

THE LOCAL NEWS FIELD.

Interesting Question in the Orphans' Court. The special session of the Orphans' Court here Tuesday was held in the hearing of the matter of exception filed by John E. Dempster, insolvent trustee of Robert H. Hughes, to the sale made and reported by William T. Kelly and Charles L. Wilson, administrators c. l. a. of the late Robert H. Hughes. The case involves a rather interesting question in testamentary law. Robert H. Hughes was left executor in the will of Robert H. Ewing, and, having failed to settle up the estate in the time prescribed by law and in the meantime being declared insolvent debtor, his letters were revoked by the Orphans' Court and William T. Kelly and Charles L. Wilson appointed in his place and ordered to sell certain leasehold property in the village of Savage, Sixth district. This property, Mr. Kelly claims to have acquired the title to as an individual while he was executor, by virtue of deeds from the residuary legatees. It was shown in evidence that the legatees had no knowledge of the fact that the property was being sold, and that when these deeds were made there was an indebtedness against the estate of \$1,800. The question was as to whether deeds executed by residuary legatees to an executor could hold good as against existing creditors. The process of the court decided that the deeds were not good, and that the property remained unadministered and ordered the sale of the property. Mr. John E. Dempster, who presented the insolvent estate of Robert H. Hughes, claims that the deeds passed title to Hughes, and that he, as the insolvent trustee, has the exclusive right to make a sale of the property. The administrators and creditors are represented by Mr. Charles K. Dorsey. The hearing was resumed on Wednesday.

Ed. Kerney and "Tug" Wilson, two notorious burglars and railroad robbers who have been in the jail here for some time awaiting trial at the March term of court, and a colored prisoner named Josh Hammond, who was serving a term of three months, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, were taken to the "Clock" Sunday evening by clicking the locks. Late in the evening Hammond returned, preferring the jail to the uncertainties of tramp life in the neighborhood. The first intention of the warden to have had of their escape was a noise made by them as they were leaving the jail, and, thinking something was wrong, inmates of the jail were alerted and found the three men missing. Mr. Gerhart then notified Chief of Police James E. Vansant, who, with several other officers, went to the jail to discover the refugees. Kerney and Wilson are notorious for their daring robberies and have been tried at this court a number of times for burglarizing railroad stations, &c.

What Club's Seventh Meet. The seventh meeting of the Senior Whist Club of Howard county, held at Oving's Glen, the residence of Dr. Thos. B. Owings, at 7:30 P. M. on Wednesday evening. The hostess was Miss Nellie Kalkman. At the end of the session the club adjourned at 2 A. M.

Retreatments were served at 11 P. M. The menu was broiled oysters, hot rolls, coffee, chocolate, cakes, ice cream, lemons and fruit. Those present were: Of the club, Misses Nellie Kalkman, Rebecca and Lizette Owings, Ethel and Alice Groverman, Mary Hammond, Eleanor Hodges, Elizabeth Weems, Messrs. William Dorsey, Marion P. Hays, and Dr. Thos. B. Owings. Mr. W. Dorsey, the guests were Prof. Chapman Maupin, Michael Groverman, John Hodges and Joseph Dugan.

Mad Dogs in the Third District. Hydrophobia has prevailed to an unusual degree among dogs of Howard county during the present year. Within the past week a score or more of dogs said to have been affected with rabies have been killed in the Third district of this county. A dog belonging to Mr. William Musgrove, near that place, a few days ago suddenly exhibited symptoms of hydrophobia, and before being killed traversed the neighborhood, attacking and biting other animals that came in its path. The wholesale slaughter of the bitten dogs was resorted to as the only effectual means of preventing a further spread of the disease.

Patents Granted to Marylanders. List of patents granted to citizens of Maryland for the week ending Dec. 10, 1895, reported expressly for THE TIMES through the Patent and Law Offices of O. D. Duffy, 707 G. St. N. W., Washington, D. C. Thomas C. Hackett, Queen Anne, hmc; W. F. Beasley, Baltimore, indicator lock; R. S. Crawford, Hagerstown, running gear for bicycles; C. F. Fisher and E. M. McEwen, Baltimore, anti-filling bottle stopper; C. F. Munson, Baltimore, mail collecting system; S. M. Schindler, Baltimore, water pump; B. T. Winchester, Baltimore, vital case.

Seriously Burned. David Turner, a colored farmer of near Hagerstown, was the victim of a peculiar accident Tuesday night. He had been suffering from an attack of rheumatism, and before retiring secured a quantity of gasoline oil, and, placing it near a burning lamp, proceeded to undress his body. It was not long before he was ablaze, the oil having ignited from the lamp. His cries brought to his assistance the members of his family, who, with great difficulty, succeeded in smothering the flames. The flesh, almost to his arms, was burnt to a crisp, and he is not expected to live.

Election of Officers. At a meeting of the Catholic Benevolent Legion of St. Paul's Church, the following officers were elected for 1896: President, Frank J. O'Brien; vice-president, Richard J. Jansen; orator, John Sullivan; secretary, Matthew Powers; collector, H. J. Wallenhorst; treasurer and chaplain, Rev. P. B. Tarr; nurse, John F. Gross; guard, James P. Henvey; and organist, O'Brien, Gerhard Butke and John Mahon; representative to Maryland State Council, Gerhard Butke; alternate, Henry Temk; medical examiner, Dr. B. J. Byrne.

A Significant Departure. With the departure of another year, a review of the past year's events thought to be given to the physical body which enables everyone to battle with the problems and figure for themselves the profit or loss in the trial balance sheet. Though the bank account may be large and each one's material gain be great, it would not be surprising if it suddenly shows upon the debit side that health has been greatly impoverished by the low condition of the blood. It is in this state that the lacteal acid in the vital fluids attacks the nervous system, particularly the joints, making known the local manifestations of rheumatism. Thousands of people have found in Hood's Serravallo's Great Blood Purifier a positive and permanent cure for rheumatism.

At 1:25 P. M. Washington and National. The B. & O. R. R. Co. will sell excursion tickets from Baltimore to Washington for all trains of Saturday, Dec. 14, and Sunday, Dec. 15, at \$1.25 for the round trip, valid for return passage until following Monday.

Local and Miscellaneous.

Mr. Upton W. Dorsey, of the Fifth district of Howard county, has declined the nomination for the position of manager of the House of Correction, now occupied by Mr. Jesse Moore. Mr. Dorsey is a representative farmer, and is well known in the district. He has been elected only the Howard county delegates, but also of Hon. James A. Gary and a number of other leading Republicans of the district.

Nathan Dorsey, born in slavery near Ellicott City, died at Norristown, Montgomery county, Tuesday night last. He had been a resident of Norristown for the past thirty years and was regarded as an extremely old character. It was his custom to tell of the many pranks he played when a boy in the early part of the century.

"Walnut Grove," the homestead of the late Hon. John S. Watkins, near Clarksville, containing 107 1/2 acres, was sold on Tuesday last for \$8,250. The estate is situated on the back of the place known as Limestone Valley, and is considered one of the finest in the county.

Work was commenced Wednesday on the new car factory of Messrs. Oppenheim, Oberdorfer & Co., here. Messrs. Werner Bros. have the contract for the grading and stone work, and Mr. W. J. Wideman will do the carpenter work, by the day. The building will have a capacity for 200 operatives.

An oyster supper will be held in the hall over the store of Mr. W. H. J. Wilson on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, 17th and 18th, instant. The proceeds will go for the benefit of Providence M. E. Church South, near Co. Wm. J. Wilson.

Prof. Frederick C. Wines, at present delivering a course of lectures at Johns Hopkins, spent a night at the Presbyterian parsonage in this city, on Wednesday last. The parsonage was followed by college students at Princeton during the war.

Correspondents sending us their favors should be careful not to send them too many. Many times reach us Tuesday evening, and Friday morning is too late to insure the insertion of much matter as we must be ready for press at noon.

Mr. H. C. Griffith has given up the residence of Mrs. A. J. Lambert, near Glenloch, and will open an office at Alexandria, Va., to which place he expects to remove. Mr. Neal Holm will continue the business here, taking the place of Mr. Griffith. Mr. Elmer M. Harn can attest to the firmness of our streets. The ice caused their heels to suddenly seek a horizontal position. The first time they were on the ice they had of their escape was a noise made by them as they were leaving the jail, and, thinking something was wrong, inmates of the jail were alerted and found the three men missing.

The residence of Senator Gorman near Laurel, was burglarized Wednesday night. Everything in the house was ransacked and turned upside down, and it was not known what was taken.

We trust those of our subscribers getting bills for subscription will promptly send the money. We are needing much to do and need it badly to meet maturing bills.

The passenger trains Thursday afternoon were blocked by a freight wreck at Sykesville. Passengers were expected to be wrecked until a free passage was made.

The pardon of Frank Moore, convicted in the Howard County Court of robbery and sentenced to seven years in the State Penitentiary, has been received at the Clerk's office.

The snow storm made it hard on travel Thursday. Several horses fell down and one belonging to Mr. George R. Hays was slightly injured on the Columbia pike.

Mr. H. O. Devries delivered an able address before the Maryland State Grange which opened its session at the residence of Mr. Mally O'Neil, Co. Baltimore, on Tuesday.

Those on the sick list this week are: Mrs. Jas. Hilton of Fell's ave., Mr. Francis M. Hays, Mr. H. J. Hays and Miss Pauline Mayfield, of Greystone.

Rev. J. D. Kinzer, president of the Maryland Annual Conference of the M. F. Church, preached for Rev. J. F. Brantley yesterday at the residence of Oella M. H. Sunday school will hold its Christmas entertainment in Patapsco M. P. Church, on Dec. 24th at 7:30 P. M. Admission 10 cents.

A suitable reward will be paid for the return of the lost saddle containing money, by Mrs. C. G. Carr, Highland. See special notices.

Prof. and Mrs. Albert Meyer, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Mary McLaughlin and family of this city.

Miss Katie McLaughlin, who has been sojourning the past month with her sister, Mrs. Albert Meyer, of Baltimore, has returned to her home in this city.

SYKESVILLE NEWS.

SYKESVILLE, Dec. 12.—McDonald's Hall was the scene of an enthusiastic Democratic meeting on Thursday night. Dr. J. W. Hering, Democratic senatorial candidate, and Messrs. Henning and Plunk were the speakers. The Republicans were defeated in the election on Saturday night, 14th inst. Able speakers will be present.

Rev. Father Fowler returned this week from Massachusetts where he had been visiting his parents. He reports severe winter weather in that state—snow deep and sleighing good.

Another switch will soon be added to the lumber and coal yards of Messrs. W. H. D. Warfield & Co. The present facilities are inadequate to meet the demands of their extensive business.

The farm of the late Daniel G. Gray three miles east of this place, was sold on Saturday last to Mr. A. F. Arrington.

Rev. Dr. Purcell, Democrat, and Mr. Asa Hepburn, Republican, attended delegates to the nominating conventions for State Senator at Westminster on Monday last.

Mr. T. Schultz spent the past week in Baltimore visiting friends. The barrel party held at the home of Mrs. E. M. Mellor under the auspices of the W. H. J. Wilson, was a grand success. Mrs. Mellor has been president of the organization since its existence here and through her untiring efforts, assisted by the valuable services of her co-workers, the organization has become one of the leading Christian endeavors of this section.

Mr. S. Barnes spent last Sunday at Mt. Airy. Report has it that Mr. Pennington T. Bennett will be the next chief justice of our town.

The depot lot improvements are being pushed rapidly forward. An enjoyable oyster roast was given by Mrs. W. H. J. Wilson, on Wednesday night last at Wm. J. Wilson's.

Mrs. Montgomery Chronister lies dangerously ill at her home here.

GLENWOOD. GLENWOOD, Dec. 11.—The farmers' club met at Glenwood on the 2nd inst. The club is progressing rapidly. Three new members were admitted, G. C. Stewart, Marshall Warfield and H. J. Wolfe. Mr. Stinson being the orator of the evening did justice to the occasion. The inspection committee for next meeting to inspect Mr. H. C. Hobb's farm are Prof. Warfield, C. D. Warfield and Wm. Stinson. The date of the meeting will be announced later.

Mr. S. Shultz, who has been so sick at his home, "Longwood," is still critically ill.

Miss Nettie Snowden, of Laurel, is visiting her aunt, Miss Louisa V. Warfield, near the home of Mr. W. J. Warfield.

Mr. L. G. Matthews has gone to Atlanta, Ga., where he expects to remain permanently.

Police officer Miss Dorsey is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dorsey, near Co. Wm. J. Wilson.

OAKLAND MILLS. OAKLAND MILLS, Dec. 10.—Many of our farmers have now finished lifting their crops. Owing to a very dry summer the yield is below an average crop, indeed in some fields it is only half a crop.

Mr. Frank O'Neil, one of the O'Neil Bros. has nearly completed a new residence on the farm purchased of Geo. M. Johnson.

There was an oyster supper held at the residence of Mr. Wm. J. Wilson, on Wednesday evening last, for the benefit of the church on Wednesday evening last, Dec. 4. There was a good turnout and a liberal sum realized.

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THE BOULEVARD LINE.

DESTINED, PROBABLY, TO FORM A LINK IN A THROUGH LINE SOUTH. The Columbia and Maryland Railway, from Baltimore to Washington, thought to be the commencement of a great Electric System—The Air Line to cross between Belts and Orange Grove—The Work Progressing rapidly.

It is not the custom of capitalists and financiers, when they see a good thing, to go around with a brass band proclaiming their knowledge. They are apt to "saw wood" and do their talking later.

The local promoter of the Columbia and Maryland line has had their good intentions and reasons for working quietly in their project, but, at last, they are willing to announce some of the things which they hope to accomplish.

This line is the American pioneer of electric trunk line railroads. It is the nucleus of a great system which will connect New York and New Orleans.

To convert the route of what the Columbia and Maryland Railway Company, is, it may be well to state the properties and franchises which have an ownership practically in the hands of the American people of the line to which allusion, thus far, has been made.

The Maryland and Washington Railway Company. The Eckington and Soldier's Home Railway Company, of Washington, D. C. The Belt Railroad Company, of Washington, D. C.

The Baltimore and Washington Turnpike Company, of Baltimore. The Edmondson Avenue, Catonsville and Ellicott City Railway Company. The Catonsville Short Line Railway Company.

The directors of the Columbia and Maryland line are as follows: John D. Hubner, D. M. Newbold, John M. Taylor, T. Edward Hamilton, B. N. Baker, George Yaker, R. Stanley Carswell and Charles Helm, of Baltimore, and W. L. Mansfield, of Washington, D. C.

The directors of the construction company are: John D. Hubner, D. M. Newbold, G. Yaker, S. F. Tyler, R. S. Carswell, T. Edward Hamilton, John Ritout and Colonel Henry T. Douglas. There is an advisory board of construction, composed of Thomas M. Lananah, T. Edward Hamilton, W. L. Elkins, P. A. B. Widenor and Thomas Dolan. Colonel Douglas is president, and Mr. Hamilton is secretary and treasurer.

The work in which the company is immediately engaged is the building of the main line of road between Washington and Baltimore, and the Edmondson Avenue, Catonsville and Ellicott City line, of which Mr. George Yaker is president, and Mr. William L. Layfield secretary and treasurer.

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STATUTE OF MARYLAND.

Anne Arundel farmers are losing many horses by cholera. Kent-county peach-growers are digging up trees to decrease their acreage. They are cutting them as fast as they can crop, owing to the enormous overstock when all the trees are in bearing.

The Legislature may be petitioned to reopen certain oyster bars in South river which have been closed during the season. There is an immense growth on the bars, and they ought to be left undisturbed for another year or two.

Bishop A. W. Wayman, senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was stricken with paralysis of the heart on the 30th ult., at his residence, No. 1129 East Baltimore street, and died within ten days.

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MAYFIELD MUSINGS.

Mr. Geo. W. Stansfield and Miss Haberbert were the guests of Mr. E. L. Amoss here last evening.

Mr. Geo. Wolfe has returned home from Columbia where he has been doing some building for Mr. U. H. Bloom. Mrs. Thos. H. Rogers of the Sixteen Mile House, is reported quite ill.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH AT OZELLA, J. F. Bryan, Pastor.—Preaching on Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subject for adult: Sermon on the people. Sunday School at 2 P. M. Class at 2 P. M. Y. P. S. C. E. on Monday at 7:30 P. M. Pastor's prayer meeting on Thursday at 7:30 P. M. Preaching at Jonestown on Sunday at 3 P. M. Preaching at Thistle on Sunday at 7:30 P. M. by Mr. Alexander Clark.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, H. Branch, Pastor.—Preaching at the residence of Miss Blaine Society meets at the residence of Dr. James E. Shreve, Saturday, 3:00 P. M. Service preparatory to Communion, Sunday, 11:00 A. M. Preaching and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, 8:00 P. M., preaching at Oakland Mills, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M., prayer meeting.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH, D. M. Brown, Pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Evening at 7:30 P. M. "Whom findeth a wife findeth a good thing." Song service at 7 o'clock.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 16.—Engagement of the distinguished actor, Alexander Salvini. Alexander Salvini, whose brilliant and artistic performances of romantic and classic drama have placed him in the front ranks of leading actors, will be the attraction of the week ending December 16. Mr. Salvini brings a splendid company and the plays will be given magnificent production. His repertoire is large and contains all the best characterizations. During the week he will appear for the first time in Baltimore in a masterly interpretation of "Hamlet," a role in which he has met with exceptional success in every city he has visited. "The Three Guardsmen," "Ruy Blas," "Don Caesar de Bazan" and "Monte Cristo."

Major C. T. Pickett is manager of the State Hotel, at Denton, Texas, which the traveling men say is one of the best in the West. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy Major Pickett says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years and have never known a case of diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it, and have frequently advised it to order from your newspaper in advance."

On Saturday, December 21, by Bruner R. Anderson, an improved tract of 45 acres, at Dorsey's Station, B. & O. R. W. B. Peter.

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Holiday Cards.

Wishes to announce that during the Holidays she will keep constantly on hand at her stand in Ellicott City a SELECT STOCK OF BEEF, MUTTON, VEAL, SAUSAGE, HAMS, &c., AT BOTTOM PRICES. Orders filled from Wagons.

CHRISTIAN ECKERT. —HOWARD HOUSE.— OYSTERS! OYSTERS! OYSTERS!!! —IN EVERY STYLE.— Palettes supplied in large or small quantities for the Christmas holidays.

H. D. DUNKEL & BRO. —A FIRST-CLASS LINE OF— CHRISTMAS GOODS.— WILL BE FOUND —AT THE STORE OF— H. D. DUNKEL & BRO., COR. MAIN STREET AND HILTON AVE.

MRS. MARGARET HOLTMAN. —A FULL LINE OF— GROCERIES.— OYSTERS! OYSTERS!!! —SERVED ON SOLE IN QUANTITY.— WINES, LIQUORS, BEER, CIGARS, &c. MAIN STREET, ELLICOTT CITY, MD.

EDWARD E. MALONE, OPPOSITE HOWARD HOUSE, IS NOW READY TO SUPPLY THE PUBLIC WITH OLD MONTICELLO, ROXBURY AND BIANCHIO WHISKIES; ALSO GINS, SHERWOODS AND RUM. A full line of CIGARS and TOBACCOES. EIGENBROT BEER ON DRAUGHT or sold in Bottles for family use.

AUGUST DILLER, GROCERY AND BAKERY, MAIN STREET, ELLICOTT CITY, MD. (Edward Norris' Old Stand.) FLOUR, FEED, BUCKWHEAT and a GENERAL LINE of GROCERIES. FRESH BREAD, CAKES, PIES, &c., always on hand. ALSO CONFECTORY. Goods delivered to any part of town.

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