THE CITY

Grain Exports Are Heavy.

That the year 1913 bids fair to break the records of grain exports from this port is the opinion of a large majority of the members of the Chamber of Commerce of this city. According to these grain merchants, the activity of the grain trade during the later part of the year of 1912 has been continued during the two months of this year, and if the present activity continues, all previous records will be broken. During January and February of this year more than 100 vessels have left this port loaded with grain for foreign countries. Up to the present time more than 15,000,000 bushels of grain have been exported, of which 11,000,000 bushels has been corn. The wheat season ended in July of last year, and the large movement of oats is about over. Nevertheless, the almost unprecedented activity in corn continues, figures showing that the amount of corn exported is about 50 per cent. in excess of the amount exported during the corresponding time of last year.

According to estimates prepared by members of the Chamber of Commerce, if the present activity continues, the percentage of increase this year will be at least 75 per cent. over that of last year. The corn crop of 1912 was the largest ever harvested in the United States, and the movement to Western centers and to Eastern ports was greatly facilitated by the open winter. Another favorable element was the low prices which prevailed, which enabled the exporters to meet the views of the buyers abroad, and to compete successfully with other competitors. While the movement of oats has continued, it has dropped off considerably since September of last year. In the opinion of local grain merchants there is little probability of new business along this line as long as the prices of wheat from Russia and Argentine continue as low as they are at present. The wheat that has been exported from this port is principally Canadian wheat, and it is probably that this wheat will form the larger part of the wheat exported from Baltimore for a long time to come.

Deportation Order Dismissed.

An order dismissing the appeal in the case of Rivke Maish, alias Fannie Smith, against Louis T. Weis, ex-commissioner of immigration, was forwarded to the Supreme Court of the United States yesterday by Attorney Thomas J. Mason, who represented the appellant. Fannie Smith was arrested in Baltimore in September, 1910, by the immigration authorities, charged with being an alien within the prohibited classes of Section 3 of the Immigration Act, commonly known as the White Slave Law. After a hearing before the immigration authorities she was ordered deported. Attorney Mason sued out a writ of habeas corpus, which was heard before Judge Rose in October 1910, when the order of the immigration authorities was affirmed. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, where it has been since pending. In the meantime, the woman married and is living with her husband in Baltimore, and upon this fact being put before the authorities and an investigation having been made by the Department of Commerce and Labor, the department notified Attorney Mason to appear before them. After argument, the order of deportation was cancelled and the woman will be allowed to remain in the United States.

To Report on a Report.

A report of the findings of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Penitentiary Board to study the report of the Penal Investigating Committee made to the Governor, in which several charges were made against the prison's management, will be made to the board at their regular meeting this afternoon.

The committee, consisting of Frank Furst, president of the board of directors of the institution, and John T. Stone and Charles T. Crane, were appointed at the meeting of the board last month to study the full report of the Governor's commission, and report their findings back to the board.

These will be discussed at the meeting today. As the meeting is called for 3 o'clock—two hours earlier than usual—it is probable that the report of the board's committee will be taken up in detail and the action which the board will take decided upon at once.

It is not believed that the findings of the committee will support those charges made against former Warden Emeritus John F. Weyler, nor the criticism directed against others of the prison management by the Penal Investigating Committee.

Papers on Foreign Travel.

Three delightful papers on foreign travel were the features of a well-attended meeting of the Woman's Literary Club of Baltimore yesterday afternoon at the Maryland Academy of Sciences on West Franklin street.

Sketches in Ireland was a subject which Mrs. James C. Fenhagan treated in a particularly interesting manner because she has visited the land of St. Patrick in person, and knows whereof she speaks. Mrs. Charles W. Lord took as her subject Some of the World's Patriots and Republics. Such men as William Tell, Marco Bozzaris and Washington were spoken of and the fascinating history of the various republics was sketched. The beauties of the cathedral city of Wells, were also illuminatingly sketched by Miss Emily P. Atwater, who lived in Wells for some time.

Mail for Eastern Shore Towns.

A new departure in sending mail to the Eastern Shore of Maryland is now in effect, and it is hoped that several hours will be gained in the transmission of mail for that section of the state from Baltimore. The mail is now being carried to the Eastern Shore over the service of the Eastern Shore Development Steamship Company. The mail is first being taken to Annapolis and thence across the Bay by boat and thus distributed. Heretofore, the Eastern Shore mail went by rail to Newark or Wilmington, and then down the peninsula by rail.

Gone to Virginia to Identify Man.

Patrolman Farrel, of the Southwestern district, left yesterday morning for Colonial Beach, Va., where he will make an effort to identify a colored man who is being held there as John Lancaster, wanted here on the charge of killing his father-in-law. The murder was committed in the Southwestern section of the city on September 17, 1908. Benjamin Green, colored, was the murdered man. Lancaster was charged with the murder and has been sought by the local Police Department ever since.

Fined for Spitting on Car Floor.

On a charge of spitting on the floor of a Carey street car, James A. Roallings, who claims to be employed by the United Railways to clean the equipment, was arraigned before Justice Levinson at the Southern Police Station yesterday morning and fined $1 and costs. He was arrested by Patrolman Bagnelle, of the Southern district. When the magistrate asked Roallings his occupation the man replied "I am employed by the company to clean the street cars." The fine was paid.

Mr. Pennington's Birthday.

William C. Pennington, who was for many years a leader of Baltimore society, celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday yesterday very quietly at his home, 1530 Bolton street. Owing to an illness from which he has been suffering since before Christmas, his physicians ordered that he should see no one but the immediate members of the family. He was the recipient of many flowers and letters of congratulation from his large circle of friends.

St. Patrick's Day Soon Here.

There will be no extensive celebration on St. Patrick's Day this year, and this is due to the fact that the feast of the patron saint comes during Holy Week. Probably the most important event of the day's celebration will be the parade of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which will be held on the afternoon of the feast day, March 17. The majority of the usual celebrations and other affairs, which have been a regular custom for many years will be omitted.

At St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Bank street and Broadway, which has always been the mecca for the observers of the feast, there will be no special celebration, and the solemn high mass at which Cardinal Gibbons has always officiated will be omitted. The church on that day will be open only to the members of the congregation and a parochial mass will be said in the morning. Although all these festivities will be omitted this season, nevertheless every true son and daughter of Old Erin will wear the usual piece of green or the small shamrock.

Begin Novena of Grace.

In honor of St. Francis Xavier a novena of grace, one of the notable events of the Catholic year, was begun yesterday morning at a number of Catholic churches throughout the city. The novena will continue with morning and evening services, including benediction, every night until March 12, inclusive, which is the feast of the saint. At St. Ann's Church, Greenmount avenue and Twenty-second street, special services were held at the 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock masses yesterday morning and benediction last night. Similar exercises were held at St. Paul's Church, Caroline and Oliver streets; at St. Ignatius Loyola College, at the Cathedral, SS. Philip and James' and at St. Bridget's Church, Elwood avenue and Hudson street. The novena was introduced in this city by the late Rev. Francis Xavier Brady, former president of Loyola College. It has been observed annually since its inauguration.

Refused to Bare His Arm; Fined.

Because he refused to show his arm to the health officers when they requested him to do so, William Tolston, colored, 638 West Mulberry street, was fined $1 and costs yesterday afternoon by Justice Henry at the Northwestern Police Station. Dr. E. K. Ballard, of the Health Department, went to a house in Vincent alley, from which a suspected case of smallpox had been removed, for the purpose of vaccinating others who lived in the house. All, with the exception of Tolston, bared their arms, but he steadfastly refused, saying that he had been vaccinated. Dr. Ballard did not argue the question, but left the house and returning with Patrolman Miller, of the Northwestern district, the arrest followed. When examined at the stationhouse it was found that he had been vaccinated recently.

Norfolk Man Collides With Taxi.

While running across the street yesterday at Camden Station in an effort to catch a train for Washington, Edward B. Hayman, of Norfolk, Va., collided with a taxicab and was painfully injured about the face. At the same time that Hayman was speeding toward the station entrance, George Schulteis, a chauffeur for the Stewart Taxicab Company, was backing his machine on the stand in front of the depot. Neither noticed the other until it was too late. Hayman was knocked to the ground. He was taken to the University Hospital, where it was found that his face was badly skinned on one side and his side bruised. He was not to be deprived of going to the capital, however, and after receiving treatment at the hospital boarded a later train for Washington.

Interest in Dahlgren Divorce.

Baltimore society is interested in the recommendation of a New York divorce referee that a decree be granted Mrs. Lucy Drexel Dahlgren, of New York, sister of Mrs. Harry Lehr. The hearings before the referee were kept secret and society was much surprised at the filing of a note of issue in the Supreme Court on Monday. When filing her suit a year ago, Mrs. Dahlgren named an unidentified young woman. It is understood her husband, Mr. Eric B. Dahlgren, will contest any decree. Mrs. Dahlgren and her sisters are known as the "Harmonious Sisters" because of their skill in music. The other sisters are Mrs. Lehr, Mrs. J. Duncan Emmett and Mrs. Charles B. Penrose.

Friday Matinee at Ford's.

So great has been the demand for tickets this week for the preformances of Julian Eltinge in The Fascinating Widow at Ford's that Mr. Eltinge yesterday consented to give an extra matinee on Friday afternoon. Both on Monday and last night many persons could not get seats to witness the performance. The sale for the rest of the week is also unusually large. As soon as it was given out last night that there would be an extra matinee on Friday a large number of seats were sold.

Threw Water on Baby.

Charged with assault and battery by throwing water upon the baby of Mrs. Jennie Lehman, 315 South Caroline street, Mrs. Rose Seidler, 28 years old, 309 South Caroline street, was fined $3 and costs by Magistrate Smith in the Eastern Police Court yesterday. Mrs. Seidler was released upon payment of the fine. According to the police, Mrs. Seidler became tired of persons not members of her family sitting on her front steps and the shower of water is said to have been the result.

Richard Shier Celebrates.

Surrounded by his friends and relatives and a score of policemen from the Northeastern district, Richard Shier, familiarly known as "Grossvater" in and about the Northeastern Police Station, Monday night celebrated his seventieth birthday. He wore the clothes in which he was married nearly 50 years ago. John Shier, his son, presented him a bouquet of 70 roses, and he received many other presents from policemen.

Will Pay Visit to M. A. C.

The committee of the City-Wide Congress, which was appointed to investigate conditions at the Maryland Agricultural College, will visit that institution on Friday. Acting President Thomas Spence, of the college, extended an invitation to the committee. The latter will complete a report and submit it to the next meeting of the Congress, the latter part of this month.

Mr. Platt Improving.

The condition of William D. Platt, member of the Sewerage Commission, who has been seriously ill at his home for the past two weeks, was reported as much improved yesterday. Mr. Platt was able to look over some of his mail yesterday morning, and during the afternoon was able to sit up in bed.

Dr. Hering Back at Work.

Dr. Joshua Hering, a member of the Public Service Commission, was at his office yesterday for the first time in several weeks. He had been ill at his home in Westminster, but stated that he was so much improved that he would visit the commission's headquarters daily.

Birthday of Turnkey Sipes.

Born during the last year of the administration of President Van Buren, Frederick Sipes, turnkey of the Southern Police district, celebrated his seventy-third birthday yesterday. Mr. Sipes was born on March 4, 1840.

STAGE FOLK

Learns Grace From Cats.

When Gertrude Hoffmann makes up for her dances in Broadway to Paris, the attraction at the Auditorium this week, she requires the assistance of two maids. Miss Hoffmann puts in a strenuous time during the performance of Broadway to Paris, but when she is off the stage she believes in rest.

"Without rest you can't be beautiful," said Miss Hoffmann yesterday afternoon in her dressing-room, after her two maids had removed the makeup from her body and she was dressed ready for the street.

"Many people never rest, except during their hours of sleep," continued Miss Hoffmann. "I think being too vivacious is as exhausting to others as it is to one's self, and the fascinating person varies by being vivacious and quiet in turns.

"When I am not on the stage I rest all I can. Unless I am 'on parade,' as I call it, I am as lazy and as indolent as I can be. I could spend all my spare time doing any one of a hundred things, but I calculate that I have only just so much energy and I have chosen to put that into my work.

"When I am not working I am thoroughly and completely relaxed—just like a kitten. The cat can teach us many lessons, not only in perfect grace, but the use of our forces and the way to save as much strength as we have.

"You can't get a cat to make all the useless kinds of movements that a dog will. If a cat wants anything you have it tries to get it. At other times it relaxes every muscle and rests or goes about its own particular business. I don't think the cat ever made an uncalculating move. I am sure they have wonderful brains, and the only reason that some people dislike them is because the cat is too clever to give her secrets away. She is either fully energized or in perfect repose. She is completely fascinating, because a perfect master of herself. If you want to learn how to rest just study the cat. It rests in perfect comfort anywhere, at any time, and is the greatest example of perfect relaxation and grace."

Actor of the Old School.

John Mason, who is appearing at the New Academy of Music this week, is one of the best-known actors of the old school. He was born in New Jersey, the same state that President Woodrow Wilson claims for his home. Mr. Mason was educated at Columbia College, and his stage career dates back quite a few years. He started on the stage playing a small part in the same company with Louise Leighton. He was engaged at $8 a week, but he was only paid $5 for his first week's work on the stage. He gave up the stage and went to Italy to have his voice cultivated. He remained one year, and in 1878 joined the Maggie Mitchell company. In 1879 Mr. Mason went to the Boston Museum, making his first appearance there as Careless in The School for Scandal. He remained with the company four years. After a season with Robert Mantell and Nat C. Goodwin, Mr. Mason went back to the Boston Museum as a stock star. In 1890, after playing the hero in The English Rose, Mr. Mason went to England, where, with George Alexander, he played in The Idler.

Mr. Mason has created many parts during his career on the stage, but, perhaps, the most notable one was the hero in The Cotton King, a play of phenomenal success. With Mr. Mason this season is a woman who promises to be one of the foremost actresses on the American stage, although she is not an American. She is Martha Hedman, a young Swedish actress who made her first appearance in an English-speaking role in New York last summer. She came to this country with a letter of introduction from Dion Boucicault, Charles Frohman's general stage director in London, and the manager decided she would make a fine leading woman in The Attack.

Was Anna Gould's Fiance.

Henry Woodruff, who is appearing at the Maryland Theater this week, was at one time engaged to be married to Anna Gould, now the wife of the Duc de Talleyrand, who until he inherited his present title was Prince Helie de Sagan. She is also the divorced wife of Count Boni de Castellaine. Mr. Woodruff recently left the legitimate stage for vaudeville. He is one of the best-known young actors on the American stage. He gained laurels by his admirable portrayal of the title role in Brown of Harvard, and later starred in a number of plays, both musical and dramatic, including A Prince for a Night.

Julian Eltinge Is Quite Manly.

Although Julian Eltinge, who is appearing this week at Ford's Grand Opera House, impersonates women on the stage, he is far from being effeminate in his manners, and resents any insinuations to that effect. Mr. Eltinge wears dresses, corsets and other feminine wearing apparel on the stage, and gives testimonials as to their merit, but when off the stage is very much of a man. He will not discuss woman's suffrage, for he says that he is not interested in it. He does not seek notoriety, and likes to have his plays judged upon their merit.

Mr. Eltinge is an athlete and takes the keenest interest in all indoor and outdoor sports. Not very long ago, while at Atlantic City, he was taking a stroll on the Boardwalk when two young men passed him. Mr. Eltinge was pointed out to them as being the actor who impersonated female characters. The young men followed Mr. Eltinge, and as they passed him one of them smacked him on the cheek and said, "Hello, Mollie, little girl!"

The young man will probably never make such a remark to Mr. Eltinge, for he enjoyed a thrashing that he will remember for the rest of his life.

Appearing this week with Mr. Eltinge is Charles Butler, who at one time was a member of the Charles E. Ford Opera Company. Yesterday Charles E. Ford and Mr. Butler spent several hours going over the old days when the opera company produced Pinafore and a number of other comic operas in Baltimore and else where.

Gets Mr. Kernan's Lamp.

Robert W. MacBride, manager of the Auditorium Theater, has recently come into possession of the reading lamp that stood by the bedside of the late James L. Kernan. Mr. Kernan was very fond of reading, especially after he had made himself ready for bed for the night. Fred C. Schanberger, manager of the Maryland Theater, gave the lamp to Mr. MacBride, who has placed it by the side of his bed, and will use it for the same purpose that Mr. Kernan did.

"I prize the lamp very highly," said Manager MacBride yesterday, "and shall never part with it."

Eighty-year-old Woman Danced.

Men, young and old, who attended the butchers' mask ball at Germania Maennerchor Hall Monday night, were surprised to learn the identity of the woman who was masked as a cranberry.

"How supple she is! I wonder if she is over 21 years old?" These were some of the remarks heard from the male contingent as to "My Lady Cranberry," who danced the two-steps, waltzes, one-steps, etc., gracefully and untiringly, and outstaying many of the others on the floor. When the time came for the unmasking, it was found that "My Lady Cranberry" was Mrs. Caroline Goldschmidt, 80 years old, a greatgrandmother, who has celebrated her golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Goldschmidt is one of the best-known figures in the local German colony. It was with surprise that her friends greeted her. The others of the older generation who sat around the hall watching the dancers say that Mrs. Goldschmidt is just as active as she was half a century ago. She really doesn't look to be over three-score years.

When Mrs. Goldschmdit celebrated her wedding anniversary about one year ago but few of the friends of her girlhood who were living were able to attend her reception. They were too feeble.

300,000 Books at Pratt Library.

"Our collection now comprises over 300,000 volumes and ranks in size among the great libraries of the world," says Dr. Bernard C. Steiner, librarian of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, in the library's twenty-seventh report to the board of trustees, just issued. The report is extremely interesting, unlike many similar documents, and it reveals illuminatingly just what the great mass of the local reading public reads and what it will not call for. Considerable progress has been made during the year just ended, and particular attention is drawn to the fact that the city is in need of a new central library building.

In speaking about the central library building and how it is already overcrowded, Dr. Steiner has this to say:

"The past year has brought nearer the time when it will be impossible to have any more books in the Central Library, which is greatly overcrowded. We have been unexpectedly successful in finding space this year for additional shelving of books, and have untilized a large room in the basement for works on philosophy and education. In the corridor connecting the annex with the main library we have placed the works on law and recreation and on military and naval science, and in the rear rooms of the first floor of the annex we have placed some additional public documents. We do not see any possibility of placing a sufficient additional number of shelves anywhere in the building to accommodate any considerable number of books.

"Extensive improvements were made in the building during the year. The front doors were adjusted so as to better keep out the cold air; a fireproof door was placed in the rear of the building, and the elevator shaft was fireproofed. New lights were installed in the basements where books are kept and in the corridor leading to the annex. Linoleum was laid in the reading-room and cataloguing department. The walls of the reading-room and the ceilings of the vestibule and main stairway were frescoed. These improvements have made the building much more attractive and I trust we shall be able to add to them in the coming year by frescoing other rooms. An overflow of water in the annex, at 404 Cathedral street, damaged the ceiling of the two rooms used for cataloguing so that it had to be replastered.

"An improvement was made to the hand elevator which is used when the electrical elevator is out of order by putting new and smaller boxes in the shaft.

In the report of Branch No. 1, Fremont avenue, near Lafayette Square, occurs a most interesting passage relative to the well-known fact that it is very difficult to secure rapid increases in the circulation of books today. Says the report:

We have found several causes for the failure of the circulation to increase. The first is the magazine habit, which seems to be a sort of mental dyspepsia which is afflicting people. Happening to meet, lately, one of our former patrons, who used to get a number of books from us, I inquired why we did not see her as we used to. She said: "I subscribe to magazines now, and I don't have time to read books," and, upon further investigation I found that such is the case with several former borrowers. The second cause is the book clubs. Seeing not long since one of the ladies who had not been to the library for some time, I asked whether she had been sick? "No," she said, "I belong to a book club and each month we buy one of the latest books published and at the end of the year, to each of us is given a book." This brings up a phase of public taste that I have noticed for some time, the change in the standard of the newness of books. Not so many years ago, a book that was a year old was considered fairly new, but now the public demand a book fresh from the author's pen, and with the printer's ink scarcely dry upon it.

A third cause is found in the class of people who patronize the library. Formerly, we had few foreigners, now we have a number of them, especially children, one of their most noticeable characteristics being their tendency to call those who wait on them, "teacher." Some of their requests are quite amusing; one small boy came into the library and said he wanted the Raving Knights. After questioning him, we found that it was the Arabian Nights he wanted; another boy, after returning his book, said: "Teacher, I want a skinny book," which meant that he wanted a book that was not very thick.

A small boy came in and said: "My big sister, 20 years old, wants a real love tale, but she ain't got no war in it."

A most pleasing feature is the improved behavior of the children who frequent the reading-room. Formerly, the officer on this route came in every evening to see whether we needed him, but for the past nine months he has not been in at all, and we only have to speak about the behavior a few times.

Interest in Prison Report.

Just what will be the reply to be made probably this afternoon by the Board of Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary to the report of Governor Goldsborough's penal investigation commission?

This is the question that is now causing much discussion among those interested in the affairs of the prison. The committee, consisting of Frank A. Furst, president of the board; John T. Stone and Charles T. Crane, which was appointed at the meeting of the board last month to study the report of the investigating commission and report back to the board, is ready to make known its findings at this afternoon's session.

That a great many of the recommendations made by the commission in their report will be ignored, is said by a source close to the board to be assured. The reason for this, it is stated, is because those recommendations will require legislation before being put in effect, and it is not within the power of the board of directors to take any action on them.

As to the charges made against former Warden Emeritus Weyler by Eugene O'Dunne and the other members of the Governor's commission, it is not believed that the board will find that these are supported. Mr. Weyler may be in for some criticism, it is said, but not for the kind of criticism directed against him by the investigating commission.

The Penitentiary Board will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock, two hours earlier than usual, so that the matter can be taken up in detail. It is believed that they will be ready to report their side of the case to the Governor at the conclusion of the meeting.

Musical at Florestan Club.

An interesting informal musical recital was given at the Florestan Club, on Charles street, last evening, in which John T. Elliott, barytone; Rolando Apreda, violinist, and Arthur Oehm, pianist, participated. Mr. Elliott sang the Shakespeare song,

"When icicles hang by the wall,
And milk comes home frozen in pails,
Then nightly sings the staring owl,
To whit! to-who! a merry note,
While greasy Joan doth keel the pot."

He also sang Love Me if I Live, by Arthur Foote; I Attempt from Love's Sickness to Fly, by Purcell, and I am a Friar of Orders Gray, by Shield.

Signor Apreda used a fine Amati violin in his excellent renditions of the Romance in G, by Beethoven, Romanza by Swendsen, and Rondo Capprciosoo, by Saint-Saens, recently heard here by Ysaye.

Arthur Oehms' selections were Schumann's Romanza in F sharp, Mendelssohn's Spring Song; Chopin-Liszt Chant Polonaise, Liszt Tarantella and Rubinstein's Staccatto Etude. Many musical guests were present and enjoyed the excellent program.

Will Sail on the Main.

The following Baltimoreans will sail this afternoon at 2 o'clock on the steamship Main, Captain Jantzen: Mrs. Lena Funke, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Friedemann, and Masters Herbert, Reinold, Oskar and Wilhelm Friedemann, and Miss Hedwig Friedemann.

THE COUNTY

No Partnership Existed.

Judge N. Charles Burke rendered an opinion yesterday in the Circuit Court at Towson, dismissing the bill of complaint filed by John McGlone against Walter L. King.

In the bill Mr. McGlone alleged that he and Mr. King engaged in a partnership to deal in horses and conduct a riding academy in Baltimore, and asked that a receiver be appointed for the business. In his answer Mr. King alleged that the partnership did not exist. Judge Burke says:

"The evidence in the case does not, in my opinion, establish the allegations of the bill. It does not show by satisfactory evidence the existence of a partnership between the plaintiff and defendant as alleged in the bill of complaint."

Tracks on Chesapeake Avenue.

Work has begun on the laying of tracks by the Towson and Cockeysville Electric Railway, from Bosley avenue, its present terminus at Towson, along Chesapeake avenue to Washington avenue, where a brick terminal building has been built. According to the terms of its franchise, the railway company will be required to pave with vitrified bricks the portion of Chesapeake avenue where its tracks are to be laid.

Magistrates' Appeal Docket.

The magistrates' appeal docket will be taken up today in the Circuit Court at Towson. Owing to the inauguration of President Wilson yesterday, court was not in session.

Preparing for Tax Levy.

The clerks in the County Commissioners' office are preparing the tax books for the annual levy, which will be made about April 1.

DEATHS

Philip Fabisch.

Three weeks after moving to New York from this city, Philip Fabisch, 52 years old, a former resident of Baltimore, died yesterday of a complication of diseases. The death occurred at his home, 182 West Ninety-eighth street. He was a member of Madison Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also secretary and treasurer of the lodge. He was also a member of the Order B'rith Abraham and of Hasmonea Lodge, Sons of Judea.

Mr. Fabisch went to New York to engage in the plaiting business. He is survived by his widow, two sons (Morris and Sigmund Fabisch) and one daughter (Mrs. Witt, of New York). Originally from Posen, Germany, Mr. Fabisch came to this city 28 years ago. He was well known in Baltimore and had a host of friends here.

The body will be brought to this city today, arriving at Union Station at 12:30 o'clock. Services will be conducted by Rev. William Rosenau, pastor of the Eutaw Place Synagogue. Burial will be in Hebrew Friendship Cemetery.

Found Unconscious on Street.

Claude Cline, 121 South Arlington avenue, is unconscious at the University Hospital, suffering from an ailment which at a late hour last night the physicians were unable to dianose. Cline was picked up by Patrolman Boyd, of the Western district, who found him lying on the pavement on West Lombard street. With the assistance of several men, the unconscious man was carried into the house at 819 West Lombard street, while a hurry call was sent for the automobile ambulance of the Western district.

Cline was rushed to the University Hospital, where Dr. Neishel, who was in charge of the accident room, administered restoratives in an effort to revive the young man, but he failed to respond. The physician worked over him for some time, but was unable to give a diagnosis of his ailment.

John A. Gibbons.

The funeral of John A. Gibbons, a former member of the Baltimore Police Department, who died Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Noah Clark, Clifton avenue and Longwood street, Walbrook, will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home, where services will be conducted by Rev. John R. Edwards. His grandnephews will be the pallbearers. Burial will be in Baltimore Cemetery.

Mrs. Heller's Funeral Today.

The funeral of Mrs. Isaac Heller, who died Monday night, will take place from her home, 1948 Linden avenue, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Services will be conducted by Rev. C. A. Rubenstein, rabbi of Bolton Street Temple. Burial will be in Baltimore Hebrew Cemetery.

Funeral of John R. Dillon.

Funeral services over the body of John R. Dillow, a Civil War veteran, who was widely known in the northwestern section of the city, were held on last Saturday afternoon at Harlem Park Methodist Episcopal Church. Services were conducted by Rev. R. L. Wright, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. Harry D. Mitchell, pastor of Forest Park Methodist Episcopal Church, and formerly pastor of Harlem Park Church. Before the body was taken to the church a brief service was held at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Edward Haefner, 413 South Ellwood avenue.

Born in Baltimore on March 19, 1844, he was the son of the late William and Elizabeth Dillow. He was accepted at the age of 20 to help recruit men from the ranks of the Union Army in the Civil War. He was with McClellan at Gettysburg. Later, in an engagement, he was forced, with a number of others, to swim the Potomac to escape being taken prisoner. He, like most of the troop of several hundred, was stricken with pneumonia. Fortunately a cousin, who lived in Georgetown, was passing through the hospital and asked permission to take him to her home and nurse him. The authorities readily granted the request, for the hospital was overcrowded. By the time he was well on the way to recovery the war had ended, and after being discharged he returned to Baltimore.

It was not long after the war that he married Martha E. McNally, daughter of the late Richard and Mary McNally. For more than a quarter of a century he was engaged in the plumbing business on North Mount street. He was a member of Harlem Park Church. He was one of the original members of the Junior Order United American Mechanics and always worked hard for the success of the order.

His wife died several years ago, and after retiring from business a short time ago he made his home with Mrs. Haefner, on Ellwood avenue. He is survived by one son, Harry R. Dillow; four daughters, Mrs. William E. Knaub, of Washington; Mrs. F. M. Carlton, of Durham, N. C.; Mrs. Haefner and Miss Lillian Dillow, of Baltimore, and seven grandchildren.

Churchmen to Probe Strike.

William F. Cochran, Jr., and George Lewis Jones, working in the interest of the Social Service Commissions of several Protestant churches, will investigate the strike situation in the clothing factories of L. Greif & Brother and urge upon both sides the necessity of arbitration. Messrs. Cochran and Jones were appointed as a committee at a meeting of representatives of the Social Service Committee of the Diocese of Maryland of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Interchurch Federation and the Social Service Club. The meeting was held at the City Club.

The committee will send letters to both sides as a preliminary step to ending the troubles. Mr. Leonard Greif, senior member of the firm, said he had not heard from the committee. Notwithstanding the statements of the strikers that the strike would be pushed to the limit, Mr. Greif said yesterday the strikers were out of the employ of the firm. He said the firm was not handicapped by the loss of the workers; that their places were filled and that they would not under any circumstances be taken back.

Status of the County Schools.

In the forty-sixth report of the Department of Education for the State of Maryland, which shows the condition of the public schools of this state, appears a most interesting paper contributed by William J. Holloway, county superintendent of Wicomico county, Md. Dr. Holloway lays great stress upon the scientific investigation of school problem, and his scholarly paper is replete with carefully prepared tables showing the result of investigations carried on for several years, which are of inestimable value to all educators.

In speaking of the importance of scientific research and experimentation the writer says:

The need for accurate scientific data in the study of educational problems is being felt more strongly year by year. The layman as well as the teacher and the administrator is no longer content with the expression of mere opinion, by how high so ever an authority it may be voiced. Schools have always had their critics. In reading the articles appearing in certain recent periodicals one might fancy himself back in the days of the old Romans; but it must be admitted that the schools of today are being made the object of a systematic, organized and powerful attack on the validity of methods employed and results achieved. The school official and the schoolteacher should be ready and willing to meet these attacks. They are not always just, and they are often unfair. Unrefuted charges, even if false, find believers, and teachers owe it to themselves and to their profession to stand up and declare the truth.

The truth must be known before it can make one free. The quickest and most economical way to ascertain the facts of educational procedure is through careful measurement of the results achieved. Under the leadership of experts in the application of statistical methods to the study of the social sciencees there is being developed a body of educational literature which furnishes an accurate, reliable basis for scientific investigation.

A course under Prof. E. L. Thorndike, at Teachers' College, furnished the inspiration to undertake this study. Its purpose is to ascertain the school situation as it actually exists in Wicomico county, Md. The investigation was begun in the fall of 1910, and has continued to the present time.

Previous to the minimum salary law there were 18 who commenced in ungraded schools, six (33 1-3 per cent.) who remained in ungradded schools, and 12 (66 2-3 per cent.) who were transferred to graded schools. The number who commenced in graded schools as assistants was 10; those who remained as assistant, 6; promoted to principal, 3; transferred to rural and back to graded assistant, 1.

After the maximum salary law became effective the number commencing in the ungraded schools was 42; those remaining in ungraded schools, 28; those transferred to graded schools, 14. The number commencing in graded schools as assistant and remaining so was 11; the number which changed to rural was 1; the number beginning as principal and remaining so was 2, and the number beginning as principal who were later transferred to high school as assistant was 2.

With these statistics before him, Dr. Hooloway discusses their significance.

Quiet Day in Financial District.

Yesterday was probably the quietest day that the financial district has seen for a number of years. The inauguration spirit seemed to have taken possession of all of Baltimore's financiers and business men, and the street yesterday was almost completely deserted. A prominent financier, with offices in the vicinity of German and Calvert streets, as he sat yesterday afternoon gazing listlessly out of the window of his banking-house, remarked that never before had he seen so few automobiles traversing German street, the little Wall Street of Baltimore. The floor of the stock exchange and the "pit" presented equally deserted appearance, and business was practically at a standstill.

Gathered around the "pit" sat about 15 or 20 grain merchants, and these were more interested in discussing the inauguration and the plight of the suffragists than they were in the prices of wheat, corn and oats, as they came over the telegraph and were marked on the board. The banks of the city were all open yesterday, but there were few who entered their doors. Charles T. Crane, the president of the Farmers and Merchants' Bank, yesterday afternoon declared that not more than 15 people had been in his bank all day long, and that the day was as dull as Yom Kippur. Similar accounts of dull business were given at all of the other banks and the big trust and surety companies of the city, and one banker remarked that the entire population of Baltimore must surely be in Washington. Not only were the clients of the local bankers in the national capital, but a large percentage of the bankers themselves attended the inaugural exercises.

President Edwin Warfield, of the Fidelity and Deposit Company, left early in the morning for Washington on a special train with members of his family and a number of invited guests and officials of the company. In the party were Harry Black, brother of Vice President Van Lear Black, and C. T. Williams, manager of investments of the company. Neither Van Lear Black or Col. Bladen Lowndes attended the inauguration, but neither found much business to occupy their time.

B. Howell Griswold, of the firm of Alexander Brown & Sons, who is an admirer of President Wilson, left his desk yesterday and joined the throng that hurried to the capital. As is well known, Mr. Griswold is an alumnus of Johns Hopkins, and one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the university in the city. President Wilson, while he received his degree of bachelor of arts at a Southern college, received his degree of doctor of philosophy from Hopkins, and has often visited the university since that time and delivered a number of lectures to the student body and alumni. Thus Mr. Griswold has often been brought in contact with the new President, and could not resist the temptation to join the other Hopkins men who went to see their fellow alumnus exalted to the highest position within the gift of the nation. That all of the students of Hopkins might attend, the board of collegiate advisers suspended all lectures at the university yesterday. Needless to say, the students took advantage of the opportunity, and McCoy Hall was as silent as the grave throughout the day.

With few exceptions, almost all of the officials of Baltimore banks witnessed the inauguration.

Mr. Dennis Lectures on Thebes.

An interesting and scholarly lecture on the ancient city of Thebes and the discoveries of the excavating party of the Egyptian Exploration Fund Party at Der el Bahri, of which he was assistant field director, was delivered Monday night by James Teackle Dennis, before members of the Maryland Academy of Sciences at their monthly meeting. Mr. Dennis has spent three years with the excavating party in Egypt, and gave an interesting account of his experiences and discoveries, which were illustrated by lantern slides made from photographs which he himself took in the field. Among the discoveries of the party were a number of remarkable statues of Egyptian kings and deities, and a few inscriptions which have contributed considerably to our knowledge of Egyptian chronology and history.

SOCIETY

Mr. J. V. L. Findlay, Jr., has returned from a trip to Panama and was met in New York by Mrs. Findlay, who returned with him.

Mrs. William T. Gatchell has returned from Washington, where she has been spending several days with friends.

Mrs. R. H. Kilpatrick will entertain informally at bridge on Thursday afternoon, at her home on St. Paul street.

Mrs. Sallie Cator Hopper returned on Sunday from a short visit to friends in Washington.

Mrs. T. C. B. Yearley and the Misses Yearley were among the Baltimoreans who attended the inauguration yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Arthur Stump have sent out invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Anna Stump, to Mr. Lewis Williams, on Tuesday, March 25, at their home, 1034 North Calvert street.

Miss Mary Marshall Smith, of Briar Cliff-on-the-Hudson, will return next week and will spend the Easter holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Charles Wilkin, on Cathedral street.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Deford will close their bungalow at Luray, Va., after Easter and will reopen their home in the Green Spring Valley for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. B. Pendleton have returned from a visit to Panama and Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Williams are spending a few days in New York.

Miss Esther Cleveland will be the guest after Easter of Mrs. George Huntington Williams, at her home on Cathedral street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Middleton are registered at the Waldorf, New York, for a few days.

Mrs. Frank Sherwood Hambleton and her daughter, Mrs. John Fife Symington, motored to Washington yesterday to attend the inauguration.

Mrs. Jesse L. Boynton has returned to her home on North Calvert street after a visit to friends in New York.

Mrs. Edward Badart and her little son, Master Edward Badart, Jr., will spend Easter in Atlantic City.

Miss Gretchen Rohe has returned from a week-end visit to Miss Deshields, in Annapolis, where she attended the hop on Saturday evening.

Mrs. James H. Brady, of St. Paul street, has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Norris, at her home in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bland have returned from New York, where they have been spending a week.

Mrs. Noah Walker will entertain at bridge on Thursday afternoon at her home near Pikesville.

Mr. Eugene Poultney has returned from a short visit to Atlantic City.

Mr. Telfair W. Marriott has returned from a trip to Jamaica and Panama.

Mrs. Edgar Allan Poe has returned from a short visit to friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Sarah Jacobson, of 1008 West Franklin street, who has been visiting her brothers and friends in Thomas and Davis, W. Va., for the past three months, has returned with her brother, W. D. Jacobson.

Mrs. T. F. Hartlove and daughter, Miss Bertie, are in Atlantic City, for a short stay, and Mrs. G. W. Shuster will join them at the week end.

Letters have been received from Mr. Virgil Hillyer, who left Baltimore, January 29, for a trip around the world describing his many experiences. Mr. Hillyer has traveled abroad extensively each summer for many years, but this is the first time he has been in the East. He is now traveling in Japan and will shortly visit China, Java and India, returning by way of Egypt and the Mediterranean and arriving at home in Baltimore May 29.

Mr. Edward Gray, former