THE CITY

Important to Advertisers.

Because of the large number of casual advertisements which are received by The Daily and Sunday American it is absolutely essential that advertisers who desire to have their ads properly classified should have their copy in the office at the earliest possible moment. The American is recognized as the most valuable medium for these advertisements and they pour into the office in great volume. Therefore it is difficult to classify them, especially those intended for The Sunday American. It is no small task to properly arrange these little advertisements under the many different headings, such as "Male Help Wanted," "For Sale," "Real Estate Wanted," "Rooms for Rent," "Business Chances," and many others. The American, however, for the benefit of advertisers, desires to have them properly classified.

Women Name District Chairmen.

Chairmen of the district committees of the Women's Civic League, which have been organized under the new plan, were announced yesterday. It is proposed to have a district organization for each ward in the city, but several districts have not yet been organized. The chairmen of the districts in which an organization has been effected, as announced yesterday at the headquarters of the league, are as follows: District No. 1, Mrs. J. Emerson Lamb, 232 Laurens street; district No. 6, Mrs. Lawrence Naylor, 115 East Eager street; district No. 7, Mrs. John H. Sewell, 1041 North Broadway; district No. 11, Miss Ellen C. Pleasants, 606 Cathedral street; district No. 12, Mrs. John S. Fulton; district No. 15, Mrs. Frederick W. Wood, Forty-first street and Park Heights avenue; district No. 16, Mrs. Arthur L. Homer, 1232 West Lafayette avenue; district No. 21, Miss Nettie Johnston, Warner House; district No. 22, Miss Elizabeth Jenks, and district No. 24, Miss Eliza Ridgely.

An organization in district No. 14 is being effected by Mrs. Edwin Cugle, 1707 Park avenue; Mrs. Thomas Ireland Elliott, 2026 Mount Royal avenue, and Miss Helen Bartlett, 606 Reservoir street.

Chairmen of subcommittees in the Eleventh, Fifteenth and Sixteenth districts were also announced. They are: District No. 11, Mrs. William S. Baer, smoke abatement committee; Mrs. Richard Follis, 5 East Read street, milk committee; Mrs. Frank Turner, garden committee, and Mrs. Howard E. Ashbury, 1017 Cathedral street, refuse disposal committee; District No. 15, Mrs. James S. Akenhurst, 4129 Park Heights avenue, milk committee, and Mrs. J. B. Kelly, home garden committee. District No. 16, Mrs. Charles H. Bubert, 1100 Lafayette avenue, refuse disposal committee.

Former Piano Salesman Held.

On the charge of taking a piano valued at $250 from the home of Maggie Thomas, colored, 400 Myrtle avenue, under false pretenses, Cecil W. Gibson, 2725 Parkwood avenue, was held for the action of the Grand Jury by Justice Henry at the Northwestern Police Station yesterday afternoon.

According to the testimony at the hearing, Gibson sold Maggie Thomas the piano while he was representing a Boston piano firm about two years ago. About nine months ago the Thomas woman put the piano in storage and went to the country to work. Last May Gibson severed his connection with the piano company, and according to the testimony sent Charles Wesley, colored, on August 19 last to take the piano from the woman and sell it, because, according to the statement of Gibson, Maggie had made no payments on it for nearly nine months.

After selling the piano Wesley turned the money over to Gibson. A representative of the Boston company stated that Gibson had no authority to take the piano and sell it, as his relations with the company were severed. Gibson, in his own behalf, said that he had been authorized to take the piano if he could locate it, but when he failed to show a written contract to do so Justice Henry held him for the action of the Grand Jury. Wesley was given a hearing on the same charge last Monday and was held for the action of the Grand Jury also.

Twenty Murders in 1912.

There were 20 murders in 1912 as compared to 19 in the previous year, according to the annual report of the Police Department. In 1912 17 of the murderers were arrested, one committed suicide and two are still at large. In the year before 16 were arrested, one committed suicide and two escaped. There were fewer suicides in 1912 than in 1911, for in the last year only 82 persons ended their lives, as compared with 102 in the year before. There were 117 attempted suicides, two less than in 1911. The total number of fatal accidents for 1912 was 284, while in 1911 there were 277. Of these 45 were burned, 56 drowned, 14 by machinery, 27 by steam cars, 25 by street cars and 10 by automobiles. Four persons were frozen and one died from heat.

The total number of accidents not fatal was 4,211 for 1912, against 4,133 for the preceding year. Of these 267 were bitten by dogs, 233 struck by automobiles. There were 786 sudden deaths and 546 persons taken ill on the streets. Of the 752 missing persons reported 564 were located and returned to their homes.

Vaccinated in Police Station.

For the second time within the last two weeks the courtroom at the Northwestern Police Station was again turned into a temporary infirmary when Dr. C. Frank Jones, of the Health Department, in the presence of Justice Henry, vaccinated two negroes yesterday afternoon.

The two men vaccinated were Walter Jefferson, 703 Baker street, and William Knight, 2325 Stockton street. They had refused to be vaccinated when the health wardens visited their homes in an effort to stop the spread of smallpox that is threatening the city. Warrants for their arrest were then obtained. When they appeared before Magistrate Henry yesterday afternoon they were given their choice of either being fined or vaccinated.

Scared but docile they bared their arms in the courtroom and submitted to the operation. Several more arrests will be made tomorrow of persons who have refused to be vaccinated.

Loden Whole Office Force.

Collector of Water Rents and Licenses Daniel J. Loden was put to a severe test yesterday and he showed his true mettle. His stenographer and his office boy reported absent, and for the first time since he became a city official he was compelled to transact public business alone. What made things worse, according to the genial collector, was the fact that his mail was decidedly heavy.

When several city officials stopped in the collector's office shortly after noon to pay their respects they were surprised to see the former judge pounding a typewriter at high speed. When the telephone rang the collector would jump up from his seat and answer the call.

"Don't be astonished, gentlemen," cautioned Mr. Loden. "I am a good stenographer and a first-class office boy. My office force might be absent but the boss is still around. Every letter of even date has been answered and the envelope stamped. Now, what is your pleasure?"

Membership Committee Meeting.

A membership committee meeting of the Woman's Civic League, of which Mrs. Edward T. Shoemaker is chairman, was held yesterday morning in their rooms in the Fidelity Building, for the purpose of discussing the best methods of increasing the league membership. There were present 15 district workers, representing every section of the city and they reported the addition of 153 new league members since the district plan was inaugurated about six weeks ago.

It was also decided to have their future meetings on the first Friday in each month. Much interest is centered in the general meeting for the public, to be held on Tuesday evening next, in McCoy Hall, at which City Solicitor Field will deliver an address on The Present City Charter and the Ordinances Under Which We are Living.

Flonzaley Quartet Charms.

One of the finest concerts of chamber music ever heard at the Peabody Institute was that given at the Conservatory Hall yesterday afternoon by the Flonzaley String Quartet, consisting of Adolfo Betti, first violin; Alfred Pochon, second violin; Ugo Ara, viola, and Twan D'Archambeau, violoncellist

The Haydn quartet, which opened the concert, was one of the most beautiful of the entire classic period. It was followed by a pre-classic sonata by Sammartini, who was born a generation before Haydn and before the sonata had reached the strict form of the classic school, the first movement being in the form in which the overture has come down to us.

Between, the Sammartini and the Tschaikowsky times nearly a century and a half had passed, and Tschaikowsky himself has now been dead for 20 years. It is safe to say, however, that neither before nor since Tschaikowsky's time has a more beautiful string quartet been written. The andante cantabile is a striking piece of tender melody not easy to forget. It was played in Baltimore over 20 years ago by the Kneisel Quartet, and several times afterward by the Peabody String Quartet with great effect. The performance of it yesterday was with such absolute perfection and finish as to be quite unsurpassable. It seems strange that its composer started as a lawyer, and at the time of his visit to Baltimore, three years before his death, was in his looks and general bearing a model for a statesman. As he laid down the baton after a rehearsal of his pianoconcerto with his orchestra, he said, with a graceful but stately bow, "I thank you, gentlemen." He died in 1893, not long after his return from America.

The twelfth Peabody recital will be given next Friday afternoon by Emmanuel Wad, pianist.

Increased Park Tax Payment.

The park tax for the last three months, ending December 31, amounts to $145,535.66. A check for this amount was received yesterday by Comptroller Thrift. This is an increase of $10,449.40 over the corresponding period of the previous year and an increase of $7,423.45 over the three previous months—namely, last July, August and September. Deputy Comptroller Childs said that the payment was the largest ever received by the city for a quarter from the Park Board. The tax is 9 per cent. of the gross receipts of the United Railways and Electric Company, and indicates unusually heavy traffic in the past few months.

Commenting in a jocular way concerning the park tax, Deputy Comptroller Childs remarked to several city officials: "I wonder whether the people of Baltimore who use the street car lines know that every eleventh nickel collected by the car conductor goes to the city? A good part of this money is spent to feed the animals in the Druid Hill Park Zoo."

Wilhelmina Henkel's Will Filed.

The will of Wilhelmina Henkel, who died December 21, was filed for probate yesterday in the Orphans' Court.

She left $1,000 to her sister-in-law, Elice Henkel, Washington, D. C. Other legacies were: Alice Henkel, Washington, D. C., $2,000; Edward Henkel, Washington, D. C., $2,000; General German Orphan Asylum of Baltimore and the German Greisenheim, each $500; to each of her godchildren (Mrs. Henrietta Ruhl, Miss Emma Schultz and Miss Alice Schultz), $50 each, and all jewelry jointly.

To Mrs. Louise Wagner, her housekeeper, $50. After some special bequests of personal property the residue of the estate is to be sold and divided into 16 equal parts. Eight-sixteenths go equally divided to Alice Henkel and Edward Henkel, of Washington, the rest to relatives in Germany. William A. Eisenbrandt and Mrs. Emilie Schmidt are appointed executors without bond. The will was dated December 9, 1911.

Snatches Three Purses.

A negro purse snatcher is terrorizing women in the Northwestern district. Within four hours Thursday night he attacked three women and ran off with their purses and contents. His first victim was Annie Adams, of 518 North Pearl street. She was walking along Pearl street near George street when the negro seized her by the arm and wrenched her handbag from her hand. He got nearly $10. This occurred at 7 o'clock.

At 9:30 o'clock Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, of Harford road and Gorsuch avenue, was attacked on Myrtle avenue near Mulberry street by a negro, who, after wrestling with her, escaped with her handbag containing $6.

Elsie Uhden, 735 West Mulberry street, was attacked a few doors from her home by the negro, who escaped with her handbag containing $5. When the negro grabbed her by the wrist she screamed and several neighbors ran to her assistance. The description of the negro tallies in every case.

To Banquet on Franklin Day.

The printing and allied trades of this city will hold a Franklin Day celebration on Saturday, January 18, with a banquet at the Hotel Rennert, at 6:30 o'clock. Covers will be laid for about 200 subscribers and guests. The speakers will be A. M. Glassbrenner, of Indianapolis, Ind., president of the United Typothetae of America; B. F. Corday, of Cleveland, O.; R. W. Nelson, of Jersey City, N. J., president of the American Type Founders' Company, and Owen F. Hershey, of Baltimore.

William G. Horn will act as toastmaster. He is also chairman of the committee on arrangements. Between the courses a vaudeville entertainment will be given, this feature at the last banquet having proved a decided success.

129 Fail to Attend Drill.

From the large increase in the number of summons for nonattendance at militia drill it would appear that the young men of Maryland are losing their military ardor. The summons are usually made out every quarter for the delinquents who have failed to show up for the regular weekly drills, and as a rule the roll of offenders does not total more than 50. Yesterday, however, there were no less than 129 summons made out by Magistrate Sayler. All the offenders are members of the Fourth Regiment of the Maryland National Guard. Justice Sayler has decided to have 25 men brought before him each day until he disposes of the long roll.

Free Organ Recital Tomorrow.

The second organ recital will be given at the Peabody Conservatory of Music tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The organist will be Morris Holmes and he will be assisted by Nellie Norris, soprano, in the following program:

Horatio Parker, Melody and Intermezzo; Harold Phillips, Sonata in D minor; Costa, aria from Naamen, for soprano; Saint-Saens, Fantasie and Finale; Guilmant, Cantilene Pastorale; Rheinberger, Finale (from B minor Sonata).

Passengers by Sea.

The following passengers sailed last evening on the Merchants and Miners' Steamship Parthian, Capt. J. M. Dodge, for Jacksonville, Fla.:

Messrs. and Mesdames C. H. Batchelder, D. S. Judd, F. G. Spillman, Samuel E. Volk, Thomas Larry, M. Gold, H. V. Perrin, Capt. R. B. Gray, H. A. Young, Mesdames Harris, Lena Hirschmann, Fredda Harris, Misses Susie Bond, Janette Barrick, Lucy Williams, Bessie Gray, Messrs. M. Baer, Ira Chalk, Robert Funk, Robert Jones, C. Wise, W. C. Bailey, S. W. Barrick, John Weir, W. J. Parker, William Wood, M. Currier, Carl Sgoholm, E. W. Cook, Robert Bowschener, M. Y. Brink, S. M. Brown, C. L. Harkins, Herman Winsch, George B. Wells, Harry J. Yaste, A. Anderson, I. Olsen, A. N. White, F. K. Bennett, Herring Hendrick, N. I. Alliger, William Wild, F. W. Wood.

Confer on Social Service.

As a supplement to his address on social service Thursday night in the Central Y. M. C. A. Building, under the auspices of the Social Service Club, of Baltimore, Shelby M. Harrison, of the Russell Sage Foundation, held a conference yesterday morning with the district secretaries of the local Federation of Charities in their rooms at 15 East Pleasant street, for the purpose of instructing them in the advancement of social service plans.

Mr. Harrison talked to the district secretaries for about an hour, during which time he explained to them great importance of working in conjunction with the local Social Service Club for the betterment of social, physical and industrial conditions. There are at present a number of organizations engaged in this social enterprise in Baltimore, many of which possess partial surveys, and it was pointed out that with the combined assistance of these organizations, together with the Russell Sage Foundation and the Municipal Research, a thorough survey of Baltimore can be effected. This would put the social workers of the city in direct touch with the adverse conditions which would be laid bare and the evils corrected.

The following charitable societies have pledged their co-operation with the plan: St. Vincent de Paul Society, Reid Memorial Guild House, Woman's Civic League, Jewish Charities, Children's Playground Association, Public Athletic League, Federated Charities and many others. Mr. Harrison left yesterday for New York.

Buried Infant in Woods.

How a colored female infant that died shortly after birth had been taken away during the night and buried in a small strip of woods about three miles outside the city limits was revealed yesterday in the Eastern Police Court when John Hazel, colored, 27 years old, 258 South Durham street, was arraigned before Justice Smith, charged with carrying the dead body of a child through the streets of Baltimore without a permit from the Health Department.

On December 10 Virginia Hazel gave birth to a child, which died a few hours later. Having no money to secure the services of an undertaker, the mother of the young woman fixed the body in a small box. The following night John Hazel took it and buried it about two miles beyond Brooks Hill. Yesterday morning the police were notified of this and Round Sergeant Riefner and Sergeant Wankmiller, accompanied by John Hazel, went to the spot yesterday afternoon and exhumed the body. It was then taken to the Morgue. After hearing the testimony Justice Smith was convinced that it was a case of pure ignorance of the law on the part of the negro and dismissed the charge.

General Creditors to Pay.

Judge Rose in the United States District Court yesterday decided that the special master's fee of $7,500 in the case of the Roxbury Distilling Company receivership was to be treated as court costs and was to be paid by the general creditors of the concern. The special master, in his report, decided that $47,351.99, which represents the receivers' commission, counsel fees, employes' and receivers' expenses, should be pro-rated among the general creditors and holders of securities. Under the master's report it was also provided that the $7,500 fee was to be pro-rated. The Merchants' National Bank objected to the pro-rating of these sums. Judge Rose, in his opinion, decides that the $7,500 is to be paid by the general creditors and that the other sums is to be pro-rated.

Wrenn Taken to Washington.

Central Office Detective Cox, of Washington, came to this city Thursday afternoon and took back Charles Wrenn, 617 C street, Northwest, who is wanted in the capital on the charge of the larceny of clothing valued between $75 and $100. Wrenn was arrested here Wednesday night by Healquarters Detective Werner on the charge of enticing 18-year-old Hattie Childs from her home, 1240 V street, Southeast. They were taken to the Central Police Station. The girl denied that Wrenn had enticed her from home, saying that she had left of her own free will and was going to Philadelphia to get employment in a hospital there. The arrest was made at Union Station, where Wrenn was purchasing tickets for Philadelphia.

To Operate on Mrs. Albert.

Mrs. Talbot J. Albert, wife of the American consul at Brunswick, Germany, who has been suffering from an internal ailment for several weeks, will undergo an operation this afternoon at 4 o'clock at her home, 909 North Charles street. Drs. William S. Baer and S. J. Crowe, of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, will perform the operation, which, according to relatives of Mrs. Albert, will be only a minor one. Although Mrs. Albert has been confined to her home for several weeks, she has not been confined to bed.

Word of her illness has been sent Mr. Albert, but he has been assured that it is not serious.

Dr. Remsen Leaves Bed.

Dr. Ira B. Remsen, president of the Johns Hopkins University and one of the best-known educators in the country, who recently underwent a minor operation in the Johns Hopkins Hospital at the hands of Dr. Hugh H. Young, will be able to leave the institution in a few days, according to those in attendance. Yesterday, for the first time since the ordeal, Dr. Remsen was able to leave his bed and walk about. During the entire afternoon his time was spent on the bridges that connect the wards. This exercise will be continued daily. He will probably be dismissed next Tuesday.

Smoker for Peabody Men.

The faculty and male students of the Peabody Conservatory of Music will be entertained at a smoker tonight by Kappa Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Greek Letter Fraternity of the school. The smoker will be given at the Florestan Club. Solos will be sung by Charles A. McCann, of the Paint and Powder Club, and S. Taylor Scott and the Fraternity Male Quartet—Frank Mellor and Oscar H. Lehman, tenors; S. Taylor Scott and August Hoen, bassos—will also offer several selections. Recitations will also be given by Henry Edward Warner.

First Recital on New Organ.

The first recital held on the new pipe organ in Calvary Luthern Church, of which Rev. Foster U. Gift is the rector, took place last night. The recital was given by D. Merrick Scott, organist of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and of Goucher College. Mr. Scott was assisted by Mrs. Fonsia Wilson Kraemer, soloist, and Charles F. Kraemer, violinist. Mrs. Kraemer, who studied under several of the Old World masters, has a lyric voice of exceptional sweetness and great range.

Child Has Narrow Escape.

Josephine Vinci, six years old, of 203 West Conway street, had a narrow escape from injury Thursday afternoon when she ran into the fender of a moving Harford avenue car, on Sharp street, near Conway. The car was running at a slow rate of speed and before the motorman could bring the car to a standstill the child had jumped out of the fender and was running toward her home. After an examination it was found that the child had not received a scratch.

Hagerstown Water Mains.

In an opinion to the Public Service Commission yesterday W. Cabel Bruce said that it was within the power of the citizens of Hagerstown to compel the water company of that city to lay larger water mains.

Jacob Epstein Sees Mayor.

Jacob Epstein, proprietor of the Baltimore Bargain House, called on Mayor Preston at the City Hall yesterday and asked that the ordinance which recently passed the City Council prohibiting "barking and catching" be rigidly enforced. The measure is now awaiting the Mayor's signature, and in order to learn more regarding it he invited several business men to explain its contents to him.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Epstein said that 75 per cent. of visiting buyers who come to Baltimore to buy goods are his customers, and that he spends $100,000 yearly to entertain them. Despite this fact, he claims, representatives from other wholesale establishments station themselves in front of his stores and lure his customers away.

The ordinance in question imposes a fine of $10 upon any person who attempts to solicit trade in front of stores or in the thoroughfares of Baltimore. Those opposing the measure claim that if it is enacted into law the men they happen to send to railroad stations and steamboat landings to meet customers would be subject to arrest and punishment.

At the conclusion of the hearing, which was attended by a number of merchants, Mayor Preston appointed Mr. Epstein and William B. Hurst, of the firm of John E. Hurst & Co., to draft an ordinance that will be satisfactory to all parties. In the interim he promised to withhold action upon the measure before him.

For Initiative and Referendum.

United States Senators Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma; George F. Chamberlain, of Oregon; Moses E. Clapp, of Minnesota; Congressman David J. Lewis, of Maryland, and Judson King, of Seattle, Wash., will be the star speakers at the Maryland Theater Sunday afternoon, when addresses will be made upon the subjects of the Initiative and Referendum. There is every indication of a large audience from the general interest that is being displayed in the meeting, as several thousand invitations have been sent out. Members of improvement associations, suffrage organizations and various social service bodies of the city have signified their intention of being present.

The Direct Legislation League of Maryland, of which Jackson H. Ralston, of Hyttsville, Md., is president and Robert J. Ogle, of Baltimore, is secretary, with some 20 prominent Progressive leaders in Maryland as members of the board of governors, has been waging a serious and concentrated fight during the last five years throughout the state to place these two most progressive measures upon the statute books of Maryland.

Sought Control of Fidelity.

That a large out-of-town bonding company made an offer for the control of the Fidelity and Deposit Company recently was learned yesterday. Edwin Warfield, president of the company, admitted that he had been offered $205 or better a share by the foreign company for control of his concern, but that the offer had been declined.

President Warfield declined to state what company made the offer. The Street, however, heard that the company which desired to acquire the Fidelity and Deposit Company was the American Surety Company, of New York. This report could not be confirmed.

The Fidelity and Deposit Company only a few days ago put through a deal, by which it acquired the American Bonding Company, thus making it the largest company of its kind in the world.

When the news of the offer by the out-of-town company for the Fidelity and Deposit leaked out it occasioned wide comment in the local financial district. It was looked upon as but further proof of the strong position that the Fidelity holds in the surety and casualty world.

Christmas Tree Catches Fire.

Considerable excitement was caused in the locality of Patterson Park avenue and Gay street shortly before 6 o'clock last night, when a Christmas tree in the home of John D. Heuch, 2213 East Lanvale street, caught fire, the flames spreading through the parlor, burning two pairs of lace curtains and damaging much of the furniture. The tree was ignited by a small candle which constituted part of the decorations. The candle, which had been lighted for some time, burned to its holder and the grease spluttered, carrying with it sparks which flew through the branches of the tree. Mr. Heuch tried vainly to extinguish the flames with a large rug and finally ran into the street, shouting for aid. Frederick Schmidt, 1701 North Gay street, sounded an alarm. The firemen responded and quenched the flames in a few moments. The damage amounted to about $50.

Elope to Wilmington and Wed.

Leaving word that they were going to see The World in Baltimore Exposition, Miss Minnie Kimmerle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kimmerle, 330 South East avenue, and Harry Leopold, of South Clinton street, Highlandtown, a member of the art department of The American, slipped quietly away to Wilmington, Del., and were married on the morning of November 6. After the ceremony the couple returned to their homes and the wedding kas kept a secret until a few days ago. Miss Kimmerle, who is a pretty young woman of the blonde type, is well known throughout the eastern section of the city and has a host of friends. The couple will make their future home at the home of the groom's parents, on South Clinton street.

Discuss Agricultural College.

At the board meeting of the City Wide Congress January 3 a committee was appointed to report on the Maryland Agricultural College. This committee met at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday with others interested present. Report will be made at the first quarterly meeting of the congress, to be held the latter part of this month. There were present at the meeting yesterday William H. Ellicott, Dr. D. H. Steffens, John M. Dennis, J. C. Vincent, C. Bosley Littig and Herbert Sheridan.

Dr. Freemantle at Ford's.

The theater meeting at Ford's tomorrow afternoon will have a strong musical program. Hobart Smock will conduct the music, and a quartet composed of Edgar T. Paul, A. Lee Jones, Elmer C. Smith and Richard F. Fleet will give special selections.

The speaker, Dr. William Freemantle, of the Temple College, Philadelphia, has been in Baltimore several times, and is one of the most acceptable speakers on the platform.

Dr. Nichols' Auto Recovered.

The automobile of Dr. F. King Nichols, 535 North Carrollton avenue, which was stolen Tuesday night while it was standing in front of the Academy of Music, was returned to him yesterday. It was found in Mount Washington by Patrolman Scott, of the county force. The car was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars. One of the cylinders was broken, while the body of the machine was scratched.

Sail Tomorrow for Bremen.

The following Baltimoreans will sail tomorrow for Bremen on the North German Lloyd steamship Neckar, A. Traue, commander: Rev. Jacob Fluckiger, August Loeblein, Mrs. Frances McDairmont, Mrs. Mina Ronald, Henry Schnell, Mrs. Henry Schnell and Miss Marie Vich.

Mr. Delken Falls From Car.

While attempting to alight from a North avenue car at Madison avenue, yesterday afternoon, William A. Delken, 47 years old, of 408 North Pace street, fell to the street and badly sprained his back. He was picked up by Sergeant Porter, of the Northern district, and sent to St. Luke's Hospital in the auto ambulance. His condition is not serious.

Mrs. Peppler Rearrested.

Following the death yesterday of Miss Stella Vickers, 28 years old, daughter of Patrolman Benjamin Vickers, of the Southern district, at the Franklin Square Hospital, the police arrested Mrs. Eliza Peppler, 1509 West Lexington street, on the charge of causing the young woman's death by performing an illegal operation.

Mrs. Peppler was arrested last Tuesday and was taken to Franklin Square Hospital, where, according to Magistrate Ulrich and two patrolmen who accompanied him, she was identified by Miss Vickers as having performed the operation. The following morning Mrs. Peppler was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Ulrich, who released her in $2,500 bail.

Miss Vickers on entering the hospital, on December 25, gave her name as Mrs. Charles Gladfelter, of Wilmington, Del. On Thursday afternoon the young woman was told that she was dying, and she announced her willingness to make a dying deposition. Magistrate Ulrich went to the hospital and in the presence of half a dozen witnesses she made a lengthy statement, which was transcribed by a court stenographer.

In her statement Miss Vickers declared that she was not married to Gladfelter, as she had represented herself to be. She also swore that Mrs. Peppler had performed an illegal operation on her nearly two years ago.

Mrs. Peppler, who is being held to await the action of the Coroner's Jury, tonight still protests her innocence of the charge laid against her. She has retained Attorneys John T. Morris and Harry B. Wolf as her counsel.

Dr. Emil Novak to Wed.

Announcement of the marriage of Dr. Emil Novak, visiting physician to the Mercy Hospital, secretary of the Baltimore Medical Society and professor in the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Miss Elizabeth Grace Rogers, sister of Dr. E. A. Rogers, of Brookline, a suburb of Boston, Mass., was made last night. The wedding will take place in St. Mary's Church, Brookline, on March 24. Dr. Novak and his prospective brother-in-law were classmates in the College of Physicians and Surgeons here, and it was during a visit to Dr. Rogers in Boston several years ago that the Baltimore physician met Miss Rogers. Since then Dr. Novak has paid numerous visits to the Rogers home and a steady correspondence has been kept up, resulting in the engagement.

Dr. Novakk, who resides and has his office at 839 North Patterson Park avenue, said last night that he would leave Baltimore during the first part of March for Boston, where he will remain until the date of the wedding. After the ceremony the couple will come to Baltimore, where they will live at the Patterson Park avenue home.

Oppose Street Paving Tax.

At a special meeting held last night in their rooms at the corner of Harlem and Fulton avenues the West Lafayette Improvement and Protective Association went on record as being opposed to the street paving tax. The high cost of living was discussed and the blame was placed on the "free hand gambling done in the various stock exchanges in the country." Before going on record with reference to the new water meter system the association will ask to be further enlightened on the subject.

The question of segregation in the public schools, as applied to boys and girls from 10 to 18 years old, was aired also, and resolutions were adopted along these lines which will be submitted to the anti-vice crusaders.

The officers of the association are: J. Yung Boyle, president; Harry S. Trumba, treasurer; Edward L. Livingston, secretary, and Edward J. Burns, chairman of the board of governors. The association meets the first Wednesday evening of each month.

Well Under Baltimore Street.

While making connections with the sanitary sewer on Baltimore street, between Calvert and St. Paul streets, several laborers had a narrow escape from death or serious accident when a 40-foot well was discovered beneath the pavement. The men were making connections with the building occupied by J. Edward Richardson, 112 East Baltimore street, and the Newark Shoe store, 114 East Baltimore. The day gang, under Peter Irman, foreman, made the discovery early Thursday morning. The well was about 10 feet in diameter, and is now nearly filled, more than 20 cartloads of dirt having been used. It is the general belief that the well supplied one of the old pumps which, when Baltimore was young, furnished the city with water. It was said that a pump stood where the well was found. It was walled with brick. Hundreds of persons have stopped to watch the work of filling it.

To Fight for Entire Tax Act.

City Solicitor Field last night announced that the entire fight of the city administration before the Court of Appeals will be for the upholding of the special paving tax act, and not for a ragged portion, as has been intimated in certain quarters. Mr. Field, in his argument before the upper tribunal, will ask that the city be given the power to levy the paving tax on the whole city and not on those who have been benefited under the present paving loan. According to the City Solicitor and other city officials who are closely following the paving situation, the proposition of taxing only those residing on streets improved out of the $5,000,000 loan is unfair and inequitable, in that it exempts those who have been taking advantage of improved pavements for the past 10 or more years.

First Ad News Letter Shown.

A meeting of the board of governors of the Baltimore Ad Club was held last night at the home of the president, Edward J. Shay, in Roland Park. Important business was discussed. The first news letter, entitled Conventionalities, was shown. This letter will be sent to very advertising club in the world. It will be followed in two weeks with another, and so on, until the convention. President Shay, of the Ad Club, has accepted an invitation to speak at the state meeting of the Advertising Clubs of Iowa, to be held in Waterloo on February 4, 5 and 6.

The local club has decided to send speakers to appeal to other clubs throughout the country along the lines of On to Baltimore.

Jewelry Stolen; Negresses Held.

With charges of larceny involving a number of articles of valuable jewelry lodged against them, Mary Smith, 18 years old, and Louisa Burke, 18 years old, both colored, and both of 211 North Eden street, were arrested last night by Patrolman William G. Wonderlich, of the Northeastern district, on the complaint of Mrs. Lillian Dragan and Morris Hadassan, both of 115 North Bond street. The complainants accuse the colored women of having purloined a bracelet and two watches and a chain from the Bond street house, where Mary Smith was employed.

Baltimore Camera Club Elects.

Officers for the coming year were elected last night at a meeting of the Baltimore Camera Club, held in the clubrooms at 1121 Bolton street. Those elected were: President, John D. Wade; vice president, F. W. McAllister; secretary, Thomas C. Worthington, Jr., and treasurer, George P. Kessell. The following committees were named: entertainment, print, slide, press, house and captain of runs. Following the meeting refreshments were served.

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Patapsco Masons' Banquet.

The Patapsco Lodge of Masons, of Sparrows Point, installed its officers for the ensuing year Thursday night in their temple at Sparrows Point. The officers are: Edwin Barnhart, master; Oscar W. Keys, senior warden; John Raidabaugh, junior warden; George W. Raidabaugh, treasurer; William H. H. Loftus, secretary; Henry Brecht, tiler, and George Gerhart, James W. Loftus and Sumner M. Thayer, trustees. Following the business meeting a banquet was served in another part of the building for the Masons and their friends. John H. K. Shannahan, Jr., was toastmaster. John Naudain, the retiring master, was presented with a handsome solid gold past master's jewel, for which he voiced his thanks in a fitting speech. The other speakers were Dr. G. Carville McCormick, Prof. Joseph Blair, Rev. John J. Clopton, Rev. Charles G. Cady and Rev. James P. Wilson.

New Improvement Body Meets.

The Necker Improvement Association held its first meeting at St. Joseph's Hall, Belair road, Necker, last Wednesday night. A committee consisting of Charles Brockmeyer, Edward Waldmann and Rev. Charles J. Trinkhaus was appointed to draft a constitution. The committee, after having examined the constitutions of over 20 associations of like character, has largely drawn from the terse constitution of the Hamilton Improvement Association in creating a provisional constitution for the new organization, which will be acted upon at its next meeting, Wednesday evening, January 15. The committee will also recommend prompt action on the part of the new association in affiliating with the Confederated Civic Improvement and Protective Associations of Baltimore County.

Mrs. Robertson Falls.

Mrs. W. J. Robertson fell down stairs at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gordon W. Beecher, Seminole avenue, Catonsville, yesterday morning and dislocated her left shoulder.

Mrs. Robertson is 57 years old. She was going from the second to the first floor and when on the third step slipped to the bottom of the stairs. Mrs. Beecher, who was in another part of the house, hearing her mother scream, ran to her and helped her to a couch and telephoned to a physician. On examination it was found that Mrs. Robertson's left shoulder was dislocated, her right hip wrenched and body badly bruised.

Towson Greek Wounded in War.

Peter Cronis, a Greek who lived at Towson and who returned to his native land to fight the Turks, is now at a hospital, suffering from a wound which he received while a gunner on a Greek man-of-war.

Mr. Feeney Leases Quarries.

Daniel Feeney, of Texas, has leased the Shipley quarries and dwelling property at Texas, of the Tome Institute estate. The quarries have been idle for over 15 years.

To Hold Fair and Supper.

A fair and oyster supper will be held on the evenings of January 28, 29 and 30 for the benefit of Towson Methodist Episcopal Church.

DEATHS

John A. Miner.

John A. Miner, for 30 years an employe in the city paving department and well-known fraternal man, who died at his home, 2131 Harford avenue, on Wednesday evening of pleurisy following a week's illness, will be laid to rest in Bonnie Brae Cemetery this morning. Following a service at the home a high mass of requiem will be solemnized in St. Paul's Catholic Church at 9 o'clock by Rev. Joseph A. Foley, assistant pastor. Mr. Miner, who was born in this city on June 16, 1861, had been a superintendent of pavers during most of the time he was in the service of the city and was several times president of the local Pavers' Union. He was a past archon of Usa Conclave, Improved Order Heptasophs, and an active member of Arundel Council of the Royal Arcanum. On November 24, 1887, he married Bridget A. Bannahan, who survives him with two sons (Thomas M. and John A. Miner, Jr.) and four daughters (Misses Jane L., Mary A., Monica and Frances E. Miner).

Mrs. Lucretia Aler Hopper.

Mrs. Lucretia Aler Hopper, widow of George Hopper and daughter of the late Amon and Ann Aler, of Reisterstown, died shortly after midnight Thursday at her home, 1624 West Mulberry street. She was in her ninety-first year. Death was due to the infirmities of age. She had been ill for about 10 days. Although Mrs. Hopper was born at Reisterstown, she spent the greater part of her life in Baltimore. She was the oldest member of Franklin Square Methodist Episcopal Church. She is survived by three sons (Horace M., George W. and Samuel L. Hopper, of Chicago), two daughters (Mrs. Henry A. Allen and Mrs. Albert D. Williams), one brother (Samuel Aler, of Washington, D. C.), and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Sarah E. Moffett.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah E. Moffett, wife of Daniel Moffett, of the clothing firm of Klein & Moffett, who died suddenly at her home, 626 North Gilmor street, on Wednesday, will take place from her home tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Henry M. Wharton, pastor of Brantly Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Moffett had been one of the leading members. Burial will be in Loudon Park Cemetery.

Mrs. T. Edward McVitty.

The funeral of Mrs. T. Edward McVitty, of Philadelphia and Bryn Mawr, mother of Mrs. Edward H. McKeen, 12 East Eager street, of this city, who died in California while on a visit to her son, Edward Q. McVitty, will take place next Wednesday from her late home at Bryn Mawr. Burial will be in West Laurel Cemetery. Mrs. McVitty, whose maiden name was Rhoebe Quinby, was connected with some of the most prominent families in the United States. Her relatives include the Trippes, Arnolds, Bordens and other Northern and Southern families of note.

Peter Duffy.

The funeral of Peter Duffy, the deaf-mute who was killed Wednesday by being run over by a B. & O. engine took place yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock from his home, 1328 West Baltimore street. Rev. F. H. Scott, pastor of Christ Methodist Episcopal Church for the Deaf, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. D. E. Moylan. Mr. Duffy was for the last 16 years a member of Dr. Scott's church, and during that period he rarely missed a service. The pallbearers consisted of his working associates. Immediately after the services at the church the body was removed to Loudon Park Cemetery for burial.

Bouton Home Robbed.

Thieves broke into the home of Mr. Walter S. Bouton, 3219 Windsor avenue, Wednesday and after ransacking all the rooms stole jewelry and money valued at about $150. The robbery occurred between 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and 7:30 o'clock night, during the absence of the family. The thieves forced open a kitchen window in gaining entrance to the house and succeeded in cleaning out the place before any members of the household returned.

When Mr. Bouton discovered that his house had been robbed he notified Round Sergeant Nelson and Sergeant Robinson, of the Northwestern district. Yesterday the robbery was reported to the Detective Bureau, and Detective Herman Pohler was assigned to the case.

Held Pistol at Her Head.

With the muzzle of a heavy-caliber revolver pressed against her temple, accenting the muttered threats of a huge negro that instant death would result if she made the slightest outcry, Mrs. John Hoppel, of Cherry Hill, near Westport, was forced to sit in the dining-room of her home while another negro ransacked her home. The robbery occurred on Thursday morning, a short while after Mrs. Hoppel's husband and children had left home for the day. After securing $35 in money from a dresser drawer in a bedroom, the thieves, one still pointing a revolver at Mrs. Hoppel's head, backed from the room to the doorstep. Once outside the negroes secured the door, and shouting a last threat against outcry, made good their escape.

Mrs. Hoppel was working in the kitchen of her home, when the negroes entered through the rear door. Upon seeing the woman standing in the room one of the intruders whipped a revolver from his hip pocket, and leveling it at Mrs