THE LOCAL NEWS FIELD.

Horse Trade Difficulty.

Senator A. P. Gorman was made the defendant in a case tried in Ellicott City Tuesday before Justice Melvin. The action was in the nature of a suit of replevin instituted by J. Hammond Grimes, of the Third district of Howard county, for the recovery of a 4-year-old thoroughbred colt raised by Senator Gorman. It appeared from the testimony that in October last James L. Hobbs, manager of Senator Gorman's Fairview farm, made a contract for the exchange of the colt and a bonus of $20 with Mr. Grimes for a certain black mare, the mare being delivered. Mr. Hobbs failed to deliver the colt or to pay the bonus, according to the contract, and in the course of a week sent the mare back, but she was not received by Mr. Grimes, who insisted upon the carrying out of the terms of the original agreement. It was shown that Mr. Hobbs had on a number of occasions dealt with stock on Senator Gorman's farm, which dealings were never rescinded by the Senator. Mr. J. Malcolm Dorsey, counsel for Mr. Grimes, contended that these acts established in law an implied agency in Mr. Hobbs to act for Senator Gorman, and that consequently the Senator was bound thereby, and cited decisions in support of his contention. Mr. Dorsey further contended that the authority of Mr. Hobbs to bind Senator Gorman by his (Hobb's) acts in the matter of the contract being thus established, and that the facts of this particular case showed a compliance with the terms of the contract on the part of Mr. Grimes, and a failure to comply therewith on the part of Senator Gorman or his agent; therefore Mr. Grimes was entitled to the possession of the colt for which he had made the exchange. The decision of the justice was in favor of Mr. Grimes, the plaintiff, for the colt and one cent damages and costs.

Mr. Hobbs claimed that the mare was a kicker of the most violent kind, while the plaintiff on the other hand endeavored to prove that the animal was a very mild mannered beast.

Free Delivery Extension.

Another step was attempted this week toward an extension of the Ellicott City free mail delivery, which was inaugurated the first of the present year. Mr. M. S. Plummer, special agent of the Postoffice Department, was here Monday and made an inspection of the work under the operation of the new system. He expressed himself as being highly pleased with the success of the enterprise. Mr. Plummer spent several days during the week in going over the four routes here to acquaint himself to the several changes that were required for the betterment of the system. He had just returned from Laurel, Del., where he has established free delivery, and his next point for the same purpose will be at Havre de Grace, Md.

The special agent, who had decided to supply Powhatan and vicinity, Baltimore county, from Ellicott City with the free delivery system, found it impracticable on account of the distance. Powhatan, however, will have a free delivery of its own, to be extended on lines similar to that of Ellicott City.

I. O. G. T. Meeting at Poplar Springs.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland I. O. G. T., which held its annual session at Poplar Springs, this county, on the 7th and 8th inst., elected the following officers: Grand chief templar, David S. Rice, Frederick county; grand councillor, James H. Lawson, Montgomery county; grand vice-templar, Miss L. Ella Barnes, Howard county; G. S. J. T., Miss Nettie M. Parlett, Baltimore; grand treasurer, Columbus Conway, Carroll county; grand secretary, L. D. Russell, Baltimore; grand chaplain, Rev. B. P. Truitt, of Howard county; grand marshal, T. E. Watkins, Kemptown; G. A. M., R. T. Mullinix, Montgomery county; grand guard, A. A. Moxley, Montgomery county; grand sentinel, John Rudy, Carroll county; grand messenger, George Hamilton, Cecil county; P. G. C. T., H. O. Emmons, Hyattsville; representative to International Supreme Lodge, Rev. J. C. Burdette, Montgomery county; alternate, Albert Bowman, Howard county. Woodbine, Carroll county, was selected as the place for their next annual meeting, after which the lodge adjourned until next December.

Two Weeks Holiday at St. Charles.

The faculty of St. Charles' College has decided to give a Christmas holiday of two weeks to the students of the college, beginning so that they may spend the Christmas season at their homes. This is the first time that such a holiday has been allowed, and when the announcement was recently made by President Schrantz the students applauded vigorously. One of the chief reasons heretofore for not granting a vacation is the fact that many of the students live at a great distance, nearly every state in the Union being represented, some even coming from foreign countries. The faculty, however, think that it will be wise to allow all those who can to go to their homes for the Christmas holidays to do so. The vacation will last from December 22 to January 6.

Substantial Compliment.

The members and friends of Emory M. E. Church from Ellicott City and Oella assaulted the parsonage Thursday night and pounded the pastor and his wife and family, not with sticks and stones, but with a barrel of flour, turkey, chickens, meats, groceries and other family stores, some leaving money. Over seventy-five persons were present and a pleasant evening was spent, leaving the pastor and his family not much hurt. Rev. Fred Warren, in a neat speech explained to the pastor the purpose of the gathering. The pastor responding in an address of thanks for the splendid gift and said he was boiling over with gratitude.

Election of Officers.

On Sunday last the following were elected officers of St. Pauls's Council, Catholic Benevolent Legion, of Ellicott City, for the ensuing year: President, J. Loughran; vice-president, Thomas Powers; secretary, Henry Temmink; treasurer, G. Butke; marshal, Wm. M. Cooney; collector, B. H. Wallenhorst; guard, J. J. Mahon; orator, F. A. Wallenhorst; chaplain, Rev. Peter B. Tarro; trustees, G. Butke, John U. O'Brien and H. Temmink; representative to Maryland State Council, Frank A. Wallenhorst; alternate, J. J. Mahon.

Struck by a Street Car.

William Thomas, a farmer residing near Cooksville, Howard county, had a miraculous escape from death Wednesday evening by his team being run into near Catonsville by a west-bound car of the Consolidated Railway. Mr. Thomas drove out of a yard east of Catonsville to the tracks in front of an electric car. The horses passed safely over, but the car struck the wagon demolishing it. Mr. Thomas was thrown from the wagon, and escaped with only a few bruises.

Heavy Pork.

Capt. C. D. Thiernau, of Poplar Springs, this county, butchered a hog this week which tipped the scales at 740 lbs., clean meat. Who can beat it?

Mr. John W. Quill, near Elkoak, Wednesday butchered six hogs which weighed 1,609 lbs. Four of them were bought from Mr. Robert Easton, near Highland, one year ago, at $5 a pair.

Mr. Snowden Thompson, above Claksville, butchered six which weighed about 1500 lbs.

Christmas Gifts in Great Variety.

Visit Mr. B. H. Wallenhorst's Store, and see all the latest French and American dolls, imported and domestic toys, such as games, tin horns, tool chests, rocking horses, drums, tree ornaments, and suitable presents for gentlemen and ladies. tf

Local and Miscellaneous.

The first trolley car of the electric line arrived here Monday evening. It came on a tour of inspection and to test the efficiency of the trolley wires, the hanging of which was completed on Monday. The appearance of the car as a matter of course created unbounded interest as many believe it means much for Ellicott City, though for a time this easy access to the heart of Baltimore City will draw more or less trade from this place and vicinity. The line in due time will have a tendency to draw thousands of excursionists from the city to this place, will help the hotel business and in the end stimulate settlement and building in this vicinity. That the line will eventually cross the river and be extended into Howard county is a foregone conclusion.

An effort was made before Judge Burke, of Baltimore county, Wednesday by John E. Dempster, representing the prisoner, to secure the release, under a writ of habeas corpus, of "Professor" Howard, alias Howell, sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary by the Howard county court, in 1893, for breaking into a storehouse. The proceedings were based on the ground that the indictment was defective. The Judge refused to consider the allegation of Mr. Dempster and the prisoner was remanded to the penitentiary.

The team belonging to Rev. John Gaynor, of Clarksville, ran away or was stolen from Highland Wednesday night. It consists of a gray mare and sorrel horse attached to a heavy top phaeton. Nothing had been heard of it late Thursday evening, except that a team answering to the above description was seen, hurriedly driven, passing through Ellicott City toward Baltimore about 10 o'clock Wednesday night.

Hicks, the forcaster of weather, in the last issue of his Word and Works, predicts "wind and thunder southward," on the 14th inst. Unfortunately for Mr. Hicks the weather was as far removed from "wind and thunder," as it could possibly be, the sky being clear, sleighs running and the thermometer touching zero. If he had applied the prediction to some of our statesmen he would be nearer the truth.

Mr. M. W. Brown, of Woodstock, accidentally shot himself Sunday evening in Neale's restaurant, 524 West Baltimore St., Baltimore. He had gone into the place to get supper, and in getting up on a high chair a revolver in his hip pocket exploded, producing a flesh wound on his thigh. The wound was dressed at the Maryland University Hospital by Dr. M. N. King, after which Mr. Brown left the hospital.

Former Indian Agent Sharp, of this county, is in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. Youngblood, auditor of the Interior Department, stating that Mr. Sharp's accounts with the department as Indian agent "have been adjusted, and being found balanced, were so certified to the Secretary of the Treasury. Your accounts for the above service now stand, therefore, balanced and closed."

Andrew King, a resident of the Third district, near Woodstock, met with a severe accident Tuesday night on the old Frederick road, above this place, while returning home in his wagon from Baltimore. He accidentally fell under the loaded vehicle while attempting to draw the brake, the wheels passing over one of his legs, crushing it below the knee. He was also hurt about the body.

At the annual meeting of the Maryland State Grange which convened in Baltimore Tuesday, Mr. H. O. Devries was elected chaplain. Mr. Devries was present and accompanied by his wife. Mr. Devries also represented Howard county, as vice-president, at the first annual meeting of the Maryland State Horticultural Society, whose sessions began Wednesday in Pacific Hall, Baltimore.

Seven cars were derailed and between 50 and 60 cattle killed and wounded in a freight wreck which occurred a short distance east of Alberton Wednesday night about 11 o'clock. The cattle were for export. The Winchester train east next day did not get past until near 11 o'clock. The cause of the wreck could not be discovered. The first car to break was next the tender.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given at School No. 6, on the Washington Pike, near Waterloo, on Friday evening, Dec. 23, at 7.30 o'clock. Among the novelties will be a fan drill, dialogues, and a most amusing farce. "The Heiress' Ruse." Come and enjoy a pleasant evening. Admission 15 cents. Proceeds for benefit of Christ Church Guild.

Subscribers wanting a large amount of extra reading should take advantage of our terms for furnishing the American Agriculturist. For 35 cents extra the paper, which is a weekly, and the year book are sent to any of our paid up subscribers. The arrangement is no advantage to us except it enables us to furnish a large amount of excellent reading for $1.35.

Cardinal Gibbons has issued a circular to the pastors of the churches of the archdiocese notifying them that in future there will be a new system in the collections for the education of theological students. Instead of voluntary contributions each church will be required to contribute a certain amount.

Several girls and boys skating on the Thistle dam Thursday night experienced the unpleasant sensation of a ducking when the mercury was hobnobbing with zero. Fortunately the dam is not very deep at the point where they were skating and the worst case was not more than neck deep.

William Doelinger, charged with assaulting Joseph Cavey, at Gray's near this city, on the second of July last, with intent to kill, and who had jumped his bail, was arrested in Rome, Georgia, on Monday, by Sheriff Joshua T. Whittle, of Baltimore county, and brought back for trial.

In the Carroll county Circuit Court last week, Basil Hood, aged seventy-three years, of Mt. Airy district, who was indicted for uttering a forged negotiable note, purporting to have been signed by John W. Wilson, and payable to the accused, rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Burglars attempted to enter the Savage Manufacturing Company's store at Savage, Sunday night, but were detected by a watchman, who fired his revolver at them. They made good their escape, leaving jimmies and other implements of their profession behind them.

Ex-Governor Frank Brown is at the head of a new trust company now in process of formation in Baltimore. It will be known as the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company and the capital stock will be one million dollars, a large portion of which has been subscribed.

The Glenelg Gun Club will hold a shooting match on Monday, December 26, at 10 o'clock, for twenty-five turkeys. Clay pigeons from the latest improved trap to be shot at. All who wish to secure a turkey, cheap, are cordially invited to attend.

Ex-Governor John Lee Carroll, Saturday, was summoned to Boston by the illness of his youngest son, Philip Acosta Carroll, a student at Harvard College. The young man was taken from school to a Boston hospital, being threatened with pneumonia.

Under the careful administration of affairs as exercised by the present mayor and city council, Ellicott City is gradually getting "trimmed up." There are still a number of angular places, however, which need rounding off, notably on Main street.

Mr. P. C. Gorman, of the United States Treasury Department at Baltimore, has returned from a hunting trip to the Rappahannock region in Virginia. In two days he shot 104 partridges and bagged a wild turkey weighing 17½ pounds.

A fine Christmas entertainment is promised at School No. 4, taught by Miss Florence A. Crook, on Friday evening, Dec. 23, commencing at 7.30. Admission 15 cents. The proceeds to go towards paying for their organ recently purchased.

Typhoid fever has been prevailing to some extent in the First district of this county. Three children of Road Supervisor Frank C. Rowles, near Elkridge, who were extremely ill with the disease, are now in an improved condition.

On the evening of December 22 an entertainment will be given at School No. 2, Third district, in charge of Miss Sadie L. Snyder. Admission 10 cents. Should the weather prove inclement the entertainment will take place the next evening.

The New Assembly Room will be fragrant Tuesday night next with music from the University of Maryland Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs. Every performer is an artist and compositions from great masters will be rendered.

A farmers' institute will be held here on the 18th and 19th of January, conducted mainly by Mr. Amoss, of Bel Air. The best talent in the State is promised provided our people show by their presence interest in the proceedings.

Aunt Betsey Dorsey, one of the servants of ex-Governor Carroll, died last week. Her funeral was held at the Manor on Sunday and was attended by a large crowd of people. Father Gaynor conducted the service.

A large load of hay was upset at the end of the bridge across the Patapsco river here Wednesday night. The hay belonged to Mr. S. K. George and the accident was caused by the breaking of the front axle.

Gaither's express hauled to Washington Wednesday two large loads of household goods belonging to ex-Gov. John Lee Carroll, via Clarksville pike. The distance from Ellicott City is about 30 miles.

Rev. Henry Branch, who is stated clerk of the Baltimore Presbytery, attended the December meeting of that body, which was held in the Aisquith Street Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, on Tuesday.

By means of a passenger car and two trucks and plenty of nappers of stone, ballast was rushed to where needed on the electric line this week, preparatory to opening the line next week, for travel.

Mr. Thomas N. Gore, of Savage, and Miss Alice M. Turner, of Laurel, were married Wednesday at the parsonage of Trinity M. E. Church South, Laurel, by the Rev. Courtland P. Smith.

You could not do your friend a more acceptable service than to send him or her THE TIMES for a year or more. It will be welcomed weekly as a full epistle of current county events.

A hay wagon Wednesday morning tore away the awning in front of Mr. E. A. Rodey's cigar store. This looks as if we hadn't much room for electric railway tracks on our Main street.

Edward A. Rodey, dealer in tobaccos, cigars, &c., East Main St., is putting a glass front to his store and has temporarily moved his goods to the room occupied by Solomon Hose.

The University of Maryland Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Club gave its first concert of the season Thursday night at the Academy of Music, Laurel. The attendance was very large.

The Fidelity and Deposit Company of Baltimore, of which Mr. Edwin Warfield is president, has declared the usual five per cent. semi annual dividend, payable next month.

The Sykesville line of the Western Maryland Telephone Company has recently been overhauled and old phones replaced by new long-distance instruments.

Mrs. R. Foster, of New Orleans, who has been visiting Miss Groverman, in this county, and who recently spent several days in Baltimore, has returned home.

A petition was filed with the County Commissioners Tuesday asking for an appropriation for the improvement of the south end of Hill street, Ellicott City.

The contractors for the macadamizing of the public road through Elkridge, First district, have reported that the work is now nearing completion.

A special sermon which was postponed on the 4th inst., will be delivered by Rev. J. H. Martin, Sunday night at Mt. Zion M. E. Church, colored, here.

The public sale of mules and horses by Patrick Keelty, at Catonsville, Wednesday, was well attended and the animals disposed of at fair prices.

A large number of the farmers of this section were unable to get their fall plowing done on account of the early coming of winter.

Mrs. A. F. Brown, of Dayton, this county, was the guest last week of her father, Mr. Wm. Bayne, of Baynesville, two mils east of Towson.

Edgar Amos has been recommended to the Governor for appointment as an additional deputy game warden for Howard county.

Some of the farmers in Howard county began harvesting ice on Monday. On some of the ponds it was four inches thick.

Attention is called to the wood air tight stoves as sold by John W. Brian. See advertisement in this issue. tf.

The cold snap has furnished excellent skating for the young people on the numerous ponds near town.

The Sunday school of the Lutheran Church here are rehearsing for a Christmas entertainment.

Mr. John C. Dempsey, of Baltimore, spent Sunday here with his sister here, Mrs. E. E. Malone.

It is claimed by some that the temperature here touched zero early Wednesday morning.

The weather clerk at Washington, unfortunately for ice prospects, predicts milder weather.

A corps of workmen were engaged Sunday stringing the trolly wire for the electric line.

Miss Libbie Martin here coutinues critically ill and little hope is entertained for her recovery.

Mrs. J. A. Dicus, of St. Denis, was the guest of relatives in Ellicott City this week.

Mr. Jos. Selby has put down a set of hay scales at Clarkson, on the turnpike.

Rock Hill College is preparing to give a Christmas entertainment.

Woodbine postoffice has been made a money order office.

HYMENEAL.

WINDSOR-MEIER.

A pleasant wedding took place at the home of the bride, at Thistle Mills, Wednesday at 7.30 P. M., the contracting parties being Mr. Thomas Lee Windsor and Miss Katie Meier, daughter of Mr. Andrew Meier. Rev. E. C. Ide performed the ceremony. Mr. Philip Meier, was best man and Miss Lizzie Meier bridesmaid. The bride was attired in blue cloth trimmed with white silk. A reception followed the ceremony and the bridal couple were serenaded by the Thistle Cornet Band. Those present were: Mr. Andrew Meier and wife, Philip Meier, Misses Lizzie, Louise and Annie Meier, Andrew Meier, Jr., and wife, Mrs. Katherine Werner, Miss Katie Werner, Mrs. Parnell, Mr. Bathgate and wife, Mr. Litle Felts, Mr. George Brown and wife, Miss Daisy Parnell, Misses Lizzie McBride, Mary Peoples, Tilly Peoples, Ada Parnell, and Mr. Chas. F. Ide.

List of Unclaimed Letters Remaining in Ellicott City Postoffice, Dec. 16, 1898.

Mrs. Jossie Collan, Miss Louisa Coats, Miss Lottie Caster, John Batista Devolles, Wm. Dorsey, Mrs. Sarah Farrow, G. Paika (foreign), E. Woodside.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say they are advertised.

HAMILTON OLDFIELD, P. M.

Plumley is giving a 16x20 Crayon with every dozen cabinets. No extra charges and you do not have to buy a frame. 306 W. Lexington st., Baltimore

DASH APRONS for sale at Frank Mayfield's, opposite the Engine House, Ellicott City.

OBITUARY.

Please note, while no charge is made for obituary notices proper, poetry attached thereto is charged at the rate of 25 cents a verse.

RIDDLE.

Capt. Beale D. Riddle, aged 69 years, and a veteran of the Cival War, died Tuesday morning of a complication of diseases at his home, 137 West Lee street, Baltimore. Although an invalid for the past three or four years he had only been confined to his room for the last six weeks. The deceased was born in Howard county and went to Baltimore when quite young. For many years he was a molder at the Mount Clare shops and afterward at Bartlett, Hayward & Co's. At the beginning of the Civil War he organized Company F, Eighth Maryland Regiment, and became its commander. During the war he contracted typhoid fever and enlargement of the liver, from the effects of which he never recovered. He served with distinction through the war, and then returned to Baltimore to pursue his avocation of moulder. His remains were interred in Baltimore Cemetery on Wednesday.

HOFFMAN.

Mr. David W. Hoffman, a well-known resident of Howard county, died Wednesday night at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Wm. Bloom, at Columbia, of heart trouble, aged seventy-five years. He was formerly a resident of Baltimore, where he was at one time a large real estate owner. He had for a number of years been engaged with his son-in-law in merchandising at Columbia.

HAHN.

Miss Lula Hahn, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hahn, died on the 7th inst., after an illness of one week at her home, near Ridgeville, aged 17 years. The parents and brothers left to mourn their loss are not alone in their sorrow. The sympathy of the community is with them. Her funeral, which was largely attended, took place at Pine Grove Church, Mount Airy, on December 10, at 11 A. M. Rev. B. P. Truitt officiated. The bearers were: Messrs. Windsor, Riggs Dorsey, Edward Bennett, Torney Nusbaum, Archy Day, Maurice Clay. Interment was made in Pine Grove Cemetery. L. T. Lewis was the undertaker.

BOLTE.

Conrad Bolte died on the 14th inst., at the residence of his son, Dr. J. E. Bolte, Harrisonville, in the 75th year of his age. The deceased formerly resided at Hampstead, Carroll county, Md.

A Valuable Breed of Cattle.

C. B. Anders, near Clemsonville, Frederick county, is about to introduce in this State, a breed of valuable dairy and beef cattle, which he regards as the best in the country. Mr. Anders is a well-known stock-raiser and a thorough judge of cattle. As the new breed has not as yet been extensively raised in this country, he experienced some difficulty in procuring any of the cattle, but after having seen some of them on exhibition at an agricultural fair, he determined to do so and by perseverance finally met with success. The breed is known as Brown Swiss, and were purchased at Worcester, Mass. Mr. Anders says they get very large, are easy keepers, very gentle—never getting cross—are intelligent and, being a cold climate stock, are very hardy and, at the same time, fully come up to the Jersey in butter-making qualities. This is the record they have made where they have been tried. Mr. Anders has the young cattle—three heifers and a bull—at his farm near Clemsonville and, if his hopes are realized, will, in time, have a herd from which others can procure the stock so highly esteemed by him for such all around qualities as will be fully appreciated by dairymen particularly.

Fine Calendar.

We are indebted to Mr. Wm. A. Cartwright, of Dallas, Texas, for a copy of the 1899 Calendar as issued by the Texas and Pacific Railway. It may be described briefly as follows: On a painter's palette, the edges of which are surrounded by a double row of for-get-me-nots, a lad and lassie are represented as engaging in the graceful minuet. It is a beautiful specimen of the chromo-lithographic art and fine enough to hang in any one's library. The Texas and Pacific has four important gateways—Texarkana, Shreveport, El Paso and New Orleans and has a passenger service equal to any railway system in the country. All along its lines may be seen evidences of great material progress. Mr. Cartwright left here a few years ago quite a boy to accept a position along the line as telegrapher, and his trustworthiness has gained for him promotion and the confidence of all who know him well.

Formulating a Schedule.

President Perin, speaking of the new connection of the Consolidated Railway Company with Ellicott City, said Wednesday that the line was finished, and efforts were now being made to formulate a schedule for the running of the cars between Catonsville and the new terminus. The cars will be running in a few days, certainly by next week, as it was desirous to afford patrons opportunity to do their holiday shopping. The same contractors are also pushing the extension of the Edmondson-avenue line, and it is thought that cars to Ellicott City will be run via this route not later than February 15 and possibly before.

The B and O. Forging Ahead.

An order has been signed by United States Judges Goff and Morris authorizing Receivers Cowen and Murray, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, to enter into an agreement for leasing eighty new locomotives, 6,000, box cars and 2,500 coal cars. Thirty locomotives and 3,000 box cars are to be acquired from the Mercantile Trust Company, of New York, 50 locomotives, 3,000 box cars and 2,000 coal cars from the Maryland Trust Company, and 500 gondola cars from either the Mercantile Trust Company or the Maryland Trust Company.

HOLIDAY RATES

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

On account of the Christmas and New Year Holidays the Baltimore & Ohio R. R., will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to and fron. points on its line between Baltimore, Pittsburg, Wheeling, Parkersburg, Strasburg Junction and intermediate points, good going December 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1898, and January 1, 1899, good to return until January 4, 1899, inclusive.

Magnificent train service in all directions. Pullman Sleeping Cars and Dining Cars.

Toyland at Wallenhorst's.

We are showing this season a larger line than ever before. The great display is now on exhibition at Mr. B. H. Wallenhorst's Store, and you are cordially invited to come and to bring the children to view the grand panorama of toyland. Come now if you would benefit by this bountiful stock. Make your selections while the assortment is complete, and we will store them for Christmas week delivery, if you so desire. tf

WESTERN MARYLAND RAILROAD.

Christmas and New Year Holiday Excursion Rates.

The Western Maryland Railroad announces that Christmas and New Year holiday excursion tickets will be sold to and between all stasions, on December 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1898, and January 1, 1899, at the low rate of 2 cents per mile. These excursion tickets will be good on regular trains and valid to return until January 4, 1899, inclusive. The minimum rate will be 15 cents. The low rates will induce many to exchange social greetings and enjoy the holidays with friends residing along the line of the Western Maryland Railroad. 53

HEADQUARTERS FOR HIGH GRADE STATIONERY.—Call and examine our new fall line of box papers and tablets. All the latest sizes and tints to meet the taste of the most fastidious, from 10 cents up, at Dr. Isaac J. Martin's Sons' Pharmacy.

SYKESVILLE NEWS.

SYKESVILLE, Dec. 14.—The old hotel property, containing 4½ acres of land, improved by a two-story frame building, and owned by the late John Berry, was sold today at mortgagee's sale to Mr. Jas. S. Grimes for $1,700.

The contract for delivering the brick and sand to the new asylum buildings has been awarded to Messrs. Wade H. D. Warfield & Co. The price paid is lower than the delivery for the first buildings, the distance being much shorter.

The new colored church is progressing finely despite the severe weather. The work is being done by Contractor Johns, of Mt. View, and the material furnished by Messrs. Wade H. D. Warfield & Co.

Mr. E. M. Mellor is building another addition to his store.

Mr. John Harris has lately added a line of boots, shoes and dry goods to his other stock and is selling at prices to justify a call from those in need of anything in his line.

St. Paul's M. E. Sunday school room is being repainted and carpeted, which, when finished, will be one of the most attractive on Patapsco Circuit.

SYKESVILLE, Dec. 15.—A most exciting runaway occurred here today, the team being one of the noted six mule teams belonging to the State used on Springfield Asylum farm. They became unmanageable while coming down the hill at the upper end of our town, throwing the driver, Mr. Robt. Flohr, under the wagon. Thence they dashed with breakneck speed through the entire town. When in front of E. M. Mellor's store Frank Hopkins, a colored man, ran by the side of the team and getting hold of the line, turned their course, thereby averting further danger. Hopkins merits much credit for his daring effort. Mr. Flohr's injuries were slight and the team escaped injury.

ELKRIDGE AND VICINITY.

ELKRIDGE, Dec. 15.—Your correspondent here hopes your readers will excuse him for his shortcomings the past two weeks, as other matters have so occupied his time that he was unable to send in any news.

An article in a Baltimore paper of this week says, "typhoid fever exists to a great extent in this district." As far as we can learn Mr. Frank Rowles' three children are the only ones so afflicted, and they are doing well.

The bicycle season is about over as far as the young ladies are concerned, and their lament is,

"I've put away my little wheel,
O'er the roads no more I'll SPEEL,
And my '98,
Will be out of date,
When '99 comes in."

Owing to the cold weather the work of stoning the road has not progressed as fast as was expected, but they are nearly done in the village, and will keep out in the country as long as the "boodle" holds out.

Mayor Zink had a birthday party last week, but as we did not have the pleasure of being present, cannot give a detailed report of it, but we understand they had a good time and limberger and German disturbance suffered accordingly.

Mr. Wm. Glitz, blacksmith, of Halethorpe, had the misfortune to break his right arm while shoeing a fractious horse last week.

Considerable ice has formed on the river and ice hooks and axes are being put in order in anticipation of the harvest.

ROVER.

ROVER, Dec. 14.—The neighborhood is much interested over a discovery made by one of Mr. Albert N. Dorsey's men, who was at work in the woods grubbing. He happened to strike his mattock against a piece of iron and on taking it out found it to be an iron safe, locked. Not caring to break it open himself, he took it to Mr. Dorsey, who was at work in the same woods. On opening the box Mr. Dorsey found that it contained articles of value, doubtless hidden there for many years. It contained several pieces of gold and pictures of three ladies and a gentleman. They were taken in London, March 16, 1740. Mr. Dorsey says he will have the gold tested to find out its value and the pictures framed and then placed in the art building at Rover, where they can be seen.

The county commissioners were at this place last week and awarded the contract for building the bridge over the river here to Mr. C. A. Hobbs.

The young people are enjoying the sleighing. One young man happened to let his pair get away, so the young lady had to remain all night at the home of a neighbor.

We understand that a great many have their compasses pointing towards Rover and truly hope the survey will soon be made.

Rev. Mr. Curley preached an able discourse at McKendree M. E. Church last Sunday. Rev. T. A. Tyler will preach at Harmony M. E. Church, South, on Sunday next at 11 o'clock. GUESS.

OELLA NOTES.

Citizens of this village are delighted at the opening of the electric railway as it means a saving of one-half the fare to Baltimore, the B. & O. now charging 60 cents for the round trip. The new line runs within a half mile of the centre of the village and will prove a much needed convenience to many in this vicinity.

The scholars of Oella Sunday school will receive their annual treat on Monday night following Christmas, at which time a musical and literary entertainment will be rendered.

Mrs. Louis Montglilion, of Elkridge, is spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Mellor, on Westchester avenue.

Mr. Charles Sprecher, of Mt. Airy, was here Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sprecher.

Miss Bertha McKenzie returned home Wednesday after a visit of three weeks with relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. J. Wesley Tice, of Baltimore, spent Sunday here with his brother, Mr. William A. Tice.

Miss Mary J. Lowe has been spending several days with friends at Alberton the past week.

Miss Mamie Ware returned home Sunday from a visit to her parents, near Towson.

HOOD'S MILL AND VICINITY.

HOOD'S MILL, Dec. 14.—As Christmas approaches it is noticable that business is brightening up, and there is a general flow of good spirits.

Hood's Mill has its draw-backs. When travelers from the interior come here to board the Winchester train, they are informed by the agent that that train doesn't stop at this station, and they have only a fewminutes in which to reach Gaither's, the water station where it is compeled to stop.

J. W. Roolster, who is running a creamery here, paid off his patrons on the 14th inst. His monthly indebtedness to them ranged from 60cts to $45 respectively.

Ice harvest will begin in a few days if the cold weather continues, and it is estimated that it will require two hundred tons to keep Hood's Mill temperate next summer.

It is reported that W. H. Forsythe Jr., will engage in farming on the place recently cultivated by Mr. Chas. W. Gaither. Thereby hangs a tale.

Miss Bessie Harman expects to spend the winter in Baltimore.

What has become of Tim Trickett? Has some Schley shot silenced his battery or is he only loading shells for another volley of armor-piercing puns?

Aug. Ehmling, celebrated for prime salt water Oysters, sells all wines at 80c per quart and $1.00 per gallon. Lombard and Eutaw Sts., Baltimore.

Governor Lowndes and his family have moved to Annapolis for the winter.

CATONSVILLE.

A jubilee service was held at the Catonsville Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday evening, following upon the consummation of the late successful efforts to redeem its ground rent when nearly $1,700 was subscribed in a single week. The church and property is now free from debt, and there is a balance of several hundred dollars, which will be used in making necessary repairs. At the jubilee service a paper was read on the "Growth of the Church." Rev. J. P. Wright, the pastor, delivered a brief sermon on the "Real Power of Methodism." A special musical program was rendered. The church building was erected in 1886. Ground was broken on July 27, the corner-stone laid September 14, and the structure was completed January 16, 1887, and dedicated by Bishop E. G. Andrews and Rev. J. F. Goucher, D. D. The membership of the church has increased from 37, in 1887, to 150, in 1898, and the Sunday school from 75 to 187. Rev. D. G. Miller has only been pastor of the church since last March, and the success of liquidating the church debt was assured through his judicious supervision and persisted efforts.

At a meeting of Caton Council, No. 279, C. B. L., at Catonsville, Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Patrick Lambert; vice-president, Thomas Flanagan; secretary, A. J. Schleupner; treasurer, John Lambert; orator, Peter Dressler; marshal, Joseph Sewary; inside guard, Jas. Floyd; outside guard, James Capprice; chancellor and representative to state council, Joseph Rourke; alternate, W. P. Harman; chaplain, Rev. J. E. Dunn; trustees, Chas. Flanagan, John Scannell and Michael Henegan.

A large barn, with its contents, and three outbuildings on the country place of Mr. Patrick Rodgers, on the Dogwood road, four miles northwest of Catonsville, were completely destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon, entailing a loss of about $15,000, which is only partly covered by insurance. The fire started in the hayloft, presumably from spontaneous combustion, and was first noticed by J. Roseway, overseer of the place. He quickly summoned the corps of farm hands, who succeeded in rescuing sixteen horses and fifty head of cattle from the burning barn. A brood sow, with a litter of pigs, was burned. A large lot of provender and farming implements were also destroyed.

Mr. Conrad Becker, of Catonsville has purchased from Elias Livezey for $1,200 the property at the corner of Nunnery lane and the Frederick turnpike, near Catonsville. It has a frontage of 182 feet, with a depth of 153 feet, and is a part of the old Willow Grove Hotel property. It is improved with a large blacksmith shop and a wheelwright and carriage house. Mr. Becker intends tearing down the old buildings on the property and will erect a large store on the site.

Several cases of supposed smallpox in the family of Mr. Charles Lamley, on the Old Frederick road have been investigated by Dr. J. S. Fulton, secretary of the State Board of Health; Dr. Gilchrist, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, and Dr. Chas. L. Mattfeldt, health officer of Catonsville, and pronounced simple chicken pox.

The large marble altar in St. Mark's Catholic Church has been beautified by the addition of two large marble statue stands built onto the altar, one on each side. The improvement cost nearly $200, and the expense was borne by Mrs. C. M. Crowle, of Baltimore.

Contractor Wm. E. Nagle has been awarded the contract for building a handsome frame cottage for Mr. Harry Van Lill, on the Rolling road near Catonsville. The cottage will contain twelve rooms and will cost about $3,000.

LAUREL.

Joseph A. Miles died at his home at Laurel, Wednesday afternoon from the effects of a kick in the abdomen by a horse last Saturday. Mr. Miles was about 72 years old and a native of Howard county near Laurel. He was a resident here for over 50 years, and was widely known. For many years he was engaged in contracting and farming. He was unmarried, but he has a large circle of relatives in Prince George's, Howard and Montgomery counties. Two of his brothers, Messrs. Benjamin and Remus Miles, live near Spencerville, in Montgomery, and his sister, Miss Emily Miles, occupies the old homestead in Howard.

Diphtheria has appeared in Laurel, but it is so far confined to one family. The first case, attended by Dr. W. Franklin Taylor, was early diagnosed as diphtheria, and the diagnosis was confirmed by bacteriological examination by Dr. W. Royal Stokes, of Baltimore. Antitoxin is being used in the treatment of the disease with good effect.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Norcum, who died on Saturday, took place Monday from Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church South, the Rev. Courtland P. Smith conducting the services.

The Rev. C. P. Smith, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church South, has been notified by Bishop Granbery of his transfer to the Louisiana Conference, conditional upon the acceptance of the transfer by the bishop of the latter conference. Mr. Smith desires to go south for the benefit of his health.

RIDGEVILLE.

Mrs. Kepler, of Frederick, is visiting at the Eagle Hotel.

Mrs. Rebecca Hilleary, of Kemptown, is visiting her daughter and brother, of this place.

Wheat is not looking so well. The winter set in before it had much growth.

An oyster supper will be held here on December 16 and 17.

Mr. Daniel Bennett, of the Eastern Shore, is visiting his parents.

FORD'S GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

Week Dec. 19—Return of the Most Popular Play of the Season, the Famous "Way Down East"—Original Company, Scenic Effects and Surroundings.

Owing to the great success of this favorite American play, "Way Down East," during its previous engagement at Ford's, the management has been induced to return week of December 19, and will present Lottie Blair Parker's charming comedy exactly as given here before. The play is one of those wholesome, pure and delightful stories, aptly contrived not only to bring out the romance but to realistically show the life and ways of those quaint New England folk of prosperous means on their own farm. The characterization is unique and at all time interesting, from Squire Bartlett and his family to the provincial characters, the doctor, the constable, the village choir who sings so delightfully, the professor, Anna Moore, the girl they befriend; jolly Hi, the chore boy; pretty and lively Kate, the rich villain, Martha the village gossip, etc. The scenes are all at the farm, and are homely taking illustrations of actual life in the country, with the snow, the sleighing, the visiting, the maple sugar shed, the evening in the settin' room at the Squire's. Phoebe Davies, Louine Galloway, Odell Williams, Felix Haney, George Backus, Walter Hodges, Forrest Robinson, Edwin Hoff who direct the choir, all will be seen in their original roles. Matinees Wednesday and Saturday. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

Week December 26, Xmas week, Rice's brightest success, "The French Maid," three months run in Boston.

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