THE CITY

Expect Nichols to Surrender.

That J. Laurens Nichols, the traveling salesman, for whom several warrants were issued in this city last Thursday, following the accusations of Ruth Elizabeth Sumner, a pretty Texas girl of about 18 summers, that Nichols had compelled her to travel around with him as his wife and that he had enticed her from her home, will surrender himself to the police within the next 48 hours is the belief of those interested in the case. Following the issuance of the warrants, efforts to locate Nichols at the house in Washington, D. C., where he had been living, were futile. It is said that he has engaged attorneys in this city and when they complete arrangements for fighting the charges against him, he will give himself up.

In the meantime, Samuel E. Pentz, counsel for the Society for the Suppression of Vice, and pain-clothes Patrolman Cullison, are exerting every effort to prevent the spiriting away from the city of Miss Sumner. Mr. Pentz alleges that men from a local detective agency, in the employ of Nichols, have been hovering around the Young Woman's Christian Association Building, where the girl has been living, making an effort to get her away. Mr. Pentz stated yesterday that Friday night there were several private operatives around the building. It was found necessary to take the girl from the place yesterday and put her in a local institution for safekeeping. Any effort to kidnap her, it is said, will be followed by arrests.

Mr. Pentz yesterday wrote to Miss Sumner's parents in San Angelo, Tex., telling them of their daughter's presence here and the circumstances surrounding it. Miss Sumner wants to go home now, but it will be necessary to keep her here as a witness against Nichols. Arrangements will be made, however, to have her taken back home immediately after the cases against Nichols have been disposed of.

Smallpox Situation Improving.

The smallpox situation has improved very much during the last week and Dr. Richardson, quarantine officer, said yesterday that such cases as yet remain are all recovering rapidly. For the week there were but three cases reported, none of which developed within the last three days.

The report of the Health Department for the week follows, in part:

There were 213 deaths, as compared with 210 for the corresponding week of last year, 210 for 1911 and 248 for 1910.

The principal causes of death were: Typhoid fever, 3; scarlet fever, 2; diphtheria, 1; influenza (la grippe), 4; tuberculosis, 31; cancer, 15; heart disease, 12; bronchitis, 6; pneumonia, 37; Bright's disease, 19; congenital debility, 7; old age, 8; accidents, 4; suicides, 4; homicide, 1.

The following contagious and infectious diseases were reported as compared with the same period of last year:

	1912.	1913.
Smallpox	..	3
Diphtheria	24	26
Scarlet fever	21	20
Typhoid fever	10	10
Measles	8	66
Mumps	..	1
Whooping-cough	17	7
Varicella	15	36
Tuberculosis pulmonalis	45	36

The births reported were: Total, 227; white, 185; colored, 42; males, 126; females, 101.

Male Suffragettes at Tea Cup Inn.

Members of the advisory committee of the Men's League for Suffrage gave a large table luncheon yesterday at the Tea Cup Inn, 17 West Saratoga street. Representatives of the Federation of Labor (Republican, Democratic, Progressive and Socialist parties) were present and plans were discussed for the parade to be held the last of May in this city, also for a mass-meeting which they propose to hold about April 1 and to which a number of speakers of national prominence will be invited to participate.

It is their intention to present a petition to the coming legislature asking for a referendum on the Woman's Suffrage question. They will ask for a universal suffrage bill first and if possible compel each one of the candidates to declare himself either one way or the other on the suffrage question. A large number of petitions are being circulated and each member of the committee has pledged himself to get at least 100 names.

The question of lending their moral support to the Woman's Suffrage parade in Washington on March 3 was discussed and it may result in them sending a large delegation over on the same train which carries the women paraders.

Cold Snap Comes Suddenly.

Within 24 hours, from 8 o'clock Friday night until 8 o'clock last night, there was a drop of 34 degrees in the temperature.

At 9 o'clock last night the thermometer registered 23 degrees, and according to the weather man, would in all probability drop at the rate of one degree an hour.

The temperature began going down early yesterday morning, and in the outskirts of the city all ponds of still water were covered with a thin coating of ice. This morning, with the increasing cold, it is expected that the ice coating will be at least half an inch thick. Contrary to all rules, the mercury instead of rising yesterday as the day grew on went down. At 6 o'clock yesterday morning it registered 36 degrees. At 1 o'clock, when it should have been the highest, it was down to 26 degrees.

However, many persons will be glad to receive the cold wave, as much sickness has been brought about by the warm spell, according to physicians.

If the cold wave remains any length of time there should be some good skating, something which has not been enjoyed in this vicinity this season.

Motormen and others exposed to the weather while at work are feeling the drop keenly, and many of them had their ears covered and collars up yesterday.

It is generally conceded that everyone will feel better during the colder weather.

Coal men have been kicking and the news of the cold wave is cheerfully received by them. Many persons are hoping that the cold weather will not remain here long, as the conditions about a year ago are still fresh in the minds of all. At that time the police were called upon to aid the stricken families too poor to buy food, clothing and fuel. They aided thousands of families and were compelled to carry on the work for several weeks.

Financing of Laundry Combine.

Announcement was made yesterday of the formation of a company to be known as The United Laundries Company, Incorporated, with $900,000 capital, which is to take over three of the leading laundries in Baltimore. The company will have $250,000 first preferred, a like amount of 7 per cent. second preferred and $400,000 of common stock, of which a considerable portion will be held in the treasury. There will be no offering of stock. Messrs. Hambleton & Co. will arrange for the necessary financing for the company.

The companies that will be consolidated and which will become a part of the new company are the Elite Laundry, the Antiseptic Laundry and the Old Town Laundry.

The United Laundries Company was incorporated by Messrs. R. Bayly Chapman, E. McClure Rouser and Roy W. Shaffer. The directors of the new corporation will be Messrs. George A. Klinefelter, T. C. McInnes, I. Harvey Nichols, Elmore B. Jeffrey and John P. Baer, of Hambleton & Co.

George A. Klinefelter, of the Elite Laundry, will be president of the new company. The other officers have not been definitely agreed upon, but will be selected by the directors from among the laundrymen who are interested in the new corporation at a meeting to be held next Monday or Tuesday in the office of the Elite Laundry Company, the temporary headquarters of the new concern.

The company proposes to erect an up-to-date concrete building when the final details of the consolidation are carried into effect.

Bailey Family Has Close Call.

Awakened by a coughing-spell brought on by the presence of smoke in her bedroom, Mrs. George Bailey, 1025 William street, by her quickness of mind probably saved the lives of her husband and son shortly after 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning, when fire broke out in an adjoining house. Both her husband, George Bailey, and her son, Reginald Bailey, 18 years old, were partly affected by the dense volumes of smoke and had to be dragged to safety by the plucky woman.

Mrs. Bailey awoke and noticed that the room was filled with smoke, and getting up, she endeavored to find the fire. When she opened the door leading into the hall, she was almost overcome and rushing to the room of her son she tried to awaken him. Young Bailey was breathing heavily and Mrs. Bailey had considerable difficulty in arousing him. She then called her husband, and went back and assisted her son to safety. In the meantime Mr. Bailey had attempted to save some of the furniture and Mrs. Bailey had to go to his assistance. An alarm was sounded by a neighbor, William Winters, in whose home the fire had started, and by the time the Fire Department arrived the blaze had gained considerable headway, doing an estimated damage of $600, partly covered by insurance.

Ballplayer Wed Secretly.

A romance of the baseball diamond came to light yesterday, when a dispatch was received in this city stating Frederick Bruck, Jr., 606 West Hamburg street, pitcher on the Columbus (O.) baseball team, had been married in October to Miss Lulu Wright, of Columbus. The wedding was kept secret until yesterday.

When a reporter of The American called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bruck, Sr., parents of the young pitcher, he was told that while they knew of the marriage, the young man, who is only 23 years old, wanted it kept a secret for the time being. According to his mother, Bruck came home during the latter part of September, and he intimated that an Ohio girl had captivated him. He left Baltimore on October 6, and several days after reaching Columbus married the girl. It is not probable that his parents will get a chance to meet the girl of his dreams until after the close of the practice season, when he may come home for a brief period.

Bruck played on the Lynchburg baseball team and was accounted an exceptionally good twirler. Last year he was drafted to the Columbus team.

Next Peabody Program.

Fritz Bruch, the Berlin 'cellist, and Theodor Hemberger, violinist, will give the next artist recital at the Peabody Conservatory of Music on Friday afternoon. This will be Mr. Bruch's initial performance in the city, although he has had repeated successes in other parts of the country. On the other side of the Atlantic he has acquitted himself in a manner that has prompted praise altogether unusual. Mr. Hemberger is too well known in local music circles to need featuring, for his marked ability as soloist and conductor has won him the high esteem of musical authorities. He will be assisted at the piano by his wife, who is an accomplished pianist.

Talmudic Association Celebrating.

Because they finished the study of the entire Talmud in record-breaking time, the Talmudic Association of the B'nei Israel congregation began on Friday the celebration of a three-day festival. At the B'nei Israel congregation, Llyod street, near Lombard, Cantor A. Marchbine conducted special musical services. At the synagogue yesterday afternoon Rabbi W. Margolis, of New York, lectured on Judaism a Synonym for Righteousness. The festivities will conclude with a banquet at the Talmud Toral Hall, 1027 East Baltimore street, tonight. The committee in charge of the banquet consists of Simon Reif and Simon Cooper.

U. of V. Alumni Dines.

Old, middle-aged and young graduates of the University of Virginia who live in Baltimore last night participated in the annual banquet of the Baltimore University of Virginia Alumni Association at the University Club. All of them were boys again and the way they sang those college songs illustrated that among her professional men this world-famous institution has turned out some singers.

There were about 45 persons present, including the alumni and guests. Rev. Dr. Arthur Kinsolving was the toastmaster. Prof. Armstead Doble, of the faculty of the Virginia University; Dr. Henry Shepperd, B. Howell Griswold, Jr., and Henry A. Osborn responded to toasts. The student days of the banqueters were recalled, the improvements made in recent years at the university were spoken of and toasts drank to many men of national prominence who are graduates of the institution.

Among those present were Abney Payne, Capt. O. Hope, George S. Buck, Judge James M. Ambler, Joseph Packard, S. S. Field, John C. C. Wrenshall, Jr., William F. Lockwood, Lloyd B. Whitham, T. Burrow, DeCoursey Thom, Dr. Hugh Young, Dr. Dewall Atkinson, Dr. George B. Reynolds, Dr. Thomas Fell, Robert R. Carman, George P. Bagby, L. Dwight Taylor, R. M. Bruns, James A. Latane, Dr. J. W. Downey, Beverly Mister, James W. Denny, William S. Bryan, R. H. Brent, H. A. Osborn, Jr., T. Scott Offutt, Gaylord Clark, Gordan Wilson, Alex. T. Leftwich, Dr. R. Culbreth, Dr. Henry E. Shepperd, M. R. Walter, Charles E. Ford, R. E. Lee Marshall, Jeff D. Norris, W. B. Marbury, Richard Urquhart, J. L. Engle, D. P. Peters, Dr. James M. Garrett, H. H. Young, B. H. Griswold, Armstead Doble, Dr. Kinsolving, Gerald Hill, Chas. Howard, Charles H. Dickey.

Fire Horses Slightly Hurt.

Two horses hitched to No. 4 Engine Company apparatus fell and probably seriously injured themselves last night while responding to an alarm of fire sounded from the box at Lexington and Forrest streets. The driver was hurled from his seat when the animals fell the first time, but landed on his feet and escaped without injury.

The engine after leaving the house had proceeded but a short distance, the horses having hardly attained their full speed when one of them slipped on the ice on Lexington street near Gay and fell to the ground. He pulled the other animal down with him and both were cut about the knees. The animals were raised to their feet and once more a start was made for the scene of the fire. Just as they passed the Fallsway on Gay street the horses once more fell to their knees. They reached the fire after no further mishap, but it was necessary to attend to the wounds on their front legs before the engine was returned to the enginehouse.

The blaze was caused by Daniel Johnson, colored, of 323 Forrest street, overturning a lighted coal oil lamp in the dining-room of his home. The blaze was extinguished before much damage had been done.

Mr. Gundersheimer Honored.

Benjamin Gundersheimer was the guest of honor at a banquet Friday night at the home of Irving E. Robinson, 1547 Ruskin avenue. The affair was given to celebrate Mr. Robinson's most successful season as a buyer for the Oriole, 907-911 West Baltimore street, with which both are connected. The women of the cloak and suit department, with which Mr. Robinson is identified, were present, as well as a number of other friends. Immediately preceding the dinner a flashlight picture was taken of the guests at the table. A musical program was rendered by Miss Geneva Riley and Henry Roth, and a number of new games were enjoyed. Among those who attended were: Ben Gundersheimer, Michael Gundersheimer, Henry Roth, A. Gillespie and Morgan Clark, Misses Ada Robinson, Geneva Riley, Agnes Thomhill, Gertrude Weber, Mary Waltzl and Mrs. M. Spates, Mrs. Cora Rawleigh, Mrs. E. G. Cohen and Mrs. Henry Roth.

Fewer Prisoners at City Jail.

A report compiled by Bernard J. Lee, warden of the City Jail, yesterday showed that the yearly average of prisoners during 1912 was the lowest for the last 10 years. The next lowest average was in 1911, when it reached 579. The highest in the 10 years was in 1908, when it mounted up to 784. The total number of prisoners received at the Jail in 1912 was 8,891. Despite the high cost of supplies, the Jail closed the year with a surplus of $1,646.12; this in spite of the fact that $1,300 was expended toward the purchase of an auto van. The Jail Board also closed the year with a balance of $914.67 to the credit of its salary account.

Robert Crain Ill.

Robert Crain, who has been ill for some time, is considerably improved, and it is expected that he will be able to get outdoors within a day or two. Mr. Crain became ill in Washington with the grip and later returned to his home, 2412 Eutaw Place. He was recently appointed a member of the Maryland Country Life Commission by Governor Goldsborough. Because of his illness he was unable to attend the first meeting, which was held at Annapolis yesterday.

Mr. Pattison Gone to New Orleans.

Sam W. Pattison, clerk of the Criminal Court, has left Baltimore for New Orleans, where he will attend the Mardi Gras. He will be away about 10 days. Mr. Pattison will visit his grandchildren at Chattanooga, Tenn., and will also spend some time in Cincinnati.

The Heiress of Hoetown.

A rural comedy, The Heiress of Hoetown, will be given for the benefit of Faith Reformed Church by the young people of the Sunday school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Arrangements are being made for the large crowds which are expected to be in attendance.

King's Daughters Meet Tuesday.

The quarterly meeting of the Maryland Branch of the King's Daughters and Sons will be held in Brown Memorial Church, Park and Lafayette avenues, Tuesday evening, February 4, beginning promptly at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Mary Sherwood will deliver an address on The Prevention of Blindness, and a full representation of all the local circles is expected to be present.

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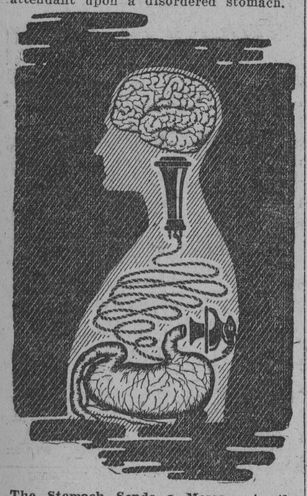
You'll Never Have Stomach Trouble After You Read This, and Act on It. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets Are the Open Secret.

Thousands of people who hadn't really enjoyed a meal for years have given their stomach a new lease of life through the wonder-workers, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. They promptly put an end to flatulency, heartburn, dizziness, sick headache, dyspepsia, burning sensation, brash, fermentation and the other ills attendant upon a disordered stomach.



The Stomach Sends a Message to the Brain the Instant There Is Trouble.

In this day and age of known facts, there is absolutely no excuse for anyone to suffer with stomach trouble, indigestion, sour risings, catarrh of the stomach, gas formations, etc.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are composed of known and approved digestants that help out the gastric juices of the stomach. They are Nature's digestives, the same kind the stomach uses when it is in good health.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets do not merely aid digestion—they actually digest the food themselves. All the hard work is thus taken off the stomach and it gets a chance to rest and recuperate. The undigested food which formerly produced nauseating gases in the stomach becomes thoroughly digested, and as a result provides new brain and brawn and nerve cells to replace natural waste always going on.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets act quickly, safely and naturally, just like Nature herself. They are a familiar and standard part of the stock of every properly equipped drug store and are sold at 50c a box.

Those who once try Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are never at a loss to know how to overcome any form of indigestion or stomach trouble.

QUININE? NO! PAPE'S BEST FOR BAD COLD

First dose of Pape's Cold Compound relieves all misery from a cold or the grippe.

It is a positive fact that a dose of Pape's Cold Compound, taken every two hours until three consecutive doses are taken, will end the Grippe and break up the most severe cold, either in the head, chest, back, stomach, limbs or any part of the body.

It promptly relieves the most miserable headache, dullness, head and nose stuffed up, feverishness, sneezing, sore throat, running of the nose, mucous catarrhal discharges, soreness, stiffness and rheumatic twinges.

Take this wonderful Compound as directed, with the knowledge that there is nothing else in the world, which will cure your cold or end Grippe misery as promptly and without any other assistance or bad after effects as a 25-cent package of Pape's Cold Compound, which any druggist can supply—accept no substitute—contains no quinine. Belongs in every home. Tastes nice—acts gently.

HERE IS MR. GROUNDHOG

—Photo by Buck, Underwood & Underwood.

Who will crawl out of his winter abode today and frisk around a bit, with a view of ascertaining whether or not we are going to have any more winter weather, if, indeed, we have had any. His appearance and doings will be looked for by thousands of his admirers whose devotion to this fellow cause them to say that as a weather prophet Uncle Sam's Weather Bureau is composed of a bunch of second-raters who are drawing their stipends while sailing under false colors, for, according to Mr. Groundhog's sponsors, if, when he makes his appearance the sun is shining brightly, he will immediately dive back into his hole, close the door tightly behind him and remain there for six more weeks in order to avoid the bad weather that is in store.

COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS REPORT

Collector of Customs William F. Stone yesterday issued his report of collections for the first seven months of the fiscal year (1912-1913). Each of the months except December showed an increase over the corresponding months of 1911-1912, with a total increase for the seven months of $322,501.25. The total for the seven months of this year was $2,932,111.82 and for the first seven months of last year $2,609,610.57.

The figures for the first seven months of last year and this year are shown in the following statement:

	1911-1912.	1912-1913.	Excess.	Deficiency.
July	$341,828.47	$381,786.92	$39,958.45	.....
August	378,014.75	450,033.95	72,019.20	.....
September	431,978.76	467,576.69	35,597.93	.....
October	425,022.23	435,249.93	10,227.70	.....
November	318,501.65	384,429.38	65,927.73	.....
December	358,210.41	299,292.43	.....	58,917.98
January	356,054.30	513,742.52	157,688.22	.....
	$2,609,610.57	$2,932,111.82	$381,419.23	$58,917.98

Total for seven months fiscal year 1911-1912	$2,609,610.57
Total for seven months fiscal year 1912-1913	2,932,111.82
Excess 1912-1913 over 1911-1912	$322,501.25

The following is a comparative statement of gross receipts, expenditures, etc., for the first seven months of the fiscal years 1912 and 1913:

Gross receipts in 1913	$2,932,111.82
Gross receipts in 1912	2,609,610.57
Increase in 1913	$322,501.25
Gross expenditures in 1913	$180,782.01
Gross expenditures in 1912	178,807.58
Increase in 1913	$1,974.43
Cost for collecting $1.00 in 1913	.0617
Cost for collecting $1.00 in 1912	.0685
Decrease in 1913	.0068
Number of employes in 1913	204
Number of employes in 1912	206
Decrease in 1913	2

Mrs. William F. Cochran Ill.

Mrs. William F. Cochran, wife of the philanthropist and social worker, is in a serious condition at the Union Protestant Infirmary, where she has been confined for the last several days. It is understood that her new-born infant has been placed in an incubator in one of the local hospitals. While Mrs. Cochran is in a serious condition, her illness is not regarded by her physicians as critical, and it is also thought that the baby will live. She was taken to the hospital from her home on Charles Street avenue extended several days ago.

Card Party for Students.

A card party was given yesterday afternoon by the students of the high school department of Mount St. Agnes College, Mount Washington, at which many friends of the pupils were present, the students of the college department being the guests of honor. Five hundred was played. The room was decorated with pennants and with the colors of the high school classes—red and black, lavender and gold and blue and gold. Class spirit was evidenced throughout the entertainment.

A lecture will be given at Mount St. Agnes on Tuesday afternoon by Dr. James J. Walsh, of New York. His subject will be The Church and Science. Dr. Walsh is noted for his literary work, being the author of The Thirteenth, Greatest of Centuries, and other notable books.

MISS KATHARINE MARIE TURNER

Her engagement to Mr. W. Bernard Duke has just been announced. She is an artist of some note and a lecturer on historical subjects. The wedding will take place this month.

Plan Mass-meeting.

The board of managers of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society of the Methodist Protestant Church met Thursday night at the home of T. W. Donoho at Druid Apartments, Mount Royal Terrace. The president, Rev. Dr. J. M. Sheridan presided and Rev. J. Franklin Bryan was secretary in the absence of Rev. C. P. Nowlin. The following committee was appointed by President Sheridan to arrange for a large mass-meeting to be held at one of the churches during next March: T. W. Donoho (chairman), G. E. Repp, J. Bibb Mills, Revs. T. R. Woodford, L. B. Smith, J. Franklin Bryan and Mrs. A. R. Jones, Mrs. I. V. Stubbs and Mrs. T. W. Donoho. This society has caused the erection of several of the successful Methodist Protestant churches in and around Baltimore.

Rev. Dr. Sheridan, the new president of the society, succeeds Rev. Dr. John S. Bowers, who, because of his election to the presidency of the Annual Conference, could not give the necessary time to this work. Dr. Bowers had been president of the society for about 20 years, conducted its affairs successfully and has helped to supervise the construction of several new churches. Dr. Sheridan is the retiring president of the Annual Conference and has had a wide experience in church extension work.

Chinaman Is Found Dead.

Lying across his bed on the first floor, Moon Lee, 39 years old, who for sometime past had conducted a laundry establishment at 2302 Fleet street, was found dead yesterday morning. Coroner Russell, of the Eastern district, was notified, and after making an investigation, issued a certificate of death due to natural causes. The body was discovered shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning by Mrs. Margaret Hall, who occupies the third floor flat of the same house. Mrs. Hall had occasion to go into the yard, and as she passed the door leading into the Chinaman's room, peered through the glass, and discovered the Celestial lying across the bed apparently dead. The woman called her husband, who in turn notified the police of the Eastern district. In the meantime a physician was called. He pronounced the man dead. The Eastern district ambulance was then summoned, and on orders from Coroner Russell the body was removed to the Morgue.

According to Mrs. Hall, Lee had complained for the last several days of feeling ill. Early Friday morning the Chinaman went into his bedroom to lie down, and this was the last time he was seen alive. Late yesterday afternoon the body was claimed by Fong Fook, a brother-in-law, who lives at 104 Park avenue, and from where the funeral will take place.

How McCuen Hopes to Save $10,000

Superintendent of Lighting McCuen is opposed to the city being compelled to pay for making connections between gas mains and such street lamps as may be put into use this year. He announced yesterday that he was preparing specifications for a new contract between the city and the Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company for the lighting of streets and municipal buildings.

The present contract expires on March 1 and several days ago Mr. McCuen informed the Gas Company that he would ask that the city be not compelled to pay for the connections for new street lamps. Mr. McCuen maintains that private householders are afforded free connections between mains and house pipes, and that the municipality, which is the company's largest consumer, using about 100,000,000 cubic feet of gas yearly, is made to pay.

The ordinance of estimates completed several months ago provides for the installing of about 500 new lamps, the saving on which will be about $3,750 if the charge is eliminated. Should the Gas Company accede to the city's request, Mr. McCuen hopes to be able to save the taxpayers about $10,000 before the end of the year.

For Widening of Belair Road.

Commissioners for Opening Streets Watts and Budnitz held a conference yesterday with officials of the Baltimore and Laurel Cemeteries concerning the proposed improvement of widening Belair road. As stated in The American recently, the commissioners want to make that highway a big, broad boulevard. About two weeks ago the commissioners struck a snag when they considered the acquisition of the necessary property needed for the widening. They found that some lots of the above-named cemeteries projected over into the territory desired by the city. As there are a number of bodies buried there, the commissioners were fearful that their plans would be halted. Much to their surprise, the Laurel Cemetery has agreed to disinter the bodies and bury them elsewhere. The commissioners are hoping that the other cemetery company will take the same position. They expect to receive a final decision some time this week.

Hebrew Orphan Asylum Alumnae.

A meeting of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum Alumni Association will be held this afternoon at the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, at Calverton, at 3 o'clock. A tentative constitution has been drawn up, which will be submitted to the members at the meeting. All present and prospective members are requested to be present, as matters of great importance will be discussed. Among the subjects to come up for discussion will be the nature of a social affair to be held in the near future.

It is expected that if a sufficient number of members appear, officers will be elected for the ensuing year. Those who have not yet enrolled and wish to do so will please be present at the meeting. All such members will be eligible for office.

Give Dance at Dukeland.

Class C of the Eastern High School Recreation Center gave a dance Thursday at Dukeland. The rooms of the old mansion were prettily decorated for the occasion. The girls were masked and most of them wore fancy costumes. Clowns, Indians, Puritan maidens mingled together in a gay throng, but the hit of the evening was a soldier boy in full regimentals. The dance program was varied by lively folk games, and Going to Jerusalem was played with great enthusiasm. Refreshments were served and more dancing followed.

Missionary Speaks Today.

Rev. Frederick C. Klein, of the Methodist Protestant Church, who, with Mrs. Klein, were missionaries in Japan for 13 years, will address the Sunday school of the Church of the Redeemer, Reformed Episcopal, Bolton street, near Lanvale, at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Louis Gans Files His Answer.

Louis W. Gans, whose alimony case was heard not long ago in the Circuit Court, yeserday filed through his attorney, William Colton, an answer to his wife's bill for a partial divorce. Gans was married last June in Chicago to Miss Etta Wronski. By order of the court he is now paying $10 a week alimony until the case is finally disposed of. He denied in his answer that he had been habitually guilty of excessively vicious conduct toward his wife or that he had habitually treated her with great cruelty. He asks that his wife's bill be dismissed.

DEATHS

William Cromwell Dies Sunddenly.

Stricken suddenly ill, William Cromwell, 60 years old, 912 West Thirty-sixth street, died last night at his home before the arrival of a physician who had been hastily summoned by Mrs. Cromwell, who found her husband in an unconscious condition upon the dining-room floor. Leaving her husband in apparently good health Mrs. Cromwell went to a nearby grocery store last night about 10 o'clock, and upon her return a few minutes later she was horrified to find him stretched out on the floor unconscious. Dr. J. H. von Dreele, 846 West Thirty-sixth street, was summoned, but before he arrived a few minutes later Mr. Cromwell was dead. Besides his widow Mr. Cromwell is survived by two sons. Coroner Algire, of the Northern district, was notified, and rendered a verdict of death from cerebral hemorrhage.

James B. Catterton.

James B. Catterton, 64 years old, died Monday at St. Agnes' Hospital after an illness of 11 weeks. Mr. Catterton is survived by his widow (Mary Eliza Catterton) and eight children (Mrs. Mamie Griffith, Mrs. Martha Leitch, Mrs. Olive Ward and Luther, Robert Mervin, Arthur and Alvin Catterton). The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from his home, 1143 Carroll street. The services were conducted by Rev. Leroy White, pastor of Rogers Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church. Burial was in Western Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary L. Reiter.

After an illness of several months Mrs. Mary L. Reiter, wife of Nicholas Reiter, the well-known local wholesale grocer, died early yesterday morning at her home, 3307 Windsor Mill road, Walbrook. The cause of her death was heart failure, from which she had been suffering for some time. Besides her husband, she is survived by five sons (Ambrose J., Charles L., Theodore A., Joseph and Nicholas Reiter, Jr.), and by two daughters (Mrs. Anna Shoop and Miss Mary Reiter).

Mrs. Katherine Pistor.

Mrs. Katherine Pister, 80 years old, wife of Christopher Pistor, 1055 South Charles street, died at her home yesterday following an illness of three weeks. Death was due to old age. Mrs. Pistor was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. She came to this country when 30 years old. She was married to Mr. Pistor in this city. She is survived by her husband (Christopher Pistor) and one sister (Mrs. Elizabeth Heidt, of Allegheny, Pa.). The funeral will take place at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Mary P. Johnson.

Miss Mary P. Johnson, daughter of the late Worthington and Mary Purkins Johnson, died Friday at the home of Mrs. Thomas H. Hughes, of Baltimore county, with whom she had made her home for the last several years. Death was due to a complication of diseases, from which she had suffered some time.

Miss Johnson is survived by one brother (Arthur H. Johnson, of 319 East Twenty-fourth street).

Mrs. Kelly Dies Suddenly.

Attracted by moans coming from the bedroom on the second floor of her home, Miss Allen Kelly, 132 North Linwood avenue, found her mother, Mrs. Margaret Kelly, dying. She had suffered a stroke of paralysis. Miss Kelly summoned a physician, but before he arrived Mrs. Kelly had expired. Coroner Davis was notified and after an investgation gave a certificate of death due to apoplexy. Mrs. Kelly was 57 years old.

Mrs. Margaret Burke.

Mrs. Margaret Burke, 67 years old, mother of Dr. W. L. Burke, 3042 Hudson street, died last night at her home, 139 Broadway, Lawrence, Mass., from pneumonia. She had been ill only a few days. Mrs. Burke was born in Ireland, but had lived in Lawrence for 50 years. Besides Dr. Burke she is survived by another son (M. J. Burke, of Lynn, Mass.).

Mrs. Mary C. Firor.

Mrs. Mary C. Firor, aged 70 years, died yesterday morning at 6:40 o'clock at her home, 1816 Penrose avenue, Walbrook. Mrs. Firor had been ill for some time. She is survived by three daughters (Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mrs. Charles Warfield and Miss Pearl Firor) and two sons (H. O. Firor and Clarence J. Smith).

Mrs. Caroline F. McClellan.

Mrs. Caroline F. McClellan, widow of James E. McClellan, died yesterday morning at the home of her son, James E. McClellan, 1009 West Lanvale street. Mrs. McClellan was 78 years old. She is survived by two sons (James E. and Samuel C. McClellan).

Frederick Henkelman.

Frederick Henkelman, a well-known resident of this city, died shortly after midnight at his residence, 2304 Eutaw Place.

THE COUNTY

Favor Nonpartisan Ticket.

There is a movement to have a nonpartisan ticket nominated for offices in Baltimore county. The Union-News, of Towson, in its issue of this week, says:

There is no reason for party alignments in local affairs. You do not consider a man's politics in voting for church or lodge trustees or directors for your building associations, banks or other business corporations. Why should you do so when electing officers for your county, which is nothing more or less than a big corporation, in which all taxpayers of the county are stockholders? Has a man's politics anything more to do with his efficiency as a county commissioner or a sheriff than the color of his hair? Absolutely not, unless that political feeling is so partisan as to incline him to work for the interest of his party or his political boss rather than for the people.

Therefore, it is suggested that those citizens of Baltimore county who desire honest, economical and efficient county government unite to nominate and elect a citizens' ticket—a ticket to be selected without regard to politics, or rather of men who are entirely independent in politics. No chronic officeseeker or officeholder should be given a place on such a ticket; in fact, anyone seeking a place on it should be promptly rejected as unavailable. It should be a case of the office seeking the man. By making an independent organization support would be secured from many who would be deterred by motives of jealousy from joining hands with any of the existing parties.

Such a campaign should be confined strictly to county offices. The General Assembly is a politically constituted body and the members of the next legislature will be called upon to vote for a United States senator, whose voice and vote will be brought to bear on the settlement of big political questions. All who give aid to the citizens' ticket should be left absolutely free to vote their political sentiments in selecting officials, whose duties are of a political character, even in part.

The Union News, although retaining its adherence to the principles of the Republican party, promises its hearty and unreserved support to such a citizens' ticket for local offices. We should like to hear from our readers on this subject, and will be glad to publish practical suggestions for carrying such a plan into effect. If something of the kind is not accomplished, we are simply in for two years more of expensive and humiliating misrule.

Fireman Gail Heavily Fined.

Conrad Gail, the substitute fireman for Baltimore county, whose name was used for the license of a South Clinton street saloon, was fined $250 and costs by Judge William Harlan in the Circuit Court at Towson yesterday morning. He was convicted several days ago after declining to make any defense. Sentence was postponed until yesterday.

Gail was not in court when first called for sentence, and Judge Harlan sent Deputy Sheriff W. George Marley with a bench warrant after him. Gail, who was detained while on his way to Towson, however, appeared in a few minutes. His fine was paid.

Judge Harlan imposed a fine of $200 and costs on Miss Frances F. Hall, who keeps a hotel on the Eastern Avenue road, and who was convicted of selling liquor on Sunday. Her liquor license was also suppressed. An appeal was filed in the case.

Sewerage Case Tomorrow.

The trial of the suit to set aside the sale of the Mount Washington sewerage plant to the Baltimore County Commissioners, will be resumed tomorrow in the Circuit Court at Towson. Albert H. Wehr, president of the Baltimore Suburban Sewerage Company, will resume his testimony. This will be followed by the production of the company's books and checks, so as to show the actual cost of the plant. George A. Fuller, the prominent New York sewerage engineer, will appear as a witness for the defense.

Judge Duncan will hear the case this week and next week will preside over a murder case and then take up the civil docket. As it is very improbable that the case will be concluded in a week, it will therefore be continued until such time as Judge Duncan can take it up again.

Two Suits for Damages.

Lewis E. Smith, by his attorney, Harry S. Carner, filed a suit yesterday in the Circuit Court at Towson against Samuel W. Black, claiming $1,000 damages. The plaintiff alleges that his horses became frightened at the automobile of the defendant on September 12 and ran away, causing Mr. Smith and the horses to be injured.

Maria Macdonald, by her attorneys, Dashiel & Woods, filed a suit against Edith Haughey, claiming $10,000 damages for the plaintiff failing through an open area-injuries alleged to have been received by way on the property of the defendant on Belvedere avenue.

Mr. Sollers Dies Suddenly.

Lyde Goodwin Sollers died suddenly on Friday night of apoplexy at his home at Glen Arm, Baltimore county. Mr. Sollers was the son of the late Basil Sollers, a well-known resident of Baltimore county, and the brother of the late Prof. Basil Sollers, of the public schools, and a distinguished member of the Maryland Historical Society. Mr. Sollers, who was in his sixty-third year, belonged to a family identified with the early history of the city. He was unmarried and leaves four brothers.

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