KILLS MAN WHO CHOKED MOTHER

JOHN BETTS SHOT AT MILFORD, DELAWARE.

TWO CHILDREN ARE INJURED

George Smith, 18 Years Old, Defends His Mother, Who Was Housekeeper for Betts — His Brother and Sister Wounded When He Fires Wildly While Tusseling With Man—Surrenders to the Police.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Milford, Del., January 19.—One man was instantly killed and two children injured near here this morning, when George Smith shot four times at the man who was choking his mother. The dead was is John Betts, aged 40, and the injured are Smith's brother and sister, aged 9 and 13, respectively.

Betts, whose wife died several years ago, employed Mrs. Mary Smith, a widow, to keep house for him, they both having children over which trouble has arisen several times, in which Betts would often threaten Mrs. Smith and her children. This morning about 9:30 the same trouble began and Betts grabbed the woman, threw her down and was severely choking her when her 18-year-old son, George, secured his .44-caliber revolver.

"If you don't release mother I'll kill you on the spot," exclaimed Smith. But no sooner had the remark been made when Betts sprang toward the young man and tried to take the gun from him. During the tussle Smith shot wildly three times, two loads striking his brother and sister, one in the side and the other in the hand.

After seeing what Smith did Betts began to release his hold on the boy, and when the opportunity came Smith fired the fatal shot, which struck Betts just over the heart. The injured man, bewildered, walked outside the door, but immediately returned. He started toward young Smith, when he dropped dead.

Immediately after the shooting Smith went to Officer Ackerman and surrendered, telling him what he had done, saying: "It was for mother's sake."

Betts, who recently moved here from Harrington, was a dealer and trainer in thoroughbred rabbit and bird dogs and well known among the gunners.

Young Smith is employed around Milford at odd jobs and has a very good character. It was on Thanksgiving Eve that he purchased the revolver with which he did the shooting, and at the time stated he was going to protect his mother and her children, making a remark that Betts was very cruel to them.

At the coroner's inquest this afternoon a verdict that John Betts came to his death by the hands of George Smith was rendered, although several present expected him to be exonerated, which might have been the case had he not made the remarks while purchasing the revolver. He is now in Milford jail without bail, and will probably be transferred to Georgetown jail tomorrow.

WICOMICO COUNTY BANKS

The Directors and Officers Eleted for the Year.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Salisbury, Md., January 19.—The various banking institutions of Wicomico county held their annual meetings for the election of directors for 1913 yesterday.

Salisbury National Bank.—Directors—William P. Jackson, W. B. Miller, S. Q. Johnson, S. E. Gordy, Jay Williams, John H. White, W. Jeff Station, J. H. Tomlinson and M. V. Brewington. Officers—W. P. Jackson, president; Jay Williams, vice president; William S. Gordy, Jr., cashier.

Farmers and Merchants' Bank.—Directors—M. V. Brewington, Joseph L. Bailey, W. J. Downing, James E. Ellegood, D. J. Elliott, Robert D. Grier, A. A. Gillis, L. W. Gunby, George D. Insley, Dean W. Perkins and L. E. Williams. Officers—L. E. Williams, president; R. D. Grier, vice president; Samuel A. Graham, cashier.

People's National Bank.—Directors—V. Perry, Charles R. Disharoon, Jesse D. Price, E. W. Dickerson, W. F. Allen, J. McF. Dick, George Waller Phillips, B. Frank Kennerly, A. W. Sisk, William M. Cooper, Irving S. Powell, Atwood L. Bennett and Albert W. Robinson. Officers—V. Perry, president; C. R. Disharoon, vice president; Jesse D. Price, vice president; Isaac L. Price, cashier; D. H. Hearn, assistant cashier.

The Bank of Fruitland—Directors, William S. Moore, Samuel S. Graham, W. F. Presgrave, J. D. Coulbourn, Guy E. Long, G. W. Messick, Thomas W. H. White, Jr., A. F. Benjamin, J. H. Hayman, W. T. Vincent; officers, W. S. Moore, president; S. A. Graham, vice president; George R. Hill, cashier.

Savings Bank of Nanticoke—Directors, W. P. Jackson, S. E. Gordy, S. Q. Johnson, Jay Williams, John H. White, H. James Messick, E. S. S. Turner, B. B. Culber, Harry Willing, W. R. Jester; officers, John H. White, president; Jay Williams, vice president; H. James Messick, second vice president; Wilbur F. Turner cashier.

Hebron Savings Bank—Directors, James A. Waller, George A. Bounds, A. L. Mills, W. H. Phillips, M. N. Nelson, G. W. Holliday, W. F. Howard, William Gillis, D. J. Phillips, L. B. Weatherley, A. W. Sisk; officers, J. A. Waller, president; G. A. Bounds, vice president; A. L. Mills, cashier.

The Bank of Delmar—Directors, Frank E. Lynch, Levin Hastings, H. B. Freeny, J. W. Freeny, Joseph Frazier, J. G. W. Perdue; officers, F. E. Lynch, president; Levin Hastings, vice president; J. G. W. Perdue, cashier; S. M. Mills, assistant cashier.

First National Bank of Delmar—Directors, Samuel N. Culver, J. Walter Anderson, H. B. James, Arthur Brewington, N. L. Hayman, G. M. Barr, P. S. Shockley; officers, S. N. Culver, president; J. W. Anderson, vice president; S. K. Siemons, cashier; A. W. Ellis, assistant cashier.

Virginian Locates in Harford.

Belair, January 19.—In J. W. Neikirk, of Virginia, Harford county has annexed to its list of taxpayers one of the men who sat on the jury in the famous Allen murder cases. Mr. Neikirk, has just closed a deal whereby he becomes owner of the well-known Laura Oldfield farm of 162 acres, situated near Fountain Green, this county, for which he paid $16,000. He was foreman of the jury which brought in a verdict of guilty in the case against Floyd Allen, one of the Hillsville mountaineers, for his part in the murders at Judge Massie's courtroom.

Proof

"A young woman of my parish was dying with consumption. Father John's Medicine cured her." (Signed) Rev. Father Pontur, Lafargeville, N. Y.

"I was cured of lung trouble and cough by Father John's Medicine." (Signed) E. S. Daly, 888 Wood Ave., Reading, Pa.

DR. KIEFFER'S ANNIVERSARY

Pastor of Zion Reformed Church, Hagerstown, 45 Years.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Hagerstown, Md., January 19.—The forty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer, of Zion Reformed Church, was observed today with special services. Dr. Kieffer in the morning preached from the text, "Behold, the sower went forth to sow," which text is inscribed in a memorial window commemorating the fortieth year of his pastorate. The sermon embraced a discussion of the nature of the minister's characteristic activity of sowing the seed of God's Word. The closing of the sermon partook of a retrospective and memorial character relating to the history of the congregation. During the past 45 years Dr. Kieffer preached 3,953 sermons, aside from an innumerable number of lectures and addresses. He baptized 906 persons, received 1,142 into the church, married 1,144 couples and officiated at 907 funerals. The contribution of his congregation for missionary and other benevolent purposes during this period amounted to $41,939.65. Of the 125 members of the congregation when Dr. Kieffer came here only eight are living and of the members of the church consistory who signed the call extended him Judge William Gassman is and for some years has been the only survivor. Dr. Kieffer is the eleventh minister in a succession of pastors covering a period of 143 years. The first pastor of the Reformed Church here was Rev. Jacob Weymer, who came in 1770 and died in 1790. The present church was built in 1774.

At the evening services, which were presided over by W. H. McCardell, the pastor and members of Christ's Reformed Church attended. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Conrad Clever, Rev. H. L. G. Kieffer, pastor of the Reformed Church, Frederick, and son of Dr. Kieffer, and members of the congregation.

A union service will be held tomorrow evening over which Rev. R. A. Boyle, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will preside. The pastors and congregations of all the churches of the city have been invited to participate. Dr. and Mrs. Kieffer will hold a reception at the parsonage on Tuesday evening, to which the members of their congregation and a number of friends have been invited.

Dr. Kieffer, in point of service, is the oldest minister in this city. He is one of the most distinguished men in the Reformed denomination in the United States, being a member of several church boards and a past president of the General Synod. He is associate of the Reformed Messenger, and a man of marked literary attainments. Dr. and Mrs. Kieffer raised a family of seven children.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE COURSE

Lectures at Maryland Agricultural College End.

Special Dispatch to The American.

College Park, January 19.—The short course in domestic science was concluded at the college yesterday with the final lecture by Miss Emma S. Jacobs, director of domestic science of the public schools of Washington, on The Chemistry of Cleaning.

The attendance and interest displayed in the short course this year are most gratifying to Prof. W. T. L. Taliaferro and Mrs. H. J. Patterson, in charge of the courses, and the other college authorities. In all, there were registered 140 women and 20 men who attended the lectures and demonstrations given during the week. The number is about 60 per cent. increase over last year's attendance.

The work was given in a commodious building at the experiment station, and Director and Mrs. Patterson left nothing undone for the comfort and welfare of those in attendance. Among the practical demonstrations was a cutting of a beef before the students, showing the various cuts and how to distinguish them when purchasing. The lecture and demonstration in making and use of fireless cookers by Miss L. E. Weer, of Baltimore, was instructive and useful.

Other subjects considered were Fibers and Textiles, Sewing and Dress Planning, Housefurnishing and The Principles of Cooking, by Mrs. E. F. Foulke, of Ohio State University; First Aid to the Injured, by Dr. Martha B. Lyon, of Washington, D. C.; Bacteriology, by Dr. C. A. Appleman; Ventilation, by Mrs. H. J. Patterson, and Drainage and Disposal of Waste, by Prof. W. T. L. Taliaferro.

OVER A DAM TO DEATH

Man Saves Himself, but Daughter-in-law Is Drowned.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Hagerstown, Md., January 19.—Jacob Shives, aged 60 years, accompanied by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. John C. Shives, aged 25, while attempting to cross the Potomac River in a 12-foot skiff above Dam No. 6, above Hancock, last evening, were swept over the dam into the swirling waters below. Shives managed to rescue himself, but he is not expected to recover, having been badly injured by coming in contact with rocks and stones and suffering from exposure. The body of his daughter-in-law has not yet been recovered.

The Shiveses had been visiting in West Virginia and were recrossing to their home, near Great Cacapon, when the skiff was carried by wind and current toward the dam and plunged over despite the desperate efforts of the aged man. The water above and below the dam where the accident occurred is between 18 and 20 feet deep.

Mrs. Shives had been married only two months and she and her husband made their home with the elder Shives, who is a lock tender on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

William Donahue.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Cumberland, Md., January 19.—William Donohue, aged about 65, died today at noon after an illness of two years, never having recovered from an operation for goiter. Before coming here, 21 years ago, he served a term in the Pennsylvania House of Delegates and was also surveyor of Bedford county. He dealt in real estate here and was a bark and timber expert. His widow, one son and three daughters survive.

Talbot County Schools.

Easton, Md., January 19.—The Board of School Commissioners for Talbot County have fixed the dates for the commencement exercises of the different high schools in the county as follows: Trappe, Tuesday, June 17; Easton, Wednesday evening, June 18; Oxford, Thursday, June 19; St. Michaels, Friday, June 20. All the other schools of the county will close on June 18.

Thomas M. Scott.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Cape Charles, Va., January 19.—Thomas M. Scott, 77 years old, a retired lawyer, died at his home in Eastville this morning of the infirmities of age. Up to the time if his retirement from practice a few years ago he was one of the most prominent lawyers in Northampton county.

He was a Democrat and prominently identified in politics. During the Civil War he represented Northampton county in the legislature. He was an elector on the Palmer and Buckner ticket. He was a veteran of the Civil War.

He is survived by a widow and seven children (Mrs. Fred Kelley, Mrs. E. C. Custis, Mrs. Dr. Thomas Jacobs, Mrs. Clayton Dennis, Stanley Scott, attorney-at-law, Norfolk; Murray Scott and John T. Scott. The funeral will be held in Eastville tomorrow. Interment will be made in Onancock Cemetery.

ILL MAN WANTED TO FIGHT FIRE

DR. OWINGS' BARN AND STABLE DESTROYED.

COWS AND HORSES SAVED

Spectacular Fire at Ellicott City Attracts Large Crowd — Colored Hand Jumps Through Window to Save Life—Rock Hill College Boys Help to Save Dwelling and Other Buildings—Valuable Relics Moved to Place of Safety.

Special Dispatch to The American

Ellicott City, Md., January 19.—One of the most spectacular fires of years took place in Ellicott City today, when the barn and stable on the place of Dr. Thomas Boyle Owings was destroyed. Earlier in the evening this barn was on fire, but it was put out without doing any damage, but about 5:30 P. M. the fire again broke out in the barn and soon the entire building was in flames. William Bacon, colored, who was in the stable milking the cows, discovered the fire, and before he was able to get all the cows and horses out he was surrounded by fire and had to jump through a window. However, before he left the place he turned all the animals loose and whipped them out of the burning building.

The origin is unknown. The fire burned with great rapidity and the most serious feature of it was the fact that Dr. Thomas B. Owings, who is 82 years old, was confined to his bed by illness, from which his death is expected any moment. When the fire gained headway the ambulance of Easton's Sons was summoned and kept in readiness at the front door of the house to remove Dr. Owings if the dwelling took fire. However, owing to the remarkable work of the students of the Rock Hill College, assisted by people from around the county, the roof of the house was kept soaked with water.

Students Fight Fire.

The fire-fighters on the roof were in charge of Philip B. Taliaferro and Leo Mueller, two of the Rock Hill football team. Water was supplied to them by other Rock Hill boys and men from about Ellicott City in buckets. Victor Dorr, who was the water boy for the Rock Hill football squad this past season, lived up to his name in passing water this evening. Messrs. Harold B. Harding and Thomas Harding, of Ellicott City, were in charge of the fighters on top of the corn crib and carriage-house, and it was through their efforts, ably assisted by people from about the county, that these buildings were saved. The corn crib and carriage-house are only situated about 15 feet from the burning building, and it was with the greatest difficulty that these were prevented from taking fire.

In this carriage-house was an old piano, one of the very first that was made, and which was greatly prized by Dr. and Mrs. Owings. This was one of the first things that was removed to a place of safety. As the house, carriage-house, corn crib, barn and stable are extremely close together the Catonsville Fire Company No. 5, was telephoned and their chauffeur made a new record from Catonsville to Ellicott City. The distance from their quarters to the scene of the fire is a little over four miles, and they hung up a record of six minutes over rough roads and up one of the steepest hills in Ellicott City. It was largely through their efforts that the fire was confined to the one building.

Wanted to Leave Sick Bed.

The fire greatly excited Dr. Owings and he insisted on getting out of bed and taking charge of the fight. He was attended by Drs. William C. Stone, Frank C. Miller and W. Rushmer White, and was finally quieted and convinced that his house was not in danger. People from all sections of the county gathered about. Automobiles were parked all over the front lawn, their occupants having pulled in from the pike as they passed by. The building is a total loss, but is fully covered by insurance. The loss amounts to about $2,000. Besides the building about six tons of hay, a quantity of feed and some harness were destroyed.

Several valuable buildings which were nearby were in danger from the flying sparks. The students at Rock Hill College were just beginning their daily studies when the alarm was sounded. Although the brothers attempted to keep them in their study rooms, the boys went out of the windows and in a few minutes the college buildings were deserted and a stream of young men was going across the fields and hills to the scene of the fire.

MORE SUITS AGAINST B. & O.

Port Deposit People Want Damages as Result of Ice Gorge.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Elkton, Md., January 19.—In addition to the 69 suits entered in the Circuit Court for Cecil County here on Friday by propertyowners of Port Deposit and vicinity against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company and the American Ice Company to recover damages to property, resulting from the ice gorge in the Susquehanna River three years ago, there will be docketed in the same court here tomorrow morning about 31 additional, making in all 100 damage suits against the Baltimore and Ohio and the American Bridge Company.

The plaintiffs allege that the primary cause for the ice gorging in the Susquehanna River just below Port Deposit in January, 1910, and the disaster that followed, was a number of piling which were allowed to remain in the channel of the river after the new Baltimore and Ohio Railroad bridge at Aiken was completed. It is also claimed that the piling was ordered removed from the river by the War Department, but this order was not complied with.

The total amount of damages claimed exceeds $100,000. Shortly after the ice gorge and flood the Maryland Legislature, which was in session at the time, appropriated $20,000 toward relieving the suffering resulting from the flood and gorge.

New Postoffice Opens Today.

Special Dispatch to The American.

York, Pa., January 19.—Last night at 10 o'clock the doors of the old building at the corner of West Philadelphia and Beaver streets, the home of the York postoffice since 1895, was officially closed. Tomorrow morning the new postoffice, erected at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars, will be opened to the public.

To Build Fine Church.

Special Dispatch to The American.

York, Pa., January 19.—A new church, which will be one of the finest in this section of the state, will be erected by Zion Reformed congregation on a site facing Penn Park. The church will cost about $50,000. B. F. Willis is the architect. The Zion congregation sold its old church on West Market street to a New York business firm for $71,000.

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For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

DAUGHTERS OF NAVY SECRETARY

—Photo by G. V. Buck, From Underwood & Underwood.

Misses Alys and Julia von Meyer, daughters of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. von Meyer. The Misses von Meyer are thought to be twins because they look so much alike and dress alike, although there is a difference of several years in their ages. They are very Amercian in nearly everything but dress, and they are European in this, as Europeans think sisters must dress alike. So do the von Meyer girls, and they do not like to have the "von" left off their name.

UNION VETERAN A SUICIDE

Reese Marman Fires a Bullet Into His Head.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Frederick, Md., January 19.—Reese Marman, a Union veteran, 69 years of age, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself in the head. He had been making his home with his son-in-law, Robert Webber, near Knoxville, and was well known throughout the county. He had been in poor health for some time and retired last night as usual, but arose this morning and got his .38-caliber revolver from a bureau in his room, then got back into bed and placed the weapon against his right temple. The ball passed through his head, killing him instantly.

Mrs. Webber, who heard the report of the gun, rushed to his room and found his dead body in bed with the revolver by his side. Mr. Webber, with whom he made his home, is a Baltimore and Ohio detective. He is survived by his widow and one daughter.

Talbot County Medical Society.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Easton, Md., January 19.—The Talbot County Medical Society has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. Joseph A. Ross, of Trappe; first vice president, Dr. Samuel C. Trippe, of Royal Oak; second vice president, Dr. Edward R. Trippe, of Easton; secretary and treasurer, Dr. W. N. Palmer, of Easton.

A DUAL CELEBRATION

Birthdays of Lee and Jackson Observed at Lynchburg.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Lynchburg, Va., January 19.—At the City Auditorium this afternoon an appropriate program for the Lee-Jackson birthday celebration was carried out before a large audience. On the stage seats were reserved for members of Garland Rodes Camp of Confederate Veterans, the Sons of Veterans and the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Confederate songs were sung by the children of the public schools and ex-Senator Don P. Halsey delivered an address upon Stonewall Jackson. Crosses of honor were bestowed on veterans and the meeting closed with the singing of Lee's favorite hymn, How Firm a Foundation.

Observe Lee's Birthday.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Charlottesville, Va., January 19.—A union service, in commemoration of General Lee's birthday, was held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon in the Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of Albemarle Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy. Seats were reserved for the Veterans, Sons of Veterans and Daughters. The invocation was by the Rev. George L. Petrie, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian Church and chaplain of the John Bowie Strange Camp, C. V., and addresses were made by Judge George L. Christian, of Richmond, and William R. Duke, of the county.

Crosses of honor were bestowed upon the following veterans: A. J. Huff, H. C. Jordan, Dr. G. D. Wilkinson and the Rev. C. E. Watts; also upon the following descendants of veterans: Mrs. W. H. Deane, William R. Duke, Mrs. Bettie J. Harris, Mrs. May Sterrett Irvine and Mrs. Mary F. Wright.

MISS ELIZABETH LOVE MATTESON

—Photo Clinedinst.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Matteson, of Washington. She is one of the season's debutantes and is a pretty and popular member of the younger set.

LIVERY STABLE BURNED

Six Horses Killed in a Charlottesville Fire.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Charlottesville, Va., January 19.—The livery stable of Hudson Jenkins was totally destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock this morning, together with its contents, consisting of six horses, eight vehicles and a quantity of harness, feed and tools. Several buggies and wagons belonging to private parties were also consumed. An effort was made to break in the main entrance, but one of the horses had fallen against the door and it could not be pushed open. The total loss is placed at $2,500, the stable being valued at $1,500 and the horses and vehicles at $1,000. There was an insurance of $1,200 on the stable.

ABSORBS NATIONAL BANK

United Loan and Trust Company Takes Over the American.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Lynchburg, Va., January 19.—A charter has been obtained from the State Corporation Commission at Richmond to the United Loan and Trust Company permitting it to take over the business of the American National Bank, of this city, on February 17, with a paid in capital of $600,000 and an authorized capital of $1,000,000, backed by the United Cigarette Machine Company. The officers are: President, James W. Gerow; vice president, Randolph Harrison, and secretary, J. L. Nicholas.

Colonnade Club Officers.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Charlottesville, Va., January 19.—At the annual meeting of the Colonnade Club of the University of Virginia, held last night, Dr. Charles Alphonso Smith, Edgar Allan Poe, professor of English and former Roosevelt professor at the University of Berlin, was elected president to succeed Prof. Richard Heath Dabney, dean of the graduate school. The following were chosen members of the board of governors: Dr. Harry T. Marshall, Prof. Charles Hancock and Prof. George B. Eager. The retiring members of the board are Prof. Thomas L. Watson, Dr. Charles W. Kent and Prof. Richard Heath Dabney.

The Tobacco Market.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Lynchburg, Va., January 19.—The weather the past week was favorable for marketing tobacco, but receipts were a disappointment, demonstrating that the crop of tobacco is a short one. There was an improvement in the quality of the offerings, the average price for the week being the best of the season. All good grades are actively sought after and are bringing good prices.

FEEL END IS IN SIGHT

West Virginia Senate May Be Organized in Few Days.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Charleston, W. Va., January 19.—Though a feeling exists among the Republicans and Democrats of the State Senate that that branch of the legislature will be organized within the next few days, and probably when the session begins at noon tomorrow surface appearances are such that no compromise is in sight and an organization is no nearer than when the regular session convened 10 days ago. It is known that there are secret negotiations pending, and these may lead to an organization, the basis of which will not be announced until the organization is effected.

No formal propositions have been passed since the refusal yesterday on the part of the Democrats to agree to the Republicans' proposition asking for the presidency. Both sides tonight are firm in their determination. The Democrats say they will win, while the Republicans make similar statements. Conferences will be held tomorrow prior to the session of the Senate.

The matter of a caucus for United States senator is "up in the air" tonight. A question to be decided by Tuesday's session is whether or not the State Senate is sufficiently organized to vote for United States senator. If it is the balloting in each branch separately will be done Tuesday and in the joint assembly Wednesday. If the Senate is not legally organized the election of a senator must go over to the Tuesday after the second Monday following such organization. The members of the legislature are divided on the question.

SAYS HE WAS DRUGGED

Youth Found in Comatose State in Cape Charles.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Cape Charles, Va., January 19.—Frederick A. Simmerman, about 18 years old, arrived here on the steamer Pennsylvania from Norfolk last night apparently in a comatose state and was taken in custody by Town Constable Taylor while walking aimlessly through the streets. Simmerman, who claims to have been drugged before leaving Newport News by a gang of men, gave his address as 210 Forty-third street, Newport News. A message from the authorities of that place says he was a resident for a few days only and gives his home address as Williamstown, N. J. He is being held here until he recovers and his relatives can be communicated with.

Indicted for Murdering Father.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Martinsburg, W. Va., January 19.—The Berkeley county grand jury has returned an indictment against John Knadler, a prominent young farmer of this county, charging him with the murder of his father, M. M. Knadler, who was found dead at his home near Tabler's Station, on the morning of November 5 last. The trial will probably be held the coming week. It is said that the father and son had a violent quarrel the night before the father's dead body was found.

Spring Festival for York.

Special Dispatch to The American.

York, Pa., January 19.—The spring festival of the York Oratorio Society will be held on April 21 next. This is always the big musical event of the season in this city. The Boston Festival Orchestra, which has been playing at these concerts for a number of years, has again been engaged. The festival this year will be a one-day affair and consists of an orchestral concert, the singing of the opera Carmen and a program by the children's chorus of York under the direction of Prof. John Denues.

A MESSAGE TO WOMEN

When your physician can give you no remedy for the horrors that oppress you, when through the long hours of the day it seems as though your back would break, when your head aches constantly, you are nervous, depressed and suffer from those dreadful bearing down pains, don't forget that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the safest and surest remedy for these conditions discovered. It will save you years of misery as it has thousands of other suffering women.

DOCTOR SUES FOR $20,000

DR. HENKLE CLAIMS REPUTATION WAS HURT.

Physician of Annapolis Files Suit Against J. H. Murdock, His Wife and C. H. Kock, Alleging They Made Certain Statements Connecting Him With Death of Woman Who Drowned Herself.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Annapolis, Md., January 19.—Intense interest is taken here over a suit which has been instituted by Dr. Charles B. Henkle, a physician and druggist of Annapolis, against James H. Murdock, a merchant and former member of the House of Delegates of Maryland; Mrs. James H. Murdock, his wife, and Charles H. Koch, a business man of Eastport, a suburb of Annapolis. The suit was instituted yesterday afternoon and the amount claimed is $20,000. It was instituted by titling and the cause of action is not alleged, but it is known that it is based on statements alleged to have been made by the defendants which, it is claimed, connected Dr. Henkle with certain of the circumstances connected with the death of Mrs. Margaret Murphy, who drowned herself last March.

Robert Moss, a prominent attorney of Annapolis and formerly state senator, is counsel for Dr. Henkle. Mr. Moss confirmed the report of the general character of the allegations today. He stated that it would be claimed that the defendants had made most serious charges against Dr. Henkle in connection with Mrs. Murphy's death and had greatly injured his reputation and hurt him in other ways.

Mrs. Murphy was the widow of a warrant officer of the Navy. A mental breakdown due to ill health was given as the cause of her act at the time. There were certain rumors of other causes leading up to her death which, if true, would have demanded the attention of the authorities. These were investigated to some extent and were not considered of sufficent importance for further steps to be taken.

The trial of the slander suits is expected to bring out much testimony of a sensational character and interest here is keen. One of the defendants, Charles H. Koch, is a brother of Mrs. Murphy. Dr. Henkle has been an alderman of Annapolis.

TO BUILD NEW LINE

Baltimore and Ohio to Have Short Cut to Pittsburgh.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Cumberland, Md., January 19.—Engineers are at work on a line which is contemplated from Bond, in Garrett county, Md., to Confluence, Somerset county, Pa., and which, it is understood, will be built in the interest of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, which company will take over the new road when completed to be used as a low grade road to avoid both the heavy grades of the 17-mile grade on the main line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the heavy Pittsburgh division grade to Sand Patch tunnel. The line will also make a short cut to Pittsburgh. The engineers are following the Savage River part of the way, starting from Bond, and they then go down the Youghiougheny River in Garrett county, Md., and Somerset county, Pa., to Confluence, Pa.

The annual meeting of the Allegany and Garrett County Agricultural Society will be held in Firemen's Hall, Lonaconing, this county, on Friday, January 24, at which time Prof. Herman Beckenstrater, pomologist of the Maryland Agricultural College, will speak on the subject of fruit-growing.

The one hundred and fifty-fourth anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, the Scotch poet, will be celebrated in the Knights of Pythias armory at Lonaconing by a banquet under the auspices of the ladies of the Presbyterian church on the evening of January 28. Barton will also pay tribute to the poet on the evening of January 24 at the Junior Order of American Mechanics' Hall in Barton.

While playing on the mountainside near Garrett, Pa., several boys discovered the head of a man and nearby a skeleton. The find was reported to the authorities, who were unable to find out anything about the man, except that it looked like a case of suicide, as just where the skeleton was found they found a trap from which the man had likely hung himself. The bones were gathered together and buried near where they were found.

Washington County Grand Jury.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Hagerstown, Md., January 19.—Judge Keedy last evening drew the following persons to serve as grand jurors for the February term of court:

Hagerstown—A. Luther Buchanan, Harvey V. Trovinger, J. V. Jamison, Sr., William G. Barnheisel, Harvey S. Seiss, Harry H. Hutson, Chester R. Hays, William H. Lechron, Sr., Samuel F. Schindel, William E. Moore, Andrew H. Marr, Thomas B. South, Dixon R. McLaughlin, Joseph H. Zeigler, Abner W. Barnhart, Otho M. Snyder.

Sharpsburg—William O. Cox.

Williamsport—Augustus C. Ruthrauff, Elliott C. Long, Alexander Gossard, William C. Byron.

Clearspring—J. Luther Rhodes, William H. Herbert, W. Bruce Deeds.

Cancock—Charles J. Vance, Josephus Norris.

Boonsboro—George J. Roudabush, Francis E. Storm, Harvey, Huntzberry.

Cavestown—Joseph C. Beard, Walter B. Dayhoff.

Rohersville—James W. Reed, Samuel J. Mullendore.

Leitersburg—Charles H. Deibert, John A. Bell.

Funkstown—Frank R. Brewer, Roman Stockslager, Fenton Suman.

Sandy Hook—John H. McDuell, Daniel Holder.

Tilghmanton—Howard Reichard.

Conococheague—Jacob B. Winters, William A. Hawbacker.

Ringgold—Edward T. Bachtell.

Indian Springs—Daniel R. Holland.

Beaver Creek—Frank D. Rohrer, Frank C. Kaylor.

Downsville—Henry W. Dellinger.

Hitch—Richardson.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Salisbury, Md., January 19.—The home of Mrs. Ada Lee Richardson, Church Creek, was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday evening when her daughter, Laura Lee, became the bride of Mr. Beverly T. Hitch, of Allen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. F. Twilley, of Cambridge. Miss Christine Richardson rendered the wedding march and Miss Ruth Richardson, both sisters of the bride, was maid of honor. Mr. Howard Richardson was best man. After a short wedding trip to the North Mr. and Mrs. Hitch will make their home at Allen, where the groom is a prominent business man.

Deer Creek Farmers' Club.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Belair, January 19.—The members of the Deer Creek Farmers' Club, of Harford county, held an interesting meeting at the home of T. Roy Brooks, near Emmorton, yesterday afternoon and evening. Several guests were also present. The subject for discussion was Feeding the Soil. The members also made a close inspection of Mr. Brooks' plant for raising hothouse lambs for the large out-of-the-country markets, and for which he receives fancy prices.

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"In fact, so prevalent has it become that nervous debility as the national ailment, and Tona Vita as the national tonic, are accepted facts.

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"A fresh consignment of Tona Vita has been delivered to the Liggett Drug Stores in Baltimore, and there will be many local citizens who by the time the springtime of the year comes around again will feel that they have regained the springtime of life through the great national tonic, Tona Vita."

LIKE MILLIONAIRES

German Couple Raised Money on an Inheritance Story.

Special Cablegram to The American.

Berlin, January 19.—Although the story of Madame Humbert and her fraudulent millions has presumably penetrated all parts of the world, a German version of the swindle has just been stopped and the perpetrator, Mrs. Anni Sanueck, sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment.

With a companion, an architect named Spei, she played upon the gullibility of Berliners through an alleged inheritance of $450,000 from an uncle in Russia. Spei was able to embark in extensive building operations, many of which were conducted at a profit on credit based on the supposed inheritance, but finally defrauded workmen, contractors and others out of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The pair led a luxurious life while the story was believed, furnished an expensive apartment in a good section of the city and played no small role in the social life of their quarter until the bubble burst.

Highland Grange Officers.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Belair, January 19.—The members of the Highland Grange, located in upper Harford county, have installed the following officers for the ensuing year: J. Wilson Galbreath, master; J. J. Wilson, overseer; D. G. Harry, lecturer; William H. Day, steward; W. F. Stubbs, assistant steward; Rev. S. L. Irvine, chaplain; Mrs. W. F. Stubbs, secretary; William Davis, gatekeeper; Edward Martin, treasurer; Mrs. Edward Martin, ceres; Mrs. William H. Day, pomona; Mrs. Ely, flora; Mrs. Davis, lady assistant steward.

Arranging for Penn Grove Camp.

Special Dispatch to The American.

York, Pa., January 19.—Arrangements are already being made for holding the Penn Grove camp-meeting at Penn Grove, this county, which attracts thousands each year from this state and points in Maryland.

These officers for the year 1913 have been elected:

President, Rev. J. R. Hutchinson, Gettysburg; first vice president, G. W. Woltman, York; second vice president, J. C. Heckert, Dallastown; third vice president, Rev. J. P. Anthony, Keedysville, Md.; secretary, Rev. E. H. Hummelbaugh, Frederick, Md.; treasurer, A. E. Kohr, Hanover; directors, G. A. Wolf and J. A. Hutchinson, Jr., Mount Wolf; William H. Ruhl and M. E. Hartzler, York; Joseph W. Long, Walkersville, Md.; J. D. Bausman, Hagerstown, Md., and J. Oliver Snyder, Hampstead, Md.

Falls Dead Fighting Fire.

Special Dispatch to The American.

York, Pa., January 19.—While fighting a fire in a neighbor's house at Dillsburg, George W. Knaubb, 66 years old, dropped dead of heart trouble caused by excitement and overexertion. An overheated stovepipe ignited the residence of Daniel McCurdy and when an alarm of fire was sounded Knaubb was the first to respond. He entered the kitchen of the house and with an ax began to cut through the wall to get at the blaze. Attacked by heart trouble he toppled from the chair on which he was standing and died within a few minutes.

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