Town and County News

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1920

Church Notes For Sunday.

M. E. CHURCH.

To be supplied at Conference.
9.45 a. m., Preaching.
9.45 a. m., Sunday School.
7.00 p. m., Epworth League.
8.00 p. m., Preaching.
Junior League every Wednesday at 4 p. m.

M. P. CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. Thomas O. Crouse, Pastor.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by the pastor.

9.45 a.m.. Sunday School.

6 45 p. m., Christian Endeavor.

LOCAL NEWS.

Subscribe for the UNION.

Wheat $2.25; corn, $1.60.

Three more snows predicted.

Now is the time to subscribe.

John Hay, "There will always be London, Eng.

The peanut is "pindar" in India and "goober" in Africa.

This time last year many of our farmers had planted their peas.

The young people of Ridgely will give an Easter dance in Simons' Hall.

The county dirt roads are almost impassable in all sections of the county.

The President's letter, dismissing Secretary Lansing, was dated Friday, the 13th.

If you want to sell your corn, shelled or on the cob, see L. B. Towers & Bro.

Monuments, tombstones and enclosures. SHORT & Co.
1-30-tf Denton, Md.

Local buyers have been shipping sweet potatoes to the Philadelphia market.

The regular steamer service to Denton will not be resumed until the first of next month.

Snow-blocked roads made business dull in many towns on Saturday and early this week.

Some weeks will have to elapse before some of the country roads will be in good condition.

Friday last was the warmest day of December 4, and it is hoped that "spring fever" season is here to stay.

The noted Hotel Champerlain at Old Point Comfort, Va., was completely destroyed by fire one day last week.

Mr. Calvert C. Merriken has bought from Mrs. Jennie Stevens the East Dsnton dwelling now occupied by Mrs. Stevens.

With prospects of higher coal prices next winter, it may be necessary for the average consumer to depart from this life to get warm.

Mr. H. W. Robertson of White Haven, Wicomico County, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress.

The great drive throughout America to save the starving in the Near East begins tomorrow. Let everyone realize his duty and perform it!

Real sandy soils will suffer more from drought than clayey soils but on the other hand they can be worked easier, and the vegetables will come sooner.

Miss Anna B. Jump, of Marydel, will have a full line of Spring Millinery on display Friday and Saturday, March 19th and 20th, in Mr. W. T. Temple's store, Ridgely, Md.

Wild geese are flying in large flocks and earlier than usual, so those who read the signs, are greatful that a long hard and disagreeable winter is approaching an end.

Residents along the Susquehanna river report it to have been frozen over now for seventy-five days, the longest period known for fifty years. The ice is from 16 to 24 inches thick.

The comic papers always picture the farmer as an old man, but the most decrepit looking ones nowadays are the fellows who left their fathers' farms 25 years ago to get rich in the cities.

A four flush, Teddy says, is entitled to a certain amount of respect as somethin' to build on. It's mostly objectionable because of efforts to improve it from the bottom of the pack."

All farmers are urged to test their corn and clover seed before planting time arrives. A great deal of seed is reported to be of poor vitality. Farmers living within reach of high school departments of vocational agricultare are urged to take samples of their seed to the school and receive an authentic test free of charge.

The only misunderstanding has arisen from the assumption of the President to play the autocrat and to force his views on the nation against its will and contrary to the spirit of American democracy.

Recently many thousands of wild ducks have appeared in Chester and Wye rivers. Many wild geese have been going north, and those who read the signs are greatful that the long and hard winter is soon to end.

An event of much interest is the coming wedding of Mr. Frederick P. Roe, president of the Caroline County Bank, and Miss Genevieve Dix, of Philadelphia, formerly of Greensboro. The wedding will take place in April.

Farmers are anticipating a big fruit crop, as old citizens say it was never known to fail that a good fruit year followed a severe winter, and we exerienced a longer or more disagreeable one. Fruit trees are now being trimmed.

The Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference will hold its annual session in Grace Church, Wilmington March 24-29, with Bishop William F. McDowell of Washington, D. C., presiding. March 26 is the time for the convening of the Lay Electoral Conference.

Every good day from now until the bloasoms are out; if necessary should be utilized in pruning fruit trees. Demonstrations have shown that the thinning out of surplus twigs and small branches will both increase the quantity and improve the quality of the fruit borne.

The Baltimore Sun publishes a list of twenty-eight "leap year targets in the legislature" and Delegate A. W. Brumbaugh, of Greensboro is one of them. The poll was taken at the request of the Governor, who wanted to know how to issue invitation for his reception of March 26

We sent quite a number of subsciption bills to our subscribers last week, and we hope to hear from them soon. This money is due us, and while it would not be much to the subscriber it would mean a great deal to us. So pay up, and start 1920 by being square with the printer.

Highly explosive bombs the kind that wrought death and destruction in France and Belgium and England during the war, are being used to break up the ice gorge in Susquehanna river near Havre de Grace, in an effort to prevent damage to adjacent towns by flood. The bombs are being dropped from airplanes.

While returning from a trip to Florida on Friday of last week, Mr. C. Hubbard Daugherty was in a serious railroad wreck at Kenly, N. C., in which two persons were killed and several others injured. The wreck was considered one of the worst on that road in years. Mr. Daugherty suffered a severe sprain on the arm and was otherwise badly shaken up and bruised.

E. A. Lankford, recently removed as postmaster at Marion Station by Postal officals, who was indicted on Saturday, March 6th, in the Federal Court in Baltimore, on a charge of misappropriating government funds to the extent of $560.00, was arrainged for trial before judge Rose on Monday, and plead guilty. He was sentenced to six months in the Baltimore city jail.

William N. Woodward, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel county, has received from State Tax Commission, for record, the petition of the Glen Burnie Savings and Loan Association, incorporated, to increase the capital stock of the Association from $50,000 to $150,000. The petition for the increase has previously been granted and recorded in the Tax Commission's office in Baltimore.

The personalty of the late former Gov. Frank Brown is appraised at $227,761.90 in the inventory filed in the Orphans' Court at Baltimore by Mrs. Mary R. B. Dietrich, his daughter, who is executrix of his estate. Former Governor Brown also owned real estate estimated to be worth, however, more than his personal property. His daughter Mrs. Dietrich, was his sole legatee. He died February 3d last.

We often read in our poultry journals regarding the selling of eggs by weight. Whether popular or unpopular, this seems to us to be a fair way of dealing with this commodity. Surely a dozen undersized eggs are not worth as much as a dozen large ones which will weigh several ounces more, any more than a dozen herring are worth as much as a dozen shad. If one baker in a town sold a twelve-ounce loaf of bread and another sold a ten-ounce loaf of bread—both being same quality—it is very easy to determine who would receieve the trade of the community And the same thing applies to an egg—the larger, the more is worth and not the old one, "an egg is an egg."

The Ladies Aid of Hillsboro M. E. Church has leased the Six Reel Motion Picture Films, "The World at Columbus," including the pageant, "The Wayfarer," and will exhibit them at Johnson's New Moving picture Parlor on Friday evening, March 19th, at 7.30. It is said that fully a million people have seen the pageant, "The Wayfarer," and pronounce it one of the greatest religious plays ever staged.

The Commissioners of Talbot county are considering the advisability of selling the Almshouse farm near Hambleton, containing about 500 acres. It is said that the farm loses $500 a year, while the expense of maintaining the inmates last year was $2,717.60, which far exceeds the receipts. They claim that they have to appropriate $2,000 year for their support and if the farm were sold they could be cared for at some other place for less money.

When fair weather finally comes farmers of Caroline will be unusually busy, for they have been long shut in. Much of the work usually done this time of the year has been neglected, But the labor problem is acute with many farmers. High wages and the allurements of city life have drawn from the country more men and women than it is either safe or desirable should have abandoned rural homes.

Mr. R. Ernest Comegys, a son of the late Col. Wm. H. Comegys, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Robert H. Taylor, in Greensboro, on Friday morning last, aged 58 years. The funeral was held on Saturday morning and interment took place in Greensboro cemetery. Since his young manhood Mr. Comegys had resided in New Jersey, having been interested in the real estate business for a number of years.

There was a farmer's meeting at Harmony church on Wednesday evening. March 17th, at seven o'clock. This meeting was for the benefit of the bettermen of the roads in this community. A shell road from Harmony to Bethlehem and one from Harmony to American Corner is the subject for discussion. These roads are badly in need of improvement. Why can't we have a road fit to drive a mule or a tin lizzie over? Everyone who in interested in the welfare of the community was urged to attend this meeting.

A bagged fox was liberated on the farm of Mr. Ira Andrews at Oakland Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Nearly a hundred people were present to see sly Reynard turned loose, and to be chased by about 50 hounds. The dogs were broken from the trail near Templeville at 3 o'clock, after a beautiful run in the vicinities of Goldsboro, Henderson and Marydel. Mr. Andrews captured the fox near New Bridge, Talbot County, about ten days ago.

The soldier boys are going to fail to get that bonus, so much talked about, until after the Presidential election if they get it at all. But don't be suprised if we have another Liberty Loan Campaign to raise money with which to feed the underfed classes of Europe, even if we have to pay $20.00 per barrel for flour at home. We've got to keep our reputation up for generosity towards the countries abroad—religiously. patriotically and financially.

Continued freezes and thaws, according to some of the farmers in this section have resulted in damage to the spring scarlet clover crop, and some predict the crop will be cut 20 per cent or more. It is admitted, however, that at this time it is difficult to estimate the damage, but all growers stated that it has suffered. The English or purple top clover had withstood the winter better than the scarlet variety. Because of the heavy freezes, wheat is believed to have suffered to some extent, since there has been little snow to serve as a cover from the cold. So long as the fields are covered with snow there is not much danger to the wheat, the snow serving as a blanket to keep it warm.

Edward Waddy Jr., 19 years old, who was a resident of Pocomoke City for a time while his father was proprietor of the Parker House some years ago, has been very ill in the Chester hospital, Chester, Pa. The fact that he is rapidly returning to health is due to the heroism of his friend, William P. Bernhart, known as "Strenuous Bill," a guard at the plant of the Sun Shipbuilding Company. Young Waddy was taken to the hospital for appendicits, and successfully passed through his operation. Later other complications developed which caused his life to be despaired of. As a last resort blood transfusion was suggested by his physician. Bernhart immediately offered to give the necessary pint of blood, his offer was accepted, and as the result of the operation the sick boy rallied, and is now on the high road to recovery.

Mayor Ross signed a contract Monday night for the purchase of an up-to-date fire-fighting apparatus for the town of Easton? W. W. Whithers, of Washington, representing the American-France type with triple combination council meeting, which empowered the Mayor to close the contract. The new engine is to be of American-France type, with triple combination pump, chemical and hose combined. It has a capacity of over 500 gallons a minute and costs $9,750 It has a motor capable of developing 75 horsepower. Delivery is promised on July 15. The contract was signed subject to the vote of the people at an election to be held after the Legislature passes the law authorizing the engine.

Attention, Ladies!

We had sent us from Washington, D. C., a mail bag full of seeds,—Peas, Beet, Lettuce, Onion and Tomato. Any lady or farmer in this community will receive a free package of these seeds by calling at the American Union office and asking for them.

Land Transfer Notice

Nearly 1000 transfers of Real Estate are to be made on the land records records for this County this year.

More than one third of this number can not be made without special information. Parties who bought or sold land will avoid much confusion in tax bills by coming into this office and having property correctly transferred.

M. M. LUZADER,
Clerk to County Com.

Bishop Adams Left $30,000

The will of the late Rt. Rev. William Forbes Adams, Bishop of the diocese of Easton, was probated on Tuesday and disposes of an estate valued at $30,000.

Of this amount $10,000 each is willed to his two daughters, Misses Louise and Pauline Adams, and the residue of the estate is divided as follows: One-third to Dr, Wilmer adams, his son; one-third to the children of his deceased daughter, Mrs. A. B. M. Wilson, one-third to the widow of his late son, Major Charles Adams.

Lenoard B. Adkins son of Judge Wm. H. Adkins, and T. Hughlett Henry are named as executors without bond. The Theological Library considered valuable on account of many rare volumes it contains, becomes the property of the diocese of Easton. There are about 1,000 volumes.

Will Case Settled

Quite an interesting case has been decided by the Orphans' Court for Caroline county: Catharine Shane's alleged will was admitted to probate on the 17th of February, Frances L. Wooley and William A. Shane, a daughter and son, who did not share equally under the terms of the will with another son, George A. Shane, by T. Alan Goldsborough, their attorney filed a petition asking that the probate and letters testamentary granted on the will be revoked because of improper execution. The will had been signed and then enclosed in an envelope, the attestation clause being placed on the envelope and witnesses signing underneath. On March 9th, after testimony and argument, the petition was granted and the will revoked, as well as the letters testamentary, the Court holding that Catherine Shane died intestate. Lewis & Knots represented the devises under the will.

Arbor Day

Friday, April 9th, has been designated by proclamation of the Governor as Arbor Day. On this day we are asked to plant trees around the home, on the school grounds, and along the highways. This year, the day is to have a special significance in the planting of memorial trees for those who made the supreme sacrifice in the world war. The State Board of Education is urging the celebration of the day by public schools and suggesting the planting of memorial trees. The State Board of Forestry, Baltimore, Maryland, will supply the trees from the State Forest Nursery at cost of growing them, and give advice as to kinds to use and method of planting.

The importance of Arbor Day is emphasized by the growing scarcity of timber and high prices of lumber. We must be "tree growers" if we are to be "tree users." And above all is the thought that in planting trees we are planting for posterity -we are doing an unselfish act that will make the home surroundings, the school grounds, or the highways more beautiful for those who come after us.

Arrangements should be made well in advance of Arbor Day in order to have the trees ready, the place for planting selected, the holes dug, and rich soil for filling in about the roots provided.

Mrs. Brooke Lee to Christen the U. S. S. Maryland

Governor Ritchie has named the sponsor for the battleship Maryland, monster vessel of the American Navy, and the biggest floating fortress in the world. When she glides into the waters of the Chesapeake at Newport News, March 20, she will be christened by one of the most attractive of Maryland's daughters. Mrs. E. Brooke Lee, wife of Comptroller Lee and daughter-in-law of Former United States Senator Blair Lee.

Mrs. Lee was, before marriage, Miss Elizabeth Somervell Wilson, daughter of the late Senator Joseph A. Wilson, of Prince George's County, while her mother was Mrs. Jeannette Claggett Wilson, of Upper Marlboro, where Mrs. Lee was born.

A local interest in Mrs. Lee's selection lies in the fact that her maternal grandmother—who was Miss Sarah Somervell Sollers, the daughter of the late Augustus P. Sollers, formerly member of Congress from the Fifth District of Maryland—was the sister of Mrs. Augusta S. Burwell, of Anne Arundel County. Mrs. Burwell resides with her daughter, Mrs. Ridgely P. Melvin, at "Aberdeen" on South River. Her other daughters, Mrs. D. Murray Cheston and Mrs. S. S. Hepburn, and her son Elliot H. Burwell, also reside in Annapolis.

Another local family connection of Mrs. Lee is Miss Mary Magruder, of Annapolis, whose mother was a sister of Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Burwell, and also Miss Frances S. Sollers, who now resides in Annapolis.

Besides being beautiful, Mrs. Lee has made many warm friends in public life to add to her host of personal friends, since her husband's active entrance into the public life of the State.

While all the details of the launching have not been arranged, Governor Ritchie expects to be present, and it is not unlikely that the General Assembly, which will still be in session at the time, will send a delegation to represent the State.

The Maryland is the largest ship yet constructed for the United States Navy, being 600 feet long, 97 feet broad and having a displacement of 32,000 tons. Her main battery will be composed of eight 16-inch rifles, the heaviest gun used on naval craft. The Maryland will be the first of a class of four similar ships, to be followed by six 42,000-ton ships to carry 12 16-inch guns each and with higher speed.

Want School Law Enforced

The Maryland State Federation of Women's Clubs have circulated a number of folders throughout the State with the hope of stimulating present school laws.

It is felt by the members that the Maryland School Statutes are probably as good as any in the country, but the State has been lacking in the enforcement of them and has allowed politics to play too big a part in this respect. They are particularly concerned that the power of appointment to the State and County Boards of Education solely vested in the Governor should be made "solely because of character and fitness.

The circular also deals with compulsory school attendance; sanitary school buildings and grounds; trained; teachers; adequate super vision; thoroughly; qualified schools officals and careful throughout program of school improvement.

Orphans' Court

Judges West, Harper and Shawn were present in the Orphans' Court Tuesday.

Charles B. Harrison, executor or Pratt T. Taylor, deceased, filed an account of sales of the personal property, which was approved by the Court.

Samuel Tucker, guardian to Dolly Luella Tucker, filed his eleventh and twelfth guardian account, which was approved by the Court.

Harvey L. Cooper, executor of Thomas C. West, deceased filed first and final account of administration, and distribution.

Edward E. Nuttle, administrator of T. Elwood Allen, deceased, filed an inventory and appraisement of the real estate of said deceased, which was approved by the Court.

Elmira P. Wyatt, administratrix of Clinton T. Wyatt, deceased filed inventory and appraisement of personal property of said deceased, which was approved by the Court.

On application, letters of administration were grantsd unto Virginia Melvin and Carrie Sylvester on the personal estate of John W. Wood, deceased. Bond filed and approved. Notice to creditors ordered and William Clark and Henry Shutie were named as appraisers.

In the matter of the estate of Catherine S. Shane, deceased, on consent of the attorneys for the petitioners and the defendants, the name of William A. Shane was entered into the petition for the Court to revoke the probate of the alleged last will and testament of Catherine S. Shane, deceased.

In the matter of the estate of Catherine S. Shane, on petition, and after testimony and argument were heard, the Court revoked the probate of the alleged last will and testament of Catherine S. Shane, deceased, and also the letters of administration c. t. a., granted unto George A Shane.

He Trusted Women

Somewhere in Baltimore there are two wiser but sadder men; or, as one of them, Albert Berson of New York, by name, expressed it, "My faith in human nature haa been sadly bent." Berkson and Leon Ster, together with Evelyn Harris and Carolyn Alberts, were arrested Tuesday night by Patrolmen Waldsachs and Koch and taken to the Northwestern Police Station, where they were all charged with disorderly conduct and and obstructing free passage. Berkson was the money man of the crowd and put up $408 collateral for the appearance of the buartet for trial. He did not know the girls but both of them solemnly promised that they would be there bright and early. Berkson did show up and later Ster came round, but the girls forgot their engagement.

Shipyards Thrive Without U. S. Aid

Independent of the vessels being built in this country by the Shipping Board, 188 steel ships, aggregating 977,488 gross tons, are being constructed in American yards for private companies, according to figures compiled by the Atlantic Coast Shipbuilders' Association.

"The belief of American industry in the future of the American merchant marine, if operated on business principles free of Government control, is reflected in this volume of orders for private account," a statesment issued by the association yesterday reads. "The tonnage actually building to the order of private enterprise to-day is almost equal in volume to the entire seagoing shipping of the country at the outbreak of the country at the outbreak of the war, and it is seven times as great as the ship construction of all types under way in this country at the beginning of hostilities.

"Marked demand for tanker tonnage, consequent upon the rapidly growing conversion from coal to oil fuel both here and abroad, is the feature of the returns. In October last the excess of freights over tankers in course of construction for private account in American yards was 59,000 tons, but to-day tanker tonnage leads. The total under construction for the Government is about 275,000 gross tons, as compared with 476,000 tons building to private order.

"Standard Oil companies still lead in the amount of this type of tonnage being built, but more than 325,000 tons of the 476,000, tons total is for other concerns.

"In the amount of tonnage being constructed the Federal Shipbuilding Company leads with thirty-five vessels of 208,275 gross tons. The Betlehem Shipbuilding Corporation follows with twenty-four vessels of 174,888 tons. The Sun Shipbuilding Company has under way thirteen tankers of 91,017 tons and a freighter of 7,700 tons. Twenty vessels aggregating 120,000 tons are being built for the United States Steel Corporation.

"Especially gratifying is the continued increase in the number of yards engaged on private contracts. In October these totalled 27; in November, 31, and in December, 38. For January the figure rose to 43.

"Confidence of American shipbuilders that there will be market for American steel tonnage will beyond present demands is most strikingly shown in the way builders have been taking over for their own account contracts cancelled by the Government. About 175,000 gross tons of vessels are now being built in this way, seven yards having taken up contracts for thirty-five freighters totalling 142,158 tons, and three yards continuing work on five tankers aggregating 32,000 tons.

"Of the 188 vessels of various types under construction to-day, only one is building for foreign account."

The Eleventh Commandment

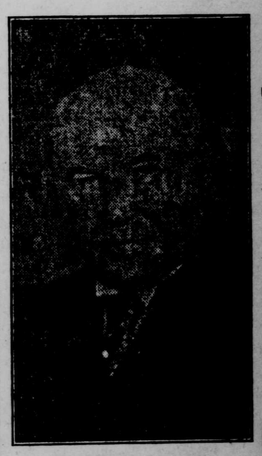
The Prohibition Amendment may seriously, and not at all facetiously, be regarded as an addition to the Decalogue. The Federal Commissioner, John F. Kramer, was entirely right in his original remark that several of the original Commandments are the law of civilization because they are designed to restrain the appetites and passions of men. Personal liberty does not go the length of personal injury more now then. The sharpening of the moral sense was necessary to make us realize that the craving for drink, and the habit of it, are both quite as evil in essence as lust and murder, which are already in the law. "Thou shalt not" is written against them. And are not these two to a considerable degree the evil children of that thing which we have suffered until now?

LANE IS TO LEAD SALVATION ARMY

Former Secretary of Interior is Chairman, 1920 Committee

Franklin K. Lane, who recently resigned as Secretary of the Interior Department, has accepted the chairmanship of the national committee in charge of the Salvation Army's home service appeal for 1920. This is Mr. Lane's first big civic work after severing his cabinet connections.

In a letter to Commander Evangeline Booth, Mr. Lane declared that sympathy for the suffering people of other lands must not cause America to neglect her own poor and unfortunate classes.



FRANKLIN K. LANE.

"In all our thoughts for other peoples, we may not rightfully forget those on our streets," writes Mr. Lane. "The girl who has stumbled and sees no refuge but the grave; the man who has been broken, through repeated disappointment, dissipation or disease; the neglected, unloved child; the Salvation Army speaks words that are healing to the spirit, holds out a supporting hand and starts them on the way upward out of the slough of despond. If we were not all intended to do this kind of work, then I believe the teaching of nineteen hundred years has been in vain."

Mr. Lane has made it clear to officials of the Salvation Army that he intends to be a "working chairman" in the great appeal. Asked to deliver an address in the interest of the Salvation Army he readily acquiesced, "but," he said, "I should like to address the workers themselves; the men and women who are carrying on this work."

Power Over Snakes Brief.

It is a curious fact that the snake-charmers of India change their victims every year, letting loose the snakes they have had for exactly a year, to the very day, procuring fresh ones to take their places. The superstition in the family is to the effect that their power over individual snakes becomes ineffective after exactly one year.

They cite as proof the fact that a venturesome female snake-charmer once attempted to keep a particularly fine specimen beyond the specified time.

The result was fatal; the woman died from the creature's bite. This odd belief could be easily explained by the fact that, knowing this legend, the woman lost her confidence.—From the Wide World Magazine.

Legal and Miscellaneous Notices

FOR SALE!

FARM. ALSO ONE DWELLING. Both on Choptank River. Address

CAPT. C. W. WRIGHT,
No 203 Custom House,
Mar. 4-3t Baltimore, Md.

Land Notice!

KNOW all persons by these presents that under and by order of a Special Warrant issued from the Land Office of the State of Maryland, to Lawrence Eugene Rice, and to me directed, I will survey the lands lying between the lands of Frank Depew, Josiah Holland, Mrs. M. Burge, Harry Harker, and the waters of the Choptank River, beginning

Monday, April 5th, 1920,

And continue said survey uutil finished. All persons interested must be upon said premiscs with proper title to show cause why said survey shall not be made.

J. W. NOBLE,
Official Surveyor
Mar. 4-2t For Caroline County.

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