered the parlor where the bride's pastor, Rev. E. C. B. Castle, performed the ceremony in the presence of a number of friends.

Miss Beulah Castle rendered a beautiful wedding march. After receiving the congratulations of their many friends a reception from 7 to 9 o'clock was held, and refreshments were abundantly served. The presents were numerous valuable.

Those present were; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hawk, Rev. and Mrs. E. C. B. Castle, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hawk, Mr. Daniel Hesson, Mr. and Mrs. Hezakiah Hawk, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hawk, and two sons; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baumgardner, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wantz and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Naille, Mr. and Mrs. John Hesson, Mr. and Mrs. I. Eiker and grandaughter; Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Smith and daughter, Miss Julia; Mr. J. Leander Hesson, Mr. Geo. Weant and daughter, Annie; Mr. Charles Moore, Mrs. Edward Conover and son, Mrs. Lou Fink, Mrs. M. E. Correll; Messrs Morris Hawk, Preston Smith, Clarence Baumgardner, Roy and Walter Smith, Harry Clabaugh, and Willis and Oran Moore; Misses Beulah and Vada Castle, Annie Smith, Mary Clabaugh, Luella, Zona P. and Lillian Smith, Annie Baumgardner and Maggie Lambert.

Bowersox—Harman.

Mr. Daniel W. Bowersox, of Hanover, Pa., and Miss L. Gertrude Harman, of Taneytown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Harman, were married, at the home of the bride, at noon, on Thursday, by Rev. Wm. E. Wheeler assisted by Rev. W. G. Minnick. Miss Jennie Harman, sister of the bride, and Miss Margaret Bowersox, sister of the groom, were bridesmaids, and William E. Martin was best man. Quite a large number of invited guests attended the wedding and reception which followed. Mr. and Mrs. Bowersox will reside in Hanover, Pa.

Grumbine—Klee.

Westminster, Md., Oct. 17.—at Grace Lutheran church, this afternoon, Miss Clara Katharine Klee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Klee, near Eastview, was married to Mr. J. Walter Grumbine, a young business man and son of Mr. John C. Grumbine, the oldest resident of this city. Miss Grace Leister, of Finksburg, was maid of honor and Miss Margaret E. Sollers, of Baltimore, was flower girl; Mr. George R. Grumbine, brother of the groom, was best man. The ushers were Mr. N. D. Sollers, of Baltimore; Messrs. J. Albert Mitten, W. Scott Zepp and Ernest Martin, of this city. The bride wore a gown of white silk mull over white taffeta and carried bride roses. Dr. P. H. Miller performed the ceremony.

Congressman Goulden, of New York, who has just been renominated, was elected the first time by 14,000 majority, the second by 12,000, and is sure to be returned the third time by a majority reaching five figures. During the long session of the last Congress, he was absent but seven days in the seven months. Mr. Goulden has been of much service to Maryland, in Congress, especially in agricultural interests, and is very popular where he is intimately known.

About Soils and Fertilizers.

Address by Daniel Wolf, before Union Bridge Farmers' Club.

Years ago, it was thought that the analysis of the soil, would show the tiller of the ground just what the needs of his soil were; and what applications of plant food were required to supply the deficiency. But chemists tell us now, there is no deficiency; that most all soils contain enough plant food to last 100 years cropping. The food is in the ground but not in an available condition.

Analysis, then, does not help to solve the puzzling problem. The husbandman, with the aid of the scientist, is left to find out by observation and experiment, what ingredients he must apply to his land to get the best results. Science combined with experimental farming, has pretty fully demonstrated that of the nine or ten essential substances found in every fertile soil, the ingredients which are lacking in a worn-out one, are *nitrogen, phosphoric acid* and *potash*.

We have, then, the number of essentials which we must supply, narrowed down to three substances named. Every manufacturer of a commercial fertilizer, who puts his product upon the market, must have branded on his bag or barrel the analysis of his goods, showing the amount of *nitrogen, phosphoric acid* and *potash*; thus recognizing the belief that these substances are the true ones to restore fertility to an exhausted soil. The practical question for the farmer is to find out the best and most economical way to supply the essentials above named.

There are two sources from which to obtain fertilizers for the farm, the home-made product, and the manufactured article known as commercial fertilizer. Which of the two is the cheaper? The home-made, by odds, if there is judicious management on the farm. The chemist who can pick everything to pieces, and reveal the hidden mysteries of nature, tells us that 90% to 95% of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash is left in the manure after the food passes through the animal.

Below is a table giving the relative values of manure from different foods after consumption.

From a ton of Wheat Straw,		$ 2.68
"	" Corn,	6.65
"	" Clover Hay,	9.64
"	" Bran,	14.59
"	" Linseed Cake.	19.50
"	" Cotton Meal,	24.50

The above values are approximate and liable to vary, but they do represent about 90 or more per cent. of the first cost of the articles named in the table, except perhaps corn which is poorer in nitrogen than others, nitrogen being the most costly of the three essentials.

To realize these values, however, the farmer must save both liquid and solid excrements, allow neither to go to waste. The liquid portion is richer in nitrogen and phosphates than the solid because the kidneys eliminate from the body those substances containing an excess of nitrogen and phosphates. Beside getting back in the manure nearly the entire cost of the food consumed the farmer has the increase in growth of the animal fed, and all the by-products of milk, butter &c. left as profits.

In selling fat animals, butter, off the farm, very little nutritive or fertilizing properties are lost; as fats and butter do not yield any nourishment to growing plants. Therefore we must allow that feeding stock and growing legumes is the cheapest way of restoring fertility to worn-out ladds.

With all the ado about manures and fertilizers we might conclude that the soil furnished all the plant food that makes our crops; yet the fact is the soil furnishes a very small part of the food of plants—from one to five per cent. only. The air supplies all the rest, or more than 95% of the weight of most green crops. The ashes that remain after burning, represents the material furnished by the soil to the plant. The volatile part—the water and carbonic acid—which disappears in the atmosphere represents that which was furnished by the air; so that in the combustion of vegetable matter there is restored to both earth and air that which was taken from them during growth.

As a further proof that the soil furnishes but a small part of the plant's food, let us take the case of the old commons lying 10 or 15 miles south of Union Bridge, 40 or 50 years ago, known then as "the barrens." These lands were regarded as worthless at that time. The introduction of commercial fertilizers started the owners of these poor lands on the way to prosperity. By applying 400 lbs. per acre of fertilizer they found they could raise a good crop of wheat of an elegant quality. Without the fertilizer they could raise no crop.

In 400 lbs. of good fertilizer there is not more than 70 lbs. of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash combined, and these three elements are the only constituents in the fertilizer that fertilizes. The balance 330 lbs. of the 400 lbs. composing the fertilizer has no value as a manure. I do not mean to say that the crop grown upon an acre appropriated only the 70 lbs. supplied by the fertilizer. There are 6 or 7 other essential constituents which are supposed to be always present in sufficient quantities in almost all soils. These furnished a part of the crop but a very small part; not one per cent. of the whole. If we examine the analysis of our home-made manures we will have still further proof of the very small amount of plant food they contain.

One ton of ordinary dry manure contains about 8 lbs. of nitrogen, 4 lbs. of phosphoric acid, and 11 lbs. of potash.

One ton dry manure from clover hay contains about 47 lbs. of nitrogen, 12 lbs. of phosphoric acid, and 40 lbs. of potash.

Notice that the figures in the above analyses are for dry manures; dry in the sense the chemist tests them—that is, they are placed in an oven and all moisture expelled before the analysis is made. It would require two or more tons, wet, as farmers usually handle barnyard manure, to give the small amount of plant food contained in the one ton of dry. In a ton of dry manure of any kind horse, cow, sheep, more than 80% is carbon, and this large amount of carbon has no manurial value whatever.

The air furnishes all the carbon the plant appropriates. The leaves of the plant breathe in the carbonic acid always present in the air; retain the carbon and give back again the oxygen to the air. Indeed, carbonic acid is the chief food of plants. It may be interesting to inquire how the atmosphere obtains a sufficient supply of this gas for the wants of vegetable growth. Our fuels, coal and wood, are composed chiefly of carbon, and every ton of carbon burned gives off 3⅔ tons of carbonic acid. Carbonic acid, or carbon dioxide, as the chemists prefer to call it, is composed of carbon and oxygen in the proportion of 12 to 32; that is 12 lbs. of carbon unite with 32 lbs. of oxygen to produce 44 lbs. of the gas. Now we have but to think of the millions of tons of coal and wood consumed every day, to account for the food supply.

Beside the combustion of wood and coal there is another source that furnishes the gas. All air-breathing animals are continually exhaling the poisonous gas. But for the growing vegetation the air would soon become so poisoned as to be unfit to breathe. This poisonous gas is absorbed by the leaf, but by the sun's beams the oxygen, is in the leaf, torn from the carbon by a quiet but great force, and restored to the air again, thus keeping it pure and wholesome. But for this wise provision in nature's laws, we would all be asphyxiated in a short time, just as surely as we would be if breathing the gas confined in a room. How dependent we are on the vegetable kingdom! Plants not only furnish all our food but also the pure air we breathe.

DANIEL WOLFE.

Some forget to register, and many will forget to vote.

CONTEST FOR CONGRESS.

A Democratic Speculation on Probable Results.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The Democratic and Republican campaign committees are utterly at sea as to the result of the Congressional contest this year. The Republicans, because they are always optimistic and because they have now a large majority to go on, are confident that they will retain control of the House, though by a greatly reduced majority. The Democrats claim they are going to capture the House, because reports from all quarters indicate antagonism to the tariff stand-pat policy.

The campaign appears to be languishing, partly because of a lack of campaign funds and partly because attention has been distracted from the main issues which promised to influence the result of the election. Early in the year the tariff and anti-trust sentiment of the country was manifestly favorable to the Democracy. The line of campaign was clearly marked, discontent with the stand-pat policy of the Republican party being indicated in many directions. There is no evidence that this sentiment has changed, but for some reason the Democrats have not been able to make the most of their opportunities and have not had a line on the campaign. Nobody knows just what to expect, and the campaign has become a sort of drifting race, everything depending on luck rather than fair sailing.

The government-ownership talk and the prominence given to Mr. Heart's personality and purposes with reference to control of the Democracy appear to have distracted attention from legitimate issues. The Democratic Congressional Committee has been suspected of being tinctured with Hearstism, and the general situation has been distracting. On legitimate legislative issues it is recognized, even by Republicans, that public sentiment is distinctly favorable to the Democrats, the protest in some quarters being long and loud against the continuance of the present tariff schedules. There is also dissatisfaction on account of the President's surrender on railroad-rate legislation. This is most pronounced in the quarters where the President's original proposition was popular. Apparently little has been done by the Democrats to take advantage of the situation by driving home those issues which are alive and pertinent, probably because the committee has not had money enough to sustain a lively campaign.

If the Democrats should carry the House it will be because public sentiment is so deep and strong in opposition to the avowed Republican policy that voters do not need urging and guidance to give expression to this sentiment. If there were no lack of confidence in the conservatism of the Democracy, such as is aroused by the New York situation and by Mr. Bryan's government-ownership talk, general conditions might be counted on as distinctly favorable to very large Democratic gains, with the possibility of a sweeping victory.

So strong is the sentiment in favor of a change of tariff schedules in some of the Western States, as in Iowa and Wisconsin that Republican candidates find it necessary to repudiate the stand-pat policy of their party. In the Wisconsin primaries Republican candidates were defeated for nomination because they were identified with the stand-pat policy. All the Republican candidates in that State are committed to revision, though their party is against any sort of revision. While this sentiment finds more open expression in Iowa and Wisconsin, it is common throughout the West and, for that matter, practically throughout the country.—*Sun.*

Eldership of Church of God.

The annual meeting of the Maryland and Virginia Eldership of the Church of God came to an end at Rocky Springs, Frederick county, Sunday night after a three-day session. Pastoral appointments for the ensuing year were announced as follows:

Uniontown and Frizellburg, Rev. R. L. Crawford; Carrollton, Warfield, Wakefield and Warfieldsburg, Rev. V. K. Betts; Bark Hill, Mayberry, Friendship, Oak Hill and Creagerstown, Rev. L. F. Murray; Germantown, New Baltimore and Friends Creek, Rev. J. M. Carter; Kaisiesville, Corner, Broadfording and Nova, Rev. W. G. Stine; Blairs Valley and Mount Hope, Rev. W. H. Englar; Rocky Springs and Zittlestown, Rev. S. A. Kipe; Brownsville and Siglers, Rev. J. A. Saxton; Samples Manor, Pleasant Hill, Sharpsburg, Antietam and Mount Briar, Rev. S. J. Montgomery; Baltimore city, under supervision of Rev. V. K. Betts, Rev. A. W. Philhower was appointed general evangelist and Rev. J. K. Thorpe was accorded missionary privilege.

Officers were elected as follows: President, M. H. Penn; stated clerk, W. H. Englar; transcribing clerk, Jesse F. Billmyer. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the eldership at Samples Manor, Washington county, Md.

Ackler—Lynn.

(For the RECORD.)

Quite a pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Clara L. Lynn, Baltimore, Md., on Tuesday, 16th., at 12 m., when Miss Nannie L. Lynn became the wife of Rev. Hugh H. Ackler, of West Va.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hunt, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, in the presence of a few intimate friends, the ring service being used. A luncheon was served at the bride's home after which Rev. and Mrs. Ackler left on the 1.48 train, P. R. R., for their future home, Peru, W. Va.

The guests included Mrs. Thos. Newman and Mrs. Nellie Cover Smith, of York Road, Md.; Mrs. R. M. Wilson, of Catonsville; O. N. Lynn and wife, J. A. Lynn and wife, of Hagerstown; Mrs. C. L. Lynn, R. Leonard Lynn, William Ackler, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Trumbo and Miss Ethel Newman, all of Baltimore. Quite a number of beautiful gifts were received by the bride.

Stylish Wedding Invitations.

Every year the RECORD office prints more wedding invitations; not because more people are getting married, but because our work is getting a wider reputation and going into neighborhoods farther away. We always keep a good assortment of styles and qualities on hand, and in addition have a sample book from a large New York dealer from which we can order the newest and most expensive novelties to be had. We also use several styles of script type, imitating the engraved work, and best of all, our charges are most reasonable.

It is a difficult matter to furnish samples of this class of work by mail, but in most cases we can do so satisfactorily; therefore, in case it is inconvenient for customers to call at our office, a request for samples, accompanied by a description of what is desired, will meet with prompt response. Orders of this character should always be placed several weeks before the finished work is needed.

Contract for Proceedings Received.

The RECORD office has been given the contract for printing the Proceedings of the Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church, recently held in Taneytown. The work will consist of 750 copies of 60 or more pages each. This is the first time that the work has ever been given to a country office, and the contract is therefore something of a prized compliment, and a tribute to the excellence of this class of work heretofore turned out by us.

An Important Legal Decision.

A case of considerable interest to persons owning property in front of which telephone and telegraph poles have been or are to be erected has just been decided by Judge George C. Merrick, presiding at the fall term of the Circuit Court now in session at Marlboro. The case in question was instituted several months ago by Charles Donaldson, of Berwyn, before Justice J. T. Burch, claiming damages from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company as the result of the erection of two poles in the street abutting his property.

Damages in the sum of $75 were awarded by the justice, from which judgment the telephone company appealed to the Circuit Court, and the case was argued by Bernard Carter & Sons and Charles H. Stanley, for the company, and James C. Rogers, of Hyattsville, for Donaldson.

The point at issue was whether the street or highways belong to the abutting lot owner where the deed describes the property simply by lot and block without reference to boundaries, courses, distances or monuments. The Court, deciding in favor of Donaldson, held that the property in such a deed belonged to the adjacent owner and not to the grantors subject only to an easement in the public, and that its occupancy by the telephone company was a trespass.

In view of the fact that there is no appeal in such a case, this decision establishes the law, and will necessitate telephone and telegraph companies first securing permission from adjacent landowners before extending their lines, besides paying for poles already placed without permission.—*Laurel Democrat.*

Maryland Lutheran Synod.

For the third time in its history of 87 years, the Maryland Synod of the Lutheran church, met in the Lutheran church of Waynesboro, Thursday evening, with a large attendance of members. Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D., Baltimore, preached the opening sermon. The synodical communion was observed at the conclusion of his sermon. This Friday morning the business sessions of the Synod will begin and officers will be elected. Dr. Dunbar will probably be re-elected president.

Statistics of the Synod show: Churches, 149; baptized members, 30,761; estimated value of church property, $1,923,-400; contributions or local purposes, $209,658; Sunday Schools, 144; membership, 27,433; contributions, $30,859; Young People's Society membership, 4,914; contributions, $70.41; total contributions of churches, Sunday schools and societies for all purposes, $252,719.

Potomac Synod Reformed Church.

At the first business session of Potomac Synod, Reformed Church, held in Chambersburg, on Wednesday, the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Dr. A. S. Weber, Baltimore; vice president, Elder William J. Zacharias, Chambersburg; clerk, Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz, Baltimore; recording secretary, Rev. J. Hamilton Smith, Littlestown, Pa.; reading clerk, Rev. A. C. Nace, St. Claresville, Pa.

The Board of Home Missions made its report, showing three new missions opened and 114 missions on the roll. There has been a decrease of $16,000 in the debt and $10,000 has been contributed toward the building fund.

The board of visitors to the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, reported in detail negotiations with Ursinus College, looking to a union of the two, but thus far nothing has been accomplished.

At the night session Dr. J. M. Schick, of Washington, who was appointed a member of the committee on examination, ordination and licensure, was the presiding officer. Rev. Charles E. Wehler, of Newton, N. C., spoke on "Home Missions in the South." Rev. T. M. Yundt, of Philadelphia, spoke on "Home Missions."

Orphans' Court Proceedings.

MONDAY, Oct. 15th. 1906.—Granville Reed and Charles Ruby, executors of Joseph Miller, deceased, received order to sell real estate, and returned report of sale of real estate, upon which court granted order ni si.

Nettie A. Weaver, executrix of Charles W. Weaver, returned inventory of debts.

Charles L. Thomson, guardian of Anna Thomson, infant, received order to expend certain sum for clothing for his ward.

Sallie A. Smith, administratix of Harry Smith, deceased, returned inventories of personal property and money.

Philip B. Snader, executor of Deborah A. Baile, deceased, upon petition received order of court to sell and transfer stocks.

Lucretia V. Shafer, Administratrix of Jacob L. Shafer, dec'd received order to sell stock, and returned report of sale of personal property.

TUESDAY, Oct. 16th. 1906.—Joshua W. Hering, executor of Sallie Longwell, deceased, returned report of sale of stocks, &c., and additional inventory of money, and settled his first account.

Hon. Robert Garrett in Carroll.

Hon. Robert Garrett, republican candidate for Congress, paid a visit to the northern end of Carroll, this week. While in Taneytown, on Thursday afternoon, he stated that his campaign was not by any means without hope of success, but intimated that his election would be practically sure, if the republican vote comes out as it should. The canvass in the district, by both candidates, has been an exceedingly quiet one, but is likely to warm up during the last ten days. The outlook is for a very light vote, unless conditions change very materially.

Cuba Must Pay the Bills.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Quartermaster General Humphrey has sent instructions to the chief quartermaster at Havana to discharge all transports in Southern waters upon their return to their charter points, the only exceptions being the animal ships Andes and Taarholm.

The latter is now at Newport News, whence she will sail to-morrow with the last of the animals and wagons needed for the use of the troops already in Cuba. The Andes was hired for the trip from Newport News to Hanvana and the Taarholm, under her charter, was to be discharged at some Cuban port. The cost of the transport service will be $225,000, which must be paid from Cuban revenues.

This is only a small part of the charge which the Cubans must meet as a result of their rebellion involving intervention and the use of American troops, for the bill also will include the cost of transporting the troops from interior points to the Atlantic Coast ports by rail (in some cases they were carried across the continent) and all of the animals, wagons, tents and other supplies which were purchased or taken from the quartermaster's depots for use in Cuba.

The medical department and the commissary department have been put to considerable extra expense by intervention, and it would not be surprising if the total would reach a million dollars, all to be defrayed from the Cuban treasury.

Copperville.—On Thursday evening of last week, some of the associates of Miss Belle and Robert Shriner assembled at their home to participate in the pleasures of a fandango. Upon the arrival of about 60 of their friends, the dance began, to the music of the Hill orchestra, which was indulged in till a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mason and son, of Baltimore, spent from Saturday till Monday, with Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Fleagle.

Mrs. Segafoose paid a visit to her sister, Mrs. Flickinger, accompanied by her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welk and son, Walter, of near Baust church.

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Detour.—On Thursday Oct. the 11th. a few friends were invited to spend the evening at the home of