Post Office Hours for Delivery of Mail.

The Rural Mail Carriers will make their usual delivery of mail tomorrow, Christmas. There will be but one delivery of mail in the morning, by the city carriers.
On New Year's day the Rural Mail Carriers will make no delivery, and but one delivery in the morning, will be made by the city carriers.

We Wish All Our Patrons and Friends a

Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Notice To Correspondents And Advertisers.

As the Rural Carriers do not deliver mail on New Year's Day, THE AMERICAN SENTINEL will be issued on Thursday. We, therefore, request all correspondents and those contemplating advertising with us, to send the communications and advertising matter to us as early in the week as possible.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

The usual Christmas services will be held by the Sunday Schools of this city.

Ice 4½ inches thick was harvested in this vicinity, during the past week.

The young folks are having lots of fun masquerading around town.

Live turkeys sold in this city this week at 18 to 20 cents per pound.

Interesting and seasonable reading matter will be found on the first and fourth pages of todays paper.

A great deal of wheat has been hauled to town during the past week. It has been bringing $1.15.

Many of our former residents have returned to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

A large quantity of Christmas trees have been sold in this city during the past week.

Fine skating has been very much enjoyed by our young folks during the past week.

Western Maryland College has closed for the holidays until the first Tuesday in January. The public schools have closed until the first Monday in January.

The stores of this city have been crowded with shoppers during the entire week and consequently the merchants have had a good season.

Tomorrow being Christmas there will be a general suspension of business in this city. Banks, stores and county offices will be closed.

The Rural Carriers of this county are invited to attend a dinner and social at Davis Hall, Westminster, at 10 A. M. New Years Day.

The Grand Officers of the Knights of Pythias visited Union Bridge on Monday night last. After the business of the evening was finished refreshments were served in the lodge room.

We have received from Mr. J. N. Dehoff, dealer in general merchandise, lumber, coal and feed at Grenmount, this county, a very handsome calender for the year 1910.

The employees of the postoffice and express companies of this city have been kept very busy this week handling the large amount of mail and express packages.

Winter is here. An old adage says: "When the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen." This has been verified by the recent drop in the temperature to 12 degrees.

We are informed that the report circulated in this city that Dr. John S. Mathias had given up his practice, is without any foundation. The doctor is very much improved and perfectly able to attend to his patients.

The open season for killing rabbits partridges and pheasants in Carroll county closes tomorrow, Christmas. The season for squirrels closed on December 1st. The season for all game closes in Baltimore county today.

Among the postmasters advanced by the Post Office Department to the Presidential class, to take effect January 1st, 1910, is Mr. Charles M. Murray of Hampstead. The salary has also been advanced to $1100.

The wind blew such a gale on Wednesday last that the dust on Main street made the day one of the most disagreeable of the year. Pedestrians and others suffered very much from the effects of the dust.

The W. M. R. R. Co., has improved the crossing on Main street by raising its tracks and filling between them with lime stone. Oak street, adjacent to the road, has been surfaced with stone.

A few weeks ago Mr. Edward F. Hoff of this city had a valuable horse paralyzed, and after using every known remedy and giving it every attention possible, he was compelled to have it killed.

Mr. Herbert V. Quail, a former resident of Hampstead, this county, was among the successful candidates for admission to the bar at the examination held in Baltimore on Nov. 29-30. Mr. Quail attended lectures at the University of Maryland.

Mr. James T. Trayer of this city has sold his house and lot on East Main street to Mr. Francis J. Albaugh of Gist, this county, and has purchased the dwelling, storehouse, stock and fixtures of Mr. Harry Fleagle of Mayberry, also of this county.

Our esteemed Manchester correspondent with this issue of The American Sentinel closes his 33rd year as a correspondent. He began at Christmas 1876 and has continued uninterruptedly ever since. He wishes us and all the readers of The American Sentinel a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Martha S. Middlekauff, widow of Henry D. Middlekauff, of Hagerstown, Md., died at the home of her son H. B. Middlekauff in Staunton, Va., on December 14 aged 74 years, 6 months and 17 days. She was born in this county and was the daughter of the late Jacob and Mary E. Angle.

On Tuesday last Mr. John T. Anders, of this city, struck his foot against a raised brick in a pavement on West Main street, and was thrown to the ground, striking his face with force sufficient to knock a tooth out of his mouth. He was considerably bruised otherwise.

Mr. Jesse Fuss, of Union Bridge, was a welcome visitor at this office on Tuesday past. He was one of the delegates to the Farmers' Convention held at Raleigh, N. C., last month, and gave us an interesting account of its working. He is very much interested in the movement among the intelligent farmers to better the financial and social conditions of the farmers generally.

List of unclaimed matter remaining in the Postoffice, Westminster, Dec. 18th, 1909:

Dorsey, Mr. E. H.
Englar, Miss L. D.
Mathews, Mrs. Ann M.
Neiman, Mrs. Mary
Opitz, Miss Clara
Roudouth, Miss Clara
Steich, Miss Effa
Springs, Mr. Harry
Zepp. Mr. William

Persons calling for matter in the above list will please say it was advertised.

S. K. HERR, P. M.

We have received from the Westminster Fertilizer Company one of the most interesting and instructive calenders for the year 1910. It represents Thure de Thulstrup's famous painting of the "Cession of Louisiana 1803", exhibited at the St. Louis Exposition. It represents the transfer of the province of Louisiana from France to the United States, and is the final formal act in New Orleans denoting the change of sovereignty. It shows the lowering of the French tri-color just as the Stars and Stripes are run to the top of the flag pole and greeted with a salute from the guns of the military company drawn up on one side. It is valuable from a historical point.

The weather predictions for tomorrow are partly cloudy with light northwest winds.

The Christmas exercises of Trinity Lutheran Church, Deer Park Road, will be held on Sunday morning at 10.30.

Mrs. Dora L. Zepp, of Finksburg, this county, widow of Mr. John Wesley Zepp, is at the Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore. She is suffering from a tumor, which the doctors will remove.

Christmas services and Music at 10.30 A. M. at the Methodist Protestnt church. Sermon Theme: "The Great White Way." At 7.30 P. M. the children will sing their Christmas Carols.

Mr. Lewis Green, Sr., killed 12 hogs on December 13, which weighed respectively, 249, 244, 225, 223, 220, 219, 194, 200, 255, 155, 500 and 550, making a total of 3234.

Mrs. E. Jane Coon, of Liberty street this city, received a telegram on Thursday announcing the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dr. Geo. S. Yingling, of Tiffin, Ohio. Mrs. Yingling was a former resident of this city.

On Thursday nights Door to Virtue Lodge No. 46, A. F. and A. M., of this city, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. M., Dr. Lewis K. Woodward; S. W., D. Snider Babylon; J. W., Dr. Jesse S. Myers; Sec., Dr. Geo. E. Baughman; Treas., H. Peyton Gorsuch.

Mr. Charles W. Huff and family will leave Littlestown on January 5th to take charge of the hotel in Mercersburg purchased by Mr. Huff in September last. Mr. Huff is a native of this county and formerly ran a hotels in Hampstead and this city.

We have received from Mr. J. Albert Mitten, secretary of the Lake Drummond Canal Company, several sprays of sufficient mistletoe plucked by him in the vicinity of the canal in Virginia. We are willing to let any young lady have it to stand under, but please don't all speak at once.

The handsomest calender received by us this year up to this date was received on Monday last from The Rocky Ford Ice and Mercantile Company of Rocky Ford, Colorado. Mr. W. Royer Bish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Bish, of this city, is the President and General Manager of the company.

Bishop Coadjutor Murray of this diocese confirmed a class of 12 members at Mt. Airy P. E. church on Wednesday, December 22. Rev Eugene S. Pearce, the rector at Mt. Airy, tendered his resignation to the vestry, to take effect on Christmas day and will leave immediately for Albany, N. Y., to take up more active work.

Mr. Theodore F. Brown, principal of the Hampstead High School, was among the successful candidates for admission to the bar at the examination held in Baltimore on November 29-30. Mr. Brown studied law in the office of Joseph D. Brooks, Esq., of this city, and a correspondence school, and will shortly be admitted to practice by the Court of Appeals.

Mrs Dr. Luther Stitely and Mrs. Dr. Thomas J. Coonan returned from New York on Monday December 13th, where they had gone with their sister, Mrs. David Cowan, who, with her eldest son sailed for Cuba on Saturday last. Mrs. Cowan will spend the winter with her husband who has been secretary-treasurer of Ma Pass Sugar Plantation since May last.

The Christmas exercises of the Smallwood Public School were held on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Ivan L. Sayers assisted Miss Catherine Fissel, the teacher. Washington Camp No. 68 P. O. S. of A., of Smallwood, presented the school with a bible and flag. The presentation speech was made by Rev. W. L. Seabrook and the acceptance by Prof. S. Simpson, superintendent of Public Schools.

The contest over the will of Miss Margaret Hugg of Baltimore city has been amicably settled and one of the objects of the will, the founding of a home at Sykesville, this county, to be known as the Hugg Home, will be accomplished. Miss Hugg gives no instructions as to the character of the home. She simply bequeaths $50,000 for the purpose of establishing it. She was the daughter of Capt. Jacob Hugg a leading resident of East Baltimore in the sixties and early seventies. Miss Hugg died in 1908 at her home, 1302 Eutaw Place, Baltimore.

Miss Felisa Stauffer and Mr. S. T. Stauffer, a sister and brother of Dr. James H. Stauffer, a patient at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, gave part of their blood to be transfused to the veins of their brother who is suffering from a disease called leukemia.

Dr. Stauffer, who has been at the hospital for several weeks, is supposed to have contracted the disease after a heavy cold during the early part of November. He consulted physicians in vain and finally decided to go to the hospital. His condition rapidly became worse and the physicians in charge decided that tranfusion of blood was the only means of relieving him. Dr. Stauffer has been a member of the medical staff of the Maryland General Hospital for two years. He is a graduate of the Western Maryland College and of the Baltimore Medical College. He is a native of Frederick county. We have been informed that the transfusion of the blood gave the patient immediate relief and at this writng he is very much improved.

The Baltimore Sunday American contained an excellent cut of Covington D. Barnitz Esq., one of the oldest residents of this city, who, for a number of years has spent the winters in Baltimore. Mr. Barnitz's branch of the family came to this city in 1820 and has resided here continuously ever since. In 1845 he was admitted to the bar and has been in active practice in this city and Baltimore continuously up to this day, covering a period of nearly 65 years. For years he appeared in the Court of Appeals of Maryland as counsel in the case of Caroline L. Starr against the pastor and trustees of Starr Methodist Protestant Church, involving the sale of the property by the church authorities, and his telling arguments attracted the attention of court officials and spectators alike.

Mr. Barnitz served in the legislature during the administration of Governor Enoch Lewis Lowe.

Mr. Barnitz is descended from a distinguished German family of that name which settled in York, Pa., in 1742. The family was conspicuous during the Revolutionary war, and its members and their descendants have been prominent in matters relating to the state ever since.

Ran Into Toll Gate.

Mr. William Haight, of this county while running his automobile at 9 o'clock Wednesday night became blinded by the glare of a light and ran into the toll gate on the [illegible] at Randallstown. Mr. Haight escaped injury, but the automobile was damaged and the toll gate broken.

Give Short Course for Farmers' Boys.

The Maryland Agricultural College is this year repeating its so-called short course, which is conducted through the winter months for a period of 10 weeks. This year the course will begin on January 4, and every effort is being made to make the enrollment this year a large one.

The course is given for the benefit of those farmers' boys who are so situated that they cannot take the full two or four year course. No entrance examination is required, and anyone above 15 years old may attend.

All of the subjects treated are of vital interest to the farmer and his family.

Election of Officers.

Westminster Ruling No. 130, of the Fraternal Mystic Circle elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

Worthy Ruler, H. P. Gorsuch; Vice Ruler, Charles C. Mitten; Past Worthy Ruler, John J. Reese; Worthy Chaplain, John E. F. Eckenrode; Recorder, Dr Geo. E. Baughman; Collector, J. H. Fuss; Treasurer, J. Thomas Anders; Marshal, Maggie E. Eckenrode; Warden, Bessie S. Diffindall; Guard, Cora Shaffer; Sentry, R. F. Zentz; Organist, Florence H. Anders; Trustees, John J. Reese, Wm. F. Helm, and Jno. E. Eckenrode.

After the adjourment refreshments were served consisting of ham sandwiches, salads, ice cream, cake and coffee.

To Sing "The Little Tycoon."

A cast, including Mrs. Samuel Hoopes, Miss Elinor Markey, Miss Beth Bowers and Emory L. Coblentz, William Shuffler and Mr. Hendy, the latter of Washington who will take the leading roles, is rehearsing the comic opera, "The Little Tycoon," which will be given at City Opera House Frederick, January 26 and 27 for the benefit of the Masonic Temple Association. It will be given under the direction of Miss Sallie Conrad Fauntleroy, and the choruses include the best vocal talent of the city. The performances will be made social events of much interest.

Miss Fauntleroy conducted the opera when it was rendered by our local talent.

Christmas Services at St. Paul's Reformed Church.

Christmas will be observed in St. Paul's Church of this city by the usual morning service at 6.30 o'clock. A special choir assisted by the Westminster orchestra, will sing the following program:

The Wagner Festival Jubilate.
The Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah.
Mozart's Gloria.
Adeste Fideles.
Brightest and Best of the Sons of the morning.
Joy to the World.
The Magnificat. The Benedictus, and The Annunciatio Angeli.

The childrens' service will be held at 6.30 P. M.

Doyen Treatment Employed.

Mr. John Lookingbill of this county who is said to be the first patient in this country to be treated for cancer according to the Doyen theory, was dismissed from the St. Luke's Hospital, Baltimore, on Wednesday. The operation was performed at the hospital on November 19 by Dr. George Hauer Everhart, chief surgeon of the electro-therapeutic department, and was for the removal of a cancerous growth from the patient's mouth, face and head.

After the operation the patient was inoculated with vaccine prepared in the laboratories of Dr. E. Doyen, the originator of the theory, in Paris. At intervals for six months this antitoxin will be used on the patient, after which he will be treated no longer, but kept under watch by the physician for three years. If no further growth is seen by that time, he will be pronounced cured.

Mr. Lookingbill is from this county and is the father of Patrolman Lookingbill, of the Northern district, Baltimore. He will live with his son for some time, and be under the care of Dr. Everhart.

Will of Dr. Sappington.

The will of Dr. Thomas P. Sappington, of Unionville, disposing of a large estate, including farms in Frederick and Carroll counties, has been filed for probate in the Orphans' Court of Frederick county. The testator bequeaths all of his property, except the house in Unionville, in which he resided, and the furniture contained therein, to his son, Dr. Clifford T. Sappington, and brother, Greenbury Sappington, as trustees, to collect the income from the estate and pay the proceeds therefrom, annually, one-third to the testator's widow, one-third to his son, Dr. Clifford T. Sappington, and one-third to his daughter, Claire Sappington, wife of Dr. James Sappington, of Libertytown, Frederick county. Upon the death of the testator's widow, the trust is to cease, and the executors, who are the same as the trustees, are to dispose of the estate as follows:

To Dr. Clifford T. Sappington is to be given a 300 acre farm in Carroll county, tenanted by John Baumgrdner, and a farm of about 100 acres between Libertytown and Mapleville. To Mrs. James Sappington is to be given a farm of 125 acres known as Bungtown farm and a half interest in a farm of 200 acres on the road from West Falls to Mt. Airy, and also the house in Unionville in which the testator resided. All other property, including a store property in Unionville, recently occupied by Harry C. Worman, now deceased, is to be converted into cash and the proceeds divided equally between the two children of the testator. The widow is given the use of the Unionville residence for life.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Frank L. Johns, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Gehr, of this city.

Misses Hilda Devilbiss and Emma Slagle, of the Women's College, Frederick, are home for the holidays.

Mr. Harry C. Keefer, of Baltimore, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. William N. Keefer, of this city.

Mr. Russell Crouse, of Frederick, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Oliver M. Crouse, of this city.

Mrs. William A. Leister of Baltimore is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rev. R. W. Doty, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Eltinge Shriver, of Baltimore, are visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Clark, and daughter, Miss Alice, of Jamestown, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. Nelson Gilbert of this city.

Mr. Geo. Essom, who went to Decatur, Ill., last spring, has returned to this city accompanied by his cousin, Mr. Arthur Hoff. They will spend the winter in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Mathias and son of this city are spending the holidays in Hanover, Pennsylvania with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kale, parents of Mrs. Mathias. Mr. Mathias will, while away, make a business trip to Philadelphia.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, December 20th 1909.—George M. Ott, administrator of Matilda Ott, deceased, returned inventory of money and report of sale of personal property.

Letters of administration on the estate of Susan Strevig, deceased, granted unto Susan S. Diehl, who received order to notify creditors and returned inventory of debts.

Francis H. Gosnell, administrator of Willard L. Gosnell, deceased, settled his first and final account.

John T. Fuhrman, administrator of Sarah J. Fuhrman, deceased, returned report of sale of personal property and settled his first and final account.

Tuesday, December 21st, 1909.—John H. Bossom, administrator of George W. Bossom, deceased, settled his first and final account.

Edwin H. Myers, executor of Catherine Myers, deceased, returned report of sale of personal property.

WEDDING BELLS.

Miller--Wantz.

Mr. Aaron J Miller and Miss Nettie B. Wantz both of near Westminster, were married at the parsonage of Salem Lutheran charge by the pastor Rev. R. W. Doty, on December 21st, 1909, at 1 o'clock P. M., and left immediately for a trip to Baltimore, Washington and other points.

Houck--Leister.

Mr. Nevitt B. Houck of Snydersburg, this county and Miss Lola Leister of Roseville, this county, were married at the parsonage of Salem Lutheran charge by the pastor, Rev. R. W. Doty, on December 22nd, 1909, at 3 o'clock P. M. and left immediately for a trip to Baltimore, Washington and other points.

DEATHS' DOINGS.

Wm. H. Knadler.

Mr. William H. Knadler, a former well known resident of this city, died at Keedysville, Washington county, on Decemer 10th of consumption, in the 52 year of his age. He was a member of the Reformed Church and Knights of Pythias and by trade a cooper.

He leaves a widow and five children, also a mother living at Keedysville and a brother, Mr. Samuel Knadler of this city.

Trevia Larue Leppo.

On Sunday morning December 19th, Trevia Larue Leppo the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Leppo of Bachman's Valley, departed this life aged 2 years 11 months and 20 days, and was buried at Bachman's church on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, the Rev. James H. Stonesifer, officiating. The pallbearers were: Masters Hering Brown, Sterling Brown, Arthur Yingling and Lester Reese.

Mr. James M. Stoner was funeral director.

Capt. Lewis F. Zimmerman.

Capt. Lewis M. Zimmerman a veteran of the Civil War and for more than a quarter of a century an employee in the Custom service at Baltimore, died in the latter place on Saturday last of stomach trouble, and was buried at Frederick city on Monday last. Rev. Robert S. Coupland, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church of the Ascension officiating. He was a member of Post No. 2 of the Frederick G. A. R.

Capt. Zimmerman was a member of Cole's Cavalry and served throughout the Civil War. He is survived by a widow and a sister, Mrs Mary Wachter, of Frederick, Md.

George W. Hoffacker.

Mr. George W. Hoffacker, 202 Carroll avenue, Baltimore died Sunday morning at his home, after a week's illness, due to erysipelas. For nearly 30 years he had lived in [illegible] well known in the [illegible] city. As a young man Mr. Hoffacker conducted a farm in Carroll county, but, with the decline of farming in Maryland, he moved to Baltimore. He is survived by nine children—William M., George F., M. Luther, Ira C., John H., and four daughters (Mrs. Wm. Shearer, of New Freedom, Pa., Mrs. Thomas Bolgiano, of Baltimore; Mrs. N. L. Eichelberger, and Mrs. J. F. Schmidt, with whom he lived).

George H. Elgin.

Mr. George H. Elgin, a native of this county, who removed to the west in 1864 and finally settled in Dixon, Illinois, died at the Maryland University Hospital in Baltimore, on Tuesday last, of heart failure in the 67th year of his age. He is survived by a widow and 4 adult children all of whom reside in the west, two brothers, Mr. Jacob F Elgin of this city and Mr. Frederick Elgin residing at West Falls, this county, and Mrs. Elizabeth Lookingbeel a sister residing in Kansas. He is the fourth member of the Elgin family to die within the past two years.

Mr. Elgin was on a visit to his brothers in this county and was taken seriously ill in the forepart of this week. He was immediately removed to the hospital by Dr. Foutz of this city, who saw that he needed extraordinary treatment.

He was a son of the late Samuel Elgin of West Falls, this county.

His remains were brought to the home of his brother, Mr. Jacob F Elgin, of this city, and the funeral services were held on Thursday at 10.30 A.M., at the M. E. Church South, Franklinville, this county. Interment in the adjoining cemetery.

Union Veterans Dined.

Eight of the thirty survivors of Alexander's Battery Baltimore Light Artillery, with their sons, who are proud of the achievements of the veterans, assembled at the Carrollton Hotel Baltimore, Friday night of last week to fight again their battles over a bounteously laden table. There were present Gen. Peter Leary, who was second lieutenant of the battery, and subsequently joined the regular Army, Capt. Charles Evans, [illegible] was first lieutenant and was afterwards promoted, W. H. Moffett, F. W. Wild, Howard Gambrill, Edward Fritzpatrick, John Wright and B. F. Seebold. The sons of the veterans who attended enjoyed the affair as much as did their elders.

Leaning against the wall and in full view of the banqueters was a fac simile of the guidon of the battery, the original being incased in glass at Annapolis.

On the white stripes were inscribed the names of the battles in which they participated. These were Berryville, Opequon, Winchester, Middletown, Frederick and Monocacy. Once the battery was nearly wiped out. It was mustered into service August 15, 1862, and fought through the war.

The reunion was the thirtieth, and every year there are one or more survivors missing.

Mr. William Gibson of Freedom district, this county, was a member of Alexander's Battery and one of the gunners at the battle of Winchester.

Mr. Fogle To Make Change.

Mr. Martin L. Fogle, of Detour, this county, who for the past 39 years has been in continuous employ of the Western Maryland Railroad at that place, will be relieved shortly at his request, and be assigned to other duty with the company in Baltimore, Md. A few years after the close of the Civil War, in which he enlisted in Company B, Seventh Regiment, Maryland Vounteers, at Frederick, Md., upon the call of President Lincoln, he entered the service of the company as an employe. Faithful always, and with that display of interest for the welfare of employer, and, incidentally, to protect by all human means those persons traveling over the section of the track which he supervised, proved his ability to the degree that not a serious accident marred his term of service there. Starting as he did comparatively a young man, he saw many of the older school come and go, among whom was Gen. J. M. Hood, whom he relied upon as a particular friend. Mr. Fogle has served as foreman alone for 30 years on what is known as Section No. 10. Covering a distance of five miles between Middleburg, and Rocky Ridge.

His personal pride in relating the hard-ships of his half-year confinement in Libby and Andersonville Prisons, where he was taken after capture in the Battle of the Wilderness, do not compare with his experiences in the long and constant danger of the rail for nearly 40 years.

Gen'l. Green Berry Raum, former commissioner of pensions, died at his home in Chicago Dec. 18, after an illness of several weeks. He was 80 years of age. Interment was at the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va.

Court Proceedings.

No cases that have ever been heard in the Circuit Court here have awakened greater interest than that of the State vs. Annie Grimes, tried before a jury on Wednesday. The young woman, who is little more than a girl, was in Court on a warrant from Edw. W. Shriver, Esq., J. P., charging her with an assault on her two weeks old girl baby, by leaving it by the wayside near this city, late in the evening, exposing it to danger of death from freezing and starvation.

The Court room was packed throughout the day, and great interest was manifested as the witnesses gave in their testimony. Messrs. John Thomas Harris and Charles Everhart testified to finding the baby. Joshua Hesson testified to seeing the traverser at Glyndon with the child, and that she came by the train on which he was an employee to the coal chute at Cranberry. Glenn Buckingham saw her get off at the coal chute. Sena McClain, colored, saw her seated on the bank, near where the baby was afterwards found, suckling it. Ed. Bell met her without the child, on her way to Westminster. Messrs. Ryland and Fowble testified to her arrival in the station, this city, and to her purchase of ticket for New Windsor and departure by the late train, after remaining in and around the station for several hours. Sheriff Kemper testified to admissions made by the traverser in his presence.

For the defense the mother of the girl testified that she had communicated to her daughter the declaration of the girl's father that he would not allow her to bring her baby home. These facts indicated that the girl had clung to her child with maternal instinct, and abandoned it because of the father's declaration that he would not let her bring it home. The jury found her guilty and recommended her to the mercy of the Court, and she was sentenced by Judge Forsythe to be confined in the county jail for sixty days. Reifsnider for State; Henning for traverser.

A number of persons have made application for the baby and Mr. Reifsnider received one letter from a family in Pennsylvania with an offer of adoption.

Mr. Reifsnider later delivered the baby to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doderer residing near town on the Littlestown Turnpike, who have agreed to care for it.

Manchester Items.

As the gladsome Christmas season is nearing we find everybody busy helping Santa Claus and getting in readiness for the cheer and joy it always has in store. Sunday schools have been in practice for several weeks and will hold their exercises on Christmas night. Dr. T. S. Land will hold early service in Trinity Reformed church at 6 A. M. The services are well attended.

The frigid weather of the last week froze over our dams and ponds and at this writing the finest kind of ice is being housed, five and six inches thick.

The remains of the little twin boy of Mr. Brenan of Baltimore were brought here to the home of the grandfather Mr. J. A. Frederick, from whence it was buried beside the twin brother who died some months ago. Nine months ago the mother was laid away to rest in a lot in the new cemetery.

Little George Shower took his last treatment on Tuesday at the Pasteur in the City Hospital Baltimore. He is bright and cheerful and the professors are well satisfied with his condition.

The friends here of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Morelock were informed by their daughter, Mrs. A. P. Marsh, 217 East 4th street, Frederick, Md., that they will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on Sunday next, 26th, at her home and desires them to enjoy a shower of post cards.

Prof. Unger, wife and son, of Manilus, N. Y., are at the home of Mrs. U's. parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Shower, for the Christmas holidays and tell of the sad drowning of two of their boys at the school two weeks ago. They, with a comrade went upon forbidden ground to a pond then covered with ice; after several stone tests it was thought O. K. The smaller boy ventured on but did not get very far before he broke through. One of the comrades went to his rescue and he got to shore but the rescurer went under, and the larger boy then went to his help, but in their struggles they both went to the bottom. The rescued boy hurried to the school and gave the alarm. The one body was soon found but the other was not gotten for an hour after. It is doubly sad to know that just about the time of the drowning the parents of one of the boys set sail at New York for a European trip.

Mrs. Ferdinand Wolf, of South Main street, was stricken with paralysis on Sunday evening last while sitting at the supper table. Dr. J. F. Weaver was called and found her condition serious.

A letter from Mr. Bert Bubb of Glen Rock informed us that while west last week buying horses the themometer was 8 to 10 degrees below zero at Macon, Mo., and that rabbits were so plentiful that one man shot 80 on Wednesday and 72 next day. The dealer with whom he was stopping bought 1291 in two days. They used two two-horse wagons to take them to the station. He paid 4 and 5 cents apiece.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Wentz and daughter Isabel spent Sunday with Mr. W's. parents Mr. and Mrs. John S. Wentz, of Hanover, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. J. LaMotte spent several days with friends in Balto. last week.

Mr. George Land, of the Franklin & Marshal Academy, Lancaster, Pa., is home for the holidays.

Mr. Will Myers, of Westminster is here with friends and has been aiding in the rush at the Mather store.

Mr. Ed Rupp lost a valuable horse last week from colic. Mr Adam Wink had to kill one of his on account of a broken leg caused by a kick from another horse.

At the annual election of Manchester Rebekah Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F. on Tuesday evening Mrs. Margaret Rittase was elected N. G.; Mrs. Dr. H. M. Keller, V. G.; G W. J. Everhart, R. S.; Miss Bertha Gettier, Fin. Sec'y; Mrs. J. E. Musselman, Treas.; Mrs. W. C. Stick, Rep.; Mrs. David Brilhart, Mrs. H. B. Burgoon and Mrs. W. C. Stick, Trustees.

Dug Up Gold Coin.

On Tuesday last while excavating at Twenty-first and Main streets, Wheeling, W. Va., a workman by the name of Clemens, of Martins Ferry, O., who is employed by Contractor W. J. McLain, of Bellaire, O., dug up six earthen jars of gold coin. The amount is estimated at $50,000.

The excavating has been going on on the premises owned by the heirs of Dr. Schukart, who was murdered in his home by a nephew 20 years ago. The nephew, whose name is Snell, is now serving a term in the penitentiary for the murder. Dr. Schukart was an eccentric individual and did not believe in banks.

Contractor McLain has taken possession of the money and says he intends to keep it.

The heirs of Schukart and the laborer, who found the money, and the Wheeling Stamp Company, present owners of the property, all claim the money and there will be much litigation over the find.

Fire at Emmitsburg.

On Wednesday afternoon fire broke out in Rosensteel & Hemler's bakery. A strong northwest wind was blowing, and at one time it seemed that the fire would prove disastrous. The entire roof of the building was burned off and the roofs of several houses in the neighborhood were on fire. Only the prompt action of the fire department saved the east end of the town. The building is owned by Howard Rowe, and besides the bakery is occupied by two families.

Bachman's Valley Items.

A Merry Xmas to all.

Geo. P. Panebaker spent a week in Baltimore. Annie Panebaker who lives in Baltimore has returned home with her father for her vacation.

Raymond Stonesifer left on Dec. 15 for Sandymount on a butchering trip and will return on Dec. 24th. He said he would have a good time.

Ice is ready to cut, four inches. Get a supply at once. Do not wait.

The iron bridge was delivered to its place on Tuesday by several large teams. It is for Pipe creek near Wisner's school house. It was received from York, Pa., and unloaded at Ebbvale and will be erected at once. A manager of the York Bridge Co. is present.

There will be prayer meeting on Saturday (Christmas) evening at 7 o'clock and Y. P. C. E. on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock at Bixler's U. B. church.

Harry Lippy made a long trip last Thursday covering over 50 miles until he came back home. It was all done in one day.

Mr. John Ebaugh killed three hogs last week weighing 401, 335 and 336 pounds.

W. B. Boyer of Gettysburg Seminary was present at Jerusalem church last Sunday and gave us a very good sermon.

Days are now becoming longer. Winter has begun but we see no snow. Just wait.

Letter from Mr. Bright.

We have received the following letter from Mr. Wm. H. Bright, editor and manager of *The Hampstead Enterprise*.

HAMPSTEAD, MD., DEC. 20TH, 1909.

Editor of American Sentinel. Westminster.

DEAR SIR:—"As you gave publicity to the fact that the suit for criminal libel brought against me by J. Milton Reifsnider, was nolle prossed on Tuesday of last week, on my signing a statement that the article which brought about the suit was not intended to reflect on J. Milton Reifsnider, State's Attorney for Carroll county, when it was explicitly agreed between the prosecution and defense that no publicity should be given the matter, I signed that document only after earnest and continued solicitation on the part of the prosecution, and after informing counsel for Mr. Reifsnider that it was immaterial to me whether they dismissed the case or tried it.

Your report of the case last week conveys the impression that I sought to have the case dismissed, when that is not the fact. It was the prosecution that was anxious to have the case dismissed.

I will not ask you to go into details, but I will state that my attorney, Michael E. Walsh, expressed the hope that I would let it pass. But, in justice to myself, I cannot rest under the imputation that it was I who sought a compromise of the case, when it was those who brought it the charge against me."

Yours respectfully,

W. H. BRIGHT.

We had intended to say nothing about the case against Mr. Bright, except to make a note of it in the court proceeding, but after the case and Mr. Bright's disclaimer had been sent to the Baltimore *American* and *Sun* by the Westminster correspondent of those papers, and they had given the matter a wide circulation, we saw no reason why we should not publish the facts as related to us by Mr. Reifsnider.—Ed.

Western Maryland Shares Go Higher.

An advance of 4½ points in the price of Western Maryland Railway common shares in Wall Street last week following a gain of four points last week, gave rise to much conjecture in Baltimore financial circles, though no authentic information was obtainable beyond the statement that the earnings of the Company are breaking all previous records. A dispatch from New York says: "The rise was accompanied by reports that acquirement of the road by the Baltimore and Ohio was impending.", No official confirmation of the rumors could be had in Baltimore, however.

Directors of the reorganized Company are expected to meet in New York this week to complete arrangements for transferring the property from the receiver to the new corporation which has been formed to succeed the old company, and which will be known as the Western Maryland Railway.

At this meeting it is probable definite steps will be taken to begin work on the extension from Cumberland, Md., to New Haven Pa., a distance of about 83 miles. The Rockfeller interests, which now control the Company, have decided to extend the system to Pittsburg at once, and eventually to Wheeling, W. Va.

From New Haven to Clarendon it is proposed to use the tracks of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie, a Vanderbilt line, and from Clarendon to Pittsburg the tracts of the Wabash-Pittsburg Railroad. The foregoing in brief, is the plan mapped out by the management of the Western Maryland Railway, but if for any reason it should decide not to go ahead with that plan, the Company will build its own line all the way from Cumberland to Pittsburg to finance which subsidiary companies will be organized.

The Cumberland-New Haven extension and equipment will cost approximately $12,000,000, and it is understood that the money will be provided without a public sale of bonds, John D. Rockfeller and his associates having agreed to put up the funds.

Of course, if it should be necessary to build all the way to Pittsburg it is estimated that $25,000,000 or more would be required, but it is understood that this sum will be forthcoming from the same interests.

There is always the possibility that one of the larger systems may take over the Western Maryland, but at present those in control of the property are going ahead without any thought of such a contingency. The common stock of the reorganized Western Maryland is now quoted around 55, which is equivalent to nearly 8 for the old shares.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Deer Park Road.—Sunday School 9 a. m. Preaching 10 a. m.

W. L. Seabrook, Pastor.

Centenary M. E. Church.—Preaching 10.30 a. m., by Rev. Dr. L. T. Widerman, and at 7.30 p. m., by Rev. C. M. Leyister. Sunday School 9.15 a. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8 p. m.

L. E. Bennett, Pastor.

Ascension Church.—Sunday Services—7.30 a. m., Holy Communion. 10.30 a. m., Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon. (Holy Communion on first Sunday of month). 4.30 p. m., Evening Prayer. 8 p. m., First Sunday of each month, Service and Sermon in Chapel.

Rev. Frank M. Gibson, Ph. D., Rector.

Carroll Charge—Reformed Church.—Benjamin's.—Christmas service 2 p. m.

Bachman's.—Divine service 10 a. m.

James B. Stonesifer, Pastor.

Salem Lutheran Charge.—St. Benjamin's.—Christmas service 10 a. m.

St. John's.—Sunday School 1 p. m. Divine service 2 p. m.

Y. P. S. C. E. 7 p. m.

R. W. Doty, Pastor.

Grace Lutheran Church.—Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9 a. m. Sermon theme 10.30 a. m., "God in the Flesh." Christmas exercises by the Sunday School 7.30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6.45 p. m.

P. H. MILLER, D. D. Pastor.

St Paul's Reformed Church.—Sunday School 10.00 a. m. Divine service 11.00 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Catechise Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Christmas service in the morning at 6.30 o'clock, and children's service at 6.30 o'clock in the evening.

Calvin S. Slagle, D. D., Pastor.

With the closing of another year we wish to thank our friends and patrons for the most prosperous year of our history. The growth of this business and its success in the three towns in which it has located stores has only been made possible by the liberal patronage bestowed upon it by the people of this vicinity. We have tried to serve the people well; probably at times we have to some extent failed, but when our attention was called to the fault we used our efforts to correct it.

We have tried to make our store the people's store, where people from all stations in life could shop with equal comfort and be treated with equal courtesy. Whether you are rich or poor, or whether you come in an automobile or walk, we want you to feel that you are welcome and that we are endeavoring to supply your wants in the most satisfactory way.

Immediately after Christmas we will begin a clearance sale of all odds and ends and winter goods. During the holiday rush hundreds of remnants are made, and odd lots accumulate in every department which will be offered at reduced prices to close out before stocktaking February 1st. Watch the newspapers and our special bulletins for a detailed announcement of this great clearance sale.

Again thanking the public for their liberal patronage and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we are,

Yours for business,

T. W. MATHER & SONS,
Westminster,
Manchester, - Glen Rock.

Give me a call and examine my goods!

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