

TRAIN-ROBBER'S END.

With a gaping wound in the back and another in the left wrist, inflicted by the police, Channing B. Barnes, train-robber, drew the keen edge of a hunting knife across his throat in a swamp near New Orleans, La., Tuesday, and ended his career.

Since the hold-up of the Chicago limited mail on the Illinois Central in the suburbs of New Orleans on Thursday night of last week, officers had searched in vain for two men who had escaped from them after a running fight near the scene of the hold-up. It was known that one was badly wounded and that he was compelled to drop a United States mailbag in his flight. In a swamp nearby all traces of the men were lost, however.

The officers felt sure, however, that the wounded man had not gone far, and on Tuesday in the midst of the swamp they found his body. It bore two bullet wounds, one in the back, the other in the wrist. With a hunting knife the robber, knowing that his wounds were fatal and that escape from the swamp was impossible, had cut his own throat.

In the pockets were found the watch of the conductor of the mail train and many registered letters and a quantity of dynamite. The body was taken to police headquarters and identified as that of Channing B. Barnes, with many aliases, who was wanted for participating in the daring hold-up of an Illinois Central express train at Wickliffe, Ky., last July, and who, when attempts were made to arrest him in St. Louis soon after, shot Chief Special Agent Murray, of the Illinois Central Railway, and escaped over the housetops, evading hundreds of pursuers.

His brother and a pal were later captured and confessed.

SEVERAL SHIPYARDS FAVORED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Board of Naval Construction, considering the bids for the construction of battle-ships and cruisers, has settled these points:

One of the big armored cruisers shall go to Cramps, one to Newport News and one to the Union Iron Works, at San Francisco. One battle-ship shall go to the Fore River Engine Works at Quincy, Mass.

This leaves seven ships to be disposed of, and while in view of the fact that another meeting of the Board is to be held it is not possible to make the prediction with absolute accuracy, the indications are that these will be distributed as follows:

One cruiser and one battleship will go to Cramps, making three for them; one cruiser and one battleship to Newport News, making three for them; one cruiser and one battleship to the Union Iron Works, making three for them; and one battleship to the Bath Iron Works. —Baltimore News.

A LETTER from the Philippines tells of the shooting and killing of Corporal Herbert Chase of the Twenty-ninth Volunteer Infantry, whose home was in Marlboro, Mass. He was killed by Jake Henderson, of the same regiment, in a mistake for a boloman, in the darkness.

Two negroes, who waylaid, murdered and then robbed a white barber at Rockport, Ind., Saturday morning, were lynched in the jail-yard Saturday evening by a mob of 500 people.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner in the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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FOR MANUAL TRAINING.

It is quite probable that before long manual training will be introduced in connection with the system of instruction in the high schools of Frederick. Although the Board of County School Commissioners has not yet found it possible to establish the new system, the matter has been favorably considered, and is warmly approved by Examiner Boblitz. The system is already in successful operation in several counties in the State.

Manual training in the public schools is provided for by an act of the General Assembly of 1898, which provides that when a manual training department is established in connection with a school in any county and has been approved by the principal of the State Normal School as one of the teachers of that school, the State Comptroller shall issue a warrant upon the State Treasurer for the sum of \$1,500 payable to the treasurer of the Board of County School Commissioners, on the first day of October in each year, for the support of the manual training school or department.

In the several counties in which manual training has already been adopted this appropriation has been found ample for providing equipment for which usually consists carpentering in different kinds, and in one county it has been found difficult to provide also several typewriters.

County Examiner Boblitz thinks that the idea is an excellent one, and that manual training ought by all means be made part of the system of instruction in our own public schools. The idea, he says, is not to teach the pupils a trade, but to educate their eyes and hands, and make them ready of apprehension and quick to execute.

SENATE AGREES.

Congress has authorized the President to appoint Representative Charles A. Boutelle, of Maine, to be a captain of the United States Navy on the retired list. On Wednesday, without a word of opposition, even of comment, the Senate, passed the House resolution authorizing Mr. Boutelle's retirement. It is expected that the President will approve the resolution, and in accordance with the authorization, nominate him as a captain on the retired list of the Navy. Mr. Boutelle is a member of the present House of Representatives and a member-elect of the next House. It is assumed that he will resign his membership in the House and thus open the way for his retirement in accordance with the provisions of the resolution.

A GREAT METEOR OBSERVED.

Dr. Herbert Howe, of Chamberlain Observatory, Denver, is collecting data concerning one of the largest meteors seen for more than 30 years.

It was observed December 8 between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Reports come from both sides of the Rocky Mountain Divide as far north as Saratoga, Wyo., and as far south as Delta, Col. The meteor appeared nearly as large as the moon. When apparently just above North Park, Col., it exploded with accompanying phenomena resembling an earthquake. Houses were shaken and a rumbling sound was heard for many miles.

WHAT are we going to do about the trusts and immense corporations which are slowly crushing all rivals in order to monopolize the trade in their particular lines? Here are the large department stores, where you can buy anything from a baby's rattle to an automobile. But if you patronize them at this season you will find that it takes about three times as long to make a purchase as it does at a small shop. The "red tape" which belongs to the business of these great houses costs money and takes time. The time and money are both taken from the purchaser. With many people the smaller stores are growing in favor. This may only be a straw which shows which way the wind is blowing, and it suggests the thought that with every evil comes its own punishment. Some day the trusts will go to pieces through their own weakness. Greed and selfishness always overreach themselves.—Reformed Church Messenger.

By the capsizing of a boat on Lake Michigan, a man and two women perished, and two men had a terrible experience.

CLEVELAND TALKS OF HARRISON.

Former President Grover Cleveland was asked by the Associated Press correspondent Tuesday if he had seen Mr. Harrison's speech at Ann Arbor. Mr. Cleveland replied:

"I saw a liberal synopsis of it in some of the papers and regard it as the best deliverance yet made on the subject which it discusses. It seems to me that those who desire to acquaint themselves with the precise question involved and what territorial expansion means to our Republic and what it threatens our people cannot possibly be afforded a better means of enlightenment than Ex-President Harrison has furnished."

In the speech referred to Ex-President Harrison declared that this country had done something out of the line with the nation's historical precedents—not in the way of expansion, but in the character of it. He said the Government had taken over peoples, rather than lands, as heretofore. He held the view that the civilized inhabitants of the territories were citizens of the United States and that the revenue provisions of the Constitution relating to taxation for federal purposes applied to the territories:

General Harrison further said: "It is one thing to tolerate a condition that already exists and another to create a wrong condition. Why should we make use of one tariff law for the States and another for the Territories? There is only one door of escape. It is to deny that the territories are a part of the United States, but that region which is governed for the general welfare of the United States must be a part of the United States. If the act of acquiring territory does not extend the Constitution to it nothing will do it except its admission as a State."

SHOT AT HIS HOME.

Wm. D. Rebnick, a married man, about forty-four years old, was shot and almost instantly killed about 8 o'clock Saturday night, at his home in Newburg, near Shippensburg. Mr. Rebnick was a produce dealer and had just returned from Shippensburg to his home. He had evidently gone directly home, and was between his house and stable when people on the street heard him say: "My God, I'm shot!" and before a physician reached him he was dead. It is claimed that he walked about fifteen feet from where it struck him to the gate, where he dropped dead. The fatal shot struck him near the heart. It is reported that a man was seen running shortly after the shot was fired.

\$500,000 FIRE IN CLEVELAND.

Early Monday morning fire almost entirely destroyed the big plant of the Brown Hoisting and Conveying Machine Company, at the corner of Hamilton and Bolden streets, in Cleveland, Ohio. Five of the seven buildings used by the Company are in ashes, and property estimated to be worth over \$500,000 was entirely consumed.

Eleven hundred workmen are thrown out of employment as a result of the fire. The Company, which is probably the largest concern of the kind in the world, has many contracts with the Government for hoisting apparatus to be erected at coaling stations that are being erected in various parts of the world.

"ABOUT five years ago I was troubled with catarrh of the lower bowels," says C. T. Chisholm, 484 Dearborn Ave., Chicago, "and although I consulted several eminent physicians who prescribed for me, I found their remedies failed in any way to relieve me, and the trouble almost became chronic. After suffering several months I one day concluded to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy and I beg to assure you that I was most agreeably surprised to find after taking two doses of the remedy that I was completely relieved of the disease that had cost me so much trouble and annoyance. I am thankful to say that I have not suffered from it since." For sale by T. E. Zimmerman & Co., Druggists.

A PEKIN dispatch to a London newspaper says that the situation has not improved by the representatives of the powers having reached an agreement, as the scope of the negotiations is limited and the effect is neutralized.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Chamberlain's Candy Cathartic, one or two if C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

HANDSOME CHRISTMAS GIFT.

At the convocation exercises of the University of Chicago Tuesday President Harper announced that John D. Rockefeller had made another gift of \$1,500,000 to the institution.

Of this sum \$1,000,000 is to be used as an endowment fund, and the university is to derive the benefit of the income of it from year to year. It is also stipulated that the \$1,000,000 is to be in the university's name and is to be considered its absolute property for all time.

The balance of the gift it to be used for immediate purposes and for general needs. Mr. Rockefeller suggests that \$100,000 of the \$500,000 be used for the construction of a university press building, a large part of which is to be devoted to a library.

Before making public Mr. Rockefeller's latest gift Dr. Harper upheld in emphatic terms the right of the professors of the University of Chicago to freedom of speech. The earnestness with which he declared that no donor might interfere with the speech of any of the instructors of the university, coming as it did, just before the announcement of an additional gift from Mr. Rockefeller, was especially significant. He said:

"Whatever may have happened in other universities, in the University of Chicago neither the trustees nor the President, nor any one in official position has at any time called an instructor to account for any public utterances which he may have made. In order not to be misunderstood I wish to say that no donor of funds to the university—and I include in the number of donors the founder of the university, Mr. Rockefeller—has ever by a single word or act indicated his dissatisfaction with the instruction given the students of the university or with the public expression of opinion made by an officer of the university."

ARMED WITH REVOLVERS.

There are now five cases of small-pox at Pinto, Allegany county, but all within the limits of the quarantine. The first victim has almost entirely recovered. There is one severe case among the other four. Four guards, armed, with Colt's revolvers, are constantly on duty. At night the place is brilliantly lighted to give the guards a chance to shoot any of the men who attempt to escape from quarantine. The physicians have no fear of the spread of the disease beyond the quarantine, and it is thought the epidemic has now reached its height. All the victims are negroes.

BANK BURGLARIZED.

Kennedy's Bank, at Hope, Ind., was burglarized early Tuesday by three men, who destroyed the vault with a heavy charge of nitro glycerin and secured, it is said, \$15,000. So quietly was the job done that the robbers secured their plunder and were entering a carriage, which they had in waiting in a darkened spot of the main street on which the bank was located, when their actions were observed by the operator in charge of the telephone exchange.

The alarm was quickly spread and a posse of citizens began at once to scour the surrounding country. No trace of the robbers has yet been found.

SICK SOLDIERS RETURNING.

Within a few days more than 1,000 sick soldiers will be on their way from the Philippines. The Grant and Sherman are now en route with 650 men, and the Sheridan is scheduled to leave on December 22, with 500 more. This run will tax the general hospital at the Presidio to its utmost capacity. The convalescents will be mustered out as soon as possible after they arrive, and if the 867 available beds at the hospital become overcrowded a tented annex will be built to accommodate the overflow.

Soldiers Bordered En Voyage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—It is stated at the War Department that the transport Grant, which is due at San Francisco about the 1st proximo, brings the remains of 398 officers, soldiers and civilian employes of the War Department, who have died in Hawaii, China or the Philippines, and there are 12 dead on the transport Sherman which is due at San Francisco on the 12th proximo. Among the bodies on the Grant is that of young Farber, the nephew of President McKinley, who recently died in the Philippines.

UNDER a special order, the Senate took up the consideration of private pension bills on the calendar. Seventy-one bills were passed, including two giving a pension of \$50 a month to the widows of General John A. McClernand and General John M. Palmer.

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CORNER ON TURKEYS.

With the approach of Christmas the turkey comes up for much consideration. Reports are now afloat that the market will be cornered and prices for the bird soar high. Messrs. Owen Reynolds' Son & Co., wholesale and retail poultry dealers, 42 to 48 South Front street, Baltimore, announce they have cornered the markets and will hold the key to the situation until the holidays have passed away.

The head of the firm Mr. Frank P. Reynolds, expresses confidence in the situation. He claims to have between 25,000 and 30,000 turkeys corraled, and that not more than 30,000 others can be expected to put in an appearance. Of these he is positive that enough will be added to his supply already on hand to enable him to control matters. During the glut which existed last week the firm, it is said, was enabled to gather in all they could by their hands on at 8 and 8½ cents a pound. They have continued to buy ever since, and all purchased has been live stock. Since the purchase the price has advanced to 9 cents, and Mr. Reynolds is confident the market will go up to 12½ cents a pound. After he has paid for labor and all he expects to realize fully \$4,000 in the deal.—Herald.

HELP is needed at once when a person's life is in danger. A neglected cough or cold may soon become serious and should be stopped at once. One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures coughs and colds and the worst cases of croup, bronchitis, grippe and other throat and lung troubles. T. E. Zimmerman & Co.

ABOUT six thousand dollars damage was done by fire at Easton, and for a time the destruction of a large portion of the business section of the town was threatened.

A FLOOR collapsed during burial services over the body of Wilmer Worthington, at Doylestown, Pa., precipitating 60 persons into the basement, a number being injured.

To those living in malarial districts Tut's Pills are indispensable, they keep the system in perfect order and are an absolute cure for sick headache, indigestion, malaria, torpid liver, constipation and all bilious diseases. Tut's Liver Pills

SHOT HIGHWAYMEN DEAD. PARRAL, MEX., Dec. 18.—G. E. Kearny was going out to his mine, 10 miles from Parral, Friday, to pay off his employees. He had about \$3,000 in Mexican currency, which he tied firmly to the bottom of his wagon, put his pistol in his coat-sleeve and started out. When he had gone about half way two Mexicans suddenly halted him and ordered him to get out of the wagon. He obeyed, and the bandits searched his person with no effect. Knowing he must have money they proceeded to search his baggage and other effects.

While they were at this task Kearny drew his revolver from his sleeve and fired. His attack was so sudden that the men did not have time to act and both were instantly killed.

Do you Cough? Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will cure a Cough or Cold at once. Conquers Croup, Whooping-Cough and Measle-Cough without fail. Mothers praise it. Doctors prescribe it for Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Grippe, Pneumonia and Consumption. It gives quick, sure results. Price, 25c. Refuse the dealer's substitute; it is not as good. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup Always cures when others fail. Dr. Bull's Pills cure Constipation and Liver Troubles. 50 pills, 10 cts. Trial box, 5 cts.

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ORDER NISI ON SALES.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MD. OCTOBER TERM, 1900.

In the matter of the sale of the real estate of James S. Musgrove, deceased. In the matter of the report of sales, filed the 10th day of December, 1900. Ordered, by the Orphans' Court of Frederick county, this 10th day of December 1900, that the sale of the real estate of James S. Musgrove, late of Frederick county, deceased, this day reported to this Court by his Executor be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 5th day of January, 1901, provided a copy of this order be published in some newspaper published in Frederick county for three successive weeks prior to the 5th day of January, 1901. The Executors Report states the amount of sales to be Four Hundred Dollars. (\$400.00.)

G. BLANCHARD PHILPOT, RUSSELL E. LIGHTER, ROGER M. NEIGHBOURS, Judges of the Orphans' Court. CHAS. E. SAYLOR, Register of Wills JAMES T. HAY, Executor. dec 14 4ts.

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The following market quotations, which are corrected every Friday morning, are subject to daily changes. Corrected by E. R. Zimmerman & Son.

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LIVE STOCK.

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Emmitsburg Chronicle.

ONE DOLLAR A YEAR IN ADVANCE

NOTICE.—All announcements of concerts, festivals, picnics, ice cream and cake festivals and similar enterprises, got up to make money, whether for churches, associations or individuals, must be paid for at the rate of five cents for each line.

Entered as Second-Class Matter at the Emmitsburg Postoffice.

FRIDAY, DEC. 21, 1900.

MERRY Christmas to all. All kinds of nuts at King's. ORANGES 15, 20, 30 and 40 cts. a dozen, at CALDWELL'S. All kinds of Fruits and Nuts on first floor, at Hoke & Sebald's.

The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore cannot agree.

LARGE Sweet Oranges 25 cts. a dozen, at J. C. WILLIAMS'.

FINEST assortment of candies at KING'S.

A new private bank was opened for business at St. Michaels.

Toys of every conceivable variety. Upstairs. HOKE & SEBALD.

OVER in Washington county they catch bass in steel traps.

FOUR pounds nice French Candy for 25 cents, at CALDWELL'S.

PETER HANSEL, a cripple who had been ejected from a saloon in Frostburg froze to death in an alley.

CANDY for Schools and Sunday Schools at reduced prices. HOKE & SEBALD.

The Emmitsburg Railroad Company is having a lot of heavy steel rails laid on the south end of the road.

The Yuletide Fete at Mt. St. Mary's begins Dec. 27 and ends Dec. 29. Don't forget the dates.

As is usual at this season of the year the Sunday Schools have been well attended the past few Sundays.

DOLLS that sold for 25 cents and 30 cents, reduced to 20 cents; 60 cent dolls now 45 cents, at KING'S.

The members of Arthur Post No. 41, G. A. R., banqueted at Mr. Hoke's restaurant on Tuesday evening.

Don't forget the festival at Mt. St. Mary's Hall on next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27, 28 and 29.

A LARGE amount of ice of a good thickness was stored this week. This is the first ice gathered this season.

We had a touch of real winter on last Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The temperature was low as 9 degrees above zero.

The Independent Match Company incorporated at Towson, on Friday of last week with a capital of \$2,000,000, is involved in considerable mystery.

LARGE selection of toilet cases, collar and cuff boxes, shaving sets, glove boxes and writing desks, at lowest prices at KING'S.

The chimney at the residence of Mrs. Sebald, on West Main street, caught fire Tuesday noon. The fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

The rush still continues at the Bargain store of J. C. WILLIAMS.

A MAJORITY of the stock holders of the Baltimore and Lehigh Railroad have given Alexander Brown and Sons an option on their stock at \$70 a share.

On Monday whilst helping to saw logs at Pine Hill, one of the logs accidentally fell on Mr. Isaac S. Bowers' right leg, breaking it between the knee and ankle. Dr. Birnie, of Taneytown, bandaged the leg, after which Mr. Bowers was taken to his home, near this place. The fractured leg caused Mr. Bowers considerable pain and suffering.

With the mercury nearly at zero, a number of converts to the Dunkard faith were immersed in a pond covered with two-inch ice at the Dunkard Church, near Downsville, by the pastor, Elder Victor Long. Two of the persons immersed were ladies. The ice was broken for the ceremony, which was witnessed by a large crowd.

SEVERAL days ago Chief of Police Howard B. Taylor, of the Annapolis force, saw a boy enter the store of Mr. Joseph Duval, leaving a wheelbarrow on the outside. The Chief awaited developments. The boy came out of the store, espied the policeman and took to his heels and ran away, but the Chief captured the wheelbarrow and took it to the stationhouse.

ONE night this week some one stole seven turkeys from Mr. David Guise, and on the same night four turkeys were taken from Mr. James Boyle, and had disposed of all his turkeys with the exception of four, which he intended keeping over. Turkeys and chickens have been stolen from a number of other people in this community in wholesale lots.

MORMON CONFERENCE. The Maryland Conference of the Mormon church held at Cumberland Saturday and Sunday, was attended by 24 elders, 20 traveling elders belonging to this conference, 2 from Pennsylvania, Elder E. H. Snow, of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly of St. George, Utah, and Apostle Matthias F. Cowley, of the Quorum of the Twelve, Salt Lake City, Utah. Elder Snow presided. The various elders reported the results of their labors for the past six months, some telling of successful missions. Much literature has been distributed. The elders were reassigned to fields of labor, but few changes being made, and Monday they scattered, some going to Baltimore, others to Virginia and West Virginia.

ON Tuesday Mr. William Fair brought to this office a banana stem, on which were several hands of small bananas, showing how this fruit grows, and also a banana pod, in which the blossoms form. The specimens came from North Carolina, where an experiment in the cultivation of the banana is being given a trial. It is thought the season is too short in that State for the successful cultivation of this fruit.

YESTERDAY morning Mr. James A. Slagle had an exciting time for a few minutes, and he had a good reason for being excited, as his meat was about to be destroyed. This was the cause of his trouble: He was smoking his meat in a large stove box; the fire burned rapidly; the box caught fire and the meat was roasting. He succeeded in extinguishing the fire before the meat was damaged to any great extent, although one piece was considerably roasted.

Mr. A. N. JOHNSON, engineer of the Highway Division of the Maryland Geological Survey, was in Frederick consulting with the city and county authorities, explaining the methods by which the division offers to help in the improvements of streets and roads.

The total mileage of roads in Frederick county is 1,280. This is the largest mileage of any county in the State. There are 1,150 miles of dirt roads and 130 miles of stone roads. Toll is collected on 129 miles of the stone road, leaving only a few short patches to be maintained by the county.

PRISONERS TRY TO BREAK JAIL. An attempt of five prisoners in the Adams County Jail, at Gettysburg, to gain their liberty was frustrated Monday night by the turnkey, who discovered their plans. Daniel Aspor, John Cromer, John Miller and Harry Mans were in the plot, and concealed a lot of knives and billies in their clothing. They had made a large hole in the ventilating shaft in one of the vacant cells when discovered.

A BOY DROWNED. Monday evening Morris Bratton, aged 15 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bratton, of Middletown, Cecil county, was drowned while skating on a pond near his home. In company with several other boys young Bratton was skating near the shore, when he broke through the ice and disappeared. Efforts were made by his companions to rescue him, but in vain. The body was recovered an hour later.

PERSONALS. Dr. James A. Mitchell, Professor of Natural Sciences at Mt. St. Mary's College, went to Washington on Wednesday, where he attended the annual meeting of the Washington Geological Society. Miss Riddle went to Pittsburg last Saturday, where she will remain several days, and about the first of January she will start for California. Mr. Howard Rider, of Catawqua, Pa., is home for the holidays.

KILLED BY A HORSE. Cephas Barnes, a farmer, near Liberty, was found dead in the stable Thursday afternoon. He had succeeded in putting a refractory horse in the stall and it is thought that while punishing it with a carriage whip the animal kicked him in the stomach, inflicting internal injuries, from which he died soon after. Mr. Barnes was about 52 years of age and leaves a widow and five children.

DAMAGES FOR RIGHT OF WAY. The jury of condemnation in the case of the Patterson Creek and Potomac Railway Company, in reality the Baltimore and Ohio, against Annie Page Smith and others, has awarded the defendants damages of \$6,350. When the lands of Mrs. Smith, at Patterson Creek, nine miles east of Cumberland, were condemned by the Baltimore and Ohio for the purpose of building the Patterson Creek and Potomac cut-off, the commissioners awarded Mrs. Smith \$7,960. The railroad company thought the amount too high and appealed with the above result.

Western Maryland Railroad Holiday Excursion Rates. The Western Maryland Railroad announces that Christmas and New Year holiday excursion tickets will be sold to and between all stations on its main line, divisions and branches, on December 22, 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1900, also January 1, 1901, at the rate of one fare and a third for round trip. These tickets will be good on all regular trains, and valid to return until Friday, January 4, 1901, inclusive. The minimum rate will be 15 cents. The low rates will enable many to exchange social greetings and enjoy the festive season with friends along the line of the Western Maryland R. R.

J. W. BAUGHMAN'S HOUSE BURNED. The residence of Mr. J. William Baughman, about four miles east of Frederick, along the Baltimore turnpike, was entirely destroyed by fire about noon Tuesday.

The origin of the fire could not be definitely ascertained, but is believed to have been started by hot coals falling from a stove.

Mr. Baughman was not home at the time the fire started, at 12:30 o'clock, and the house was in charge of a colored man. He, with several neighbors who were attracted to the place by the blaze, succeeded in saving much of the furniture of the room on the first floor of the house. The contents of the rooms on the second floor were destroyed.

The fire did not spread to the stable or any other outbuilding, and the house was the only building on the premises destroyed.

The house was a two-story building which has been owned by Mr. Baughman for about four years, and had been much improved by him, being fitted up comfortably as a summer residence.

EDUCATE Your DOWELS With CASARETS. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 50c. H. C. C. Fall, druggists refund money.

GRACEHAM LETTER.

A Merry Christmas to all, and pleasant retrospections for the old year, with wishes for an eventful and happy New Year and Century.

Graceham hails the new era with some advancements, and a clearly and bright appearance. May the future bring greater results. The trolley car will probably speed through its streets within the next decade.

The holiday season is upon us once more, with some appearance of its nearness to be found here and there. The decorations in the Moravian Church will soon take shape. Rev. M. F. Oerter is putting considerable labor upon what was called in old times "A Christmas Fair," a miniature Christmas landscape of mountains, streams, towns, homes, railroads with steam cars, people and animals, etc., everything that would add life and beauty to a pictorial scene. It will occupy about three-fourths of the floor space of the church lecture room. A small charge will be made to see this beautiful picture of nature, but it will be worth while coming to see it. It will open to visitors from Christmas Eve on.

Holiday program: There will be no services in the church on Sunday the 23rd, either in the morning or evening. The usual Christmas Eve services on Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Services on Christmas morning at 10 o'clock, and the annual Christmas exercises by the Sunday School Christmas night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. This will be an interesting and instructive service, entitled "The Messiah's Message." A collection will be taken up for the school. To all these services the public is cordially invited.

CAR INSPECTOR KILLED. Mr. Abraham L. Smith, a car inspector who was employed by the Cumberland Valley and Norfolk and Western roads, was killed shortly before midnight Friday at the Cumberland Valley station, in Hagerstown, while releasing the brakes between the express and smoking cars on the Norfolk and Western train just arrived. A draft of 15 freight cars, which ran "wild" from the Cumberland Valley yards, crashed into the train, moving it a short distance, knocking Smith down.

One wheel of the car passed over him, crushing the right leg from the hip down and the other leg between the knee and the ankle. He died in less than an hour afterward at the Railroad Y. M. C. A. Hospital. Justice Hoffman viewed the scene of the accident, and after inquiring into the facts, decided not to hold an inquest.

When Engineer Swink, of the Norfolk and Western train, saw the draft of cars coming, he immediately applied the air brakes, which held the train after the collision. The railroad officials say they have no idea how the freight cars started. All of them were heavily loaded and were part of the northbound train about ready to start. The shifter had just left the cars after pushing one car and a caboose to them and returned to the depot.

Mr. Smith was aged 38 years and had been employed as inspector for several years. He leaves a widow and two children. He formerly conducted the hotel at Leithersburg.

As usual, the best assortment of Holiday Goods in town is at M. F. Shuff's Furniture Store.

GONE TO PRISON. Sheriff Arthur Williams, of Montgomery county, on Tuesday morning took the following prisoners, all of whom were convicted at the recent term of court to the Maryland Penitentiary: Perry Dines, John Duffin and James Key, manslaughter, each 1 year; Henry Williams, assault with intent to murder, 4 years; Alexander Shorter, larceny, 3 years; Joseph Augustus Holland, assault with intent to murder, 3 years.

On Monday Sheriff Williams took the following batch to the House of Correction: Albert Butler, assault, 1 year; Louisa Jackson, larceny, 2 years; John Shorter, violation of local option law, 6 months; Lorenzo Fisher, assault, 6 months; William Gibbs, carrying concealed weapons, 6 months; Chas. Asher, larceny, 18 months; Spencer Sanders, larceny, 1 month; Jacob Plummer, assault, 2 years; Dennis Clark, larceny, 2 years; George Howard, carrying concealed weapons, 6 months; Maggie Key larceny, 1 year.

James H. Hawkins, who was convicted of manslaughter, has not yet been sentenced.

CHRISTMAS Candy from 8 cts. to 40 cts. a pound. First floor. HOKE & SEBALD.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. James R. Burk, aged 40 years, made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor last Sunday night at the boarding house of William H. Stutely, in Walkersville. He was found in his room soon after he committed the deed in a semi-conscious condition. Drs. Charles W. Goldsborough and Zimmerman were summoned and sewed up the wound, which extended clear across his throat and nearly touched the jugular vein. Burk claims to be from Michigan, and was a member of the Regular Army. During the Spanish-American War he was badly wounded in Cuba and in consequence was given an honorable discharge with a pension of \$24 a month. He took up his abode in Walkersville over a year ago. He was removed to Montevue Hospital Monday morning for treatment. His physicians say that if his system is not too weak to stand the shock he will recover.

LARGEST assortment and lowest prices on Xmas goods, at J. C. WILLIAMS'.

ON January 2 next, Baltimore city will be called upon to pay out nearly \$500,000 as interest on city loans.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Considerable preparation is being made by the different churches for the appropriate celebration of the Christmas festival. The order of services at the various churches is as follows:

RE-BYTERIAN CHURCH. The Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church will hold their Christmas services in the church this (Friday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock. A very pretty programme has been arranged for the occasion under the title of "Carol Service." The order of the service is as follows:

Organ Prelude; Processional, "St. Teresa"; Concert reading, "Cantata Domino"; Invocation; Singing—"Good Christian Men Rejoice"; "Prophecy and Fulfillment" (chant); Hymn—"Margaret"; "The Christmas Story"; Hymn—"Luther's Carol"; Collection; Concert Recitation—"The Adoration of the Kings"; Hymn—"Holy Night! Peaceful Night!"; "The Coming of the Magi"; Hymn—"Epiphany"; "The Great Commission"; "December 25, 1900—A Sad Christmas Day in China"; Hymn—"There Came a Little Child to Earth"; Prayer; Hymn—"Once in Royal David's City"; Benediction; Organ Postlude.

LUTHERAN CHURCH. The annual Christmas exercises of the Lutheran Sunday School will be held in the church on Sunday evening, December 23, at 6:30 o'clock. The church will be suitably decorated for the occasion, and two large Christmas trees, brilliantly illuminated, will adorn the church. "Fulfillment of Prophecy" is the title of the programme to be rendered. The following is the order of the services:

Opening Hymn—"Rejoice"; Recitation—"A Little Child Shall Lead"; "Greeting"; Invocation by Pastor; Lord's Prayer; Pastor and School; Recitation by Joseph Shuff and Reynolds Caldwell; Singing—"Sing the Christmas Story, by girls and boys"; Recitation—"Jesus Loves Me"; Singing—"Ring, Ring the Bells"; Recitations from the Prophet; Solo, Frances Rowe; Singing—"A Little Child Shall Lead"; Recitation—"Twenty-third Psalm, by school"; Recitation by Maurice Baker; Solo, by Girls; Recitation, "Mary's Magnificat"; Singing—"Room for the King"; Recitation, Fannie Hollinger; Recitation—"The Angels Sing"; Singing—"Gloria in Excelsis"; Recitation, Helen Shuff; Recitation, "Testimony of Witnesses"; Lullaby—Nellie Eyster, Fannie Jackson, and Carrie Hartman; Singing—"Mine Eyes Have Seen the King"; Singing—"Peace on Earth"; Recitation—"The Prophets Names for Jesus"; Singing—"Peace on Earth"; Offering; Address by the Pastor, Rev. Charles Reinwald; Recitation, Robert Sellers; Singing—"The Angels Sing"; Singing—"Ring Out, Ye Merry Bells"; Singing—"Hear the Angels Sing"; Benediction.

REFORMED CHURCH. The annual Christmas services of the Sunday School of the Reformed church will be held in the church on Christmas Eve, at 6:30 o'clock. There will be no Christmas tree in the church this year. The programme is entitled "The Desire of All Nations," and is as follows:

Opening Hymn—"Come Hither, Ye Faithful"; Invocation; Responsive Reading; Singing—"The Desire of All Nations"; Responsive Reading—"The Desire of All Nations"; Singing—"Royal Prince of Peace"; Scripture lesson; Singing—"Christ is Born"; Responsive Reading; Singing—"Merry Christmas Bells"; Responsive Reading—"The Night of Wonders"; Singing—"Holy Night"; Singing—"Credo"; Prayer; Singing—"The Prince of Peace"; Address by the Pastor, Rev. W. C. B. Shoenberger; Lord's Prayer; Singing—"Little Children Come Ye All"; Offering; Responsive Reading—"The Love Religion"; Singing—"The Angel's Song"; Benediction; Distribution of Gifts.

Services will be held in the Reformed church at 6 o'clock on Christmas morning, to which all are cordially invited.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH. Solemn High Mass on Christmas morning at 5 o'clock. Processional Hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," will be rendered by the choir, consisting of twelve voices; Adeste Fideles, "Noel," will be sung at the Offertory; Glory to God, *Diptych*, with special arrangement for Orchestra during the communion.

Members of orchestra: Violin, Estella Welty, Blanch Tyson; Clarinet, B. Elder; Bass, Tyson Lansing; Tenor, Marion Seltzer; Cornet, Thomas Lansing; Director and leader, Tyson Lansing; Organist, Miss Maggie Tyson.

METHODIST CHURCH. There will be no regular Christmas exercises at the Methodist church, although the children of the Sunday School will be remembered.

Many School Children are Sickly. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in the Children's Home, New York, break up colds in 24 hours, cure Fevers, Sore Throats, Croup, Whooping Coughs, and Destroy Worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen B. Smith, Lehigh, Pa.

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Be sure and get a guess for the lamp at J. C. Williams'. It don't cost you anything.

BANQUET AT HOTEL SPANGLER.

The first banquet of the Directors of the Emmitsburg Improvement Company was held in the large dining room at Hotel Spangler, in this place, last evening. The twelve directors were shown into the parlor, and in a short time were invited to the dining room by the proprietor, Dr. Spangler, a member of the Board of Directors. The Directors were charmed first by the beautifully decorated walls, and on turning their eyes to the table their expectations were swelled to the highest; all arranged and prepared by the Hostess, Mrs. Spangler, which had assistance at Banquet Tables in our large cities made her well versed in planning such an affair. Yet, we thought, "how could it be?" Covers were laid for twelve at each place was a beautiful banquet of holly. The following was the menu:

Celery.
Roasted Turkey and Cranberries,
Sliced Ham, Fried Oysters,
Chicken Salad, Cold Slaw,
French Fried Potatoes,
Cakes;
Chocolate, Coconut, Orange,
Fruits;
Oranges, Bananas, Apples,
Wines, Coffee,
Cigars.

Those present were: Messrs. Isaac S. Annan, Dr. J. B. Brawner, J. C. Filizians, Wm. O. Seligson, J. C. Nease, E. R. Zimmerman, E. L. Frizell, W. H. Troxell, George M. Rider, Wm. D. Culliflower, John T. Long, Dr. C. O. Spangler.

PENITENTIARY WELL MANAGED. Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary have prepared their annual report to Governor Smith. They show that the management of the institution is first class, the prison having earned over \$33,000 last year above expenses.

Warden Weyler has presented his report to the directors.

With the close of the fiscal year ended November 30 there is shown to be confined in the institution 975 prisoners, or 9 more than at the close of the previous year. At the close of last year the number remaining in prison was 965. Of these there were 389 white men and five women, and 529 colored men and 43 women. There were admitted during the year 124 white men and 5 women and 212 colored men and 20 women. During the 12 months the terms of 289 expired, 36 were pardoned by the Governor, 22 died and 5 were transferred to an insane asylum.

The total receipts from all sources during the year are \$1,390,533 and the disbursements \$88,284.47. The net receipts earned during the year \$2,014,046. Of the 975 prisoners 714 can read, and write; 35 are able to read only. Those who were convicted for the first time numbered 809. One prisoner is now serving his seventh term. The strictly temperate food No. 202, while 11 are habitual drunkards. The remainder are moderate drinkers or only imbibe occasionally. Baltimore city has had 200 prisoners in 1900. An Arundel county is next with 38 and Montgomery and Frederick counties are tied for third place with 34. Garrett county makes the best showing for morality with only 2 prisoners. Of those confined 626 were born in Maryland, Germany counts up 21, the largest number from a foreign country. But 69 are of foreign birth. One was born at sea.

Warden Weyler takes a strong stand against keeping prisoners in idleness. His report shows a remarkable increase in five years in the number of prisoners sent to the institution.

HAGERSTOWN LIBRARY. The trustees of the Washington County Free Library, endowed by Mr. E. F. Newcomer, of Baltimore, a native of Washington county, after making many inquiries, have appointed Miss Mary L. Titcomb, of Rutland, Vt., librarian. She was for 15 years librarian of the free public library in Rutland, and for the past seven years she has been secretary of the State Library Commission of Vermont, and in that time there have been established in Vermont 129 free libraries. Her work has been given to the establishment of the library authorized by that State, especially in the country towns.

Miss Titcomb was invited to Hagerstown by the trustees, who were much pleased at what they learned of her qualifications. It is the intention of the trustees to bring the benefits of the library to the country people as well as those living in Hagerstown. The system to be inaugurated has not yet been determined upon. The trustees believe that in Miss Titcomb they have secured a skilled and capable librarian.

She expects to take up her duties February 1, preparing and getting ready the books for the library, so that when the building is completed they will have been catalogued and be ready to be placed upon the shelves for immediate use. The trustees hope to be able by the first of June to have library in full operation.

SCARCITY OF LABOR. The St. Michaels Manufacturing Company has been compelled to close their shirt factory because they could not obtain a sufficient number of operatives to run it on a paying basis. Though they have only 24 machines they have not been able at any time since July 1, 1899, when they commenced business, to fill this small number. During this period of 18 months the average of the number of operatives possible to be obtained was from 12 to 15. The proprietors offered to pay the board of unskilled hands from the surrounding country until they could learn the work, but the women were so prejudiced. When they closed they were working on a large Government contract for a Baltimore firm, and what few operatives they could get were earning from \$5 to \$7 a week. As the fixed charges are about the same whether there are 4 or 24 workmen, running expenses could not be earned with the small number. The owners, Messrs. George R. Calk, E. Dey Dodson and W. D. J. Morris, do not put \$3,000 capital in the concern, feel much concerned at their inability to secure operatives. It brought into the town in the 18 months of its running thousands of dollars.

TO THE DEAD. A rich lady cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Ear Drums, gave \$10,000 to his institute so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Address No. 14387-c, The Nicholson Institute, 780 Eighth Avenue, New York, U. S. A. oct 5 y

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FAIRFIELD ITEMS.

FAIRFIELD, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Dr. Cort, of Sabillasville, will give a mission work in Japan for several weeks, will give a lecture on her work in Japan as a missionary at the Reformed Church along the road leading from Fountaindale to Sabillasville, on Dec. 30, at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Cort is a fine lecturer.

Mrs. D. B. Martin, of Fountaindale, is the guest of Mr. F. Shuffley and family, of this place.

Miss Bessie Plank, of Orrtanna, was a recent guest in the family of F. Shuffley.

A two year-old son of Mr. Peter Cough, who lives above the old furnace, near the viaduct, fell down a pair of steps breaking one of his legs above the ankle. Dr. Trout, of Fairfield, was summoned, and reduced the fracture. Winter is here at last, but as there are but three months until spring we cannot have cold weather very long.

Mr. David Brown, of this place, who bought the Andy Musselman property, has sold it to Mr. Howard Sanders, possession on her work in Japan as a missionary at the Reformed Church along the road leading from Fountaindale to Sabillasville, on Dec. 30, at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Cort is a fine lecturer.

Mr. J. D. Brown, whose family was afflicted with diphtheria, are getting better. The baby took it on Saturday. Now they have all had it.

Mr. John McClellan, of Fairfield, is reported sick.

James Dixon Post No. 83, G. A. R. of Fairfield, held their monthly Bean Soup last Saturday with a good attendance. A new committee will be appointed the first of January, and they will have to say if there will be another Bean Soup this winter.

Mr. Carl Reinhold, Mr. John Bream and Miss Bena Marshall, of the C. V. S. N. S., Shippensburg, are home for the holidays. They are all looking well.

Mr. Emert Hartzel, of Fairfield, has stopped making knives for this season, having made several thousand.

Mr. Curtin McGloughlin had a son on last Saturday. He intends farming for Mr. James McGloughlin in the spring.

The Sabbath schools are practicing for Christmas services.

Communion services will be held in the Lutheran Church in Fairfield, the first Sunday in January.

Mr. Preston Musselman, who hauls the U. S. Mail, Rural Delivery, has rented Mr. Wm. Herman's new house.

THE YULETIDE FETE. The ladies of St. Anthony's will hold a festival for the benefit of their Church at the parish Benevolent Hall, on Dec. 27, 28 and 29.

The various booths will be in charge of the following ladies: The Confectionery, Mrs. Wm. Myers; The Wheel of Fortune, Mrs. Mollie Bennett; The Peanut Stand, Miss Emma Moore; the Ice Cream, Mrs. Mary Kelley; the Refreshment Well, Miss Martha Corry; the Christmas Tree, Miss Nettie Taylor. The supper tables will be presided over each night by Mrs. Ann Rodgers, Mrs. Geo. Warton, Misses Jennie Lugg and Bessie Taylor, besides those names mentioned, each lady in charge will be assisted by her friends.

An attractive feature of the first night will be a "Pink Tea," when the ladies in charge will be costumed in colors according to the night they will be in charge. On Friday night there will be an Oyster Supper, and on Saturday, "Roast Pig on Toast." The public is invited, and an agreeable time promised to all honoring the occasion with their presence.

There will be the usual attractions of music, dancing, etc. each evening. The Emmitt Cornet Band volunteer services the first evening; and the John Kelly Orchestra the second, and the colored minstrels on Saturday night.

Mrs. Ernest Seiler, Harry Kelly and Wm. Rosensteel are interested in a contest for a suit of clothes.

The hall will be richly festooned with Yuletide decorations; likewise will be the different tables, according to the artistic taste of the lady in charge.

Mrs. Anna Rodgers is manager of the Fete. Mrs. Rodgers wishes to avail herself of this item to thank, in the name of the Mountain parish, all outsiders who have contributed toward the cause, especially the merchants of Emmitsburg and elsewhere, and she promises the recipients of the bounty will not be ungrateful to their benefactors. She will still be more pleased to welcome, in the name of the good people of St. Anthony's, all those who have ready given, as well as others honoring the festival with an evening call.

MARRIED. GRIMES—SHORB.—On Dec. 20, 1900, at the Lutheran Parsonage, in this place, by Rev. Charles Reinwald, Mr. George Lemuel Grimes, to Miss Eliza Catherine Shorb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shorb, all of near this place. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few relatives of both bride and groom.

DIED. CLARK.—On Dec. 14, 1900, at her home on the Mountain, west of town, suddenly, Mrs. Margaret Clark, widow of the late Millard Clark.

GREENMOUNT ITEMS. The various schools are preparing their programs for the Christmas exercises.

A number of our farmers are shredding their corn fodder, owing to the scarcity of feed.

Our mail man has devised a new storm curtain for his buggy, which appears to answer the purpose very well.

Mr. Urb Weikert, of near Gettysburg will move on his father's—D. C. Weikert—farm in the spring.

Mr. Luther Scott, who has been remodeling his house, improved its appearance and made it more convenient. The repairing is almost completed.

Roads are in very good condition for this time of the year.

It appears the deal between Eiker and Shindler, which was reported last week, has been declared off.

The season for killing rabbits, squirrels and quails closed last Saturday. This is a satisfaction to our farmers, who claim that the hunters are too careless with their guns. Shooting close and toward the buildings is a frequent occurrence.

Miss Mollie Benchoff and sister, Mrs. Chas. Benchoff, visited Mrs. Nicholas Redding, of Bonnevillie, this week.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT. At a meeting of the Emerald Beneficial Association the following resolutions on the death of

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THE CADETS HAD A LAUGH AT THE OFFICERS' EXPENSE.

How a Billiard Table Was Smuggled into the Barracks at West Point and the Story of its Accidental Discovery.

There are many traditions and stories of escapades at the Military Academy at West Point that are handed down from class to class, and one of the most interesting of these is that relating to the billiard table. Shortly after the civil war the cadets, always on the alert for some new scheme for amusement, decided that they would like to have a billiard table and accordingly organized a billiard club.

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The table was bought in New York and sent to Garrison, across the river, for there was no West Shore railroad in those days. One cold winter night it was hauled by a team of oxen across the river on the ice and up the hill and was safely stowed away in the coal bin before morning.

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Emily Marshall's Walk Over a Human Bridge at Niagara.

"The Loveliest Woman in All America," William Ferrine, in the Ladies' Home Journal, recalls the thrilling adventure of Emily Marshall, the famous Boston beauty, at Niagara Falls. She, with Nathaniel P. Willis and a young, ungrateful college student, Job Smith, attempted to go under the falls, in those days a perilous undertaking.

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PRESIDENTIAL LIGHTNING.

Storm's Prank Nerved a Young Law Student to Bet and He Won.

"The lightning caused me to bet on the presidential election in 1860," said a Wall Street man, "and I won." "I'm not more superstitious than the average individual," continued the man, "although my bet would indicate the contrary. I was a young man in a law office in a Kentucky town. My preceptor had pasted over his desk a poster containing the portraits of all of the candidates, Lincoln and Hamlin, Breckinridge and Lane, Douglas and Johnson and Bell and Everett. The poster contained the platforms of the various parties. There was some uncertainty in that campaign. My preceptor was an enthusiast. My Douglas man and wanted to bet all he had on his candidate. It was my first experience in a presidential campaign, and I had a fool notion that Bell and Everett would be elected. I had never made a money bet, but I was itching to take up my Blackstonian preceptor, although I lacked nerve.

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