# AMERICAN SENTINEL.

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### To Ministers and Others.

Owing to the late hour in which decrees and other legal papers are issued by the Court, frequently not until Thursday night, we request all ministers and those having fairs, festivals, suppers and entertainments for the benefit of Sunday schools and public schools to send their notices in not later than Tuesday morning of the week they wish them announced. *By doing so their publication can be guaranteed.* Legal notices must be published within a certain time after they are issued by the Court, and in order to comply with the decrees, &c., of the Court we are compelled to leave out or curtail our local corresponeence or omit markets, religious and other notices.

### RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

Ascension Church.—Holy Communion at 10 a. m. Second Celebration and Sermon at 7.30 a. m. Evening service at 7.30.
E. B. TAYLOR, Rector.

Methodist Protestant Church.—Sabbath School Sunday at 9.15 a. m. Midweek service on Wednesday evening at 8.00. Junior C. E. service at 2.00 p. m. Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m.
L. F. WARNER, Pastor.

Centenary M. E. Church.—Sabbath School Sunday at 9.15 a. m. Junior League 2.30 p. m. Epworth League at 6.45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30 p. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m., and 7.45 p. m.
D. G. MILLER, Pastor.

Grace Lutheran Church.—Lecture and prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30. Junior Catechise at 1.30, Senior at 2.00 p. m., on Saturday. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6.30 p. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Services during Holy Week at 7.45 p. m. Confirmation and preparatory services Good Friday evening. Holy Communion Easter Sunday morning. Special Easter exercises by the Sunday school at 7.30 p. m.
P. H. MILLER, D. D., Pastor.

St. Paul's Ref. Church.—Good Friday and Preparatory services at 7.30 p. m. Early Easter service at 6 a. m. The Holy Communion at 10.30 a. m. Evening service at 7 o'clock.
CALVIN S. SLAGLE, Pastor.

Carroll Charge, Reformed Church.—Holy Communion at Benjamin's at 10 a. m. Divine service at Bachman's at 2 p. m.

Young People's Meeting at Benjamin's on Easter Monday night at 7.30.

Benjamin's Benevolent Aid Society will meet at the residence of Jas. M. Stoner, next Tuesday night at 7.30.
JAMES B. STONESIFER, Pastor.

Salem Charge, Lutheran Church.—St. Benjamin's Church.—Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. Catechise on Saturday at 1.45 p. m.

St. John's.—Sunday School at 1 p. m. Preaching at 2 p. m. Catechise on Saturday at 3 p. m.
R. W. Doty Pastor.

Uniontown Charge—Lutheran.—Communion services will be held in the charge as follows:

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| Uniontown: | April 12th, at 10 a. m. |
| Mt. Union: | April 19th, at 10 a. m. |
| Baust: | April 26th, at 10 a. m. |
| Winter's: | May 3rd, at 10 a. m. |

Preparatory service on the Saturday preceding at 2.30 p. m.
G. W. Baughman, Pastor.

### Bachman's Valley Weather Report.

MONTH OF MARCH.

| Date. | Temp'ture. Maximum. | Minimum. | Precipitation. Amount. | Prevailing direction. | Character of days. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 50 | 30 | | NW. | Clear | |
| 2 | 42 | 23 | | SW. | " | |
| 3 | 48 | 32 | | SW. | " | |
| 4 | 57 | 31 | | W. | " | |
| 5 | 56 | 37 | .40 | SW. | P Cloudy | R |
| 6 | 54 | 39 | | SE. | Clear | |
| 7 | 46 | 38 | .54 | SE. | Cloudy | R |
| 8 | 56 | 38 | .75 | S. | " | R |
| 9 | 56 | 45 | T. | N. | " | R |
| 10 | 49 | 43 | .60 | SE. | " | R |
| 11 | 55 | 41 | T. | SW. | " | R |
| 12 | 65 | 33 | | NW. | Clear | |
| 13 | 62 | 32 | | NW. | " | |
| 14 | 64 | 35 | | SW. | " | |
| 15 | 65 | 35 | | SE. | " | |
| 16 | 50 | 38 | T. | SE. | Cloudy | R |
| 17 | 60 | 38 | T. | SES. | P " | R |
| 18 | 66 | 40 | | SE. | Clear | |
| 19 | 64 | 40 | | SES. | P Cloudy | |
| 20 | 66 | 46 | | SW. | " | R |
| 21 | 65 | 51 | .69 | SWW. | " | R |
| 22 | 52 | 40 | 1.30 | NNE. | " | R |
| 23 | 62 | 44 | 3.40 | NNESW. | P " | R |
| 24 | 58 | 45 | T. | SW. | " " | R |
| 25 | 49 | 35 | | NW. | Clear | |
| 26 | 56 | 35 | | W. | " | |
| 27 | 65 | 33 | | SW. | " | |
| 28 | 60 | 40 | | SWN. | " | |
| 29 | 43 | 28 | | ESE. | P Cloudy | |
| 30 | 43 | 30 | 1.70 | SEE. | " | R |
| 31 | 36 | 38 | | NW. | P Clear | |
| Sum. | 1741 | 1154 | 9.36 | SW. | | |
| Mean | 56.2 | 37.2 | | | | |

SUMMARY.—Mean maximum temperature 56.2. Mean minimum temperature, 37.2. Mean temperature, 46.7. Max. temperature, 66; date 18 20. Minimum, temperature 23; date 2. Total precipitation, 9.36 inches. Greatest precipitation in any 24 consecutive hours, 3.40; date 23. Number of days with .01 inch or more precipitation, 8. Clear days, 15; partly cloudy, 6; cloudy 10; thunderstorm, 20.
J. M. MYERS, Voluntary Observer.

### RATIFICATION NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Carroll county.
February Term, 1903.

Estate of Jacob Petry, deceased.

On application, it is ordered, this 24th day of March, 1903, that the sale of the real estate of Jacob Petry, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by Annie L. Petry, executrix of the last will and testament of said deceased, and this day reported to this court by the said executrix, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 4th Monday, 27th day of April next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, before the 3rd Monday, 20th day of April, next. The report states the amount of sale to be Seven Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-four Dollars and Eighty Cents. ($7,274.80.)

WILLIAM Y. FRIZZELL,
JACOB RINEHART,
L. CALVIN JORDAN,
Judges.

True Copy.—Test:
JOSEPH D. BROOKS,
mar 27 3t Register of Wills.

### TEACHERS' HAND BOOK.

Rule No. 2 in the Hand Book will be a protection for our teachers against persons who might insist on taking the teachers' time during school hours. Some facts have reached this office which suggest the propriety of calling attention to this regulation for the guidance of teachers.

It may be well to state that, on general principles, the Examiner never gives any recommendation or indorsement of any book offered to the teachers of Carroll county by any book agent. In any case where the teacher might desire an opinion from this office, it would be necessary to see the Examiner in person, or write to him.

The Spring term will close April 17th; Teachers' Association will be the 24th instant; the school year for Carroll will close Friday, May 1st; and the final examination of pupils will be held the last three days of the summer term, April 29th and 30th, and May 1st.

ap 4 3t S. SIMPSON, Examiner.

### NO. 4011 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity.

Mary Gosnell et al., plaintiffs, vs. Milton Downey, et al., defendants.

Ordered, this 2nd day of April, in the year 1903, that the sale of the real estate made and reported in the above entitled cause by David E. Walsh and Francis Neal Parke, trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 4th day of May next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 27th day of April inst. The report states the amount of sale to be $290.00.

JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

True copy—Test:
ap-4-3t JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., letters of administration on the estate of

JONAS C. MYERS,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 30th day of October, 1903, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 30th day of March, 1903.

JOSEPH MYERS,
ap 4 4t Administrator


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### Cheerfulness a Health Factor.

"A man's house," says Beecher, "should be built on the hilltop of cheerfulness and serenity, so high that no shadows rest upon it, and where the morning comes so early, and the evening tarries so late, that the day has twice as many golden hours as those of other men. He is to be pitied whose house is in some valley of grief between the hills, with the longest nights and shortest days."

It is not an easy matter to build this mental mansion on the "hill top of cheerfulness and serenity," but how much more comfortable it is to live in than the house in the "valley of grief between the hills"! It is not easy to be bright and cheerful when our best-laid plans "gang aglee"; when balance-sheets will not balance; when the typewriter or sewing-machine will not move swiftly and rapidly, in spite of the fact that the machinery is apparently in good order; when it rains steadily and persistently on the very day when you wished for the sun to appear the brightest; when you must wear for another season the shabby gown or jacket which you had hoped to replace with a new one. It is hard to give a sunny smile to the world when, for you, "the times are out of joint." Make the effort, though, and see how you will be repaid, and what a golden reflection that little smile will throw back on your world within.

"No man e'er gained a happy life by chance,
Or yawned it into being with a wish."
—"The Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette."

### Don't Over-Dress Your Child.

Woman's Home Companion.

You can't begin too early to train girls to taste and sense upon the subject of dress. The woman who dresses her little daughter expensively, who even goes without proper clothing herself to deck her girl in dainty, fresh, fashionable garb, does great wrong to herself and to her child. The fitness of things is reversed when the monther denies herself what is due to her to give her child what she does not need. Under such circumstances fine dress is positively harmful to a girl.

If any one in the family is to be dressed in fashion and elegance, it should be the mother. Simplicity is absolutely necessary for good taste in all that relates to children. There is room for pretty color effects and for the refinements of suitability, and all that; but departure from plainness of material and style in children's dress is a departure from good form. What shall be said for the woman who has such small sense of the fitness of things as to deny herself the dress suitable for her in order to put upon her child what is unsuitable and out of taste?

### Summer Course for Teachers.

Through a circular, just received from Principal Murdaugh, of State Normal School No. 2, Frostburg, Md., it is learned that a special Summer Course has been arranged and will be offered by the regular Faculty from June 15 to July 10, inclusive.

The Courses are as follows:

History of Education, Teaching, and Psychology—Principal Murdaugh.

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### REFLECTIONS.

From the Philadelphia Bulletin.

A wife often permits her affection to blind her reason.

A woman's love can become annoying as well as burdensome.

Marriage based on honest affection will withstand the ravages of time.

When a woman gives way to anger, she begs her own pardon with tears.

Many women find happiness only when attending to the affairs of others.

Confidence is not easily gained where exaggerated love of self is found to exist.

To decide between love and duty has caused hours of worry to men as well as to women.

The man with a vice wonders why so many persons think it their duty to make public the fact.

Man often shows the hard side of his disposition to mark more strongly the generous shades.

### An Easter Carol As 'Tis.

BY HENRY EDWARD WARNER.

The happy Easter time is here—
(Doggone the luck! It's raining!)
The sweetest season of the year;
('Twould set a saint complaining!)
Then let us lift our voice in praise
(Again I say, Dorgone it!)
For this most blest of all blest days,
(Can't wear my Easter bonnet!)

On this fair morn let all rejoice
(There goes Old Maidy Mullers!)
In praise ring out each prayerful voice:
(Her dress is all fast colors!)
Let carols spring from each glad heart,
(Oh! heavens! how I hate her!)
And purest love each soul impart,
(The horrid aggravator!)

Let none but thoughts of peace arise—
(I'd like to tear her eyes out!)
Let glad rejoicings greet the skies;
(Good gracious, how she flies out!)
No envy, malice or unrest
(I hope the rain just soaks her!)
Should find a lodgment in our breast.
(I hope her bonnet choks her!)

Peace to the world—peace, peace, sweet peace!
(Now this is just distressing!)
Let none give evil thoughts release,
(And I'd begun my dressing!)
But let all voices join in praise
(Just look at how it's raining!)
On this bright day of all the days,
('Twould set a saint complaining!)

### Easter Morning.

At the Graves of the Lepers in Surinam, Dutch Guiana, S. A.

By Rev. Henry T. Weiss, (Superintendent of Bethesda, The Protestant Leper Home, and Missionary in charge. Present address, 12 Church Street, Bethlehem, Pa.)

It is 5 o'clock in the morning. Over the tall trees of the forest on the opposite side of the Surinam river shines the constellation of the majestic Southern Cross. Myriads of stars move along in their silent course. Also in the cottages of Bethesda, the leper village, all is still. Only from one of these cottages is heard a cry of distress, the cry of an unfortunate inmate approaching his dissolution.

6.30 A. M.—Dull burn the few lamps in the chapel of the lepers in which, during the last weeks, they have so often gathered in order, in spirit, to follow their suffering Saviour on his dolorous road to Golgotha's cross.

Quietly the congregation awaits the arrival of the missionary. Now he enters with the joyful Easter greeting: "The Lord is risen!" The lepers arise responding with the words: "He is risen indeed!" and triumphantly the words sound forth in the Easter night:

Hail, all hail, victorious Lord and Saviour!
Thou hast burst the bonds of death;
Grant us, as to Mary, that great favor,
To embrace thy feet in faith.
Thou hast in our stead the curse endured,
And for us eternal life procured,
Joyful, we with one accord,
Hail Thee, as our risen Lord.

The lepers now all pass out, in mute procession, in the starlit night, to the last resting place of the dead. Silently they move along, each one absorbed in his own thoughts.

On the edge of the forest, in dark outline, rises a cross from among the tall grass. They have now reached the peaceful grave yard of the leper colony. No high monuments of brass or stone adorn this resting place of the dead. No kneeling angels guard the graves of the sleepers. In vain would you seek even the simplest grave stone. The giant trees of the primeval forest stand here like a death watch. The waves of the Surinam river murmur a funeral dirge to the departed.

"I am the resurrection and the life! Whoseever believeth in me shall live though he were dead!" Thus sound the words of life and hope over the lowly mounds of earth.

Now rises, on the opposite shore, above the woods, the fiery orb of day. His beams tremble through the thick foliage of the primeval forest, they plunge into the current of the stream, they illumine the cottages where pain and suffering dwell, they surround with fleeting luster, the cross on the field of death.

Struck by the wind the tall grass surges up and down—like a crystal sea—and the lowlands far and wide glisten and sparkle with heavy dew in the bright Easter morning light.

The company of cripples, men, women and children, all clad in spotless white, surround the graves of their former companions and friends whose long path of suffering has ended here. Not far from these Christian lepers a large number of heathen Coolis listen to their Easter hymn of rejoicing:

Jesus lives! henceforth is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath,
When I pass its gloomy portal;
Faith shall cry, as falls each sense,
Lord, thou art my confidence.

The hymn has perceptibly moved the swarthy sons from India's pearly strand as the expression on their faces would indicate. Leaning on his staff, bent forward, Buddha's priest looks down to the earth. He seems, at this moment, to feel something like a longing for Heaven and he is conscious that One who is invisible to the human eye, yet omnipresent is here passing through the groups of Christian lepers and that He is mightier than Buddha.

The hymn has died away. The Christian congregation unites in prayer to the risen Prince of Life.

Those, among the lepers whose hands still remain, reverently fold them. The others cross their crippled members, while the Coolies place their arms over their breasts. The missionary in his prayer remembers the departed, he commends the living of this village of exiles from home and kindred, to the heart of the Allcompassionate Saviour. He asks that an Easter blessing may descend upon the heathen peoples who still dwell in darkness and the shadow of death—far from the Easter light and hope. When the Amen has been pronounced the lepers extend to each other, over the graves of the departed, their crippled hands, during the singing of the well known hymn:

We who here together are assembled,
Joining hearts and hands in one,
Bind ourselves with love that's undissembled,
Christ to love and serve alone;
Oh, may our imperfect songs and praises
Be well-pleasing unto Thee, Lord Jesus;
Say, "My peace I leave with you;"
Amen, amen, be it so.

Now they return to their cottages, the homeless exiles who, under Golgotha's cross, have found the way to their Father's home on high and peace on earth. Across their scarred and disfigured visages passes a beam of Easter joy. They know that God's messenger will some day approach their couch of suffering and gently bear them away from this valley of corruption into the land of the redeemed for many nations, where dwell the saints in light.

In your Easter joy, kind reader, will you not also remember the poor, crippled lepers of Bethesda? Your helping hand and sympathy is needed in order to extend the work. There are still thousands of lepers in Surinam who cannot turn to Bethesda for shelter because there is no room for them. Many there are who are anxious to come and be tenderly cared for, to find rest here under the shadow of the cross of Calvary. In the lepers' farewell letter to us they wrote: "As it is only love for us that prompts you to cross the sea, He will crown your labors with success; for where love is the compelling power, the Lord will command a blessing."

### MARYLAND CLASSIS AT CLEAR SPRING MARYLAND.

The eighty-fourth annual session of Maryland Classis Reformed Church will be held at Clear Spring, beginning Tuesday, May 5, at 7.30 P. M.

This is the largest classis in the Reformed Church. Last year its statistics showed 65 congregations, 10,500 communicant members, 61 Sunday schools with 9,837 officers, teachers and pupils. The benevolent contributions amounted to $11,222, and for congregational purposes $57,153 was expended. The business which will claim the attention of classis during its coming sessions will be matters pertaining to the several charges constituting it, and recommendations handed down from the higher judicatories—Synod of the Potomac and General Synod. Rev. J. S. Shick, D. D., of Washington, D. C., will report that Grace Memorial Reformed Church, of which President Roosevelt is a member, will be dedicated on June 7, and that Mr. Roosevelt will assist with the service. The edifice will cost about $45,000. The congregation is a part of Maryland Classis.

The program for organization and services is as follows:

Tuesday, May 5,7:30 P. M., sermon by the retiring president, Rev. Atvill Connor, of Adamstown; election of president and vice president.

Wednesday, May 6, 7:30 P. M., meeting in the interest of higher education; addresses by Prof. William Mann Irvine, Ph. D., headmaster of Mercersburg Academy, and Prof. Joseph T. Apple, A. M., president of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.

Thursday, May 7, 7:30 P. M., addresses on missions, by Rev. James M. Mullan, B. D., of Baltimore, and Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D., secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Friday, May 8, 10:30 A. M., services preparatory to the Holy Communion; sermon by Rev. J. Stewart Hartman, of Silver Run; 2.30 P. M., Holy Communion; sermon by Rev. E. R. Esckback, D. D., of Frederick; 7:30 P. M., addresses by Rev. C. Clever, D. D., of Baltimore, upon "Benevolence," and Rev. Thomas M. Yundt, superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home, upon "Our Orphans."

During the sessions the delegates, 75 or 80 in number, will be entertained in the homes of the members living in the village.

The Clear Spring charge consists of two congregations, St. Paul's and St. John's. The former was established in 1747. Since that year, it has erected three houses of worship. The first was a log meeting house, the second a quaint stone bulding with a wineglass pulpit, and the third, erected in 1897, is a beautiful modern edifice constructed of dressed native limestone. St. John's Church, located in the village, was built in 1867. During the past two years nearly $2,500 has been expended in repairs and improvements. Classis will hold its meetings in this church. Rev. Friderick William Bald, formerly pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Baltimore, is pastor.

Clear Spring is a village of 500 inhabitants. It is located on the old Western Turnpike, in Washington county.

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