MARYLAND STATE HAPPENINGS

Boyds.—The stable of Mrs. J. Harris Stonestreet, at Barnesville, burned to the ground Wednesday night, with a lot of provender. A cow which was in the stable was rescued, but was singed. The loss is $800.

Rockville.—Sheriff Clifard L. Howard, of Montgomery county, has announced the appointment of additional deputies, as follows: Rockville district, Clarence E. Anders; Olney, Ober W. Dailey; Potomac, Robert L. Saunders, and Wheaton, Davis W. Simpson.

Hagerstown.—The blacksmith shop of Frank Hagan, at Eakle's Mills, Washington county, was burned Wednesday night with contents. Several attempts were made to rob the shop Last winter the shop was fired by incendiaries.

Hagerstown. — A two-story frame dwelling owned by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, at Lock 53, seven miles from Hancock, was burned Wednesday midnight with all the contents. Cause, an overheated stove. Clarence Murray, the lock-tender, escaped in his night clothes. No insurance.

Oakland. — Superintendent Shelton, of the Mountain Lake Park Association, has a large force of men engaged in cutting ice on the lake at Mountain Lake Park to fill a large order for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. The ice now being cut is 10 inches thick and of a very good quality.

Leonardtown. — Fears that the recent extremely cold weather would prove disastrous to game appear to have been unfounded. Investigation has shown partridges and rabbits to be in fine condition. Many meadow larks have died and the cold has been fatal to large numbers of buzzards, however.

Ellicott City.—Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin M. Hill, of Dayton, Howard county, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Emma E. Hill, to Mr. Roland Lester Simpson, also of Dayton, and son of the late H. H. Simpson. The wedding will take place at Linden Methodist Episcopal church Tuesday, February 6.

Boyds.—William Beavers and Mr. Dove, of Quince Orchard, Montgomery county, were cutting firewood Wednesday when a tree fell upon them. Beavers' injuries caused his death in an hour. Dove received bruises and shock. Beavers leaves a widow and five children. He was 47 years old.

Hagerstown.—Albert A. Rock, aged 72 years, brother-in-law of Rev. H. J. Kitzmiller, superintendent of United Brethren Orphanage at Quincy, was found dead beside the road near the State, Forest Academy, Mont Alto, Wednesday. Joshua Dull found the body and notified Coroner J. P. McClay, who said death was due to heart disease.

Westernport.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Randolph Nevell narrowly escaped death by carbon monoxide gas, and only the timely arrival of John O. J. Greene, member of the Maryland House of Delegates, at their residence saved them. When Greene happened to make a call at the Nevell home he found Mrs. Nevell unconscious on the floor and Nevell dazed. He carried each of them into the fresh air and summoned a physician.

Chestertown.—The Board of Control and Review finished the work of revising the figures of the new assessment and they will be forwarded to State Tax Commissioner Buchanan Schley. The new assessment is as follows: Total real property, $8,240,488; personal, $1,620,350; bonds and securities, $367,328; total, $10,228,177, which is an increase of over one million dollars. The new assessment will form the basis upon which the next levy will be struck and there should be a considerable reduction of the present rate, which is $1.22.

Rockville.—The directors of the Montgomery County Agricultural Society selected August 27, 28, 29 and 30 as dates for the Rockville fair. The board re-elected officers as follows: President, Josiah W. Jones; vice-president, Charles F. Kirk; secretary, James T. Bogley; treasurer, John J. Higgins. President Jones announced the appointment of the race committee, as follows: Josiah W Jones, Joseph H. Bradley, William Dorsey, John E. Muncaster and Lee Offutt.

Chestertown.—At a largely attended meeting of Pomona Grange, in Still Pond, a resolution was unanimously adopted calling for the appointment of a committee to confer with the Kent county representatives in the legislature relative to the passing of a law for the extermination of rats on the farms. The committee, composed of James S. Harris, Rev. S. S Hepburn and Harry Griffith, will ask the representatives to pass a law authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to pay 5 cents for each rat scalp, the scalps to be used by the farmers who collect them in paying their taxes. It is estimated that rats cause an annual loss to the farmers of the state from $25,000 to $30,000.

Have Moved To Annapolis.

Annapolis. — Governor Goldsborough's secretary, A Eugene De Reeves and Mrs. De Reeves, have closed their home in Baltimore, at 118 West Lafayette avenue, and will spend the winter at Carvell Hall.

One Risk Sufficient.

Marks—If you had to live your life over again would you marry the same woman? Parks—You just bet I would. I know what she is, and women are too uncertain for me to experiment with another one.

Well Connected.

"Yes," remarked the telephone girl as she gazed out at the waves and wondered what their number was, "I am connected with the best families in our city."—Catholic Universe.

300 SETTLERS TO STATE.

Maryland Immigration Bureau Reports 40,000 Acres Sold.

About 40,000 acres of farm land in Maryland were taken up by over 300 new families in the past two years, according to the report of the State Bureau of Immigration, just filed with Governor Goldsborough.

This bureau is charged with the duty of spreading information concerning Maryland's farm lands and the agreeable conditions of life in this State. The report further says that more than 10,000 letters of inquiry were received in the time covered by the report.

Marion V. Brewington, the superintendent of the bureau, in his report states that the majority of the new settlers went into Southern Maryland, where the opportunities for developing farm lands into valuable property are greater than in any other part of the State. Mr. Brewington says that the bureau has been informed by capitalists that large tracts of land in Charles county will soon be taken up.

The report extols the value of the good roads movement in Maryland, and says that in some places on the Eastern Shore it has been found that land values increased 300 per cent. after the good roads had been laid. The State is urged in the report to continue the road work.

The report asks that the appropriation for the bureau be increased from $10,000 to $25,000 a year.

Ideal Plan To Help Farmers.

Leonardtown. — The farmers' cooperative demonstration work, first started in Texas in 1904 by Dr. S. A. Knapp, begun in Maryland October 1, 1911, with Dr. Augustus Stabler in charge, is making progress in the Southern part of the State. The following gentlemen are Dr. Stabler's local agents: Wilbur Dorsey, Annapolis Junction; John H. Drury, Chaney; G. F. Wathen, Loveville; Sydney S. Stabler, Grayton, and W. R. Linthicum, La Plata. These are part of an army of 650 men operating in 13 States, in which about 100,000 farms are being operated under the instructions from the United States Department of Agriculture. This work comes nearer to being the ideal method of agricultural education than any system yet devised. Every farmer who has progressive ideas or who realizes there are some things about farming that he does not know, would like to have a competent adviser visit his farm and confer with him in a friendly way concerning the best methods of improving its fertility, increasing the quality and quantity of the products grown, and saving money on necessary purchases. The agents who are chosen and paid to perform this duty live in the territory in which they work and become thoroughly competent to give practical advice, just as a practicing physician gets to know his patients and can help them to avoid mistakes and overcome difficulties.

AT ANNAPOLIS

Named Delegates.

Governor Goldsborough appointed B. Howell Griswold, Jr., Dr. Jacob H. Hollander and Judge Henry Stockbridge as delegates to the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, which meets in Philadelphia on March 29 and 30 next.

Technical School Plan.

On a motion made by Senator Beck a committee of five was named by President Price to study the problem of providing an opportunity for Maryland boys to acquire an education along technical lines. Senators Beck, Campbell, Benson, Mathias and Spelcher were named as the committee.

Hopkins Aid Committee.

Annapolis. — Speaker Trippe announced the members of the House Committee which will confer with a similar committee from the Senate and trustees of the Johns Hopkins University relative to State aid in the establishment of a school of advanced technical training in connection with the University. Those named were Marbury, of Prince George's; Taylor, of Wicomico; Campbell, of Baltimore county; Maltbie, of Baltimore city, and Hargett, of Frederick.

Measures Introduced In the House.

Annapolis.—Among the bills introduced in the House were two measures introduced by Campbell, of Baltimore county, increasing the powers of the Public Service Commission with regard to railway commutation tickets and vestibule platforms on street cars.

Bouse, of Baltimore city, introduced a child labor bill limiting the hours of labor of persons under 21 years of age to eight hours a day.

McQuade, of Baltimore city, chairman of the Claims Committee, introduced an order to pay Meyer & Thalheimer $168 for blank books.

Medals For Middies.

Annapolis.—The medals presented annually by the authorities of the Naval Academy to the midshipmen of the second class, who have made the best showing with small arms during the year, have been awarded as follows: First, gold medal, Midshipman John M. Kates, of Oklahoma; second, silver medal, Midshipman Harry G. Skinner, Jr., Maryland; third, bronze medal, Midshipman Lloyd R. Gray, California. The competition was over the regular marksman's course as prescribed by the naval regulations.

Inoperative Adage.

"Politics makes strange bedfellows," said the ready-made philosopher. "Not out our way," rejoined Senator Sorghum. "When a man gets into politics there he doesn't have time to sleep."

What Did He Mean?

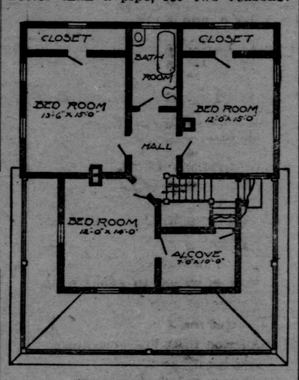
"Woman will be famed as well as man!" she ejaculated, as she threw down the book. "Yes," responded old Cynicus, "for untold ages."—Boston Commonwealth.



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This house plan appeals to me as being one of the neatest and most interesting low-cost houses I ever built. The plan lends itself to a splendid arrangement of rooms, both upstairs and down. It is easy to arrange the necessary conveniences when the rear of the house is wider than the front, and this object is easily accomplished with a two-section roof on the three-gable plan—one of the most satisfactory roofs ever built. This style of roof dates back to the earliest American architecture. It originated in the efforts of builders to add a pleasing front to the old-fashioned long houses built with the side to the road; but this plan has been improved upon, until the completed house shows very little resemblance to the original efforts in this direction.

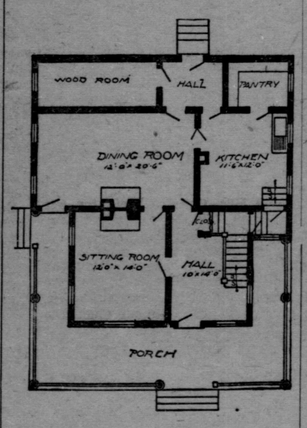
While the front part of the house is pleasing and the arrangement is almost perfect, the rear section is given up entirely to the dining room, kitchen and the accessories to these rooms. While we all like to see a pretty parlor and an attractive hall, we should remember that a house is built to live in next year and for a good many years to come. The work of getting meals is about the same, day after day and year after year. Meals are prepared in the kitchen and served in the dining room three times daily, and a little saving in work each time amounts to a great deal in the aggregate. A dining room 12 feet wide and 26 feet 6 inches long is unusual, even in a large house. This is not a large house, but there is room enough for a large dining room without encroaching on anything else.



Second Floor Plan.

The little square hall in the rear is really a vestibule. It is the right place for an ice-box, away from the heat of the kitchen, but not far enough away to be inconvenient. I like to see a refrigerator close to the outside entrance. Ice comes in dripping wet in warm weather, and the man who carries it usually has more or less mud and dirt on his boots. It is a great saving on a woman's nerves to have dirt left outside, or as near outside as possible. Then there is a saving of ice by having the refrigerator in a comparatively cool place. If we have our own ice-house, the work of getting the ice out, washing it, and putting it into the ice-box is considerable, so that the economy, even in this case, is advisable; but when ice is bought and paid for at prevailing summer prices, the necessity for being careful is much greater.





First Floor Plan.

Sometimes it is not convenient to drain the ice-box into the sewer. When placed next to the outside wall, it is easy to bore a hole through the floor, install a piece of gas-pipe with an elbow, and run the pipe outside. One house that was built like this had the waste water from the melting ice carried outside of the wall and the drip carried to a bed of mint. We all know how to appreciate roast lamb with mint sauce; and when the mint is gathered fresh and clean at the side of the house, it is much more of a delicacy than when bought from the market and carted around through the dust for 24 hours before being delivered. Mint will grow fairly well in the garden if lightly shaded; but it is a water-loving plant, and does better when it gets a continual supply of moisture. If the pipe from the ice-box is short, the water is likely to be rather cold. It is better to run the water along an open trough for a distance of eight to feet feet, to raise the temperature of the drip water. For this purpose an open trough is better than a pipe, for two reasons: the water is exposed to the atmosphere, and warms up much better in summer; and, if the ice-box is used in cold weather, a trough will not burst when the water freezes. Another drain for an ice-box that came under my observation, was carried to a porcelain dish for the benefit of the birds. It kept a constant supply of water in a shallow dish, and the birds enjoyed their daily bath during the warm weather. It was amusing to see them splash the water about. This was an occurrence that interested and delighted the children very much.

This style of house just suits a two-story porch, and the porch seems to fit the house as though it grew there. It is not always easy to arrange a porch on three sides of a house without making some of the rooms dark, but that objection is eliminated in this plan. This style of porch is a finish to the building and is a great protection to both front and side doors opening into the dining room.

I like an outside entrance to the dining room, especially where the room is large and not overcrowded with furniture. I think most housewives like this arrangement also. A dining room is not furnished usually so expensively as a front parlor. When there is a side entrance the immediate friends of the family usually step right into the inner circle without the formality of ringing the front door bell. There is an element of sociability in this sort of thing that induces comfort. I do not believe in furnishing a parlor in such a way that it is too nice to use. I believe in comfort first and show afterward; but at the same time it is considerable work to keep the front part of the house in first-class condition and have every member of the family running through it continually. A woman dislikes to order the children out of the parlor, to stay out, unless they have some other place to go, and there should be a comfortable place for the children in every home. The dining room in this house offers a solution of the problem. With a good grate and a cheerful fire in cold weather, the youngsters will be found in the dining room every time, unless the old folks are so selfish that they are obliged to find recreation at one of the neighboring houses.

The size of this house is 33 feet 6 inches wide by 34 feet long, exclusive of the porch, which is large enough to make six good rooms, besides numerous cupboards, bathroom, and an alcove that comes in very handy for a sewing room.

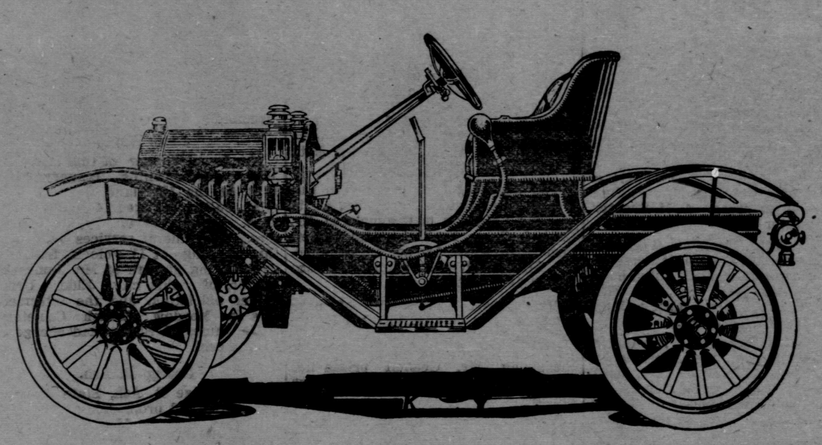
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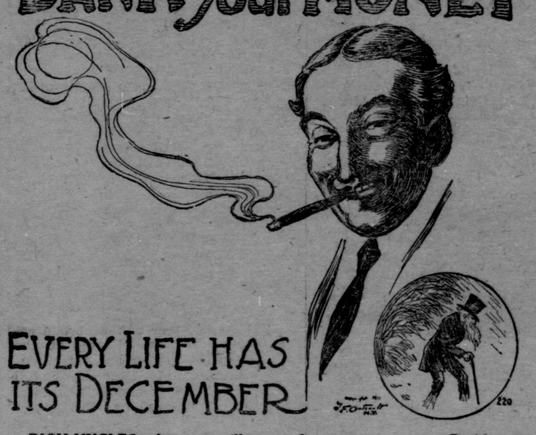
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