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JANUARY 31.

This JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE we will try to surpass any of our former sales. We must reduce our stock before inventory February 1st.

This sale will take in every department in our stores. Hence you will not be disappointed if you want Carpets, Rugs, Mattings, Oil Cloths, Ladies Tailored Suits, Coats and Skirts, Muslin Underwear, Glassware, Toilet Sets or China, Pictures, Mirrors, or Household goods of every kind. India Linons, Killarney Linens, Table Linens, Napkins, Ginghams, Muslins, Outings, Flannelettes, Blankets, Comfortables, Underwear, Sweaters, Fascinators, Embroideries, Ribbons, Handkerchiefs, Dress Goods, and Linings. Hats, Caps, Clothing and Shoes.

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Childrens Coats at almost half price.
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$1.25	Ladies Cambric Skirts	98c
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Societe de Libre Pensee Without God---Without Hope

A Typical Funeral Described

Burial in Unblessed Graves—Without Priest or Prayer; Without Hope for the Dead or Comfort for the Living—"Friend and Brother Farewell Forever!" the only Words Spoken.

Special to the American Sentinel.
(By W. B. Seabrook.)

Arles, France.—The priests of Arles are in despair. The male members of their flock are tumbling into perdition one by one. The holy fathers first made heroic efforts to save them against their will and succeeded in dragging one or two refractory souls, willy-nilly, from the infernal pit, but now these obstinate Arlesians nave carried their case to court and have established on a legal basis their privilege to be damned. The good wives of Arles, disturbed by the prospect of eternal widowhood, are the ardent allies of the priests, but the headstrong husbands insist on going to Hell.

Last week I attended the funeral of the late Monsieur R.....,ancient and honorable mayor of Arles and member of the Legion of Honor. It was there that I first learned upon what evil days the local church has fallen. The funeral cortege was imposing, for Monsieur R.....had been widely popular. The procession was headed by a company of citizens, who marched in a hollow square, grouped around a black velvet banner, on which was inscribed in silver letters the legend "Societe de Libre Pensee." Six black horses drew the hearse, and eight or nine hundred mourners followed on foot, with uncovered heads. No eulogy had been pronounced, and no prayer had been offered at the family mansion, where the body had lain in state, so I naturally supposed that the ceremony would take place in the cemetery, but absolute silence reigned while the coffin was being lowered into the grave, and when the president of the society stepped forward at the last moment, he simply said,

"Friend and brother, farewell forever."

That was all.

My profund astonishment was increased when I learned that eight-tenths of the male inhabitants of Arles are members of the Society of Free Thought, and that these civil interments are the rule and not the exception. The history of the establishment of this organization is curious and interesting. Five years ago, a number of hardy sceptics concluded, inasmuch as they had lived content without attending Mass or going to the confessional that they could die equally content without the services of the priests.

When the first member passed away, his pious confreres took possession of the body and quietly dropped it into a grave, without a single prayer, without burning a single candle and despite the hysterical resistance of the heart broken widow, who was a devout believer and who consequently felt that her beloved husband was lost to her not only for this life but for all eternity. Naturally she confided the tragic story to the horrified priests, knowledge of the affair reached the ears of the general public and of the bishop, and ended by assuming the proportions of a public scandal. But the society did not disband. In fact it was strengthned by the notoriety, for it is fashionable in France to scoff at everything religious. They regard the Church as "an excellent diversion and prop for women and weaklings."

Soon afterward another comrade died and within an hour his brethren were at the door to claim the body. But prompt as was their action, they were too late. The widow herself opened the door and made no effort to deter them from entering the death chamber. She was the picture of meekness and resignation. Silently elated, the sombre delegation filed into the little parlor, but recoiled dumbfounded before the unexpected and dramatic scene that greeted their eyes.

The shrouded body lay outstretched upon a bier in the center of the room, candles were burning at the head and feet, and the odor of incense was in the air. Towering before them like an avenging angel stood Monseignor the Bishop. In his right hand gleamed a naked sword and in his left he held a crucifix. "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost," said he—and the Libre Penseurs responded not a word. But they met that night and in secret laid the plans for a complete revenge, after which they tranquilly bided their time. Six months passed and another aged brother crossed the river. This time the society was triumphant. The president produced a formal testament, legally witnessed and bearing the public notary's official seal, in which the deceased member had declared:

"I, Jacques Beaumard, do hereby will and command that, upon my death, my body be delivered into the hands of the Societe de Libre Pensee, to be interred by these, my brethren, without religious ceremony and without the presence of a priest or any other official representative of the church."

Law is law, and, particularly in France, where the government is never so happy as when chance offers it an opportunity to serve the priests an evil turn, it was useless to contest the document.

By its audacity the Societe deLibre Pensee sprang into immediate prominence and popularity, for in this country it is considered a sign of superior intelligence and manliness to hold the church in light esteem. The organization already numbered among its members the leading professional men and politicians of the community and in course of time became a formidable power. Poor and humble citizens were welcomed into the ranks and joined the more readily because they felt they were alligning themselves, identifying themselves as it were, with a progressive government and a wise administration, against an institution that was well enough under the old regime but that should have been abandoned after the revolution. The truth of the matter is that France as a nation is no longer Christian. The government is openly inimical to the Church; the leading contemporary scientists and philosophers are even more radical in their disbelief than were Voltaire and Rousseau; the great daily newspapers (with one or two notable exceptions), when they mention the subject seriously, which rarely occurs, treat Christianity as a myth, and Catholicism as an abomination. All these influences are shaping public sentiment, and the state of affairs at Arles is but one phase of a more general condition.

DEFERRED LOCAL.

Pleasant Valley Items.

On Thursday evening of last week, Misses Ada and Anna Hahn entertained Mr. and Mrs. Slonaker and daughter Cora, and Mr. Edgar Fleagle, of Mayberry; Misses Janette and Ruth Fleagle, of Colonial Park, Baltimore; Mr. Carroll Myers and Mr. Wm. Myers, of this place. Vocal and instrumental music were indulged in and at a late hour refreshments were served.

Miss Ada Hahn spent several days last week with her friend, Miss Eva Daily at Mt. Washington, Baltimore county and on her return visited her sister Mrs. Emory C. Ebaugh, at Carrollton.

Mr. Leonard Yingling and sister Margaret have returned home after spending some time with friends and relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. Henry T. Wantz, who has been very ill, is somewhat improved at present writing.

Mrs. Cora Myers is also on the sick list. Dr. Stewart is attending her.

Mr. Frederick Myers has returned home after spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. Kate Cookson and granddaughter, of Westminster, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. P. Yingling, last week.

Mr. George Babylon, of Frizellburg; Mr. Henry L. Devilbiss and family, Mr. Wm. H. Yingling and family, of this place, visited Mrs. Abraham Buffington and son, near Union Bridge, on Sunday, 3rd inst.

Mr. Jacob Lawyer, who has been suffering with a severe attack of neuralgia, is able to be out again.

Bachman's Valley Items.

Herbert Babylon has returned home from his holiday visit to Hanover, Pa., and elsewhere.

Mr. Horace Null, of this place, who gives much of his attention to trapping, caught 68 muskrats, 22 skunks 7 possums, 1 raccoon and 1 very large mink, during the trapping season, for which he received $50.72. Who can equal this?

Mr. Geo. F. L. Ebaugh, who was visiting friends in Baltimore, has returned to his home. Mr. E. is a blacksmith and is undecided whether to remain here or make his future home and follow his trade in the city.

A most enjoyable birthday party was given at the home of Mr. Milton W. Swenk Tuesday evening, 29th ult., in honor of Mrs. Swenk's 33rd birthday anniversary. The guests began to arrive at about 7.30 P. M. and Mr. and Mrs. Swenk were taken by surprise. The evening was spent in music, games and conversation. J. Thomas Yingling, Jr., presided at the organ and Winfield Scott Phillips at the violin. At 11 o'clock refreshments were served. Those present were: Frank Menchey and wife, Jerris O. Jones and wife, William McAffreys and wife, D. S. Warehime and wife; Mrs. Rachel Sullivan and Miss Hilda Sullivan, of Virginia; Misses Alverta Warehime, Annie Leese, Erma Houser, Effie Bankert, Elva Menchey, Mamie Warehime, Helen Lookingbill, Viva Jones, Norma Warehime, Catherine Trump, Annie Menchey, Nellie Menchey, Grace and Annie Swenk, Messrs. Edgar Bankert, Herbert Houser, Chas. Jones, Paul Jones, Geo. Leese, Harry Smeach, J. Thomas Yingling, Jr., Sherman Lookingbill and Winfield Scott Phillips. All spent an enjoyable evening.

For the Sentinel.

An Enjoyable Birthday Party.

A most enjoyable birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Edmondson, recently, in honor of their daughter Stella's 18th birthday. Games, music and conversation were indulged in until a late hour, after which refreshments were served in abundance. Some very fine music was rendered by Mr. John Harris and Mrs. Alice Kats, of Baltimore. Miss Stella received many handsome presents. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Edmondson, Mr. L. C. Jordan and wife, Mr. George Gettier and wife, Mr. John Harris and wife, Mr. George Kats and wife, Mr. Howard Toomey and wife, Mr. Albert Green and wife, Mr. Stephen Barnes and wife, Mr. Tyson Harrison and wife, Mrs. John Barnes, Mrs. James Gosnell, Misses Rachel Pool, Jane Brothers, Mary Brothers, Rose Brothers, Edna Barnes, Stella Edmondson, Mary Ford, Blanche Ford, Dicie Ward, Lizzie Coleman, Grace Gamber, Anne Edmondson, Viola Barnes, Pauline Barnes, Doda Arnold, Grace Bowers, Margaret Silati, Addie Gosnell, Laura Parrish, Katie Edmondson, Treva Gettier, Adalade Gettier, Mary Harris, Messrs. Albert N. Prugh, Merrill Gettier, Geo. Garver, Carroll Bowers, Gorman Jordan, Clarence Ford, Carroll Ford, Lawrence Harris, Walter Stem, William Barnes, Milton Edmondson, John Edmondson, Raymond Edmondson, Samuel Edmondson, Walter Stocksdale, Peter W. Smith, Arthur Smith, Thomas Gosnell, Worth Barnes, Marine Grimes, Willie Philips, Roby Wilson, Horace Blizzard, Merry Pouder, Otis Gamber, Herbert Schwartz, Earl Zentz, Milton Devilbiss, Rubey Pool, Thomas Barnes, Roy Gamber, William Philips, Leo Caltrider, Master Jimmie Kats.

Gamber Items.

Miss Mamie D. Chew, of Patapsco, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Benson during the holidays.

Miss Helen Bartholow, who had been visiting Miss Daisy Poole, of Mechanicsville, has returned to her home in Baltimore.

Mr. E. Gloyd Wells, of Hampstead, spent several days with Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Wells, of Mechanicsville, during the holidays.

Miss Alverta Benson, who is preparing to become a trained nurse at St. Agnes' hospital, visited her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Benson, of Mechanicsville, recently.

Mr. Maurice Gorsuch, who is a student at Asbury Park and who spent his vacation with his parents, has returned to school.

One evening recently a jolly crowd of boys and girls, dressed in fancy masquerade suits, journeyed from Mechanicsville to several places in East View, where they entertained. Although the atmosphere was hovering around the zero point, they were cuddled up so close in the straw that they hardly gave the weather a thought. When they thought they had visited enough, they all agreed to go to Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Wells, of Mechanicsville, and see the old year out and welcome the new one by some very select music, which was rendered by Misses Mamie Chew, Gertrude Wells and Helen Bartholow. The jolly crowd took full possession of the house and everything they could find. Almost every kind of candy imaginable was made.

On Thursday night of last week, a crowd of almost 200, with tin pans, wash boilers and everything that would make a noise, serenaded Dr. and Mrs. Wells, as it was the 15th anniversary of their wedding.

A party was given New Year's night by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Benson, of Mechanicsville, in honor of their cousin, Alverta. The rooms were beautifully decorated. The guests were summoned to a very inviting table at 11.30 P. M., and all had a royal good time. The music by Misses Helen Bartholow, Gertrude Wells and Mamie Chew, on the piano, accompanied by Mr. Oscar Warner with the cornet, was greatly enjoyed. Everybody had their fortune told, which seemed to please all, and all you could hear for a while was "What was youra? Miss Benson's party were: Misses Etta Zepp, Grace Zepp, Elizabeth Klee, Grace Yingling, Grace Bush, Daisy Poole, Helen Bartholow, Beulah Shauck, Blanche Smith, Edith Smith, Gertrude Wells, Mamie Chew, Alverta Benson, Pearl Barnes, Mellie Gardner, Messrs. Harry Klee, Henry Klee, Elmer Munroe, Oscar Munroe, Oscar Gorsuch, Maurice Gorsuch, Leslie Gorsuch, Gloyd Wells, John Yingling, James Shauck, Louis Lee, Harry Shipley, Carroll Stocksdale, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. R. F. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Shipley, Master Earl Wells, Russell Benson, William Bush.

A stranger passing through Mechanicsville last week took the pike for the board walk at Atlantic City, when he saw so many young couples with locked arms walking along, looking each other in the eyes. Now and then a couple would stop and look at some distant form and then hollow at a friend and the stranger thought they were looking out into the ocean at the friend.

Sunday was a busy day for the exchange girl as she had so many calls to Mechanicsville from the suburban point. One could take down the receiver any time and hear lovy and dovy making arrangements to go to church and afterward take a drive by the beautiful moonlight.

Daniel Items.

A most successful oyster supper was held by St. Stephen's Lodge, I. O. O. F., in their hall at this place on Saturday 2nd inst., in connection with a public installation. The elected officers installed were: N. G., H. E. Pickett; V. G., J. Eyler; secretaries, L. A. Koontz, A. M. Zile; treasurer, I. Frizzell. Interesting talks were given by M. H. Penn, Howard Shipley, J. T. Fassett. A large crowd was present and all seemed to enjoy the occasion. There was also present a member of a Rebecca Lodge, Miss Ethel Gilliss, who holds membership in Rebecca Lodge in Warren, Ohio.

Miss Louisa Cashour, of Mt. Airy, is visiting Mrs. Deborah Snider.

Revival services are in progress at the Bethel Church. Rev. Mr. Betts is in charge.

Mr. Josiah Criswell, of Illinois, and Mr. Carnby Criswell, of New York, who had been visiting their mother, Mrs. F. L. Criswell, have returned to their homes.

Miss Stella Shipley, after spending several days in Baltimore, is home again.

Mrs. Ollie Buckingham, who has been seriously ill of scarlet fever, is recovering.

Miss M. E. Gillis, who is teaching school at Woodsboro, spent the holidays at the residence of her sister, Mrs. M. C. Hammond.

Miss Ethel Gillis, who had been visiting relatives and friends for several months, will return this week to Pittsburg, Pa., where she is stenographer for a large manufacturing plant.

Copperville Items.

Among the most enjoyable affairs of the season was a new year and surprise birthday dinner at the home of Mr. Henry Sell, it being his eightieth birthday. They sent Mr. Sell to the mill in the morning and when he returned his friends were there to greet him. His children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren were all present. A very pleasant and enjoyable time was spent. About twelve o'clock dinner was ready and the table was filled to its utmost capacity. Those present were: Mr. Henry Sell, Rev. Martin Schweitzer, Jacob Sell and wife, Wm. Flickinger and wife, Jacob Rodkey and wife, Maurice Flickinger and wife, Ira Rodkey and wife, Howard Rodkey and wife, Charles Maus and wife, Jacob Maus, Charles Welk, Mrs. Copenhaver, Joseph Warner and wife, of Baltimore; Misses Esther and Maud Maus, Mattie and Annie Sell, Sadie, Bertha and Anna Flickinger, Bessie, Naomi, Grace and Ruthanna Rodkey, Rosa Warner, Margie Copenhaver, Edna Welk, Messrs. Howard Maus, Raymond Rodkey, William Flickinger, Jr., Walter Welk. About 4 o'clock refreshments were served, after which the guests started for home, wishing Mr. Sell many more happy birthdays.

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