NOT SINCE DARK AGES HAS WORLD PRODUCED SUCH OFFICIAL BARBARITY AS EXECUTIONS BY GAS

Nevada, First State To Take Human Life By This Means—Gee Jon, Chinese Convicted Of Murder, First Victim Who Breathed Death From Walls Of Prison.

(By Nancy Hanks)

Not since the so-called dark ages has the civilized world produced a piece of official barbarity to match the first lethal gas execution of record in this country.

Nevada is the first State to take human life by this means, and I hope it's the last.

The three physicians who witnessed the execution of Gee Jon, a Chinese convicted of a tong murder, agree that the unfortunate wretch lapsed into unconsciousness within a second after a spray of liquid hydrocyanic gas was turned into the stone death chamber. The movement of the head for some six months afterward was probably due, say the doctors, to muscular reaction after death, but Baltimore county physicians whom I consulted on the matter claim there isn't much muscular reaction when persons are killed instantly by accident or a prisoner by electrocution.

There is a terror in the thing that even Edgar Allen Poe could not equal.

The horror of it all is that the Chinese did not pass in a prison yard, under the open sky. He was not permitted to die where he might hear a human voice, but went to his end shut away from men as the stray dog dies in the pound-keepers death cage—he breathed in his death from walls. No murmur of voices came to him as he lay strapped, helpless, waiting, waiting.

From what can be learned of this new "process of elimination" there is a hissing from the walls, like the satin's hiss of the hooded cobra—the invisible thing strikes—such is the legal death made and provided by Nevada. This Western State sought a way to make executions more humane and in doing so stumbled into new refinements and depths of cruelty.

On the other hand I have been told that the lethal gas method is the quickest and most humane way of putting a human to death. Hanging is the cruelest. Frequently, men hanged are conscious for seven to fifteen minutes after the trap is sprung. In electrocutions it is frequently necessary to shock a man three or four times before he is dead and there are no scientific proofs that he is not conscious during such an ordeal.

In the State of Utah, where they execute by shooting, unconsciousness does not always come instantly with the riddling of the heart.

BOX SOCIAL MARCH 17TH.

On the evening of March 17th, a box social will be held at the Reformed Church, Jacksonville.

OYSTER ROAST WELL ATTENDED

The Democratic Club held a most successful and unusually well-attended oyster roast on Sunday at its shore on ack River. The committee in charge deserves credit for the fine way everything was managed, and especially for the good eats.

GOLD LEAF CLUB HOLDS THEATRE PARTY.

The Gold Leaf Club held a theatre party at the Maryland Theatre, Baltimore City, on Monday evening. The weekly meeting of the Club was at the home of Mrs. William Kelly, on Broadship Road on Thursday evening.

DANCE AT DUNDALK TONIGT.

"The Four Horsemen" will hold the first of the Saturday night dances tonight (Saturday) in the Dundalk Auditorium. The music will be furnished by the Jazz Buddies of Baltimore. These dances are well managed and chaperoned and should be a success in every way.

FAILURE LOSSES TO BE SMALLER.

Predicting that the failure losses in the United States during 1924 will be ssmaller in number and liabilities than in 1923, J. Harry Tregoe, executive manager of the National Association of Credit Men, urged the business men of the country to appreciate the fact that the overextension of credit would be injurious to the recovery of business.

Despite the many difficult factors and the continued unsettlement of Europe, Mr. Tregoe believes that business is looking forward to sound activity in the next few months. He observes that commodity movements since January 1 have been along natural lines, though sluggish at some point. He said:

"This sluggishness must not be regarded as an unfavorable symptom. Neither should too much importance be attached to comparisons with commodity movements in the first two months of 1923; the circumstances are very different, and, taking these circumstances into account, misapprehension may occur."

SPENDS WEEK AT SEASHORE.

County Commissioner Wm. F. Coghlan and Mrs. Coghlan spent the week at Atlantic City.

ENTERTAINS AT DINNER.

Mrs. Harry M. Foster entertained at her home in White Hall at a dinner last night (Friday).

FIVE HUNDRED LUNCHEON AT WHITE HALL.

Mrs. LeRoy Nelson will entertain at her home in White Hall at a five-hundred luncheon today (Saturday).

MRS. RICHARD H. WILEY HOSTESS.

Mrs. Richard H. Wiley entertained a number of ladies yesterday (Friday) afternoon at her home in White Hall.

W. H. O. BIBLE CLASS ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. William Morrison entertained the W. H. O. Bible Class at her home, 35 Northship road, on Friday evening. Mrs. Forest and Miss Eva Forest assisted the hostess, who served a luncheon after which music and games made the evening a pleasant one.

PROPERTY DEEDED TO WIDEN STEVENSON LANE.

A deed by which Alonzo G. Decker dedicates property for use as a road has been filed at Towson. It is stated that the parties desire to widen Stevenson Lane, and also desire to open a road through the Towson Nurseries', Incorporated. property to connect the above lane with the Hillen road.

PROPERTY IN MARYLAND ASSESSED AT $1,685,496,000.

The per capita assessed valuation of property in Maryland in 1922 was $1,134.69, compared to data announced by the ureau of the Census. The assessed valuation in Maryland increased from $1,235,548,000 in 1912 to $1,685,496,000 in 1922, or 36 per cent., while for all the States the increase was 79 per cent.

The average levy against each person in Maryland for general property taxes was $26.95 in 1922, compared with an average of $32.22 in all States. The total general property taxes in Maryland increased 145 per cent. during the ten years, while the increase in all States was 160 per cent.

The average rate per $100 assessed valuation in Maryland was $2.37, compared with $2.81 in all States.

BUSINESS AT COUNTY SEAT CHANGES HANDS.

Mr. W. W. Hener will in the very near future take over the business of Mr. John Bevans, Jr., and will operate a plumbing, heating and sheet metal establishment.

SCARLET FEVER EPIDEMIC DIMINISHES.

Intensity of the scarlet fever epidemic that prevailed in the county has diminished according to local health officials.

Every precaution should be taken to avoid contact with persons having scarlet fever; even mil dcases frequently are followed by serious complications.

MRS. ELEANOR A. BROGDEN DEAD.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Eleanor A. Brogden, Widow of James McCulloh Brogden, at Trinity Church, Long Green.

Mrs. Brogdon died at her home, 4 Englewood road, Roland Park. She is survived by fou rdaughters, Miss Mary S. Brogden, Miss Rebecca N. Brogden, Miss Margaret S. Brogden and Mrs. Joseph G. Reynolds and three sons, William, John D. and Henry C. Brogdon.

BIGGEST AUTO YEAR IN HISTORY OF INDUSTRY IS FORECAST OF MANUFACTURERS FOR 1924

Factories Prepare For Greater Production—Motor Transportation Now Heavy With Closed Models In The Majority—Truck Production Also Large.

With the most active year in the history of American automobile production barely passed into history and the records for the period of the various automotive producing companies not yet complete, automobile manufacturers are now busily engaged preparing to make 1924 another record year for output and sales, with the hope of bettering the 1923 records.

This is shown in the announced plans of many producers and is reflected in inquiries and orders for various materials, according to estimates which have been compiled here by Government officials.

Shipmenuts of motor cars usually decline at the end of the year, but the year end just passed recorded an unusually heavy business in motor cars for that time of the year and was approximately one-third higher than similar business a year ago.

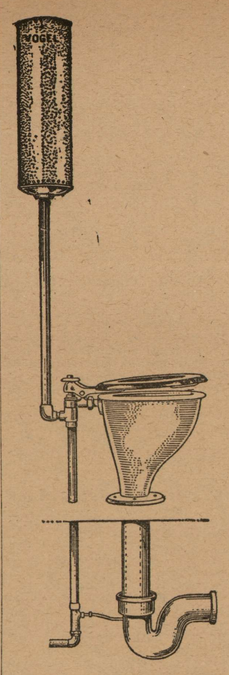
January production was maintained on a heavy schedule, closed model cars continuing to increase in number, and truck production is also reported to have been larger than usual for that month.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago recently collected figures from 55 distributors and dealers of the Middle West which show that the year-end motor-car business had declined slightly, as compared with the 122 figures, but that the prospects were excellent for the year 1924.

Tire production is also being carried on on a greater schedule, according to the Government figures. Stocks of these goods are now declared to be the lowest since January, 9122.

WILL OF ELIZABETH M. KUEHN PROBATED.

The will of Elizabeth M. Kuehn was probated in the Orphans' Court at Towson. She bequeaths a gold watch and $500 to Adolph K. Bayne. The residue of the estate is bequeathed to the testatrix's niece, Daisy Weist, and her husband, Martin J. Weist, and the latter is named as the executor of the will.



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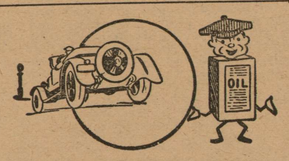

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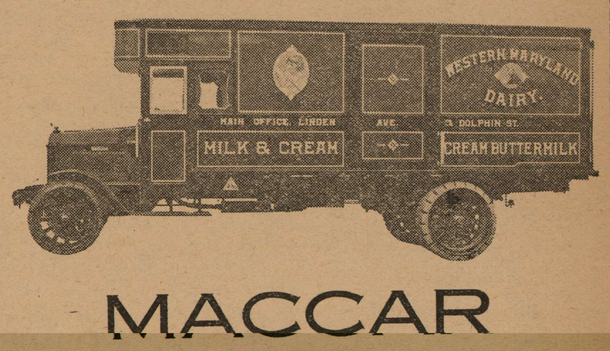

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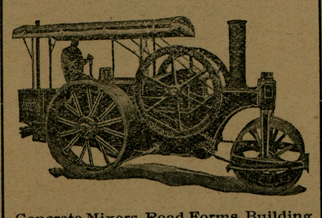

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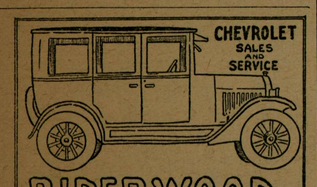

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SULTANA SLICED PINEAPPLE	No. 2½ Can 27c
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GORTON'S FISH FLAKES,	Can 13c
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