GOSSIP OF THE HOTEL LOBBIES

STORIES OF HUMAN INTEREST FROM EVERYWHERE.

A Southerner Who Thinks the Hospitality of Baltimore Cannot Be Equalled Anywhere—North Carolinians Are Elated—Talk With a Texas Merchant—A Prominent Shriner Here.

"Take my word for it, sir, there is no place in this great country that begins to hold a candle to Baltimore for real, big-hearted hospitality," remarked Col. Hezekiah W. Gray, a prosperous cotton planter of St. Marys Parish, La., at the Rennert.

"The way they treat a stranger, sir, in this city reminds me of the old-fashioned antebellum days of the South before the blight of avarice and commercialism had descended on the land. In that time it was a gross insult for a transient sojourner or traveler to offer to pay to his host for a few nights' board and lodging. Of course, customs have undergone the change that a denser population always produces, not to speak of the difference in the circumstances of a people who are not now as well fixed to entertain as in the days when the institution of slavery still flourished.

"Much of that ancient spirit of kindliness and free offering of good cheer still survives in Baltimore, and I hope it will never die out. I found it in my hotel, where on New Year's Day hundreds of people were treated to an elaborate spread of as tempting eatables as its culinary department could produce. Nothing was lacking in the way of delicious food, and the variety of dishes was amazing. All this to all-comers without a penny of expense! In no other big city of the United States have I ever seen a parallel to such generous treatment of the public, and I don't believe that it is to be found outside of Baltimore."

North Carolinians Elated.

"North Carolinians are a gay and good-humored element of Uncle Sam's population these days," remarked Angus Wilton McLean, a capitalist and substantial citizen of Lumberton, N. C., at the Rennert. Mr. McLean was a delegate-at-large to the Baltimore convention and is a member of the state Democratic executive committee. He has invariably declined public office for himself, but is a loyal and effective worker for his friends.

"We have good reasons for feeling elated down in the old North State," continued the visitor, "for the present era is one of plentitude and prosperity, and political conditions, from our point of view, could not be more cheering. It is a fine thing for the old state to have sent back to the United States Senate such a level-headed and useful man as Senator Simmons, whose value to his people has been so abundantly proved. If current report be true, North Carolina is going to be honored for the first time in a generation by the selection of one of its citizens for a cabinet post.

"In common with thousands of his friends and admirers I would rejoice to see Editor Josephus Daniels occupying a seat at the table of the new president's official advisers. He is eminently deserving a portfolio by reason of his long and faithful service to his party and his own distinguished merit. In the recognition of Mr. Daniels the whole south would be honored."

Talk With a Texas Merchant.

"My home town is San Angelo, the county seat of Tom Green county, which, I believe, is about the area of the State of Maryland," said B. B. Wright, a young Texas merchant, who is in Baltimore to lay in a stock of dry goods. He is a guest of the Hotel Emerson. "We live away out in Western Texas on the Santa Fe Railway, and the Kansas City and Orient also gives an outlet. With San Antonio, the nearest big town, we have at present no direct communication by rail, but there is promise of a line to the Alamo City in the near future.

"San Angelo is not booming at the present time, for the reason that Western Texas made scant crops last season, owing to the long-continued drouth. All the crops of our section were cut very short, but in the rest of Texas the harvests were splendid. There is no complaint of hard times among our people, however, because the San Angelo district is not dependent on agriculture alone; it has big cattle ranches, and is one of the greatest inland wool markets in America. Last season the shipments of wool aggregated 7,000,000 pounds. It is also a great country for the breeding of goats, and on many ranches flocks numbering many thousands can be seen.

"One of the best features of our region is the balmy, bracing, salubrious climate. There is no better place on the continent for the curing of tuberculosis, and many of our most energetic inhabitants are men who came to the country with but little expectation of living more than a few months."

Prominent Shriner Here.

George W. Rae, a Virginian who has for many years occupied places of honor and responsibility in the House of Representatives, spent yesterday in Baltimore. Mr. Rae is also prominent in labor circles of the federal district and an influential member of Almas Temple of the Mystic Shrine. At a recent meeting he was elected one of four representatives of Almas to attend the annual session of the Imperial Council, which will be held in Dallas, Texas, next May.

"I look to see Congress in session until far in the summer," said Mr. Rae, "as the work of recasting such a complex piece of machinery as the tariff cannot be done in a hurry. The longest continuous session of Congress on record lasted from early in December, 1887, till October 20, 1888, and this was when Congress was trying to pass the Mills bill, which was a tariff measure. I do not imagine the coming special session will extend nearly that long, but it will hardly terminate before the dog days."

Beveridge Not Yet Done For.

"I notice that Senator Beveridge has been elected president of an intercollegiate debating society out West," said Henry T. Fuller, of Chicago, at the Belvedere.

"This goes to show that Beveridge is not wholly down and out, as his enemies have asserted. True, he failed to be re-elected to the Senate, and his campaign for governor of Indiana on the Bull Moose ticket was a rank failure, but he just kept hammering away, and at last won this glittering prize that will keep him in the hero class of the collegians. If he keeps up this good lick he might win out as county attorney, or may be yet elected to the legislature in a few more years."

ALLIANCE REUNION SATURDAY

Baltimore Group of French Society Also Announces Lectures.

An exceedingly interesting program has just been issued by the Baltimore group of the Alliance Francaise. This Saturday, according to the announcement, there will be a "reunion-causerie," which is to be followed on the eighteenth by a lecture on The Classic Ideal and French Society of the Eighteenth Century, to be delivered by Firman Roz, one of the editors of the Revue des Deux Mondes, and the poet-laureate of the French Academy.

On February 1 Emile Legouis, a professor at the Sorbonne, is to speak on the Poet Auguste Angellier. The Cercle Dramatique Francais, of New York, on the fifteenth, will appear in a play at Albaugh's Theater, the subject of which will be announced later. The Provinces in Romance will be the subject of an illustrated lecture by Firman Roz on March 1, and the same speaker will again address the Alliance a week later on The Theater of Today.

On March 29 Christine de Pisan will be the subject of a lecture to be delivered by Louis Cons, of Bryn Mawr College. Louis A. Terracher, of Johns Hopkins University, is to speak before the members April 12, but so far his subject has not been announced.

All the lectures will begin at 8:30 at 2 West Eager street.

COMING AMUSEMENTS

Attractions Booked by Local Theaters for Next Week.

A superlative attraction is announced for the Auditorium Theater for next week, when William Faversham will present his spectacular production of Julius Caesar, with a cast of eminent stars, including himself, Tyrone Power, Frank Keenan, Fuller Mellish, Miss Julie Opp and a company of 200. Mr. Faversham plays the part of Antony, in which the note of romance and manliness is particularly well suited to his rare talents. Mr. Power is Brutus, Mr. Keenan Cassius, and Mr. Mellish acts the title role. Miss Opp impersonates Portia.

The Isle o' Dreams is the title of the new play in which Chauncey Olcott will appear at Ford's Grand Opera House next week. The piece is the work of Rida Johnson Young and is one of the most serious plays that clever writer has yet attempted. There is an excellent romance of life in Ireland during the latter part of the eighteenth century for a basic theme. The scene is laid in the southern part of the island, where the old Milesian nobility sought refuge during the sanguinary days of Cromwell. Here they brought all the old traditions of their race, their chivalry, their codes of honor and their wild love of sport.

There will be new jokes and laughing catch-phrases entering into everyday conversation next Monday night, when Eddie Foy begins his engagement at the New Academy of Music with his big musical funmaker, Over the River, in which Werba and Luescher are presenting him this season, the production having been greatly elaborated since it was seen here last year. If we are to believe the New York critics, then no more beautiful, witty or clever musical farce has been sent this way than Eddie Foy's present starring vehicle, which Werba and Luescher secured when they paid $25,000 for the star.

The big 14 all-star feature bills at the Maryland Theater have met with so much approval and appreciation from the public that the management has decided to offer another for next week. The list includes Miss Edna Goodrich, Willard Sims and Company, Marshall Montgomery, Al and Fannie Stedman, Max Hart's six nifty steppers, Benkley's animals, the Bernivici Brothers, and five other feature acts.

The Four Corners of the Earth will be crowded into Holliday Street Theater next week.

Zallah's Own Comedy comes to the Empire.

At the Gayety will be seen The World of Pleasure.

Patrolman Was Lenient.

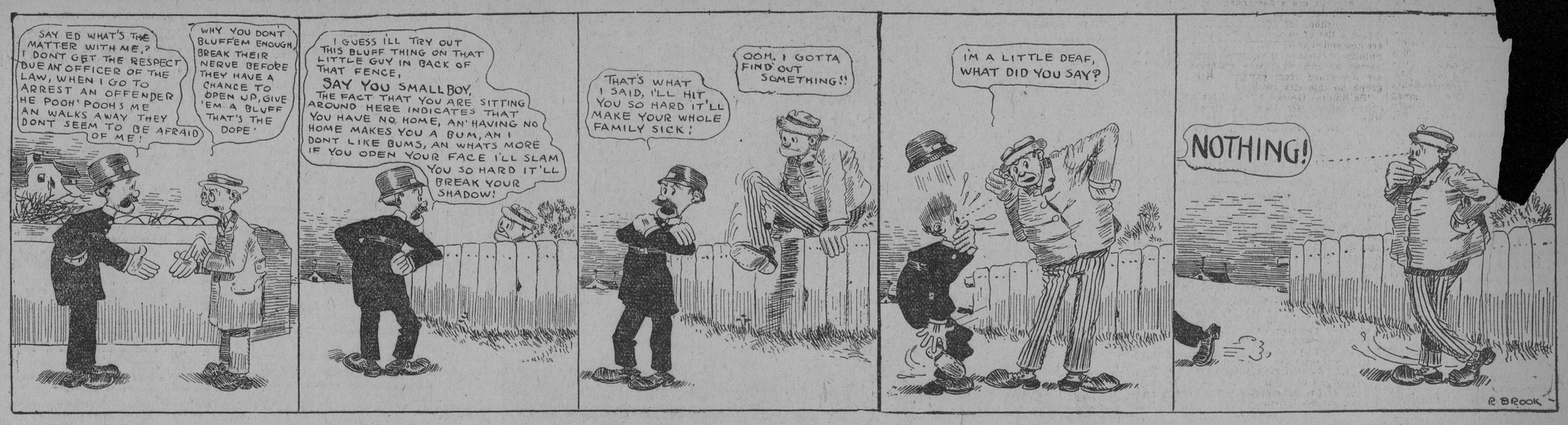
Plain-clothes Patrolman John Dempsey, imbued with the spirit of the New Year and with a kindly feeling toward his fellow-man, was generous to George Greenfield, of Hamilton, before Magistrate Supplee yesterday, when Greenfield was arraigned on the charge of disorderly conduct and assaulting Dempsey. Dempsey wore a much discolored eye at the hearing, which he says Greenfield gave him. He did not press the charge of assault, however, so the Magistrate fined Greenfield $10 and costs.

Greenfield's brother, Robert Greenfield, and John A. Wheeler, of Hamilton, were arrested with him Tuesday night on Baltimore street by Patrolmen Dempsey and Murphy. The charges of disorderly conduct were placed against Robert Greenfield and Wheeler and each was fined $5 and costs.

John Lamanna

Youth, who was struck in the right breast by a stray bullet on New Year's Eve and who died early yesterday morning in St. Joseph's Hospital.

OFFICER CRUST . . . He Refuses to Repeat His Remark



THE PEOPLE'S LETTER BOX

TOPICS DISCUSSED BY READERS OF THIS PAPER.

An Estimate of John Brown Called Forth by the Death of His Son—If Misguided John Brown Is to Be Revered for His Sincerity, Integrity and Self-sacrifice, Says Mr. Bristor.

Letters designed for publication in this column must be indorsed with the name and address of the writer.
Anonymous communications will not be considered.
When the writer so prefers his name will not be published.
Letters should not exceed 500 words.

To the Editor: The passing away a few days ago of Jason Brown, the last son of John Brown, of Ossawatomie, the famous abolitionist, recalls the heroic career of this ill-starred, misguided extremist. In summing up a man's attributes we must take into consideration the times in which he lived and his immediate predecessors. John Brown looked upon slavery as the earth-born Cyclops, as James Lowell terms it. He had the Anglo-Saxon bitter hatred of injustice; he knew it was a blot on the escutcheon of our beloved nation and believed that he was doing right in meeting force with force. It has been said, "This world will not follow a man who lives for himself." It could also be said humanity never respects such a man. The famous song with the words His Soul Is Marching On is true.

Though this rough, rugged, illiterate man died upon the scaffold, losing his strange, eventful life because of insurrection against his country; in spite of all this, though the world condemns his defiance to law and order, it honors his integrity and his heroic struggle for the poor, oppressed slaves. If John Brown had been on the Titanic no one there would have given up his life as cheerfully as would he. From Adam to earth's last man the man or woman who yields his or her life for mankind will ever be revered.

"Who but a coward would revile an honest soldier's dust?" Brown paid the penalty for his rash, impetuous act; but despite some glaring inconsistencies in the man's nature his devotion to the cause of freedom and his self-abnegation for it will ever cause his name to shine out brightly in the annals of history. Vivid and true are Father Michael Barry's words:

The fittest place where man can die
Is where he dies for man.

"Learn to labor and to wait," wrote Longfellow. Alas! poor John Brown failed to realize "Patience is a key that opens all doors." He believed "Patience is a stout horse, but it tires at last." He felt he could hurry God; he saw far into the future, and wished to hurry an impending conflict. He succeeded. Defeated and crushed, his unselfish life for others, despite his lopsided nature, will ever endear him to many millions of people. How many heroic souls have gone down to defeat simply because they could not brook injustice! Surely John Brown's untimely end is a shining example of the folly of rash and hasty actions. The Almighty is not asleep at the switch.

CHARLES M. BRISTOR.
Reisterstown, Md., January 1.

Shooting in the New Year.

To the Editor: The pistol shooting with which the New Year was greeted again claimed its harvest in Baltimore and throughout the country. Despite the fact that we demand a sane Fourth of July we do not make very much effort to change the manner of welcoming the New Year. The authorities do not seem to be alert to the sale of firearms and cartridges at the approach of the new year, and throughout the city last night the din of shooting was plainly heard on all sides. The shooting was in a large measure confined to the sections near the county lines, and that the number of people injured was not larger is a wonder. Young men in their teens walked about the streets last night and fired their pistols unmolested. A number of bullets were found by me in the yard in the rear of my home, which showed that some persons in the neighborhood were not content with blank cartridges, which, by the way, are far from harmless. The persons who so strongly argue for a sane Fourth of July had better take steps to make our New Year welcome safer.

Baltimore, January 1. J. K. L.

A Tribute to Our Courts.

To the Editor: Within the past few years so much has been said on the subject of courts that it might be well to repeat the words uttered recently by Frank B. Kellogg, who was the chief trust buster during the Roosevelt administration. Mr. Kellogg is a man who commands a great deal of respect on account of his position in the country at large and his experience in legal matters. On the subject of our Supreme Court he recently said: "Of all the branches of the government the judiciary is the least subject to the arbitrary power, to scandal or improper influence—the most liberal and progressive branch of the government."

When a man of Mr. Kellogg's standing makes such a statement it stands out prominently, for he also remarked on the same occasion that but for the Supreme Court decisions in the great trust cases the nation would have been powerless to combat great combinations of wealth. As a lawyer I want to add it is well that there are still some men in the country, big men, in fact, who realize that there is nothing wrong with the personnel of our courts, and that they still should and do command respect from the great mass of our citizens. LAWYER.

Baltimore, January 1.

Destruction of Key's Home.

To the Editor: The destruction of Francis Scott Key's old home at Georgetown is deplorable. It goes because the Francis Scott Key Memorial Association failed in its efforts to raise enough money to preserve the structure. At least, that is the reason assigned. The national government, however, is rich enough to have saved it. It is to be regretted that the nation has regarded this historical building with the cold glance of neglect.

The purpose of this letter is not to bring tears for the loss of an edifice that should be sacred to all patriotic Americans, nor to condemn those who had it in their power to prevent its destruction. To weep over things that are lost is futile. Though his old home is gone, Francis Scott Key will be forever remembered by reason of that everlasting monument erected by himself while aboard a hostile British ship during the bombardment of Fort McHenry. That monument is The Star-spangled Banner. I am writing, sir, as I have said, not to create sorrow, but to arouse a sentiment in this land for the preservation of other sacred buildings which have thus far escaped the desecrating hand of the despoiler. In the passing of the Key home the nation should read a lesson. It appears timely to suggest the creation by the national government of a commission to take care of all historic buildings that are left.

It is not safe to leave them to temporary societies, which, in the course of time, may go out of existence for lack of the very support which has resulted in the obliteration of the Key residence. What of Monticello, the home of Jefferson? P. D. M.

Baltimore, January 1.

SEEK BANK-RUNNER HERE

Negro Wanted on Charge of Stealing $6,000 in Washington.

The local Police Department is scouring the city for Webster Morton, colored, messenger for the Washington and Southern Bank, in Washington, who on Tuesday it is alleged, disappeared with $6,000 belonging to the bank. Webster, who lives at 1413 G street northwest, Washington, was sent to the Treasury Department with $6,000 in bills of various denominations to have them changed. When he failed to show up, a general alarm was sent out and Captain Bordman, of the Capital City detective force, assigned several of his men to come to this city and search for him.

Word was also sent to other cities in the East and South where the messenger would most likely hide. The money consisted of $3,000 in $20 bills, $1,000 in $50 bills and two $1,000 bills. Morton left the bank about 9:30 o'clock in the morning and was told to hurry back with the change. It was nearly noon before the officials of the bank were convinced that the messenger had disappeared and notified the police. Morton has light brown skin, is about 25 years old, five feet nine or ten inches tall, slender build and smooth face. He wore a grayish brown overcoat, dark suit, bicycle leggings, tan shoes and a gray cap.

Raymond Wagner Host.

Raymond Wagner entertained Monday night at his residence, 222 East Eager street, Messrs. William and Joseph Parr, John Wilkinson, Frederick Freimuth, Erwin Ullrich, John Horrigan and Raphael Philbin, all of East Baltimore.

1912 GREAT YEAR FOR INDUSTRIES

MARKED DEVELOPMENT NOTED IN DUN'S REVIEW.

Substantial Progress Made in All Lines of Commercial Activity, Says Report—Municipal Improvements Keep Up With Forward Rush—Big Increase in Manufactures.

The excellent business conditions which prevailed in Baltimore during 1912 are described in the annual trade review of R. G. Dun & Co. Speaking of the trade in this city, the review reads:

The year 1912 was one of great development in the industrial life of Baltimore and substantial progress was made in all lines of commercial activity. New manufacturing plants were added to those already in existence, increasing the demand for labor and giving the city larger facilities for supplying its wholesale trade. The total plants now in operation are estimated at more than 2,700, comprising 123 specified industries, and within the limits of Baltimore 81,842 operatives are steadily employed, this number not including plants adjacent to, but not actually in, the city limits. The wages paid approximate $41,747,000 and the capital invested about $165,293,000, with a total output estimated at over $265,000,000.

Much has been accomplished with public improvements. Forty miles of streets have been repaved at an expense of $2,000,000 and an equal amount will be provided for similar betterment during 1913. A loan of $5,000,000 was voted some time ago for a large impounding and storage reservoir, with filtration works, to be constructed as an addition to the existing $15,000,000 waterworks system, the present capacity of which is 910,000,000 gallons.

Baltimore is spending $20,000,000 on its sewerage system, which was begun in 1905 and will be completed, according to the contracts now in force, in 1914. The municipal docks, on which work was started in 1905, have cost to date $6,161,000 and a fund of $5,000,000 additional is now available for extension of this system, the results from which have thus far been most gratifying.

The report of the inspector of buildings shows that permits granted to December 1, 1912, had a value of $11,197,350, as compared with $10,844,295 for the same period of 1911.

Clothing and Straw Hat Industries.

Among Baltimore's larger industries the manufacture of clothing takes a leading position, the value of the production being estimated at over $25,000,000. The volume of trade for 1912 showed a substantial gain over the preceding year, both in the spring and fall seasons, and indications for the future appear very bright.

Baltimore occupies a commanding position in the manufacture of straw hats, both in the quality and volume of production. Business during the past year has been an exception to previous seasons in respect to the demand, most of the factories having been forced to decline further orders on account of having disposed of their entire output to June 1 next. The jobbing trade in felt and stiff hats, however, has been very unsatisfactory, the volume of shipments having declined and collections being slow.

It is estimated that the output of fertilizers from the plants in this city for 1912 will approximate 600,000 tons, having an aggregate value of $6,000,000, which indicates a 10 per cent. increase over the preceding year.

The pack of canned goods for the year was of record proportions, crops having been abundant, and the large demand from other parts of the country, where small crops were gathered, caused prices to reach a high level. Whisky distilleries report conditions more favorable now than in 1911, which was a banner year in this industry.

The lumber trade at the beginning of the year was quite poor, the weather having suspended building operations, and for some months the mills were unable to get timber from the interior, owing to impassable roads, etc. This caused a stagnation of business, but as soon as these conditions passed away the market became very active, and at the present time the demand is far ahead of the supply, values having advanced steadily, and the outlook for the coming year appears most favorable.

Lumber Trade Picks Up.

The volume of business transacted by dry goods and notion houses is estimated at $20,000,000. Owing to short crops and other unfavorable conditions, there was no apparent gain over the preceding year, and the fall season has been far from satisfactory. Wholesale dealers in boots and shoes noted a marked improvement in business during 1912, customers having been disposed to buy more liberally, and collections were correspondingly good. Trade with the jobbers of hardware and builders' supplies during the year was apparently of normal proportions and collections were faily good. There was a brisk demand for wood and willow ware and values generally were firm.

The leaf tobacco market was active throughout the year, cigar manufacturers having done a liberal business, and in order to insure uniformity of quality they are now carrying stocks long in advance.

SUPERIOR COURT BUSY

Annual Statement Shows 1912 Was a Large Year.

Indicating one of the largest years in the history of the Superior Court the statement of Clerk Stephen C. Little for the period of December 1, 1911, to November 30, 1912, was issued Tuesday. The following is a resume of the statement, which includes all instruments recorded, extracted or indexed:

LAND PAPERS.

Leases	828
Mortgages	9,909
Deeds	8,711
Assignments	5,967
Releases of mortgages	5,662
Short releases of mortgages	2,115
Short assignments of mortgages	441
Agreements	217
Bonds of conveyance	8
Powers of attorney	31
Miscellaneous	37
Magistrates judgments	4,191
Satisfactions of magistrates judgments	1,631
Total	39,748
O-P's	151
Certified copies made	424

CHATTEL PAPERS.

Mortgages	906
Releases	64
Short releases	78
Short assignments	12
Incorporations	579
Stock, certificates and changes	120
Bonds	118
Commissions	7
Oaths	15
Mechanics' liens	10
Long assignments	14
Satisfactions	28
Co-partnership	5
Dissolution of co-partnership	1
Bottlers' act	8
Partial releases	2
Boat liens	17
Bills of sale	874
Short releases	23
Miscellaneous	7
Total	2,888

Open House at Germania.

In keeping with their annual custom the members of the Germania Maennerchor held open house yesterday at their clubhouse on West Lombard street. The friends and guests of the members were extended every hospitality by a reception committee. A special menu, in which was included favorite German dishes, was served. Frank Steil is president of the association.

OFFICIALS WERE AT CITY HALL

ALTHOUGH IT WAS A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

City Collector Hook, Who Had Celebrated Until 3 A. M., Greeted the Watchman at 9 o'Clock—Others Who Were at Their Desks—Mayor Preston Spent Morning Inspecting Improvements.

Although yesterday was a legal holiday a number of city officials were at the City Hall cleaning up their correspondence. Col. Jacob W. Hook, city collector, who stayed up until 3 o'clock yesterday morning celebrating the birth of the new year, was the first city official to make his appearance. It was a little after 9 o'clock, according to the watchman, Thomas Riggin, when the Collector entered his office.

Street Cleaning Commissioner Larkins was the second official to arrive. Then came Deputy City Collector Hartman. John Hubert, president of the Second Branch City Council; Deputy Register Newman and Chief Clerk Cooper, of the Building Inspector's Department.

Mayor Preston was the last official to arrive. He had spent the morning inspecting the thoroughfares now undergoing improvement. He found conditions satisfactory. With the Mayor, while he made his rounds, was his son, James H. Preston, Jr.

After spending a little while at the City Hall the Mayor went to Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, Park avenue and Monument streets. At night he attended the poultry and pigeon show at the Fifth Regiment Armory.

In the afternoon Colonel Hook called on J. Henry Snyder of C., a director of the Old Town National Bank, who resides at Pennsylvania avenue and McMechen street. It was the thirty-seventh time Colonel Hook has called at Mr. Snyder's house on New Year's day. Mr. Snyder was born on New Year's Day, eighty-four years ago.

After leaving Mr. Snyder's house, Colonel Hook paid his annual visit to Sam W. Pattison, clerk of the Criminal Court, at his home on St. Paul street, and to John W. Horner, at his home on Eutaw place. The Collector and his daughter, Mrs. Edna Hook Green, attended the performance at the Academy at night.

President Hubert's visit to the City Hall was occasioned by a desire to inspect the steam pipes through which heat from the high pressure fire station on South street were transmitted yesterday for the first time. The initial test was highly satisfactory and Mr. Hubert left the City Hall satisfied with things in general.

Street Cleaning Commissioner Larkins followed his usual plan of making the rounds of the city in order to see what his men were doing. He traversed the entire city and did not complete his work until late in the afternoon.

Deputy Collector Hartman and a dozen clerks labored hard the entire day sending out tax bills to propertyowners. Colonel Hook gave out an order several days ago that all tax bills must be ready by January 10, and the employes are working overtime to carry out this order.

Mr. Hartman said yesterday that city taxes to the extent of $126,247.46 had been collected Tuesday. State taxes amounted to $5,930.64.

WAS NOT THE PIPELINE

City Officials Still Probing Break In Sewer.

Unable to agree as to the real cause of the breaking of the old private sewer at Baltimore and Calvert streets, the special committee appointed by Mayor Preston last week to investigate the matter will hold additional conferences before submitting a final report. The statement attributed to the committee that it would hold the pipe line responsible for the damage was denied indignantly yesterday by two of its members. They said they had not reached a definite conclusion.

The special committee appointed by the Mayor consisted of Sewerage Engineer Hendrick, chairman; Water Engineer Whitman and City Engineer McCay. It is understood that the three officials will inspect the break at Baltimore and Calvert streets today. Should they be unable to reach a conclusion they will make separate investigations.

The members of the Fire Board and their consulting engineer, Daniel B. Banks, who constructed the high-pressure pipe line system, are of the opinion that the break in the sewer was caused by some other influence than the mains of the pipe line. They are of the opinion that the pipe line is too solid for its mains to be responsible for the break.

"When the investigation of the committee is concluded it will be seen that the high-pressure pipe line will be given a clean bill of health," said a member of the Fire Board.

It is probable that the Mayor will call in an outside expert engineer and obtain his opinion on the subject. In this way the City Executive will be enabled to secure the views of both city and outside experts. Should the pipe line be found responsible for the break the city will have to pay all the damage, which will mean an expenditure of over $6,000.

One of the members of the special committee appointed by the Mayor is inclined to believe that inasmuch as the sewer pipe was 30 years old it rotted away because of age. This theory is said to be shared in by several employes of the City Engineer's Department, who have been working to adjust the damage for the last week.

Mayor Preston said last night that none of the City Engineers have discussed the result of their findings with him. He said that he had not as yet received any report from the committee, although he intimated that he expected one in a few days. The Mayor has personally examined the break on several occasions and while not an engineer, is said to have decided views himself regarding the responsibility for the trouble.

TO ELECT STATE AUDITOR

J. Enos Ray Probably Will Be Chosen Today.

It is expected that J. Enos Ray will be elected state auditor at the meeting of the Board of Public Works today. The understanding is that Mr. Ray is satisfactory to State Comptroller Harrington and State Treasurer Vandiver, who are the majority members of the board.

The office of state auditor has been vacant many months, because the two Democratic members of the board could not agree upon the man for the place. However, Mr. Ray's name was mentioned some weeks ago, and the chances are that he will be elected today.

Governor Goldsborough, who is the third member of the board, last night stated that he hoped this office would be filled today, inasmuch as it is one of the most important in the state and because it has been vacated so long.

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU.
Washington, January 1.

Forecast for Thursday and Friday: For Maryland, fair Thursday; Friday, fair; colder at night; moderate south winds.

For the District of Columbia, fair and warmer Thursday; Friday, fair; colder at night; light to moderate south winds.

For Virginia, fair Thursday; Friday, fair; colder at night in the interior; moderate variable winds, becoming southeast and south.

For Delaware and New Jersey, fair Thursday; Friday, fair; colder at night; moderate winds, becoming south.

For North and South Carolina, fair Thursday and Friday; colder Friday in west portion; moderate east and southeast winds.

For West Virginia, fair Thursday; Friday, fair and colder.

Weather Conditions and General Forecast: With the exception of some rain Tuesday night along the Atlantic Coast and some light local snows Wednesday in the Central Rocky Mountain Region and the Northwest, fair weather prevailed over the country during the last 24 hours, with temperatures east of the Rocky Mountains that were quite high for the season. A narrow trough of low pressure extends from Texas to Western Lake Superior, while to the westward pressure is high and rising rapidly, accompanied by a decided fall in temperature to somewhat below normal conditions.

The Middle West depression does not give promise of much further development, and the high pressure to the westward will dominate conditions for the next few days, with resulting fair weather generally, although local snows and rains may be expected Thursday or Thursday night in the Upper Mississippi Valley and Upper Lake Region.

Temperatures will fall Thursday in the Plains States, the Missouri and Upper Mississippi Valleys and the Western Upper Lake Region and during Thursday night and Friday the fall in temperature will extend into the Gulf States, the Ohio Valley and the Lower Lake Region. In the Atlantic States moderate temperatures will continue until Friday or Friday night.

The winds along the New England Coast will be moderate west, becoming variable; along the Middle Atlantic Coast, moderate, variable, becoming east and southeast; along the South Atlantic Coast, moderate east to southeast; along the Eas Gulf Coas, moderate southeast and south; along the West Gulf Coast, moderate south, shifting to northwest Thursday night; on Lake Michigan, brisk southwest to northwest.

Steamers departing Thursday for European ports will have moderate winds, mostly west, with fair weather, to the Grand Banks.

Daily Report.

Custom-house, Baltimore, January 1.

Time.	Thermometer.	Relative Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Velocity of Wind.	Precipitation.	State of Weather.
8 A. M.	40	68	W.	4	.00	Clear
8 P. M.	44	62	N.	2	.00	Clear

Normal temperature 34 | Highest temperature... 54
Mean temperature.. 47 | Lowest temperature.... 40

Maximum velocity of the wind, 14 miles an hour, from the north.

Record of Temperature.

The following table gives the maximum temperature for the past 24 hours at the stations named and the state of the weather at 8 o'clock last night:

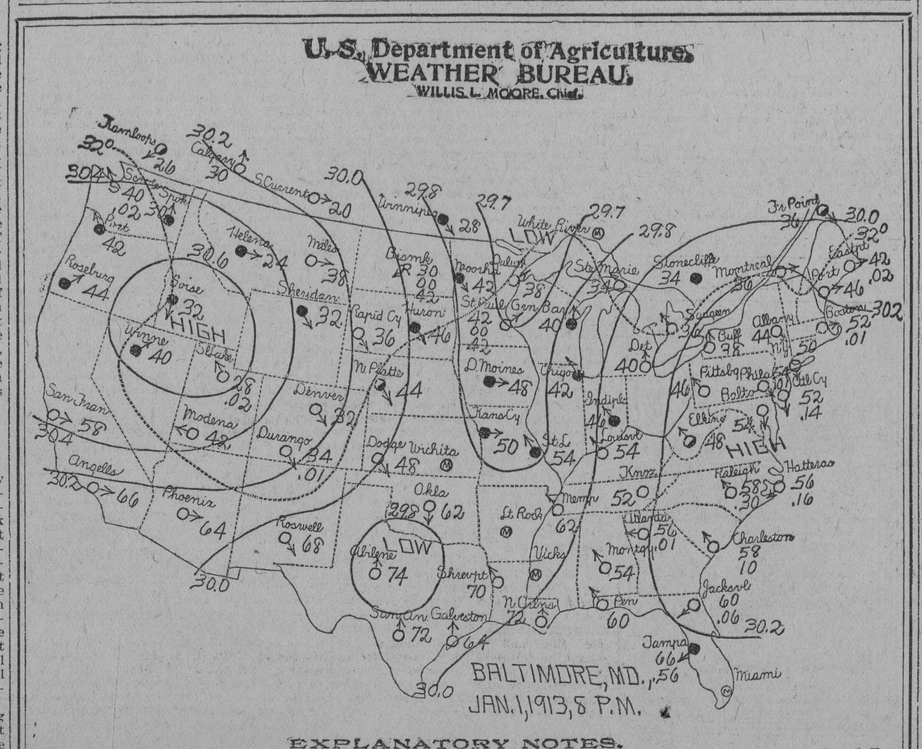
Atlantic City, clear	40	Montgomery, clear	34
Bismarck, rain	24	Montreal, clear	32
Boston, clear	42	Nantucket, clear	40
Buffalo, clear	32	New Orleans, clear	44
Charleston, clear	50	New York, clear	40
Chicago, cloudy	32	Oklahoma, clear	38
Cleveland, clear	30	Pittsburgh, clear	32
Corpus Christi, clear	46	Philadelphia, clear	40
Denver, clear	28	Portland, Me., clear	38
Detroit, clear	28	Portland, Ore., cloudy	44
Duluth, clear	18	Providence, clear	42
Eastport, clear	36	Quebec, cloudy	32
Galveston, clear	52	Raleigh, clear	38
Green Bay, cloudy	23	Salt Lake City, clear	26
Hatteras, clear	48	San Francisco, clear	46
Havre, clear	22	St. Louis, cloudy	34
Helena, cloudy	24	St. Paul, clear	22
Jacksonville, clear	65	Scranton, pt. cloudy	34
Kansas City, cloudy	36	Shreveport, clear	36
Knoxville, clear	50	Spokane, cloudy	26
Louisville, clear	32	Tampa, cloudy	64
Marquette, clear	20	Washington, clear	34
Memphis, clear	36	Winnipeg, cloudy	12

Almanac for Today.

Sun Rises.....7:27 A. M. | Sun Sets.....4:55 P. M.
Moon Rises.....3:27 A. M.

HIGH WATER.

1:54 A. M.....0.7 Foot | 3:15 P. M.....1.3 Feet
[Calculations expressed in Eastern Standard Time.]



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