

MASSACRES IN ARMENIA.

The full extent of the American massacres is indicated in a report to the State Department by United States Consul Bergholtz at Erzeroum, wherein he says:

"The number of Armenian children under twelve years of age made orphans by the massacres of 1895 is 50,000, according to the estimates of the missionaries. The question of what shall be done with these orphans is receiving the attention of the Christian world. The American Board of Commissioners is giving the matter serious thought. It has formulated no general plan of relief, although the question of creating orphanages, clothing factories and industrial institutions is under consideration. German charitable or religious societies are preparing to establish industrial orphan asylums at Orpha, Cesarea and elsewhere and the Kaiserwerth Deaconesses of Germany has made provision for receiving Armenian orphans at Smyrna, and thirty have been sent there from here. The British government or its ambassador at Constantinople has initiated a movement leading towards settling a number of widows and their children on the Island of Cyprus. More particularly at present at least those within the Province of Erzeroum, which number in the cities of Erzeroum, Erzingan and Bailbourt, 2,049, who are without means and recipients of relief. In Erzeroum there are 180 widows with 700 children, in Erzingan 100 widows with 450 children, and at Bailbourt 119 widows with 500 children.

"The widows of Bailbourt are in particularly distressing circumstances, not a male major remaining. No active steps as yet have been taken to carry out this philanthropic movement, beyond requesting the relief committee of the province to ascertain if the widows are willing to leave. I think the offer will be gladly accepted."—Baltimore American.

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CUBAN RESOLUTIONS.

In the Senate Monday Mr. Cameron presented the report of the committee on foreign affairs favorable to his resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba. Mr. Morgan presented a report on the same lines embodying his views and those of Mr. Mills. Mr. Vest criticized Secretary Olney's statement and offered a resolution declaring that recognition of independence is a joint power of the legislative and executive branches. Resolutions were offered by Mr. Hill and Mr. Chilton declaring that a state of war existed in Cuba warranting the recognition of the belligerent rights of both parties and calling for the observance of strict neutrality by the United States; and one by Mr. Bacon, declaring that the power of recognizing independence is a prerogative belonging exclusively to the Congress. Mr. Sherman, from the committee on foreign relations, reported favorably on the resolutions of Mr. Call asking for information relative to American citizens confined in Spanish prisons, and this was agreed to by the Senate.

Mrs. JOHN P. STEWART confessed at Helena, Mont., that she killed her husband, for whose murder her mother and stepfather have been serving terms in the penitentiary. Governor Richards pardoned the two prisoners.

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A FIGHT WITH TRAIN ROBBERS.

While the Missouri, Kansas and Texas flyer was approaching Sedalia Mo., at an early hour last Thursday morning three men, who had boarded the train further up the road, commenced to rob the passengers on the chair car, relieving them of watches, jewelry and money. A wild scene followed, some of the awakened passengers making a show of fight. C. H. Hopewood, of Finnegan, Ill., who had lost his watch, grabbed the timepiece from one of the robbers, and a scuffle ensued. Other passengers came to Hopewood's assistance, but the thieves fought their way to the platform and jumped off the train just as it was entering the city. They escaped after securing three gold watches and a small amount of money. Not a shot was fired by the robbers or passengers, and the thing was over inside of five minutes.

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CAUGHT IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Detectives Wittick and Campbell, of Columbia, Monday arrested Thomas Bird and Charles Turner, colored, who are wanted for attempted murder in Williamsport, Md. Recently Turner and Bird became involved in a quarrel with a party of boatmen at Williamsport. Harry McCoy, a white man, shot Turner in the head, wounding him badly. The colored man stabbed McCoy and another man almost to death. They fled, and were followed by a mob, who attempted to lynch them. They ran through the house of Turner's brother, and escaped through the rear. The mob thought they were inside, and blew the house down with dynamite. The men then went to Columbia, and Turner suffered greatly from his wound. The men are willing to go back to Maryland to stand trial without a requisition.—American.

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The Baltimore Board of Trade adopted resolutions deploring the action of the Senate committee on foreign affairs in agreeing to report favorably a joint resolution to recognize the independence of Cuba, and requesting the Maryland Senators and Representatives to oppose its passage.

THERE were 1,971 individual depositors in the National Bank of Illinois, which suspended Monday. There were 350 national, State and private banks interested. The city of Chicago was also a depositor.

THE United States and Canada waterway commission, which is considering plans for a deep water way from the great lakes to the seaboard began its sessions in Detroit.

Rev. William Warren Albee, the oldest member of the Western North Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South, died in Winston, aged eighty-six years.

William H. Campbell, of Maryland, has been appointed a clerk at \$1,600 in the quartermasters depot at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

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At Littleton, Wetzel county, W. Va., a wire suspension bridge over a creek broke down while crowded with people returning home from a church entertainment and about 30 or 40 people were thrown into the bed of the stream. One young man was killed, two others probably fatally hurt and 8 or 10 others injured.

Governor Morton refused to pardon John Y. McKane, who is imprisoned in Sing Sing for ballot-box frauds.

Fits Cured. From U.S. Journal of Medicine Prof. W. H. Peck, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any living Physician. His success is astonishing. He has cured a large number of cases of 20 years' standing cured by his method. He publishes a valuable work on this disease, which he sends with a letter, a bottle of his absolute cure, free to any sufferers who may send their P. O. and Express address. We advise any one wishing a cure to address Prof. W. H. PECK, P. O. 4 Cedar St., New York.

BLOODHOUNDS WANTED. There will be a great demand for bloodhounds in Kansas during the next few months. A number of communities are advertising for hounds with which to run down and capture thieves of all classes. A public meeting has been called by the Ottawa Anti-Horse-Thief Association, and bloodhounds will be purchased to pursue the great number of horse-thieves who have been operating in Southeastern Kansas. Under the first administration of the populist party in Kansas bloodhounds were kept at the penitentiary, and it is claimed that this precaution prevented many attempted escapes. The one prisoner who attempted to flee was found twenty-four hours later in a tree six miles distant, safely guarded by the bloodhounds.

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NOTICE. Road Supervisors. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. DECEMBER 21st, 1896. The County Commissioners will meet at their office on January 4th, 1897, for the purpose of settlement with Road Supervisors for the year 1896, and the following schedule will govern their proceedings: 1897, January 4—Will attend to general business. 1897, January 5—Will settle with Buck-cystown District, No. 1. 1897, January 6—Will settle with Frederick District, No. 2. 1897, January 7—Will settle with Middletown District, No. 3. 1897, January 8—Will settle with Creagerstown and Tuscarora Districts, Nos. 4 and 21. 1897, January 9—Will settle with Catoctin District, No. 6. SECOND WEEK. 1897, January 11—Will settle with Wood-boro' District, No. 11. 1897, January 12—Will settle with Johnsville and Liberty Districts, Nos. 17 and 8. 1897, January 13—Will settle with Linganore and Mt. Pleasant Districts, Nos. 10 and 13. 1897, January 14—Will settle with New Market District, No. 9. 1897, January 15—Will settle with Petersville and Burkittsville Districts, Nos. 12 and 22. 1897, January 16—Will settle with Woodville District, No. 18. THIRD WEEK. 1897, January 18—Will settle with Lewis-town District, No. 20. 1897, January 19—Will settle with Urbana District, No. 7. 1897, January 20—Will settle with Emmitsburg District, No. 5. 1897, January 21—Will settle with Jefferson and Jackson Districts, Nos. 14 and 15. 1897, January 22—Will settle with Mechanicstown District, No. 15. 1897, January 23—Will settle with Thur-vers District, No. 10. P. S.—Special Notice. Supervisors of Roads will please bring their commissions for 1896 with them when they come to settle. Please do not neglect to do so. By order, WILLIAM MORRISON, President, dec. 23-31s.

TRUSTEE'S SALE. BY VIRTUE of a decree of the Circuit Court for Frederick county, sitting as a Court of Equity in No. 6330 Equity on the Equity Docket of the said Court, passed on the 14th of December, A. D. 1896, the undersigned as Trustee, will sell at public sale at the Western Maryland Hotel, in Emmitsburg, Frederick county, Maryland, at the hour of 2 o'clock, P. M., On Saturday, the 16th day of January, A. D. 1897, all the following valuable real estate, known as the Edw. I. Florence property, consisting of 11 ACRES OF LAND, more or less, situated about 14 miles northwest of the town of Emmitsburg and lying between the two roads leading into the Waynesboro Pike and adjoining the lands of Mrs. Bline and others, improved by a good large sized Weatherboarded Dwelling House, rough-cut in front, a Carpenter Shop, Smoke House, Corn Crib and other outbuildings. The land is in a high state of cultivation and the buildings in good repair. An excellent well of water is on the premises, also a number of trees of choice fruit. This property will make a fine home for any one desiring to live near town. Terms of Sale.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale or the ratification thereof by the Court; the residue in two equal payments in six and twelve months from day of sale, the purchaser or purchasers giving his, her or their notes with approved security and bearing interest from the day of sale for the deferred payments, or all cash at the option of the purchaser or purchasers. All conveyancing at the expense of the purchaser or purchasers. VINCENT SEBOLD, Trustee, dec 25-4ts

Trustees' Public Sale. Dwelling House and Personal Property, AT ROCKY RIDGE, MD. BY VIRTUE of the decree of the Circuit Court for Frederick county, Md. sitting as a Court of Equity, passed on the date December 8th, 1896, in the case wherein George F. Miller is the plaintiff and William U. G. Glenn, et al., are the defendants, and in Equity cause No. 6485 on the Equity Docket of said Court, the undersigned Trustees named in said Decree, will sell at public sale on the premises in the village of Rocky Ridge, in Creagerstown District, Frederick county, Maryland, On Thursday, January 7th, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock, p. m., the real and personal property decreed to be sold, and being the property of William U. G. Glenn and Katie E. Glenn, his wife, located in the village of Rocky Ridge, in Frederick county, Maryland, the real estate consisting of the lot of ground described in the deed from George F. Miller and wife to William U. G. Glenn dated April 6th, 1894, and recorded in Liber J. L. J. No. 5, folio 102, etc., one of the Land Records of Frederick county, Maryland, and improved with a new Two-Story Weather-boarded DWELLING HOUSE and outbuildings, said lot containing 8,500 square feet of land, more or less. This real estate is now occupied by William U. G. Glenn and wife. Also at the same time and place, and by the same auctioneer, we will sell the following articles of personal property: 1 cook stove and fixtures, 3 bedssteads, 2 bureaus, 1 dressing bureau with glass, 6 cane seat chairs, 1 large arm case seat rocker, 1 cane seat rocker, no arms, 1 hair cloth sofa, 1 round table, 1 drop leaf table, 1 walnut cupboard, 1 egg shaped stand, 1 double cupboard, 1 side, 1 sink, 1 spring wheel chair, 1 coal stove, about 60 yards of carpet, lot of dishes, and all house utensils in or about said premises. Terms of sale.—Real estate, one-half cash; the balance in six months from date of sale, the purchaser or purchasers giving his, her or their notes with approved security and bearing interest from the day of sale, or all cash at the option of the purchaser. Personal property—Cash at time of sale. Conveyancing at the expense of the purchaser. EDWARD HEWES, JACOB ROHRBACK, Trustees, dec. 11-4ts.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 25, 1896.

Emmitsburg Rail Road.

TIME TABLE.

On and after Sept. 27, 1896, trains on this road will run as follows:

TRAINS SOUTH.

Leave Emmitsburg, daily, except Sundays, at 7:50 and 10:00 a. m. and 2:55 and 4:50 p. m., arriving at Rocky Ridge at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. and 3:25 and 5:20 p. m.

TRAINS NORTH.

Leave Rocky Ridge, daily, except Sundays, at 8:20 and 10:40 a. m. and 3:31 and 6:34 p. m., arriving at Emmitsburg at 8:56 and 11:10 a. m. and 4:01 and 7:04 p. m.

JAMES A. ELDER, Pres't.

Spring Sales.

We will begin publishing our sale register about January first, and if you intend having sale in the Spring select your date and send it to us for publication. We publish these notices free when the sale bills are printed at this office, or advertised in the CHRONICLE. Our bills are attractive and always give satisfaction. Send in your date early.

A MERRY Christmas to all.

CANDIES at all prices at KING'S.

ABOUT three inches of snow fell here Tuesday afternoon and night.

The Public Schools closed for the Christmas holidays, Wednesday.

The total coal shipments by the C. and O. canal this year were 363,957 tons.

REV. ROBERT E. PROBE, a colored minister of Frederick, died Monday night.

LAST Sunday ten Tunkers were baptized in the icy water of a stream near Hagerstown.

It is believed the tax basis of Hagerstown will be increased from \$5,500,000 to \$7,000,000.

PETER MILLER and William Moody, of Howard county, were bitten by a dog supposed to be mad.

JUDGE PHELPS, Baltimore, decided that a married woman cannot legally levy a distraint in Maryland.

JOHN HART, a young colored man, was shot and slightly wounded in the arm at Frank McAbee's store, at Lime Kiln, this county, Friday night.

ROBERT HENRY, aged eight years, the youngest of the eight boys who were bitten by a mad dog December 1, died of hydrophobia at his home in Waverly, Monday.

GOV. LOWMEYER has notified the members of the boards of control and review of the recent reassessment of taxable property that they must complete their work by February 15.

ON Wednesday, Mr. John Brown, who resides on the mountain west of this place, exhibited in town a corn cob, the one end of which looked very much like the hand of a person.

OUR friend, Mr. Edwin S. Johnston, of Altoona, Pa., in renewing his subscription to the CHRONICLE, informs us that business in that city is beginning to improve, with bright prospects for the future.

THE Glade Valley Council, Jr., O. U. A. M., will present a Bible and flag to the public school at Walkersville on New Year's Day. A band of music and prominent speakers will assist in the ceremonies.

CHARLES W. HOFFMAN, of Hagerstown, who was found in his room one morning last week with his head badly bruised and skull fractured, is getting better, and Dr. Charles B. Boyle, his physician, thinks if inflammation does not set in will get well.

NETTIE, a young daughter of Mr. Irvin R. Grimm, of Hagerstown, was badly bitten by a cat. The cat first jumped upon Mrs. Grimm, who with difficulty shook it off. It then sprang upon the little girl, sinking its teeth in her shoulder.

HAGERSTOWN residents are responding liberally to requests for funds to defray the expense of seining the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and transferring the bass to the Potomac river. Deputy Game Ward J. Scott Bowers, who is soliciting, reports much success.—Sun.

A. J. WILSON, of Cumberland, and Jacob Denison, of Hagerstown, indulged in a pie-eating contest at Junior Hall, Cumberland, the former winning the prize. He ate two raspberry pies about three feet in circumference in sixty seconds, his rival requiring twice as long to finish a similar pie.—American.

EXTENSIVE preparations are being made for the dedication of the handsome new Methodist Church at Buckeystown, this county, on Sunday next, December 27. This church has recently been completed from designs by Architect Gott, of Baltimore. It is built of Port Deposit granite, and cost about \$10,000.

A Welcome Visitor of '97. The beginning of the new year will have a welcome usher in the shape of a fresh Almanac, descriptive of the origin, nature and uses of the national tonic and alterative, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Combined with the descriptive matter will be found calendar and astronomical calculations absolutely reliable for correctness. Statistics, illustrations, verses carefully selected, and other mental food highly profitable and entertaining. On this pamphlet, published and printed annually by The Hostetter Company, of Pittsburg, 60 hands are employed in the mechanical department alone. Eleven months are devoted to its preparation. It is procurable from druggists and country dealers everywhere, and is printed in English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Norwegian, Holland, Swedish and Bohemian.

POSTOFFICE ROBBERIES.

Safes Blown Open at Unionville and Union Bridge.

Two postoffice robberies took place Friday night—one at Union Bridge, Carroll county, and the other at Unionville, in Frederick county. The robbery at Unionville preceded that at Union Bridge by about two hours. Unionville is only a few miles from the Carroll county line. The postoffice is in the store of H. C. Worman, who is the postmaster. The robbery occurred at about midnight on Friday. The robbers, after gaining an entrance, drilled a hole in the door of the safe in which Mr. Worman kept his private funds and the stamps and money of the government, and inserted a charge of powder and blew it open. They got \$250 in cash and \$200 in stamps.

The supposed robbers had been in Union Bridge for several days and were there Friday morning, but were not seen after 10 o'clock Friday night. At the hour last named several residents of Union Bridge, in passing the stable of Mr. Jacob Stoner, noticed that his stable door, which is generally closed, was standing open. It is supposed that the burglars took Mr. Stoner's horse and buggy and drove to Unionville, committed the robbery there and then drove back to Union Bridge.

The Union Bridge postoffice is kept in the store of Mr. John W. Little, who is the postmaster. The burglars first attempted to gain an entrance by forcing a heavily barred back window. Not being successful in that, they went to the front door, which they pried open with jimnies. The store is on Main street. The noise made by the robbers was heard by a number of persons, but none of them thought anything wrong was going on. After getting inside they drilled a hole in the safe and then blew the door off with powder. The safe contained three hundred and fifty dollars in stamps, but only a little money. After securing their booty the robbers drove away with Mr. Jacob Stoner's team. The horse and buggy were found in a woods near Mt. Airy Sunday.

One of the supposed robbers is described as being a tall man, with a heavy black mustache, and the other a short man with a red mustache. They were well dressed.

STONY BRANCH ITEMS.

Mr. George E., son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Warren, of Fountain Dale, Pa., and Miss Eltie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Stansbury, of Stony Branch, this District, were married on last Thursday, at 10:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents. The contracting parties entered the parlor where they were met by the officiating clergyman, Rev. M. H. Courtney, of the M. E. Church, Thurmont, and were married in the presence of many relatives and friends, who had been invited to witness the ceremony. After the newly married couple had received the congratulations of those present, the guests were invited to the dining-room where a sumptuous wedding dinner had been prepared.

In the evening there was a reception to which many of the young people of the neighborhood were invited. The bride and groom were the recipients of many handsome and valuable presents.

The Union Sunday School, of Stony Branch, will hold a Christmas service on Saturday evening of this week, commencing at 7 o'clock. A service, entitled "Hail The King," will be rendered.

Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger, of the Reformed church, Emmitsburg, preached from the text, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life," to a large and appreciative audience on last Sunday. This is the fourth time that he has preached at this place. Come again, Brother.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Guy Numemaker, of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., is spending the holiday vacation with his parents in this place.

Mr. N. Rowe and two grand-children, Robert and Helen Sellers, are spending the Christmas holidays at the Samuel Ready School, in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Speed, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. Speed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. McNair, of this place.

Mr. Joseph Gamble, of Columbia, Pa., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gamble, near town.

Mr. Thomas Hays made a visit to Baltimore this week.

Mr. Samuel Rowe is home from Frederick.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Spindler, of Wilmington, Dela., arrived at "Penola Farm," near town, Tuesday evening to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Spindler's brother, Mr. F. A. Welty.

Mr. Harry Stout, Mrs. James T. Hospelhorn and Miss Ellie Crowl, are spending the Christmas holidays at Shepherdstown, W. Va.

Mr. Howard Rider is visiting his brother, Harry Rider, in Pennsylvania.

Mr. F. A. Adelsberger is spending Xmas in Baltimore.

Found Indian Skeletons.

Harry Traver, an employe of the canal company, residing about three miles below Williamsport, while out hunting a few days ago, came across a large mound. Mr. Traver is an enthusiastic collector of Indian relics and curiosities, having many in his possession. Mr. Traver explored the mound and found the skeletons of six Indians buried in a circle, with their heads on the outer edge and their feet in the center. One of the skeletons was six feet four inches in height and beside it lay a number of bear claws. The skulls were in an excellent state of preservation and the teeth were intact and white and solid. Mr. Traver opened a mound recently a short distance from this one, which contained one skeleton. He has reported his discovery to the Smithsonian Institution.

Retained Presence of Mind, Though Her Head Was Afire.

Miss Nellie Reed, a teacher in the public schools of Williamsport, had a narrow escape from being burned to death at her home Monday night. While in the act of leaning over a table, on which was a lighted lamp, her head came in contact with the chimney, setting fire to the trimmings on her hat. In an instant the flames had encircled her head. With remarkable presence of mind, the young lady tore the blazing hat from her head, and, with assistance of Mr. Clarence Spigler, who was with her, succeeded in extinguishing the fire. Miss Reed possesses a beautiful suit of hair, which was slightly singed. Aside from that, she experienced a bad fright and was extremely nervous for a while.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES.

Christmas services will be held at all the churches in this place. The first service in honor of the festival occasion was held in the Presbyterian Church Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Sunday School. A very interesting programme was rendered before a large audience.

M. E. Church.

The Sunday School of the M. E. Church will hold a Christmas service in the M. E. Church, on Thursday evening, at 6:15 o'clock, when the following programme will be rendered: Organ Voluntary; Song—"Jesus in the Manger;" Prayer; Solo and chorus—"Angelic Voices;" Scripture Lesson; Recitation and singing—"Children's Tribute by Primary Class;" Recitation, Luther's Cradle Hymn; Solo and chorus—"The Blessed Story;" Dialogue by Primary Class; Chorus—"Christmas Among the Shepherds and the Lambs; Solo and chorus—"The Children's Christmas;" Address; Collection; Gather around the Christmas Tree; Distribution; Closing Exercises.

Reformed Church.

A pleasing programme will be rendered by the Sunday School of the Reformed Church on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. There will be a large Christmas tree in the church, which will be nicely decorated and brilliantly lighted by means of small candles. The programme to be rendered is entitled "The Babe of Bethlehem." The services will open with the singing of "Adeste Fideles," followed by an Invocation; Singing—"Gloria In Excelsis;" Responsive Reading; Apostles' Creed; "Gloria Patri;" Prayer; Chorus—"Tis My Saviour's Happy Birthday;" Catechism by Infant Class; Chorus—"Happy Hearts;" First Scripture Lesson; Chorus—"O Bethlehem the Lowly;" Responsive Reading; Solo—"Hail Jesus! Israel's Hope;" Second Scripture Lesson; Chorus—"O Wondrous Love;" Address by the Pastor, Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger; Hymn—"Angels, from the Realms of Glory;" Lifting of the Christmas Offering; Chorus—"Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh;" Lord's Prayer; Doxology; Benediction; Distribution of Gifts.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

A pleasing programme will be rendered at St. Joseph's Church—Rev. Fr. Landry, pastor—with High Mass at five o'clock on Christmas morning. A choir of eighteen voices, under the direction of Miss M. Estelle Lansing, will render Farmer's Mass in B flat. One of the greatest features will be Marches by an orchestra of nine pieces, and Novello's Adeste Fideles. Organist, Miss M. Tyson.

Lutheran Church.

The annual Christmas services of the Sunday School of the Lutheran Church will be held in that Church on Christmas evening at 6:30 o'clock. There will be two large Christmas trees, which will be tastefully trimmed and brilliantly illuminated. The programme to be rendered is entitled "Good Tidings," and was prepared by Chas. H. Gabriel, and is as follows: Processional; to be rendered on pipe organ; Song—"Happy Christmas-Time;" Hymn, by congregation—"Joy to the World;" Prayer, by the pastor, Rev. Charles Reinwald; Greeting by the Superintendent, Mr. Chas. F. Rowe; Exercises by the Infant Department; Carol—"A Song of Joy;" Scripture Reading; Recitation—"Christmas;" Carol—"Ring the Merry Bells;" Responsive Reading; Solo and chorus—"O Wonderful Babe;" Recitation—"Peace on Earth;" Responsive Reading; Carol—"Glory to the Highest;" Recitation—"Christmas Morn;" Primary Class Song—"The Sweet Story;" Primary Class Recitation; Carol—"The Bells, the Song and the Star;" Recitation; Congregational Hymn—"Wilmut;" Address by the pastor, Rev. Charles Reinwald; Special music by the choir; Responsive Reading; Duet and Chorus—"Beautiful Song;" Recitation; Song—"The Guiding Star;" Tree Drawing; Benediction; Postlude.

Mt. St. Mary's Church.

At Mt. St. Mary's Church the first Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 o'clock on Christmas morning. Adeste Fideles will be rendered before Mass. Solos and chorus; Grand Mass in E flat, by Dr. Henry Dielman, recently published; "Soft Moonlight;" Dielman; Offertory piece; "Glory to God;" Dielman; Solos and chorus. At the ten o'clock Mass the music will be rendered by the junior choir. Hymn to the Infant, before Mass; Mass in G, two voices, by Battman; Noel, Offertory, Adams; Hymn, full chorus; Adeste Fideles, chorus. Miss Emma Moore, organist.

Church Dedicated.

St. Mary's Lutheran Church, at Silver Run, in Myers' district, Carroll county, was dedicated Monday. The church was built at a cost of \$18,000, and several thousand dollars' worth of labor and material were contributed. It is built of light gray stone, with trimmings of brown stone. The style of architecture is gothic and there is a tower eighty feet in height. The windows are of Cathedral glass. Its dimensions, in which are included a Sunday-school and lecture-room, are 70 by 80. The church proper is 46 by 50 and has a seating capacity of 300.

The dedicatory services were attended by a large crowd of people. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Richard, D. D., of the Gettysburg Theological Seminary, and the formal act of dedication was performed by Rev. Wm. H. Ehrhart. Other ministers assisting at the services were Revs. M. Blint and Wire, of Littlestown, and D. F. Garland, of Toneytown. The church was consecrated free of debt.

VACATION AT THE MOUNT.

Mr. St. Mary's College, Dec. 22. The morning of Thursday, December 17th, was a propitious one for the students of Mount Saint Mary's College. It was for them the first day of the Christmas holidays. Many of the students departed for their respective homes, but those fortunate enough to remain were more than compensated for their "seeming hard luck" by the round of amusement afforded them at the College.

We always expect to see boys jolly and happy, and none more so than college boys. Then we, of the Mount, have greater advantages than many others. We have excellent roads, fine scenery, beautiful drives and walks, and a most healthy location. With all these attractions we have little reason for homesickness.

As soon as the boys departed we set to work to devise ways of amusement. With our good roads we are enabled to enjoy pleasant walks and long rides on our wheels. Thanks to the kindness of our Very Reverend President, Dr. Allen, we are allowed to have "bikes."

So much for the day; but a plan for making the evenings pass as pleasantly as the day was also agreed upon. At that period, when darkness enshrouds the earth, boys are apt to be most inclined towards nostalgia; so it was a happy impulse that proposed a "mock trial." Judge Egan was as severe and commanding a judge as could be found. The culprit brought before him trembled in fear of his justice, and when the sentence was passed felt obliged to praise his clemency. Thus the first night passed off very agreeably.

Next night we had an excellent impromptu entertainment. The cast was a happy selection, and, judging from the applause, the audience was more than pleased at their efforts to entertain.

From the opening chorus, "In the Evening by the Moonlight," to the grand finale "Soldiers' Chorus from Faust," there was nothing to mar the enjoyment of the evening.

Thanks to the earnest efforts of Mr. James Harwood, as pianist, and of Mr. Peter P. Keeley, as manager and interlocutor, much eclat was added to the entertainment.

The jokes were very well rendered, the jokes original and spicy, and the drills exceptionally fine. The incongruity of an "Irish negro" seemed to amuse every one immensely.

Mr. Jules Tuder pleased the audience exceedingly by his rendition of the French National Song, "La Marseillaise," which was enthusiastically encored.

Messrs. Bratton and Grossart were inimitable as "end men." Their jokes were very a propos, as were also their songs.

Mr. Kitrick—the Irish negro—cleverly performed a difficult jig, and his facial expressions and caricatures were very laughable.

The political discussion between Bratton and Kitrick enlightened, as well as amused us.

Messrs. Leo Joyce, Jules Tuder, John Rothrum, E. Fields, John Egan and Stirling Nott rendered some new and pleasing songs.

The quartette, composed of Fields, Grossart, Rothrum and Nott, sang "Nellie Was a Lady," in a most sympathetic and pleasant manner that fully merited the encore they received.

Below is the programme in detail.

Overture—March of Lohengrin, J. Harwood; Chorus—In the evening by the moonlight, Circle; Song—Selection from El Capitaine, J. Bratton; Jig—Irish elog, M. Kitrick; Song—Selected, Messrs. Kitrick and Rothrum; Song—La Marseillaise, J. Tuder; Chorus—Selected from La Mascotte, Circle. Intermission. Chorus—Does you "ear dem bells? Circle; A Trio of Improbable Tales, Messrs. Kitrick, Rothrum, Grossart; Quartette—Nellie Was a Lady, Messrs. Fields, Grossart, Rothrum, Nott.

Political discussion, J. Bratton and M. Kitrick; Song—Asthore, Stirling Nott; Impersonation of Medicine Man, J. Rothrum; Song—Selected, Leo Joyce; Finale—Soldiers' Chorus from Faust, Circle.

Cast—Interlocutor, Mr. Peter P. Keeley; End Men—Boncs, W. Grossart, Tambo, J. Bratton.

Circle—J. Rothrum, Jno. Egan, M. Kitrick, Leo Joyce, E. Fields, James Stack, Jules Tuder, Stirling Nott. N.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will cure 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption if used according to directions, it also cures all lingering coughs, bronchial and throat affections. There is no reason why the child of consumptive parents need ever have consumption if its blood and lungs are strengthened by the proper use of the "Discovery." All who have any reason to fear consumption, should read the chapters on that disease in Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. This great medical work of 1008 pages, profusely illustrated, has reached a sale of over 600,000 copies. It will be sent free of charge on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only. World's Dispensary Medical Association, 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

This streams, wells and springs in various parts of Frederick county have never been so low as they are this fall. In some places farmers are buying water by the barrel from those who have springs. A heavy rain is badly needed before cold water sets in. Many wells have failed. A number of small streams have dried up and cisterns are empty. A number of people have to drive their stock a good distance to reach water. If a freeze-up should come before rain falls it would entail further trouble.—Sun.

Wm. A. MANSFIELD, a Frederick banker and broker, has given away 2,825 loaves of bread to the poor of this city.

FAIRFIELD ITEMS.

FAIRFIELD, Dec. 22.—Mr. Martin Mickle, who was reported as being ill, has since died. Funeral services were held on last Wednesday. Interment in Flor's Cemetery. He was 74 years, 9 months old.

David Brown, one of our supervisors, has been running the stone crusher for several days. He is putting crushed stone on the Fairfield road. He has the road in good shape.

The preachers say there is no marrying in Heaven. A lady said of course not. There would not be men enough to go around.

A paper dollar is worth more than a silver dollar, because it is always doubled when you put it in your pocket.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Riley, of this place, are visiting in Franklin county, being the guests of Mr. Tripper Riley.

Mr. Andy Musselman, of this place, shot a fox one day last week. He is an expert fox hunter.

Mr. Wm. Yingling, of Round Top, is a visitor at this place.

The children are anxiously awaiting for Christmas, so Santa Claus will bring them candy and toys down the chimney.

The G. A. R. Ben Soup, at Fairfield was largely attended on last Saturday night. Fairfield never gets left on such occasions, from fact that the ladies take an active part. There were a large number of visitors in attendance from a distance. Among those from Emmitsburg were, Messrs. John H. Menzer, Walter Dorsey, H. M. Rowe, Charles E. Hoke, Andrew A. Kremer.

The post extends thanks to all who in any way assisted in making the occasion a success.

The members of the Catholic Church of Fairfield, will hold an oyster and turkey supper, on Dec. 31, January 1 and 2. All are invited.

The Council of the Borough of Fairfield has decided to widen Water Street. There will be lots of "kicking." Some of the buildings will have to be removed. The street lamps are great improvement.

There will be communion services in the Lutheran Church on the first Sunday in January.

The Whole Story

Of the great sales attained and great cures accomplished by Hood's Sarsaparilla is quickly told. It purifies and enriches the blood, tones the stomach and gives strength and vigor. Disease cannot enter the system fortified by the rich, red blood which comes by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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FAIRPLAY ITEMS.

FAIRPLAY, Pa., Dec. 22.—Company C, Cole's Cavalry, held its annual meeting and banquet at this place, on Dec. 17. The evening was pleasantly spent and greatly enjoyed by all present. The meeting was held in Mr. J. S. Felix's Hall and the supper was served at the home of Mr. S. S. Moritz. Before adjourning Company C, extended a vote of thanks to Messrs. S. S. Moritz and J. S. Felix for the kind and good treatment accorded the Company.

Mr. Abraham Herling has treated his house on the old Coo farm to a coat of paint.

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Mr. Ernest Manahan, of Highland township, was the guest of Mr. R. E. Wood.

Christmas makes the young folks at this place very jovial.

Mr. Wm. Mehring and wife, of Sentinel Hall, visited Mr. Ollie Lookenbaugh, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hount and two daughters, Misses Minnie and Bessie, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Little, and Miss Zula Groop, of Idaville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shelleman, this week.

Mr. Ben. Steiner bought a horse of Mr. John Benschhoff, this week.

Mr. Geo. Herr, of Harney, and Mr. Levi Snyder started on a hunting trip. It is rumored that a railroad will be built between Gettysburg and Emmitsburg. The report is unauthenticated.

Mr. Jos. Hoffman, of Zora, formerly of this vicinity, paid a visit to his old neighbors.

Mr. J. H. Plank has put a new roof on his house.

Mr. Geo. Shiver, of Kansas, formerly of this vicinity, is visiting friends at this place.

Gunning Accident.

Frank Martin, aged twenty-seven years, son of Philip C. Martin, residing near Cumberland, was accidentally shot through the left side, in the region of the heart, Saturday afternoon by John Morrissey, of Cumberland, with whom he was hunting on Piney Hill. While his gun cocked Morrissey crawled through a wire fence, the hammer striking a wire, a buck-shot entering the body of Martin, who was in front. The doctor is unable to locate the bullet and the young man is in a critical condition.

"THE BLUE AND THE GRAY LINE."

Veterans Interested in District Organization with Gettysburg.

From the Washington Post.

Considerable interest has been aroused among the veterans of the late war over the proposed trolley line to Gettysburg, and a general wish is manifested among them that such a road be speedily constructed.

Such a line would open up one of the most picturesque and healthful sections of Maryland, and bring the produce of that section directly to our doors. Thus the project interests the citizens of Washington generally, and the residents of northeast Washington particularly. As the line will enter the District by the way of Bunker Hill road, thence along Twelfth street northeast to Delaware avenue extended, and thus by connections with the Columbia and Metropolitan lines afford North and East Washington a direct transit to all parts of the city and District for one fare.

But aside from the local advantages of such a road to our city, which are many, there is an ever-increasing demand for access to the Gettysburg by the traveling public generally. The traveling public always takes Washington in its itinerary, and from Washington, Mount Vernon and Gettysburg are the two halloved spots. But Gettysburg is not directly nor conveniently accessible, therefore there is great need among the old soldiers is strongly in favor of it. That field is covered with monuments to their valor. It clusters with memories of brilliant successes and heroic failures. It belongs as much to the boys in gray as to the boys in blue. It stands pre-eminently as our soldiers' field. Could a full expression of opinion be had, the voice of the South would be found with that of the North and of the West for such a line. Let the old soldiers then have their road, and when built it might, with propriety, be called the Blue and the Gray Line.

WM. F. SLINNEY, First Ohio Light Artillery Volunteers.

Head Caught in a Hay Press.

Chas. Grimes, a young man of Bartlettsville, this county, while assisting to bale hay on the farm of Columbus O'Donnell, accidentally had his head caught in the machinery. He was attempting to remove a bale of hay from the press when his head was caught and pressed with such force that the blood flowed from his mouth and nose. He was taken to his home and Dr. Hilary summoned, who rendered medical aid and pronounced the case as not serious.

WARREN—STANBURY.—On Dec. 17, 1896, at the home of the bride's parents at Stony Branch, by Rev. M. E. Courtney, Mr. George E. Warren, of Fountain Dale, Pa., to Miss Eltie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Philip Stansbury, of Stony Branch, this district.

RICHARDSON.—On Dec. 19, 1896, at his residence near town after a lingering illness, Alexis Richardson, colored, aged about 41 years. Funeral services were held on Monday.

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ANIMALS' CHRISTMAS

THE PART THEY PLAY IN EUROPEAN CELEBRATIONS.

Curious Customs but Little Known in This Country—Superstitions About Peasants and Birds—Blessing the Flocks—A Rooster Mass in Spain.

Among the most pleasing features of the universal good will that prevails at Christmas in the old world is the kindly disposition shown to extend the enjoyment of the festivity to the dumb animals, which just at this season of the year may be said to be brought into more friendly and intimate contact with their masters than at any other time of the year.

Throughout Scandinavia, Germany and Austria the peasants are accustomed to erect in front of their cottages on Christmas day a pole to which is fastened a large sheaf of oats or corn for the benefit of the little birds, while in many districts grain is spread outside on the doormat and window sills on the evening of Dec. 24.

The Albanians, the Montenegrins and in fact nearly all the races of the southeast of Europe, respectively of creed or nationality, make a point of distributing their first large Christmas meal cake among the cattle, after having broken it on the horn of an ox, while during the siege of Paris, when each soldier of the beleaguering German army managed to have his little Christmas tree, however scant or poor, set up on Christmas eve in remembrance of the loved ones at home, nearly every trooper made a point of leading up his horse to see his tree and to receive his master's ration of bread in honor of the occasion.

Only in certain districts of southern Italy and in the Isle of Man are exceptions to be found to this rule. Thus in Calabria it is customary among the peasantry at Christmas time to place cake upon a table and to drive the oxen around it, those who attempt to taste the food being slaughtered on the spot. In the Isle of Man the cruel pastime known as "hunting the wren," and which dates back to pagan times, is still practiced every Christmas morning, all the villagers turning out, every one armed with two sticks—one for beating the bushes and the other for throwing at the birds. The origin of the custom is to be found in the legend according to which "there formerly lived in the Isle of Man a very beautiful fairy who exercised great influence over the male population by means of her voice, enticing them into the sea, where they were drowned. So long did this continue that fears were entertained that the island would be depopulated. Eventually, however, a knight errant of King Arthur's Round Table appeared upon the scene, and he, having discovered a means of overcoming the fairy's charm, pressed her so hard with a plot for her destruction that she could only save herself by taking the form of a wren. While she was in this form a spell was cast upon her which compelled her to assume the bird's form on each Christmas day and decreed that she should ultimately "die by human hands," hence the cruel hunting of the wren is kept up, and after the birds have been killed the children place them on ivy bushes and carry them around in procession.

But it is in France, especially in the western and southern portions thereof, that the peasants make a point of introducing their domestic animals into the celebration of Christmas not only at home, but also at church, on the ground that the poor creature having participated "in the joy of mankind at the birth of Christ should participate in the annual commemoration of the event. Thus in Brittany cattle and sheep may be said to form part of the congregation that attends the quaint yet thoroughly reverent mass performed in most of the churches of the seacoast villages on Christmas eve. On the right side of the altar a bower is constructed of fragrant pine and fir branches, with great bunches of crimson berries hollies and mistletoe glistening among the verdure. Under this canopy there sits the most beautiful maiden of the village, her hair falling on her bosom in white garments, while in her arms she reposes a young infant. Beside her stands a young man wearing a gold embroidered robe and leaning on a staff, while an ox, a donkey and four sheep quietly munch corn from a couple of managers. As soon as the gospel has been read a small chorister concealed in the card-board figure of a rooster begins to chant the verses, "For to us a child is born," imitating cleverly at the close of each strophe the crow of a chancier. The deep bass voice of another grown up chorister hidden somewhere in the fir branch bower above described "lows" the responses of "Uhu" (where), which sounds as if it proceeds from an ox. A tenor chorister concealed near the sheep utters the word "Bethlehem," and then a baritone voice, apparently proceeding from the donkey, brays "Bamus" (let us go further). Thereupon the rector, his acolytes and the entire congregation form a procession and march from the altar to the bower where the representation of the nativity is arranged. The priest, having sprinkled the mother and child as well as the animals with holy water, thereupon makes his way to the chief entrance to the church, the doors of which are wide open, looking usually out on to the sea. All the cattle and flocks of the village have meanwhile been driven into the churchyard and stand crowded together in the silvery light of the moon around the porch. Taking up his position on the topmost step of the porch, the rector exclaims: "God in his mercy, my dear children, has sent me on this radiant night of the nativity to bless your cattle and your flocks, because it is only right that the animals which constitute your greatest help and source of prosperity should participate in the joy which fills all our hearts. Now lead me to the horses, the asses, the oxen, the cows and the sheep. The clang of the bells around their necks, their loving their baying, their braying and neighing, as well as the cries and words of command of their drivers, create a tremendous din, above which ever and anon rise the solemn words of the priest, "Benedicti vos omninoes Deus, Pater et Filius et Spiritus Sanctus" the choicest bringing the blessing to a close with a resounding

your flocks past me."

The shepherd and cattle herders then begin to drive the animals past, while the priest, dipping the sprinkler into the silver ewer of holy water, showers "Amen!"

Every one who has wintered in Spain will recall to mind the "Missa del Gallo," or "cock's mass," celebrated in all the churches on Christmas eve, or rather Christmas morning. The chanticleer being the bird that is first to herald in the advent of the morning light, the Spaniards, by a happy and quaint conceit, like to imagine that he is anxious on this night of nights to call upon them even at midnight to be awake and to salute the happy morning. In the principal churches of Madrid and Seville this midnight mass in honor of the "Dios Nino" is rendered with exquisite pastoral music, castanets and tambourines playing an important part in the orchestra, while now and again, by means of a special instrument, pathetic and birdlike notes swell up with peculiar beauty, as if some midnight bird had lent its voice to mingle with the angelic psalms to herald in the mystic coming of the babe of Bethlehem. In the churches of the small provincial towns and villages the instrumental bird notes are replaced by those of an ordinary rooster, which by some device known to the peasants is made to crow at the appointed period during the celebration.

Not only on the continent of Europe, but also in the southwestern counties of England a superstition prevails to the effect that animals possess the power of speech at 12 o'clock on Christmas eve. Inasmuch, however, as only those persons who are entirely free from mortal sin are supposed to possess the privilege of understanding their utterances, there is no authentic record extant as to the character of their remarks on these occasions.

Johnny's Christmas.

Johnny Blank is under very high pressure in an effort to be good, if his own statement is to be accepted. He met a friend yesterday and made his companion's eyes bulge with his story.

"I hadn't had no fun lately, Jim," he said, glancing around to see that none of his relatives was in sight, "but I'm in it this time. Pop's promised me a new pair of skates if I get 85 on my December report, which'll be made out next week, you see. If I don't miss Sunday school and kin tell what the text is, Mam she sez she'll get me an air gun. Whoopee!"

And here John's exuberance was given vent in a series of whoops with gymnastic accompaniment. "But that's not half of 'em, Jim," he continued. "You know, when Mam she comes I hang around and work him for candy and slob, but she has promised me a dollar if I keep off her territory on bean nights. Then my uncle and my aunt, seen I'm tryin' to be good, are goin' to chip in, and as I'm goin' to two Sunday schools I'm strictly in it, and don't you forget it."

After the Christmas Eve Ball.

Up the broad steps they tripped into her home. The gas burned low. Her slender fingers lay to his in a moment. She stood directly under the gas jet, under which some one, in anticipation of the morn'g, had hung a sprig of mistletoe. He could not help it—he kissed her. She looked so pretty, so innocent, under that sprig of mistletoe.

The Sealy Ant Eater.

An animal made of tin plate, of the shape of an elongated fir cone, about three feet in length, which crackles and rustles with every movement, is one of the latest acquisitions of the Zoological society of London. Its name is the pangolin, or scaly ant eater, and it belongs to the slothful group as the armadillo and platypus. It has attracted great attention at the zoo, for it is—if we are correctly informed—the first animal of the kind which has been exhibited there. Its home is where the termites, or white ants, are found, for the animal feeds on these destructive creatures and possesses claws which are designed to break down their strongholds. The claws are also necessary for burrowing in the ground, for the pangolin excavates a cave for himself and his mate eight feet or so below the surface of the earth, and in this strange home one or two young are produced every year. The pangolin at present at the zoo is fed on ants and their eggs, and also exhibits a partiality for crickets which he scalds in milk. The scales with which its body is covered are hard and sharp as steel, and it can give a terribly cutting blow with its powerful tail. It can roll its body up into a ball like a hedgehog when it so wills.—Public Opinion.

Clerical Dances.

It is to be feared that clergymen who have entered the church through theological colleges are wretched scholars as a rule. The bishops have lately found it necessary to insist on an entrance examination on general subjects before admission to a theological college can be granted, and the results have been decidedly startling. The requirements are almost ridiculously elementary—a couple of books of Xenophon's "Anabasis," some quite easy Latin, two books of Euclid and so forth. Nevertheless, it is stated that a large number of candidates for orders are so grossly ignorant that they have been unable to get through this exceedingly easy ordeal.—London Truth.

A Royal Draftsman.

The late sketch of Paris was an excellent draftsmanship. On his visit to England seven years ago he sketched the artist of the Crystal Palace and the affairs of the Chinese fleet and the royal drawing was dashed off with a keen yet unaccustomed power of caricature not often met with in an amateur's work.

CHECKING THE WITNESS.

Festivity of a Careful Old Man to a Shrewd Young Attorney.

The young lawyer was determined that if vigilance could accomplish anything the case should be decided in favor of his client, and so when the careful old man went upon the stand for the defense the attorney leaned forward, prepared to fight every inch of the way.

"Mr. Johnson, the plaintiff," said the careful old man, "said that if I would buy the house he would get Mr. Gimpson to relinquish his lease. He said he thought Mr. Gimpson would agree to go. I guess—"

"Never mind what you guess. We don't want any hearsay or guessing. Your honor (to the court), I object to this witness' testimony. He is guessing at what he says. We want facts."

"Excuse me," said the old man. "I was about to say I guess at nothing and insisted on the understanding being established in my presence. So the two men got together with me on hand, to listen to what they said. I understand!"

"Objected to as incompetent. Your honor, we don't want to know what this man understands was done. We want what he knows was done. We want—"

"One moment," said the careful old man. "I was about to say that I understand ordinary conversation with some difficulty, and so that there might be no error I insisted that they yell out their propositions loud enough, which they did until you could hear them in the middle of the town. I am informed!"

"Your honor," cried the young attorney, "is our time to be taken up listening to hearsay evidence? He does not know. He was informed that such and such was so and so. What we must have is what he knows about the trade and whether or not he—"

"I am informed on real estate values, having been a real estate agent all my life," the old man said, "and I know what the worth of that lens was to the holder of it. Knowing the facts, I would fix his damages at \$78.33. I believe—"

"Objected to as a calculator and as incompetent. What any man believes is not necessarily good proof. I don't want to know what you believe, but what you know. We must insist on your telling what you know and not what you surmise or what you conjecture or what you think or what you imagine. A courtroom is not a place for exploiting what a man believes, but what he is sure of. I think the court will support me in saying that we don't want to know what this man believes." And the young lawyer looked confidently at the justice.

"I was going to say," said the witness, "that I believe that is all."—Chicago Record.

The Independent Stage Driver.

Eastern tourists who cannot differentiate between a California stage driver and an eastern coachman meet with really a rude shock in the wild and woolly west, and they soon learn that the Californian is a knight of the reins several grades higher in the social scale than the menial of the east.

There is an old driver at Monterey who is determined that his patrons shall make no mistake concerning his exact status, and in a quiet way he checks all attempts to make a servant of him. A short time ago he was driving a party of tourists about, when one querulous old lady who had annoyed him not a little by her air of superiority asked: "My man, do you know the name of that wild flower?"

"Yep," he replied and flicked one of his leaders with his whip. She paused a moment for him to give the name, but he merely clucked to the wheelers. "Driver, do you know the name of that flower?" she repeated in an imperious tone.

DEAF AND DUMB.

What It Means to Be Cut Off From Speech and Hearing.

To be deaf is to be unable to hear, and to be dumb is to be unable to talk. The lack of hearing is remedied by teaching the child to use his eyes and understand either signs or the motions of the lips, and the lack of speech is remedied by teaching the child to use his vocal organs or his hands to make others understand, and, behold, the task is accomplished, and he is "just like other folks!" Not one thought is given to language, to the wonderful medium of exchange by means of which the business of life is carried on, that is supposed to come by nature, or instinct, or miracle, but never by teaching.

A cultured lady, a literary woman, said to me once, after seeing some deaf children and hearing them go through certain vocal exercises which included every elementary sound in the English language: "Now, if these children can make all these sounds correctly, why don't they go right on and talk? What hinders them?" She was a bright woman, and when a very short explanation had been given her the reason flashed upon her, and she said: "Why, what a fool I am! I see! They've got something to say, but the mechanical ability to say it, but no language to say it in."

"No language to say it in," that expresses the condition of a deaf child, mind before he is taught very well, but he has no language to think it in," should be added. Let the reader try for himself and see how much consecutive thought he can accomplish without words, and if with his mind trained by years of intelligent thinking he can do little until the words come, let him imagine, if he can, the state of a mind cut off from language.—Mabel E. Adams in Popular Science Monthly.

SLAUGHTER OF DEER.

Game Killed in Montana by Sportsmen Just For the Fun of the Thing.

W. H. Wright tells in Recreation where much of Montana's game has gone. He says: "I have known two well called sportsmen to leave Spokane for two days, and on returning tell of having killed 83 deer, a story the ranchmen at whose home they put up corroborated. That was years ago. It would take a long hunt there now to kill 63 deer. I once knew a man to go and make a winter camp and kill over 100 deer, which he hung up. He tried to sell them where they hung, but failed. He went east somewhere, where he lived, and I've never heard of him since. He claimed to have killed 100, but I counted 150 carcasses in sight near his camp the following spring.

"While going from Palmer's lake, in Washington, to the Salmon river I passed through Toatsconic and stopped overnight near a small lake on which was camped a party of hunters. It would have been easy to load a four horse wagon with the heads of deer alone that were piled up in one place. There were deer carcasses all about the camp.

"I could name more than 50 of such hunters who have killed thousands of deer and left them where they fell. One by last winter two men left Spokane and killed 83 deer in Idaho, not bringing out a pound of meat to show for it. "I have seen many Indian hunters, one of which resulted in the death of over 400 deer, but not one of the deer was wasted. The Indians hunt and then eat the meat before they hunt again. They kill to eat, but the whites kill for fun. Last spring one man in the Bitter Root valley killed seven elk without stirring from his track. Not one was saved."

Tennyson and His Wife.

Tennyson was devoted to his wife, but, like a man of true taste, he wrote very little about his feeling for her. That beautiful dedication beginning, "Dear, near and true," is that bit of his writing which will be most often associated with her name. She was a shrewd critic of her husband's work. Tennyson has been accused of inability to fuse the different portions of a long poem, and the difference in style between "The Coming of Arthur" and "The Passing of Arthur" and the other "Idylls of the King" has been cited in illustration. Concerning this difference Lady Tennyson said to her son only two days before her death, "To read 'The Coming of Arthur' and 'The Passing of Arthur' and 'The Passing of the King' are purposely similar in style than the other idylls in dealing with the awfulness of birth and death," and she wished this statement of the poet to be put on record in her son's biography of his father.—New York Tribune.

Charles VI of France was hated by his people, and in derision was termed the Well Beloved.

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