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Let the keynote of our Christmas be love—"peace on earth, good will to men." Let those whom God hath blessed with plenty see to it that their neighbors and friends have good cheer and abundance to make their hearts glad.

A young woman in Gilman City, Illinois, has resigned her position as teacher in the public schools for the purpose of going as a missionary to Africa. Why should she go so far when Chicago is so near, where there are more heathens to the square yard than there are in Africa to the twelve square miles? Strange ideas of missionary work these school marms have.

Let us rally around the standard of youth, remembering that the future of our country shall be what we young people make it. Let us show our fathers and mothers that the boys and girls of today shall be ready to stand forth fully equipped men and women of tomorrow. Let us show them the rising generation which is following in their footsteps is fully competent to succeed them and shoulder the responsibility of the farm, the home and the nation.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., of Chicago, have been indicted in the Federal courts for using the mails for fraudulent advertisements, and thereby defrauding the public. This concern, it is said, does the largest business of any retail house in this country, [illegible] of which are mail [illegible] of this county [illegible] and holding [illegible] for [illegible]

[illegible] from [illegible] brought out at the investigation [illegible] majority of them must have been defrauded.

It is much better to buy of the home merchant, who has honesty, responsibility and reputation back of his representation, than to fly to those you know not.

CRITICISM ON "THE OBSERVER."

The editor of the OBSERVER recently had occasion to write J. Knox Hall, Tuxion, Md., a special newspaper correspondent, who claims to write for more papers than any other man living, and, who, consequently, receives more papers than any one else, and, therefore, should be a good judge of a newspaper. As Mr. Hall has been receiving the OBSERVER for several months we asked him for a criticism on it, as compared with other weekly papers throughout this country, and on Monday last received the following reply, which needs no comment from us.

"You ask for a criticism on the OBSERVER and we take it for granted you want it to be honest, so we will "Hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may."

In the first place, you are giving your readers a two dollar paper for just one half that price. You can never expect to wear diamonds while you continue this practice. We receive hundreds of $2 papers each week that will not compare with the OBSERVER in any respect. We mail you a sample copy to prove our words true.

Every article you use in producing your paper has more than doubled in price during the past three years. What would you think of a farmer, who, when pork doubled in price, would keep on selling his hogs at the same old price? That is just what you are doing. Your paper is a credit to Centreville. It is newsy, clean, and people at a distance, who judge a town by its paper, would imagine Centreville was a young Baltimore. To be honest, we can find nothing in the OBSERVER to criticise, not even it politics, except the subscription price, which is just half what it should be. If your price will permit you to have a turkey for Christmas we hope it may be tender and fat and that the New Year may come to you freighted with prosperity. Hoping you will accept our criticism in the kindly spirit in which it is given, we are,"

[illegible] with your [illegible]

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

This is the season of good cheer. The season of the holly and the mistletoe—the time for bright and generous impulses—for gladsome greetings—a time for noble resolves to be born—a time for old animosities to die—a time when the best and gentle side of one's nature should eclipse the sordid side—a time when the thoughts should be turned toward home—a time when the usual chains of business should be loosened. A time when the child with golden curls and the man with silvered locks, alike, cry "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will to men." These words have been chanted by all Christian nations since the infant Jesus slept in a rude manger in Bethlehem. The organ in the grand cathedral has pealed forth these words and the hearts of the worshippers have been filled with adoration; those treading the flowerless paths of poverty echo the praises. The poor mother in her hovel, as she bends over the embers of her dering embers upon the dessert and hearth, and weeps over the stockings of her neglected children, even she hears the strains in the distance, and her plaintive voicting on the full of want, joins in the chorus. Perhaps this mother is thinking of the Christmas days in her girlhood, when plenty crowned the board and these memories may be feeding her hungry heart. Theologians have cavil over the date and origin of this day, but we will hold our Christmas [illegible]

CONTEMPLATED PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

In response to the demand of every Grand Jury for the past [illegible] or more years, as well as a well-defined sentiment throughout the county, Senator-elect J. Frank Harper will [illegible] a bill to be submitted to the session of the Legislature to [illegible] the county for a sufficient sum of money to erect a suitable and substantial jail and jail residence. [illegible] present structure [illegible]

[illegible] for the past five or six years [illegible] the time has arrived, [illegible] common consent, action must be taken to replace the present jail and residence with one in keeping with the demands of our county.

We reproduce the report of the Grand Jury for the May term of Court 1907, which report is but an endorsement of the reports of every preceding Grand Jury for years:

"We have visited the jail and examined the same, also the outlying property belonging thereto. We found the premises in a neat and cleanly condition, but the interior of the jail, that portion in which the prisoners are confined, is in a most unsanitary and unhealthy condition.

In the room in which is located the bath room and toilet, we found the floor covered with water and in some portions to the extent of one inch in depth; due, it is said by the Sheriff, to a leak in the inflow pipes.

Several attempts have been made to remedy this leakage, but without success. Such a condition should not longer exist, and a remedy should be found therefore. In several of the cells the plastering is in a very dilapidated condition, and, in our judgment, the outer brick walls are in such a condition as to make escape most easy. A careful and general inspection of the entire building leads us to but one conclusion, and that is that repairing of the present building is impracticable. We, therefore, urgently recommend and advise that during the next session of the Legislature such measure shall be enacted as will enable the county to build a new jail, either upon the present site or on such site as shall be selected."

It is estimated that fifteen thousand dollars would be sufficient to make this improvement, which could be liquidated at the rate of $1,000 a year, so that it would not be burdensome to the taxpayers, as at this time the interest and all would amount to more than two cents on the $100 each year. While Mr. Harper is not considering any further public improvement, in connection with the proposed bill, yet it is being strongly urged that this bill be made to provide for the modeling of the present Court House, as it is believed that by the expenditure of something like $10,000 would be made to meet all requirements. With the removal of the Town Hall, ample room will be in back of the Court House for any contemplated improvements at a [illegible]

[illegible] Mrs. Wm. C. Cook [illegible] earth to the marriage of [illegible] ter, Miss Mary Frances, [illegible] W. Nesion. The wedding was solemnized at Calvary [illegible] Hayden, at 1.30 P. [illegible] day, December 25, 1907. [illegible] Sparks, only daughter [illegible] Mrs. J. F. Sparks, of [illegible] and Mr. John Sparks, [illegible] quietly married by Rev. [illegible] at the parsonage in [illegible] on Wednesday of last [illegible] and Mrs. Sparks will [illegible] Sudlersville, where the [illegible] engaged in farming.

[illegible] man B. Taylor, a prominent and large land owner [illegible] Election district, made [illegible] trust to J. H. C. Legg, [illegible] Monday. A large estate [illegible] and the stringency in [illegible] market is said to be the [illegible] assignment. This will [illegible] market some of the [illegible] in the county.

[illegible] the stockholders of the Centreville [illegible] Power, Company [illegible] when all the work has [illegible] completed on the plant and [illegible] Centreville will possess the [illegible] system on the [illegible] Many have decided [illegible] use of the electric [illegible] account of their dying [illegible] in her girlhood, but the reason for this [illegible] that a sufficient number of [illegible] transformers are not in use, [illegible] the necessary number [illegible] since been ordered and [illegible] from the West they have not [illegible] arrived. They furthermore [illegible] when these transformers [illegible] in the proper places, as [illegible] immediately upon arrival [illegible] be practically impossible [illegible] lights to go out, with [illegible] two dynamos and two [illegible] ways in readiness, so that [illegible] out the other is ready [illegible] place.

[illegible] High School Notes.

[illegible] chairs that are comfortable [illegible] Manual Training Department [illegible] High [illegible] Margin [illegible]

[illegible] Music [illegible] musical [illegible] out in [illegible] Centreville, Curie [illegible] hymn, No. [illegible] Corbin; [illegible] Berthold [illegible] "King O [illegible] Kyrie Ele[illegible] in R [illegible] "Hark [illegible] Offertory, [illegible] theme, Mr. [illegible] Nunc Di[illegible] T. Field; [illegible] Postlude; [illegible] W. Stan[illegible] W. Derr, [illegible]

[illegible] Nothing [illegible] Ointment [illegible] Ala.

[illegible] Adeste [illegible] in C [illegible] bliate [illegible] Day, [illegible] begin[illegible] Paul's [illegible] Day, [illegible] begin[illegible]

[illegible] ICE TO [illegible]

—Two cluster electric lights in front of each show window have been placed on the clothing store of Mr. J. S. Morris. These brilliant lights greatly enhance the appearance of the windows, and show up the goods inside to the best possible advantage.

—Wm. O'Donnell, who was placed in Centreville jail by Constable Dunn, of Church Hill, several days ago, charged with stealing a dress suit case from Mr. Wm. Townsend, at Townsend, Delaware, was taken to Wilmington last Saturday afternoon by Detective Harry I. Gillen, of the Wilmington Detective Bureau. O'Donnell was arrested at Millington, but was placed in Centreville jail to await the action of the Delaware authorities, who will investigate the charge.

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J. FRANK HARPER,
1J08 Attorney at Law, Centreville, Md.

Notice to Delinquents

OWING to the fact that I have sold the Centreville Mill and will discontinue the business, I request all delinquents to settle accounts on or before January 1, 1908, as I desire to close my books. Respectfully,
D20-3 W. C. PALMATARY.

LEGAL HOLIDAY

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day), being a legal holiday, the Queen Anne's National Bank of Centreville will be closed. Notes maturing on that day must be arranged for.
E. PENINGTON, Cashier.

LEGAL HOLIDAY

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day), being a legal holiday, the Centreville National Bank of Maryland will be closed. Notes maturing on that day must be arranged for.
J. FLETCHER ROLPH, Cashier.

LEGAL HOLIDAY.

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day), being a legal holiday, the Church Hill Bank of Maryland will be closed. Notes maturing on that day must be arranged for.
NELSON J. BROWN, Cashier.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Stockholders of the Sudlersville Bank of Maryland will meet at their Banking House, Sudlersville, Queen Anne's county, Maryland, on

MONDAY, JANUARY 13th, 1908,

for the election of Directors of the said Bank for the ensuing year. Polls open at 11 o'clock A. M. and close at 12 o'clock noon.
D20-4 J. LEMUEL ROBERTS, Cashier.

ORDER NISI.

In the Trust Estate of George W. Seward.
In the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, in Equity. Cause No. 1756.

ORDERED, by the Circuit for Queen Anne's County, in Equity, and by the authority thereof, this 16th day of December, in the year 1907, that the Report of Sale of the Personal Property of George W. Seward, made and reported by James T. Earle, trustee in the above entitled cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 17th day of February, 1908; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Queen Anne's County, aforesaid, once in each of two successive weeks before the 16th day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $250.00.

Filed Dec. 16th, 1907.
D20-3 SAMUEL SENEY, Clerk.
True copy—Test: SAMUEL SENEY, Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Queen Anne's County letters of administration on the estate of

GEORGE W. KANE,

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned

On or before the 20th day of July, 1908,

otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

Given under my hand and seal the 18th day of December, in the year 1907.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

E. H. BROWN, JR.,
D20-4 Administrator.
True copy: R. W. THOMAS, Reg. of Wills
Test.: R. W. THOMAS, Reg. of Wills

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Queen Anne's county letters testamentary on the estate of

JAMES H. GUESSFORD,

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned

On or before the 20th day of July, 1908,

otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

Given under my hand and seal the 5th day of September, in the year 1907.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

WM. McKENNEY, Executor.
D20-4
True copy: R. W. THOMAS, Reg. of Wills
Test: R. W. THOMAS, Reg. of Wills

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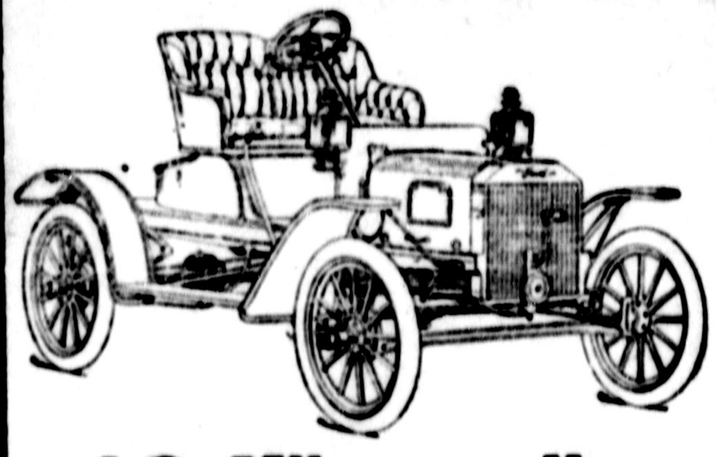

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