THE LOCAL NEWS FIELD.

Two Damage Suits.

Anna Westphal, widow of the late Frederick Westphal, of Howard county, and her three children, by Wm. Colton, attorney, has brought suit in the Court of Common Pleas, Baltimore, against Receivers Cowen and Murray, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, claiming $30,000 damages, on account of the death of her husband, who was killed by the cars on January 21 last, on the Washington road, at Elkridge Landing, while driving a horse and wagon over the crossing. The horse was also killed, and the wagon demolished. It is alleged that there was no warning given at the approach of the train.

In the same court Harry Dubovsky, by B. H. Hartogensis, attorney, has brought suit against James Epstein and Meyer Shapiro, trading as J. Epstein & Co., for $5,000 damages for the alleged illegal closing of the store of the plaintiff at Ellicott City without waiting for the sheriff to foreclose under a mortgage given by Dubovsky and taking of goods not covered by the mortgage, and forcing Dubovsky to make an assignment for the benefit of creditors by such action.

Transfer of Lighting Franchise.

The Mayor and City Council of this city have closed a contract with the Catonsville Ice, Light and Power Company for the lighting of the town for a period of five years, furnishing an all night service. The price to be paid is $2,000, for the good will and franchise, the old company retaining the plant, to be disposed of as the company chooses. The contract begins June 1, 1898, and in the meantime it is stipulated that the Catonsville Company will build the power house in or near Ellicott City, which, it is said, will cost $40,000. The company proposes to furnish Woodstock College, St. Charles College, the large hotel here, Patapsco Heights, and also Rock Hill College. The present company, which has been in operation for the past six years, will continue to supply the city from its plant until the new one is finished. It is stated the new plant will be able to furnish electricity for 18 miles around.

Guy Brothers' Minstrels.

The celebrated Guy Brothers held the boards at the Olsten Opera House Wednesday evening to a fine audience. The performances throughout were first-class in every particular, and were thoroughly enjoyed by the well-filled house. The Guy Brothers are cultured singers and musicians, and in their various roles elicited rounds of applause. The Flood Brothers, in their wonderful acrobatic feats, caught the attention of everybody and held it throughout every appearance. They are certainly wonders in their particular line. Taken as a whole, it was unquestionably one of the best shows that has struck the town in a long time. Col. Turner, the veteran manager of the opera house, seldom makes a mistake in the engagement of his companies, and this fact has become pretty well known to the play-goers of Sistersville.—West Va Daily

The Guy Brothers will appear at the New Assembly Room, Tuesday evening, February 22.

Howard County Appointments.

The following nominations for Howard county were sent to the Senate last Friday by the Governor and were confirmed by that body:

Justices of the Peace.—First election district—Samuel Holland, Edward Norwood.

Second District—Charles A. Fry, H. B. Noll, James F. Melvin.

Third District—John W. Hobbs, George W. Grimes.

Fourth District—Alfred G. Matthews S. M. Ridzeley, Beal Gosnell.

Fifth District—J. H. Barclay, Frank H. Walter, Joseph E. Litchfield.

Sixth District—Thomas Christian, Jr., Winfield Lawrence.

Notaries Public—Louis N. Getz, to reside at Ellicott City.

School Commissioner—John Q. Selby.

Property Sales.

Six tenant houses belonging to the estate of the late Denis Mulligan, and located on Mulligan's Hill, in Ellicott City, were sold Tuesday by Martin F. Burke, executor, Wm. B. Peter being the auctioneer. John U. O'Brien was the purchaser at $2 000. A farm belonging to the same estate, four miles from this town, and comprising 124¼ acres, was purchased by Henry Lutz for $32.50 per acre.

The Orange Grove land, about 96 acres, belonging to the estate of the late R. P. Smith, of Baltimore, was also sold. It brought $11 per acre, and was purchased for the Marine National Bank of Baltimore.

To Make Liquors Sellers Pay for Roads.

There was a representative gathering of taxpayers from the different sections of Howard county here Tuesday, and a general discussion was participated in over the proposed plan for bettering the condition of the county roads. There was manifested on the part of those from the First district a strong feeling in opposition to the method now advanced for improving the roads by the increase of taxes. They favor the granting of licenses at a high price to the dispensers of intoxicating liquors, and appropriating the county revenues therefrom altogether to road improvement and permanent care.

Attacked by a Mad Dog.

Mr. George Gearheart, of the Second district of Howard county, experienced an exciting encounter Friday last with a mad dog while driving his team along the Frederick pike near Mayfield. The vicious brute, which was lying by the roadside, dashed at one of Mr. Gearheart's horses, tearing the animal's legs and making desperate efforts to leap into the wagon. The dog was killed with great difficulty by Mr. Gearheart and his companion. It is stated that the same dog has bitten a number of other dogs, hogs and valuable stock in the vicinity.

The Jonestown Road.

The examiners appointed some time ago to widen the public road between Ellicott City and Jonestown, in the Second district, handed in their report to the county commissioners on Tuesday. The report states that the functions of the examiners can be considered as merely preliminary, in view of the law relating to roads being opened through property already occupied by dwellings, &c., which says that "no public road shall be opened or altered so as to pass through the buildings, gardens, yards or burial grounds of any person without the consent of the owner thereof in writing."

A Good Roads Recommendation.

The good roads committee according to appointment met in the court house Thursday. The principal recommendation agreed upon was, "That a bill be presented to the legislature asking that the state acquire possession of stone quarries, and have erected stone-crushing plants for crushing stone to macadamize the public roads of the state, and that convicts of the penal institutions of the state be used to furnish labor for that purpose."

Local Legislation.

The bill to sanction a bequest of $500 to St. John's Episcopal Church, this county, from Mrs. Emily P. George, deceased, was read a second time in the Senate on Tuesday and ordered engrossed, as was also the bill to sanction the bequest of Denis Mulligan, deceased, to Cardinal Gibbons for the benefit of St. Paul's Catholic Church, of Ellicott City.

Senator Day's bill for the building of stone roads in Howard county was favorably reported.

Rocking a babe disturbs the circulation and causes heart disease. Instead, give it Dr. Fahrney's Teething Syrup.

Local and Miscellaneous.

In the Baltimore County Circuit Court at Towson on Tuesday the jury in the case of William McClelland, Benjamin Jenkins, Elmer Wigg and Walter Clark, of this city, charged with having assaulted Spencer Taylor, colored, with intent to rob, rendered a verdict of common assault, which was the second count in the indictment. Frank I Duncan, counsel for the defendants, filed a motion for a new trial.

Extra week day services in St. Peter's Church during Lent will be (D. V.:) Ash Wednesday, 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. All other days Morning Prayer, each morning at 9 o'clock; Evening Prayer, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 4 o'clock; Evening Prayer, Wednesday and Friday, 7.30 o'clock, except Wednesday, March the 9th, when the Bishop will make his visitation at 4 P. M.

Mr. Hubbard, of Cambridge, Md., was the guest this week of his sister here, Mrs. John McCauley. The visit has brought to mind the unusual kinship existing between the children of Mrs. McCauley and Mr. Hubbard. The latter's wife is Mr. John McCauley's daughter, now what is the relation between Mr. Hubbard's children and Mrs. McCauley's?

The Colored Independent Club of Ellicott City, met at the residence of the secretary, Horace Raveling, on Wednesday night last. It was a called meeting for the purpose of receiving new members. Seven were added to the roll. The promoters of this club claim that the aim of the club is to reach true ideas of citizenship.

A Christian Endeavor Society has been formed in the Presbyterian Church here. At a meeting Wednesday night a committee—Misses May Kirkwood and Rose R Morrow, Messrs. Harrison B. Brauch, Wm. F. Holmes and Howard J. Iglehart—appointed at a previous meeting, reported a constitution and by-laws, which were adopted.

County Assessor Dorsey Thompson, of the Second district, met with a serious and painful accident Monday. While assisting in removing hay from a barrack he accidentally fell from the loft to the floor, a distance of ten feet. He sustained a fractured shoulder, besides being otherwise badly hurt.

Both branches of the Baltimore city council have amended and passed again the ordinance previously passed authorizing the Baltimore, Halethorpe and St. Denis Railway Company to lay tracks on Caton street, or Malden's Choice road, from the Frederick road to the southern city limits.

The Paris Daily Messenger of January 30 announces the engagement of Miss Berger Moran, of Baltimore, and Prince Fabius Colonna, of Rome. Miss Moran is supposed to be the daughter of Rev. F. J. C. Moran, formerly rector of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, Elkridge Landing.

Miss Pearl Hamilton Page, daughter of ex-Congressman Page, of California, is visiting Mrs. Byron Vernon Cissel, formerly of this county, but now of Annapolis. The beauty of Miss Page has attracted a great deal of notice both at the college and at the Naval Academy hops.

Miss Ida Tyson is at Miami, situated at the extreme southern point of Florida. In a letter to friends in re she states that she was able to gather 18 varieties of flowers in a short excursion to the country. The place is surrounded by evergreens of every description and the air balmy.

Mr. H. B. Day, through his counsel, ex-Senator John G. Rogers, has entered suit in the Howard County Circuit Court, against Mr. Edward L Crist, for $5,000 damages, for alleged assault. Both of the parties are farmers at Glenelg, in the Third district of Howard county.

Lively discussions as to the advisability of passing the proposed new road law are going on throughout the county. Mr. Joshua B. Day, who was in Ellicott City Thursday, was very emphatic in his denunciation of it. The people seem to be about evenly divided on the subject.

There is some discussion going on in Ellicott City as to the true solution of the following question: A. sells a horse to B. for $90. The following day he buys the horse back from B. for $80 and then sells the horse to C. for $100. What are A's profits in the transaction?

Rev. A. F. Campbell, of Elk Ridge Landing, Howard county, preached a special sermon to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics in Nichols Memorial Methodist Protestant Church Odenton, last Sunday evening. The sermon was patriotic throughout.

A correspondent called "G." requests that Tim Trickett and James Watkins "do all their monkey antics out in the back yard and reserve their room in THE TIMES for useful comment upon current affairs, of which both are eminently capable.

Mr. Nicholas Lauman, of Gray's, who was painfully injured about the head several weeks ago by being struck by an engine on the B. & O R. R., has so far recovered as to be able to be up and about his home.

Dr. A. C. Taylor, druggist here, has added a graphophone to his store. A nickel in the slot will furnish most anything you want, from a "Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" to a speech from Bob Ingersoll.

An interesting lecture was given at the Methodist Church, Clarksville, last Tuesday by Rev. Mr. Treadway, of Belair. A Catholic priest was among the audience and congratulated the lecturer at the close.

The Emory M. E. Mite Society will meet at the residence of Mrs. Stephen Hillsinger on next Tuesday, February 22nd., at 7.30 P. M. All members are requested to attend. Lizzie Herrman, secretary.

A portion of the old Westminster road, near Glenwood, Fourth district, of this county, has been macadamized. The expenses were met partly by private subscription and partly by county aid.

The record in the case of Edward J. Warring, indicted in Baltimore, which was removed to Howard county, was received here Thursday. The case is to come up for trial at the March term.

Correspondents are reminded that their names should accompany communications, not for the purpose of publication but for identification. This is necessary to secure attention from us.

A lady subscriber, in a communication to THE TIMES, calls the attention of the City Council to the necessity of a good wide crossing at the termination of Fell's Lane at Main street.

The protracted meeting which has been in progress at the Methodist Episcopal Church at Elkridge, Rev. A. F. Campbell, pastor, has closed. There were forty conversions.

Hog cholera is prevailing to a serious extent among the herds in the vicinity of Woodstock, Third district of Howard county. One farmer has lost thirty head from the disease.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mary W. Benson, of Philadelphia, to the Rev. George Calvert Carter, of Brooklyn, a son of Mr. Bernard Carter.

A petition, largely signed, has been in circulation asking the Country Commissioners to aid Ellicott City in furnishing lights on the public highways.

A month's mind mass of requiem for Miss Sallie Walters, who died January 12th, was said at St. Louis' Church, Clarksville, last Wednesday.

The Howard County Teachers' Association, which met here on the 11th inst., was largely attended and the program proved an interesting one.

Mr. E L. Rich and Dr. Clinton Rich, of Baltimore, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Sunderland, Saturday and Sunday of last week.

A constitution and the by-laws of the Ellicott Literary and Social Club were reported and adopted at a meeting held Wednesday evening last.

The Guy Brothers will show at the New Assembly Rooms Tuesday night next. They will appear with entirely new attractions.

Miss Annie Hanson, of Howard county is the guest of Miss Ida Howard at her home, 1131 Park avenue, Baltimore.

Rev. William A. Carroll was tendered a pound party on Thursday night by the young people of Emory M. E. Church.

Mr. William Kavanaugh, of Baltimore, visited his father, Mr. John Kavanaugh, on Westchester avenue, on Thursday.

Mrs. Ella Mitchell, of Baltimore, spent several days this week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Scaggs.

Werner Bros. have commenced the stonework for a warehouse on the site of the one recently destroyed by fire.

Mr. Frank Burgess, formerly of this place, but now living in Staten Island, N. Y., was visiting here on Sunday.

Mrs. Hiram T. Hobbs, of Roxbury Mills, was the guest of relatives at Sykesville, for several days this week.

Mr. Randolph Burgess and wife, of Baltimore, were the guests of Mrs. John Burgess and family Sunday.

Miss Grace Helm, of Westminster, Md., is visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Radcliffe.

Judge I. Thomas Jones is at Westminster in attendance at the February term of the Circuit Court.

Mr. Wm. Davis, Marriottsville, has a blacksmith shop and dwelling for rent. See notice elsewhere.

Mrs. Rose McNabb, of Philadelphia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hillsinger.

Miss Julia O'Neil, of this city was the guest of Mrs. Joseph Temmink in Baltimore on Monday.

Misses Flemming and Peters, of Baltimore, were the guests of Miss Nellie Wolfe on Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Streaker, of Baltimore, was the guest of his parents at Jonestown this week.

The Misses Connor, of Woodstock, were the guests of Miss Cecelia Connor on Sunday.

Miss Katie Haller, of Baltimore, was the guest of Mrs. Charles A. Herrmann this week

Miss Ella Ijams, of Baltimore, visited relatives near Hilton for several days this week.

Mr. David Fulton, of Baltimore, visited Mr. Frank Whalen, near here, on Sunday.

Miss Payne, of Jacksonville, Fla., was the guest of Miss Desiree Branch on Sunday.

Postmaster Oldfield received a large iron safe this week for use of the postoffice.

Miss Ida Grimes, of Glenelg, is the guest of Miss Agnes Tucker, near this city.

Mr. Walter Spurrier, of Carroll, Md., was the guest of relatives here on Sunday.

Dr. J. W. Hebb, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is reported better.

Mr. Frank Byers, of Baltimore, visited his parents near Jonestown on Sunday.

Miss Naomi Mayfield, of Eldersberg, Md., visited her parents here this week.

The Orphans' Court on and after the 1st of March will meet every Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Mercer, Fell's Lane, has been confined to the house with grip.

Mr. Frank Ripely, of Baltimore, was here this week with his parents.

Mr. Thomas Temple, of Baltimore was here with friends on Sunday.

The communication of "J. S. W." has been crowded out this week.

Mr. Brent Scott, of Baltimore, visited his parents here on Sunday.

Ash Wednesday, February 23rd, is the first day of Lent.

Mrs. Margaret Miller, of Clarksville, is dangerously ill.

HYMENEAL.

BELL-CARROLL.

The people in the neighborhood of Christ Church, Queen Caroline Parish, this county were much interested in the marriage of Miss Florence, daughter of County Surveyor J. T. R. R. Carroll, of the Sixth district, and Mr. Ernest Bell, of Montgomery county, which took place in the church, on Wednesday, February 9th. Rev. Wm. Painter, Rector of the parish, officiated. The ushers were Messrs. J. Bell and Claude Iglehart. The wedding march was played by Miss Iglehart, of Glenelg. The bride wore a beautiful white satin gown and carried a bouquet of white roses. After the ceremony a delightful reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, about seventy-five persons being present.

The church was filled to overflowing. Noticeable among the many presents were some handsome and valuable pieces of silver and cut glass. The happy couple took the train for Washington and other points of interest in the South.

MARTIN-GILLIAM.

Mr. Roswell Abbey Martin and Miss Emily Gilliam, both of Ellicott City, were married at St. Peter's P. E. Church here, Thursday evening at 4 o'clock, Rev. R. A. Poole, rector of the Parish, performing the ceremony. Miss Gilliam is a daughter of the late Dr. James T. Gilliam, of North Carolina, and sister of Dr. E. W. Gilliam, of Baltimore. In the ceremony she was given away by her brother. Mrs. Poole played the wedding marches. There were no bridesmaids nor best man. The ushers were Mr. Joseph R. Gilliam, Mr. Thos. Gilliam, of Baltimore, nephews of the bride, and Mr. James F. Melvin and Mr. Harold Hardinge, of Ellicott City. The wedding dress was a traveling gown of gray English camel's-hair cloth, with trimming of mohair guimp. Gray gloves were worn and a black velvet hat, with black and gray plaps and purple poppies. The bouquet was of violets. The bride wore the pearls her mother wore at her wedding and carried her mother's bridal fan of carved ivory.

HAINES-KAVANAUGH.

The parsonage of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Ellicott City, was the scene of a pretty marriage Thursday evening. The bride was Miss Elizabeth M. Kavanaugh, daughter of Mr. John Kavanaugh, of Baltimore county, and the groom was Mr. William F. Haines, of Ellicott City. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Peter B. Tarro, of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Ellicott City. Mr. William Kavanaugh, of Baltimore, brother of the bride, acted as the groom's best man, and the bridesmaid was Miss Katie Potts, a cousin of the bride. The bride was attired in brown poplin, trimmed in white brocaded satin and brown velvet, with hat and gloves to match, and carried a bouquet of bride roses. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents. The future home of Mr. and Mrs. Haines will be on Westchester avenue, Ellicott City.

FRENCH-WHIPPS.

Mr. Wm. French and Miss Alice Whipps, both of Oakland Mills, this county, were quietly united in marriage Thursday evening last, at 7.30 o'clock, at the parsonage of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Rev. P. Tarro, the pastor, officiating.

OBITUARY.

FISHER.

Mrs Houser Fisher died at her home in Savage, Tuesday afternoon, 8th inst., at one o'clock, of pneumonia. Mrs. Fisher was 34 years old. She left a husband and three small daughters. The funeral took place on the 10th inst., at two o'clock, the Rev. C. P Smith conducted the services. Interment was made in the Savage cemetery.

EVANS.

Mr. John J. Evans, a quarryman, whose home was on the Baltimore county side of the Patapsco, near Woodstock, died Saturday last, of pneumonia, aged sixty years. He leaves a family, consisting of a widow and several children. Deceased was a prominent member of the Masonic order.

The funeral took place at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Presbyterian Church, at Granite, Rev. Henry Branch, of the Ellicott City Presbyterian Church, conducting the services. A delegation from Patmos Lodge, No. 70, A. F. and A. M., of Ellicott City, of which lodge the deceased was a member, attended the funeral.

KAVANAUGH.

John Kavanaugh, for eleven years a resident of Highland, died suddenly there on Thursday, the 10th inst. Mr. Kavanaugh was well known in his neighborhood. He was a first class harness maker and did most of such work for the farmers of the Fifth and Sixth districts. Lately he had become partially blind and was threatened with total blindness, from which, however, he was relieved by death. His funeral took place from the Catholic Church at Clarksville and was largely attended. Father Gaynor conducted the services. Interment was in St. Louis' Cemetery. Mrs. Kavanaugh, who survives her husband, will, it is said, shortly remove to Massachusetts.

GRIFFITH.

Mr. Horatio Griffith, well and popularly known, died at his residence, near Daisy, this county, on Wednesday, in the 68th year of his age. He had been in poor health for a number of years but the immediate cause of his death was pneumonia. Interment will be at St. Calvary, Sunday, at 11 o'clock.

If you have but one item of news send it

THE PROPOSED STONE ROAD ACT.

The proposed method of raising money for extensive road building in Howard county, embodied in a bill introduced in the Senate by Mr. George D. Day, is attracting widespread attention.

That all may be informed as to the exact features of the bill we give it below, in full:

It is entitled "An Act to provide for the building of stone roads in Howard county, the appointment of a Stone Road Commission, the issue of Fifty Thousand Dollars in Howard county bonds a year for each of six years, and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest thereof."

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That there shall be and is hereby constituted a Board of Stone Road Commissioners of Howard county, to consist of three citizens of Howard county, who shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, in which Board there shall be one member belonging to a different political party from the Governor who makes the appointment. The term of service of said Stone Road Commissioners shall be six years from the date of their appointment and confirmation by the Senate; and their compensation shall be two hundred and fifty dollars, each, per annum; and said Stone Road Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall be authorized to select and appoint one person to act as Secretary and Treasurer at an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum; said Secretary and Treasurer shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, file his bond with the said Stone Road Commissioners in the penal sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, with security to be approved by said commissioners.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the said Stone Road Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall on or before the first day of May, 1898, advertise in two newspapers, printed and published in Howard county, once a week for four successive weeks, a notice inviting bids from bona fide residents of Howard county to build so much of the stone roads ordered to be built by said Stone Road Commissioners, as each bidder may designate, provided no bid shall be received for less than one-fourth of a mile in length, which bids shall be sealed and filed with the said Commissioners, on or before a certain day to be fixed in said notice; and on that day the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall publicly open all such bids filed with them, and shall, within ten days thereafter, award such of the roads as they shall designate to be built the first year, equalizing the same between the several districts of the county as nearly as practicable, to the lowest bidders, each of whom shall be duly notified thereof in writing by the said Commissioners, and each bidder whose bid is accepted shall be supplied with a copy of the plans and specifications by which such road shall be built and shall sign a contract in writing with the said Stone Road Commissioners, agreeing to construct so much of the said stone road awarded to them as required, and each of said bidders who is awarded a portion of said road to build, shall at the time he signs the contract to build the same, file with the said Commissioners a bond conditional for the faithful performance of his contract with security to be approved by the said Commissioners, or a majority of them.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That the said Stone Road Commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to employ a competent Engineer or Surveyor, to make the plans and specifications, and to perform such other services as they may deem necessarily connected therewith for the building of said roads and also to employ a competent attorney to render such legal services as they may require, at such compensation as may be agreed upon between them, or a majority of them.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That the plans and specifications for the building of said roads shall designate that the contractor shall supply all the labor and material necessary for the building of said roads, and shall designate the sizes the stone shall be broken to use on said roads.

SEC. 5 And be it enacted, That any contractor for said roads, upon the completion of any quarter of a mile of said stone road may notify said Stone Road Commissioners that he has completed so much of his contract, and thereupon the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall examine the same, and if completed according to the contract, they shall accept the same and issue to him a certificate thereof with an order thereto attached on the Secretary and Treasurer for the payment to him, or order, of the amount due him under his said contract for the portion of the road so completed and accepted by said Commissioners.

SEC. 6. And be it enacted, That the said Stone Road Commissioners of Howard county, or a majority of them, for the purpose of raising the necessary money to build the stone roads provided for in this Act, are hereby authorized and directed to issue in the name and upon the faith and credit of Howard county, coupon bonds to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars per value, per annum for each of the six years specified in this Act, aggregating in the six years three hundred thousand dollars in bonds, which bonds, are to be a first lien upon the taxable property in Howard county, and to bear interest not exceeding three per cent. per annum, payable half yearly at such bank or trust company in Howard county, or in the City of Baltimore, as said commissioners, or a majority of them may select, said bonds shall be issued in denominations of one hundred dollars and five hundred dollars, and shall be made payable fifty years from the first day of May, 1898, but redeemable at the pleasure of the County Commissioners of Howard county, or a majority of them, at stated periods of five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, thirty, thirty-five, forty and forty-five years from said first day of May, 1898, in the following manner: on the first Tuesday of April, 1903, the County Commissioners of Howard county, or a majority of them, shall cause to be written upon slips of paper of similar size, weight and color, the number of the bonds issued under this Act in the year 1898, one number on each slip of paper, which papers shall then be similarly folded and placed in a closed wooden box with a lid to it and when thoroughly shaken, some one to be designated by said County Commissioners, or a majority of them, who was not present when the slips were put into the box, shall be blindfolded, and in the presence of said County Commissioners and such of the public as may choose to be present, such person shall draw from said box, said slips, one at a time, until the amount of principal of the bonds to be paid out of the then accumulated sinking fund, shall have been reached, and the numbers so drawn shall be the numbers of the bonds which the said County Commissioners of Howard county shall redeem and pay on the first day of May, 1903, and the said County Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall thereupon advertise in two papers printed and published in Howard county, once a week for three successive weeks, the numbers of bonds to be called in and paid, and said bonds shall be paid on the said first day of May, 1903, out of said sinking fund accumulated therefor.

SEC. 7. And be it enacted, That the County Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall proceed in the manner designated and set forth in the preceding section, on the first Tuesday of April, in the years 1908, 1913, 1918, 1923, 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943 and 1948, respectively, to draw by lot bonds for redemption, and advertise notice thereof, and on the first day of May, in each of said years, pay and redeem such bonds as are called in for redemption, and in amount as great as the sinking funds levied and accumulated to that date will warrant.

SEC. 8. And be it enacted, That when, and as said bonds are paid and redeemed, the County Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall keep, or cause to be kept, a record thereof upon books kept in their office, showing the numbers and denominations of all such bonds paid and redeemed, and said bonds shall be cancelled and mutilated so they cannot be again used or issued.

SEC. 9. And be it enacted, That the County Commissioners of Howard county, or a majority of them, shall annually, beginning with the year eighteen hundred and ninety eight, levy upon the assessed real and personal property of Howard county, such a tax as will pay the interest on all the said stone road bonds which have been then issued, and which will be issued during the year for which the levy is made, and the said County Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall place on deposit in the bank or trust company where said bonds and interest thereon is made payable, a sum of money sufficient to meet the semi-annual interest on each of said bonds as the interest becomes due and payable, and shall order and direct the said bank or trust company to apply the said sum of money to the payment of said interest.

SEC. 10. And be it enacted, That the County Commissioners of Howard county, or a majority of them, are authorized and directed to levy upon the assessed real and personal property of Howard county, on or before the first day of July, 1898, and annually thereafter a tax which will produce the sum of six thousand dollars annually for a sinking fund to provide for the payment of the principal of said bonds, said fund to be deposited by the County Treasurer in the bank or trust company where said bonds are payable, and the said County Treasurer shall require said bank or trust company to pay such interest on deposits as are paid by said bank or trust company to other depositors, if said money remain on deposit for a period longer than six months, or said treasurer may purchase said stone road bonds at a price not above par, or city or State bonds to the amount which may be to the credit of said sinking funds

SEC. 11. And be it enacted, That the said stone road commissioners of Howard County, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to purchase any turnpike or toll roads which are located wholly within Howard county, out of the proceeds of the sale of said stone road bonds, at a price not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars per mile, including all culverts and bridges thereon, and when so purchased they shall be turned over to the County Commissioners of Howard county who shall take charge of the same, and open them and keep them in repairs as public county roads.

SEC 12 And be it enacted, That the said Stone Road Commissioners, or a majority of them, are authorized to rent or secure an office where they shall keep their books, papers, contracts and other necessary articles connected with their business, and where their Secretary and Treasurer shall be during business hours when not on duty elsewhere, and said Commissioners are also authorized to purchase, such books, stationery, office furniture, safe and other necessary articles as they may require for the proper prosecution of the business entrusted to them, and to pay for the same, together with their own salaries and the salaries of their employees and all necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as Stone Road Commissioners, out of the proceeds of the sale of said stone road bonds, and to publish a full account of receipts and disbursements annually, in two newspaper printed and published in Howard County.

SEC. 13 And be it enacted, That the said Stone Road Commissioners, or a majority of them, for the purpose of negotiating and selling said stone road bonds, shall on or before the First day of July, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903, advertise in two newspapers, printed in Howard County, and one newspaper printed in Baltimore city, once a week for four successive weeks, and such other papers as they, or a majority of them may determine, a notice that sealed bids will be received for fifty thousand dollars, per value of said stone road bonds of Howard county, ten thousand dollars in denominations of one hundred dollars each, and forty thousand dollars in denominations of five hundred dollars each, all dated July 1st, 1898, payable fifty years after date and redeemable five years after date, each having coupons thereto attached, one for each semi-annual instalment of interest on said bond at three per cent. interest per annum, and each of said bonds and each of said coupons shall state that it is payable in gold of the fineness and weight used in United States gold coin in the year 1898, which bids shall be opened on a day to be stated in said notices by said Stone Road Commissioners, and they, or a majority of them, may award the said bonds to the highest bidder or bidders therefor, or they may decline any or all such bids and re-advertise the sale of said bonds in the same manner as hereinbefore prescribed, and after receiving bids thereunder, they shall award said bonds to the highest bidder or bidders therefor, and the proceeds of the sale thereof shall be paid to the Secretary and Treasurer of said Stone Road Commissioners, who shall deliver said bonds to the purchasers thereof, respectively. Said bonds shall each be signed in writing by said Stone Road Commissioners of Howard county, or a majority of them, and countersigned by their secretary and treasurer, and each coupon shall be signed by their secretary and treasurer, and the said Stone Road Commissioners of Howard county, or a majority of them, are further authorized and directed to procure a seal and impress the same upon each of said stone road bonds when issued, which seal shall be of metal, on which shall be a circle, and within the circle the words "Seal of Howard county, State of Maryland, Stone Road Commissioners of Howard County, July 1st, 1898."

SEC. 14. And be it enacted, That the said road bonds of Howard, and the interest thereon shall not be subject to any taxation in the State of Maryland, but shall be and is hereby declared to be exempt from all taxation in the State of Maryland.

SEC 15 And be it enacted, That the Stone Road Commissioners of Howard county shall cause to be kept and preserved a careful and accurate register of all bonds that are issued by them under this Act, specifying the number and denomination of the bonds, date of issue, maturity of the bond and the person, or corporation to whom the same is sold and delivered

SEC. 16 And be it enacted, That a duly certified copy of said bond register shall annually be made by the Secretary and Treasurer of the Stone Road Commissioners and shall be delivered to the County Commissioners of Howard county, who shall carefully preserve the same in their office for reference and examination.

SEC 17. And be it enacted, That the coupons for interest on said bonds may be received by the Treasurer of Howard county in payment of county taxes.

SEC. 18. And be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act be, and the same are herby repealed.

SEC. 19. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Orphans' Court.

The last will and testament of Rebecca Anderson was admitted to probate and letters testamentary were granted to Uriah Brown, of Montgomery county.

The first and final account of Samuel F. Whipps, administrator of Henry Irland, passed, showing payments and disbursements amounting to $189.53.

The first and final account of J. Herman Otten and Jos. A. Simon, executors of Mary K. Simon, showing payments and disbursements amounting to $1,021.04, passed.

The first account of August F. Brunsman and Joseph A. Brunsman, administrators of Gerhard H. Brunsman, showing payments and disbursements amounting to $1,570.01, passed.

Letters of administration were granted to Mrs. Helen M Dorsey on the estate of Hammond Dorsey, deceased.

The first and final account of Allen Dorsey, administrator of Samuel B. Ecker, showing payments and disbursements amounting to $1,528.28.

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LISBON.

Lisbon, Feb. 10.—Lisbon is improving. A new house has recently been erected here and another is under way. Also the town and suburbs can point to three newspaper correspondents.

The snow has disappeared except where it was drifted. Ice-houses all filled and there is but little to do but to wait for the long promised prosperity. "The general" has not yet arrived. Guess he, or it, has had a severe encounter with the Wall Street gang, headed by the Rothschilds, and has gotten the worst end of the string and the arrival has been indefinitely postponed.

For the McKinley prosperity we have only to look around us. The business of the country merchants has fallen off. The paper mill near this place has been idle for nearly a year. This is a large plant and gave employment to a number of men. Think of the farmers selling their corn at one dollar and a quarter per barrel after paying out twenty cents for the husking.

We have all read Browning's "Pied Piper of Hamlin," when the children all arose and followed his playing and he led them into the mountain and they disappeared. There is a Piper of Nebraska who is playing, and a mighty host will arise and follow him in 1900, not into the mountain to be lost, but up and over the mountain of trusts and Republican misrule into the land of deliverance.

Also, see Ezekiel XXXVII, 7, 10.

Yes, Dear Editor, there will be an "exceedingly great army" of them, and all clothed with the sinews of Democracy, to battle for "a government of the people, by the people and for the people," and and not for a class.

The Baltimore American is the fairest paper published in that town, but it makes an intelligent man sick to read in its every issue the benefits of the gold standard for the masses. Every issue has something to discredit Wm. J. Bryan. This only shows how the gold bugs fear him and the power behind him.

By the way, did you see the "What is it?" in the issue of the 2nd inst? Could Gen. Agnus furnish an animal like it for Barnum and Bailey's circus their fortune would be made. Certainly no groundhog ever looked like that picture.

Delving among some old manuscript recently I came across an old letter written by a school girl to a female friend. The letter bears date May 29 h, 1844. It is headed "Lisbon Academy," and contains some matter that is possibly history to the younger generation. The writer is still living and at this time resides in Lisbon. I give a few brief extracts:

"The new Presbyterian Church here is now completed and we have had several pleasant meetings in it. It was dedicated 5th of May, 1844. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Knox, of Washington City. He is an interesting speaker."

"The meeting continued until Friday evening last, and as a result sixteen have joined the church. This was an interesting scene. The church is neat and pretty and has forty-eight pews, etc."

"I am now going to school to Miss English etc."

Chas D. Warfield, Dr. Gustavus Warfield, of Longwood, and others were the trustees. Rev. Thomas Hamner preached here. Rev T. J. Shepherd was the pastor for a long time, followed by Revs. J D. Thomas, and Glover, Flournoy and others."

How time flies. The majority of the above have passed over the mystic river and rest beyond, in the great unknown.

[The above communication which mysteriously disappeared last week unexpectedly turned up.—ED.]

Lisbon, Feb. 14.—Miss Bessie Martin was the guest last week of Mrs. J. D. Warfield, Mt. Washington, Md.

Little Nellie Martin, while spending a few days at her father's country home, near Watersville, escaped from a serious accident whilst horse-back riding. She was near the station when her horse became frightened at a hand car and started at full speed up a steep hill. When the horse stopped she was clinging to its mane, and though not injured, she was much frightened.

OELLA NOTES.

Mr. C. B. Green had as his guests this week his uncle, Mr. William H. Marsh, of Johnstown, Pa; Mr. Jacob Eckman, of Glyndon, this county, and Mr. David Hite, of Cambria City, Pa. It has been eighteen years since Mr. Marsh's last visit and thirty five since Mr. Hite last saw Oella. Both expressed themselves as being much surprised at the many handsome improvements that have been made in the vicinity since their last visit, notably that at the Howard House, Ellicott City.

Mr. William A Tice, one of the clerks in the store here, has been kept at home for several days from an accident he met with the first of the week. He jumped from a barrel upon a board in which were a number of nails, two of which penetrated the sole of his foot, making a very painful wound

Misses Fannie Oliver and Blanche Murphy, of Baltimore, came out Sunday and spent the day with Miss Victoria Murphy.

Mr. James Clements, our well-known tonsorial artist, has been drawn as a juror for the March term of the Baltimore county Circuit Court.

Mrs. Carrie Burdette returned to her home at Damascus, Montgomery county, on Monday, after several days spent here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Keigler. There is no improvement in Mr. Keigler's condition.

Mrs Joseph A. Lowe, accompanied by her three children, has been spending several days here the past week with her mother, Mrs. Ann Lauman. Mrs. Lauman also had as her guests Monday Mrs. Daniel Lauman and Mrs. Kate Thirl, of Baltimore.

Mr. George Dykes is ill at his home here.

FACTS FROM FULTON.

Fulton, Feb. 16.—The Ladies' Aid Society, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will meet next Wednesday at the home of Mr. Carl Obenland, at Scaggsville.

Mr. Fred Renn has been quite ill for several weeks past with slight improvement in his condition at present.

Mr. and Mrs. John Amoss, of Carroll's Manor, visited Mrs. Elisha Brown on Sunday.

Mrs. A. De Sheazzo, of Baltimore, is on a pleasant visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E Brady.

Mr. John R. Iager has completed a handsome addition to his dwelling.

Horticultural matters are looking up in this vicinity, our people discarding inferior sorts and procuring the best obtainable tested varieties, and as a result our orchards within a few years will be second to none in the country, and Howard county will regain the prestige it once enjoyed for fine fruits, but which was lost through the indiscriminate planting of inferior varieties poorly adapted to meet the demands of the market.

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