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NOTICE.

The undersigned, a graduate of Washington College, of the class of 1900 of the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania, announces his removal from Philadelphia to Chestertown where he will engage in the practice of law, having passed the Maryland State Bar Examination.

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RICHARD S. WALLIS, Cashier.

CARD OF THANKS.

We, the undersigned, feeling our great gratitude to the citizens of Galena, hereby desire to express OUR SINCERE THANKS to everyone who so kindly assisted in the saving of our property during the Hotel fire Weddesday morning, Feb. 8.

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A. C. LOUD,
B. C. DUDLEY,
HARRY DAVIS,
L. C. AYRES,
P. B. RASIN.
C. L. DODD, Clerk. j14-tf.

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## GALENA HOTEL AND BANK BURNED.

### Heroic Work by the Bucket Brigade and Citizens Prevents a Dangerous Conflagation in the Pretty Little Town.

Fire at four o'clock on Wednesday morning destroyed the Galena Hotel and Bank building, and but for the heroic work of the fire brigade and citizens who responded quickly to the alarm, a dangerous conflagation would have resulted. The fire orginated in the kitchen of the hotel and quickly spread to the remainder of the building, but most of the furniture both in the hotel and in the bank which was located on the first floor of the hotel was gotten out. None of the guests were injured or lost any of their valuables. The bucket brigade and citizens prevented the spread of the flames by keeping the roofs of nearby dwellings soaked with water. The roof of Mr. Ruth's store building caught fire but was quickly extinguished. Drs. Latimer and Scott stood on the top of the Dempsey building which stands about forty feet from the hotel and prevented its destruction by heroic work. Much credit is due the bucket brigade and citizens of the town for their brave and faithful efforts to save the hotel and surrounding property. The vaults of the bank are intack, and none of the valuable papers and books were lost. Cashier Richard S. Wallis informs us that there will be little interruption to business as temporary quarters have already been secured and business is being attended to with the usual promptness. The hotel was one of the best arranged and most convenient hostleries in the county. It was purchased two years ago by Mr. Wm. L. Spry for $5000 from the Peacock estate. It was insured together with the furniture and fixtures in the Galena bank for $5300 in companies represented by Jas. G. Beck as follows: $4000 on the building, $800 on the furniture and $500 on furniture in the bank. The Continental $2500, $2000 on building and $500 on bank furniture. The Home Insurance Company carried $2000 on building and the Norwich Union carried $800 on hotel furniture. Mr. James G. Beck went to Galena on Wednesday afternoon by train, and the insurance will be promptly adjusted.

It is said that many women were as active in helping to prevent the spread of the flames as were the men. Dr. Latimer sounded the alarm at 4.15 A.M. by going up and down each of the streets ringing a bell and shouting fire. Drs. Latimer and Scott, Harry Todd, Jesse Ireland and Geo. Boyles worked like beavers to save surrounding property.

### Funeral Director Dodd's Eventful Experience.

Funeral Director John N. Dodd had one of the worst experiences on Monday that he has encountered since he has been in the business. Accompanied by his driver, he left Chestertown on Monday afternoon on his hearse for Eastern Neck Island to bury Mr. Robert Bogle, whose death is recorded in another column. The road was blocked in many places by heavy snow banks, and just after leaving Mr. Victor Hendrickson's field to get into the main road, Mr. Dodd heard a clicking sound about the hearse but upon examination failed to detect anything wrong. After leaving Brice's mill the fine pair of black horses got stuck in a bank and in their efforts to pull the hearse through they broke the swingle tree. This was patched up and they had proceeded as far as St. Paul's Church when Mr. Dodd found that the front spring bolts were broken and the hearse was in danger of falling to the ground. The horses were detached and the driver was sent back to town for the dead wagon, while Mr. Dodd was made comfortable at the home of the sexton of St. Paul's Church. The driver reached town at 7 o'clock Monday evening and found the roads so bad, and the night so dark that it was deemed advisable to wait until morning. Accordingly the driver left in the morning with the dead wagon and reached St. Paul's at eleven o'clock, where the casket was transferred and the journey to Eastern Neck Island was resumed. At Dr. Wilson's the wagon got stuck in a bank and had to be dug out. Mr. Dodd reached the home of the deceased at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon—three hours after the time appointed for holding services. Many of those who had assembled for the funeral had left, thinking that the services would be postponed until Wednesday. It was determined to proceed with the arrangements and the funeral cortege reached St. Paul's, in which church services were to have been held at one o'clock, at seven o'clock in the evening. Rev. C. T. Denroche, who was to have officiated, waited until five minutes before the remains reached the church, and consequently there was no officiating minister. This duty was very kindly preformed in part by a lady attendant, and the remains were deposited in the grave to await the coming of the bricklayer on Wednesday morning, who had left for his home in Chestertown shortly before the corpse reached the church on Tuesday evening. Mr. Dodd said it was the first time in his experience that he had failed to make his appointment on time, and it was the most eventful trip in his long business career. He was very proud of his fine pair of hearse horses which labored so faithfully in their trip of nearly sixty miles, and says that he is very grateful to the sexton of St. Paul's and all those at Eastern Neck, who looked after his comfort. He reached Chestertown on Tuesday evening at nine o'clock.

Mr. J. B. Richardson will sell a carload of 28 fine Missouri mules at Whiteley's new livery stables, near new depot, on Wednesday next at 1 o'clock.

## A SEVERE SLEET STORM.

### Weather Man Serves up a Scene of Rare Beauty, but a Storm of Great Damage.

The weather man began on the first day of the week to get in his hard licks, and on Sunday evening at 6.30 o'clock began one of the heaviest and severest sleet storms of the winter. On Monday morning the scene about the town, at Chester bridge, in the public square, and at Washington College reminded one of the magnificent descriptions of the Alpine glaciers, but at the same time it wrought much discomfort to people and damage to dwellings and telephone and telegraph wires. Many houses that have never been known to leak before, could notwithstand this storm, and wherever there was a flat roof house in the town there was trouble. It was impossible for the water from the melting snow caused by the thaw that quickly followed the rising temperature of Sunday night, to make its way through the heavy coating of ice and it found a way to get on the inside of the dwellings. Among those who suffered most heavily in this respect were Mrs. Coroline Hynson, on Front street, Messrs. Wm. P. Maul, Jas. S. Bradley, Walter U. Lusby, Bartley's, formerly Canning & Mercantile Co's building, and Mrs. S. A. Dodd, on High Street and Christ M. P. Church. In many instances several tubs of water were caught in rooms below the roof. One of our prominent physicians was out on his roof at five o'clock in the morning shoveling snow, and made a funnel out of a horse blanket nailed to the leaking ceiling in order to catch all the water in one place. The frescoing on the walls of Christ M. P. Church was stained considerably by a great leak from the roof. Fortunately the water found its way to the cellar and did not injure the handsome carpet. Many other buildings were affected to a greater or less extent. The county roads were made heavy, and travel was greatly hindered. A more beautiful scene could scarcely be pictured than that which was presented at Chester bridge on the morning of the sleet. The piling and railing were a complete lattice work of scintillating icicles and as far as one could see across the bridge there was one beautiful panorama of rainbow colors made by the kiss of the sunlight against the cold cheek of the ice. Everywhere trees were laden with a thick covering of ice, and one might have thought that he was standing in the midst of an ice scene in the snowy Alps or gazing on the beauties of Niagara gorge scenery in winter. All was simply beautiful, but it soon changed to slush to be followed by a cold wave at night.

## PREPARING FOR CONFERENCE.

### Coming Session at Wilmington is Awaited With Interest.

All final arrangements have been completed for the holding of the thirty-seventh annual session of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, which comprises all the churches on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware. The session this year will be held in Grace Church, Wilmington, Del., beginning on March 16 and continuing for 10 days. Much interest is being taken in the coming session, as matters of great importance are to come before that body.

One important matter to be disposed of by the conference will be the Corkran-Baker episode, in which Revs. W. F. Corkran and C. S. Baker having been charged with operating in stock in Baltimore, were given a preliminary examination and suspended until this coming Conference. As to what the Conference will do is not known. A report of the examination, which was held in Wilmington last June, will be submitted, together with the result, which will be finally passed upon by the Conference.

Bishop Goodsell has been assigned to preside at this Conference, and he will no doubt receive a great ovation, as he presided in a most satisfactory manner four years ago. He is very popular with the ministers, and his presence will give the session additional interest. The entertainment of ministers and delegates this year will be done away with, as the ministers and delegates will have to take care of themselves, except where voluntary offers of entertainment are made.

There is much speculation as to the assignment of pastors for the next Conference year. At Asbury Church, Wilmington, one of the oldest and best charges in the Conference, no action has yet been taken. Rev. Thomas L. Poulson is filling the pulpit in a most acceptable manner, and many of the members of that church would like to see him continue as pastor if such arrangement can be made. Dr. Poulson is a member of the New York Conference, and is supplying the church during the suspension of Dr. Baker. The following churches have invited their pastors to return for another Conference year:

Elkton, Newark, New Port, Easton, Nort East, Port Deposit, Perryville, Snow Hill, Chestertown, Dover, Harrington, Middletown, Salisbury, Lewes and Milford.

In a number of cases the pastors have signified a desire for a change, which will probably be granted.

There will be some interesting anniversary celebrations during the session of Conference. On the evening of March 16 the Epworth League will celebrate its anniversary. Thomas N. Rawlings, State Treasurer of Delaware, is president of the League. Bishop Berry has been invited to make an address at this celebration. There will also be temperance-educational, missionary and Sunday-school anniversary celebrations, and it is likely that the Sunday-school celebration will be addressed by Dr. O. S. Bakatel, of New York.

## MIDWINTER IN KENT.

A MADRIGAL.

Snow, snow, I'm sure I don't know,
What will become of us
If it don't go.

Still it is falling, oh! oh! oh!
It is past comprehension,
This cruel, white snow.

Whirling, dancing, eddying and so,
Flakes cover the earth
With a carpet of snow.

All traffic is over, we must stay home I trow,
And all because of the
Bewildering snow.

Alas! in its track, there is unheard of woe
For the poor and the helpless,
From cold, sweeping snow.

The telegraph poles, standing miles row by row,
Are festooned with garlands
Of wild winter snow.

Steam, the great power must humbly bend low
To the magical force of
Mid-winter snow.

Electricity falters, hesitates, ah! no,
Electricity defies
Her rival—the snow.

It is only the sun, with its glorious glow
That will melt the proud crown
Of the Queen of the snow.

ROSALIE MITCHELL SCHUYLER.

Betterton, Md., January 31st, 1905.

## SOCIAL NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Willson, near Rock Hall, gave a masquerade party to their friends at their home "Alton," Tuesday night but owing to the condition of the roads quite a large number were unable to attend. The house was beautifully illuminated and the guests were hospitably received by the host and hostess. Dancing was the feature of the evening. Music was beautifully rendered by Prof. Eugene Willson. The guests unmasked in the ball room amid great cheer and laughter about one hour proceeding refreshments, which consisted of sandwiches and coffee, to which all did justice. The merry party dispersed about 2 o'clock, all declaring themselves well paid for the ride over the snow banks. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Willson, Mrs. Julia Ringgold, Mrs. W. M. Willson, Mr. Paul Willson, Fred Holmes, Mrs. Sullivan, Loretta, Helen and Elmer Willson. The masked guests were our charming hostess as Mother Hubbard; Alice J. Willson, waiter; Mary Ringgold, Red-riding Hood; Lea Willson, Queen of Hearts; Sophia Willson, Judy; Maude DeFord, topsy; Nannie Willson, fairy; Blanche DeFord, Creole Belle; Bessie Willson, cards; Mary Strong, ghosts; Hattye Strong, gypsy; Nealie Willson, topsy; Lelia Reese, Maryland; Stella Biddle, Queen of Hearts; Maude Alridge, Japanese girl; Messrs. Will Camp, Meat Trust; Dr. Long, English gentleman; Raymond Walbert, dude; Jack Hughes, negro preacher; Geo. DeFord, hayseed; Edgar Strong, country lad; Millard Strong, tramp, Harry Smith, Uncle Sam; Wilmot Crosby, clown; Notley Willson, tramp; John, summer sport; Mack, butcher; Richard, Turk; Allan, ragman; Ernest, dusky dude; George, black clown; Bernard, little country girl. A GUEST.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hubbard celebrated the tin anniversary of their marriage at their residence, 2106 Mount Royal Terrace, Baltimore, last Monday evening. The house was beautifully decorated with American Beauty roses, red and white carnations and potted plants. The guests were entertained at music and euchre, after which they were regaled with a dinner of seasonable luxuries. Mr. Hubbard is secretary and treasurer of the Hubbard Fertilizer Company. The happy couple received many handsome and useful presents of tin and silver Monday night. Among those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard, of Chestertown, Md.; the Misses Evans and Mrs. Baldwin, of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Downes, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stilwell, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stonebraker, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Macy, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. George E. French, Mrs. and Miss Hulme, Miss Hanna, Miss Chase, Messrs. Roland Watts, William Thompson, George McAllister and Dr. Baskins.

Miss Dovie Connelly was given a party last Saturday evening at the home of her aunt, Miss Eva Connelly, cor. High and Water streets, in honor of her birthday. A number of her young lady and gentlemen friends had been invited, and had gathered to spend the evening of plasure and fun, which they surely did, to their hearts content. Those present were: Misses Augusta Aldridge, Bessie Westcott, Eloise Ringgold, Emma France Mary Whaland, Ethel Bacchus, Edith Harley, Mary Hines, Susie Dunbracco, Grace Brooks, Eva Beauchamp, Bessie Sheppard and Bessie Nicols and Messrs. Harry Nicols, Frank Garrison, William Greenwood, Medford Brooks, Parks Rasin, Howard Hopkins, Emory Coughlin, Norman Ward, J. H. S. White, Henry Wilson, Edgar McMaster, Robert Gill and Emmett Bryan. The evening was spent in dancing and playing of games and various kinds of amusements. Refreshments were served.

The "Formal Tea" given by Miss Mary Hines, at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. Frank Hines, cor. Maple avenue and Water street, last Saturday afternoon was indeed greatly enjoyed by many of her young friends. The receiving committee was: Misses Mary Hines, Grace Brooks, Eloise Ringgold, and Augusta Aldridge. Among those present were: Misses Rose Vickers, Frances and Estella Anthony, Anna Wroth, Lillian Stam, Reba Strong, Mary Whaland, Susie Dunbracco, Emma France, Bessie Westcott, Dovie Connelly, Eva Beauchamp, Louisa Urie, Ethel Bacchus and Bessie Sheppard. The dining room was beautifully and tastefully decorated and trimmed, and refreshments consisting of ices, cake, confectionery, salied, almonds and chocolate were freely partaken of and enjoyed by all present.

### FAIRLEE DANCE.

The young men of Fairlee gave a delightful dance in Fairlee Hall last Friday evening. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. L. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nicols, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kilbourne, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Smyth, Misses Sophie and Bertie Beck, Mildred Crawford, Blanche Smith, May Morgan, May Sutton, Maude and Blanche DeFord, Mary and Hattie Strong, Bessie Nicols, Anna Willson, Mary Coppage and Messrs. Harry Nicols, Hynson Beck Joseph Brice, George DeFord, Ringgold Jones, Noble Coppage, Frank and Wickes Sappington, Edgar Strong, Sterling Evans, Earle Nicholson, Dr. Frank Smith, Harvey Morris, Paul Massey, Edward Hepbron, Parks Rasin, and Carey Rhinehart. Refreshments of salads, coffee, pickes and Maryland biscuit were served.

Mrs. George Brice entertained at cards at the residence of her father, Mr. J. K. Aldridge, on Water Street, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Helen Kent Shaw gave a charming dinner to a few of her friends at the home of Capt. Robt. S. Emory near town on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Wm. W. Beck entertained at luncheon on Thursday afternoon a few friends in honor of Mrs. Helen Kent Shaw and her daughter, Miss Helen Shaw.

Mrs. Dr. J. Lane Finley will entertain at grogressive euchre this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Annie H. Stam.

Miss Mary Flemming entertained a few of her friends at a delightful afternoon tea, at her home of Front street, on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Allen A. Harris entertained her friends very pleasantly on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jervis Spencer on Front street.

## CONFESSES THE CRIME.

### John M. Simpers, Now Serving an Eight-Year Sentence in the Penitentiary for Horse Stealing, Makes a Full and Complete Confession of the Murder of Albert Constable.

A full confession of the murder of Mr. Albert Constable, the well-known Elkton lawyer, last August, was made Monday night and Tuesday by John M. Simpers, the convict in the Maryland Penitentiary, who has been suspected of the crime by the Baltimore police for several weeks. The confession was made voluntarily, first to Warden Weyler and later to the Warden, Marshal Farnan, Deputy Marshal Manning, Mr. Albert Constable, Jr., the son of the murdered man, and State's Attorney Squier, of Cecil county.

The confession was sworn to by Simpers before Justice of the Peace George M. Johnson, and is in full as follows:

"The following confession was made under no threats, neither was any promise made to me whatever as to immunity from punishment or lightening of sentence.

"I was in Elkton after a horse when the murder of Mr. Constable took place. Mr. Constable was very close to me coming back over the hill, when the thought came into my mind to hold him up and rob him. I was in need of money, having lost all I had by gambling. I did not intend to shoot Mr. Constable or kill him. The first time I shot I aimed in an entirely different direction; the second time I shot in the air, and the third shot I fired close to him to scare him, not intending to kill him.

"He asked if I wanted money, and I said 'Yes.' He told me he only had a quarter, and threw it to me. I told him to throw his watch along with it, and he did. Then he commenced to groan, and I asked him where he was shot, and he said he thought he was shot in the head. He asked me to tell the colored people up the road that he was wounded, and I stopped and halloed to someone in a yard that there was a sick man down the road and he wanted them to come down.

Then I went up the road, crossed Ford's cornfields and went across our own place, where Richard Owens lives, then over to Iron Hill and took the 8.28 train to Wilmington. I went from Wilmington to Philadelphia in the trolley. I pawned the watch at Rider's pawnshop under the name of Clark. I lost the chain. I do not remember what became of the pawn ticket.

JOHN M. SIMPERS.

CONFESSION A SURPRISE.

The confession of Simpers was a surprise to the authorities, but he had been hounded so closely by the wily detectives, Weaver and Dougherty, of the Baltimore force, who deserve the greatest credit for the manner in which they have handled the case, that he was driven to confess. He will be taken to Elkton for indictment by the Grand Jury of Cecil county, and will be held in the penitentiary or in the Elkton jail for trial.

A reward of $1500 was offered for the capture of the murderer, but owing to strict regulations in the Baltimore Police department, no officer or detective belonging to the force is allowed to accept a reward. It is thought, however, that owing to the excellent work of detectives Weaver and Dougherty, the regulations will be waived in their case and they will be allowed to receive the reward. They declare that Keeper Riggin, of the Maryland penitentiary, is entitled to a third of the rewerd, because of valuable information furnished by him regarding Simpers. The murderer is 22 years old and has a mother living in Elkton, to whom he has written asking her to secure good counsel to defend him. He says in his confession that he did not intend to kill Mr. Constable. His object was robbery. The TRANSCRIPT was the first in Chestertown to announce the confession of Simpers by bulletin on Tuesday afternoon.

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