THE LOCAL NEWS FIELD.

Victims of Bogus Agents.

A number of Howard county families have been made the victims of bogus agents, who represented themselves as solicitors for certain alleged city manufactories. Not long ago a self-styled agent passed through the upper section of this county, in the neighborhood of Dayton, and collected from a number of residents photographs of members of families, with the understanding, upon the receipt of an amount of money, that he would return at a stated time with improved duplicates of the pictures, when an additional sum was be paid him. He never, however, reappeared.

The latest adventure of this character was in the shape of a stranger styling himself an agent for a Baltimore soap company, who made his appearance in the neighborhood of Oakland Mills about a month ago. He offered a large package of soap for $1.50, promising to return in two weeks and present each purchaser with a handsome tea set. He sold a large quantity of soap, but has failed to deliver the tea sets, much to the disappointment of his victims, who have come to the conclusion that he was a fraud. To one person who offered to pay 75 cents cash and the balance when the chinaware was delivered, the man stated that the company he represented would not allow him to make such a deal. Upon investigation the address of the company in Baltimore given by the alleged agent was found to be a myth.

Going Back to Cuba.

Mr. A. Dubois Chartrand, a landed proprietor of the Province of Matanzas, Cuba, whose estates were destroyed by the war in the island, and who has made his home in Ellicott City for some time, expects to sail from New York for Havana shortly. He goes to reclaim and rehabilitate his lands, which include 450 acres.

Mr. Chartrand is a citizen of the United States, his former home having been in South Carolina. Through the State Department he has lodged a claim against Spain for $10,000 for the buildings destroyed on his Cuban estates. Every one of the structures on the lands, he says, including dwellings and barns, were razed to the ground or burned. Their owner says he was not molested in his possessions or business even while the internal strife went on until the authorities became aware that he was not a Frenchman, as they supposed, but an American. Then they concluded to drive him out. He accordingly left the island in September, 1896 Since then Mr. Chartrand has lived at Ellicott City and in New York. For more than a year he has made his home with Mrs. A. J. Dalcour, a relative. He is advanced in years, but is remarkably alert and active and of cultivated tastes and engaging manners. He takes a hopeful view of Cuba's future. Ultimately he expects it to be annexed to the United States, though the present sentiment there, as he understands it, is strongly against annexation.

Bishop Paret's Plan of Church Work.

Bishop William Paret, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, has completed plans for the organization of a "missionary circuit," to include a number of smaller churches of his diocese which are without the services of regular rectors and unable separately to support them should they be assigned.

The plan was determined upon by the bishop when the pulpit of the church at Curtis Bay became vacant some months ago, and has been perfected by naming the churches in the circuit, which will include those at Curtis Bay, Glen Burnie, Jessup's, Annapolis Junction and Savage.

The bishop has appointed Rev. J. C. Gray, rector of the Elkridge church, as clergyman in charge of the new circuit, and has authorized the appointment of one assistant, who has been named, but has not as yet accepted the position.

A plan of visitation will be arranged by the two clergyman, and regular services will be begun within the next two weeks at the various churches. Rev. Mr. Gray's new duties will not necessitate his retirement from the rectorship of the Elkridge church, and the rectory will be the administrative center for affairs of the five churches under his superintendency. The congregations at each point have comfortable and attractive churches, but desultory service has seriously reduced attendance. The new plan, it is believed, will prove advantageous to each community.

Jurors for the March Term of Court.

Judge Jones on Saturday drew the jurors for the March term of the Howard County Circuit Court, as follows:

James P. Molesworth, Charles A. McCauley, Alpheus C. Devries, Aubrey Hopkins, Samuel N. Scott, Thomas O'Neill, Jno. W. Earp, Milton D. Hall, Thomas L. Maclin, William H. Cole, Howard Warfield. William H. Gaither, William L. Downey, Arthur McLane, August Brunner, George M. Gearheart, George P. Harman, Samuel E. Hoogerwoof, Chas. G. Linthicum, Jr., Ezekiel Moxley, John V. Stansfield, George W. Stansfield, Christain Eckert, Jacob R. Wells, Joseph F. Hood, George M. Harvey, William H. Fairall, Frank C. K. Rowles, Thaddeus W. Crapster, Joshua B. Day, Henry Renn, William H. Amoss, Grosvenor Hanson, Aaron L. Mackenzie, James R. Mullinix, Dorsey Thompson, Henry Lee Collins, Martin Kesmodel, Jr., Frank B. Gallion, Stephen Brandenburg, Elisha R. Jones, John W. Selby, William H. Miles, John A. Renehan, Charles J. Werner, Oliver C. Amoss, Jonathan E. Musgrove and William H. Mackenzie. The term begins on March 20.

Gray Mare Stolen.

A gray mare belonging to Mr. Herman Westfall, near Simponsville, this county, was stolen from the stable Tuesday night last. About 12 o'clock Mr. Westfall noticed that the dogs were doing an unusual amount of barking and he went out to investigate. Seeing that the stable door was shut suspected nothing wrong. On going to the stable in the morning he found the animal gone, including a saddle and new briddle. By the tracks he could see that the mare had been ridden to the turnpike. Mr. Westfall, Tuesday morning promptly notified the police authorities here, in Baltimore and Washington.

Fined for Trapping Red Birds.

Deputy Game Warden John O. Young, of Baltimore county, swore out warrants charging John and Henry Webber, father and son, with trapping red birds near Orange Grove. The birds, it is said, were intended for the decoration of ladies' hats. Information of the offense was gained partially through the presence of one of the captured birds in Baltimore City. Constable Charles Cramblitt served the warrant, and the trials took place Tuesday before Justice Warren, of Gray's. After hearing the evidence the Justice imposed on the accused a fine aggregating $10.30.

Electric Lights for Savage.

The work of erecting poles and wires for the lighting of the town of Savage, in the Sixth district of Howard county, by electricity has been completed, and it is expected the lights will be turned on at once. As many as thirty lights have been placed in some private houses. The lights on the streets will be paid for by the commissioners of Howard county. The current is to be furnished from the plant of the Savage Manufacturing Company. Savage is one of the prettiest and most prosperous towns in Maryland. Its population is now about 1,000.

Working Night and Day

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globule of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brainfag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by Dr. Isaac J. Martin's Sons.

Local and Miscellaneous.

A disappointment which many of the residents of Ellicott City were unprepared for was experienced Tuesday afternoon. The news had reached here that Admiral Schley would pass this way in going to Baltimore to be present at the banquet Tuesday night, and at the depot of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad a large crowd had gathered to get a glimpse of him. Just as a big yell was about to go up the conductor of the approaching train announced that the Santiago hero had taken another route, and all had to return home in quite a complaining humor.

A stone from the cliff near Tarpean rock, Ellicott City, fell Sunday afternoon on the east track of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and a serious accident was averted by Leonard Cramblitt, who observed the rock as it tumbled, and gave the alarm. Mr. Cramblitt, who happened to be standing near, barely had time to flag an approaching freight train, which would have crashed into the obstruction had not the train crew been notified to stop. The rock, which had been loosened by the winter's freezing, weighed many hundred pounds.

Fifty beef cattle have just been sold for the European market by Capt. William H. Baugher, proprietor of Upton, the well-known stock farm in the Second district of Howard county, near Ellicott City. The cattle averaged 1,400 pounds each in weight, and were pronounced to be of an excellent grade. They will be shipped in a few days. Captain Baugher has 50 more now being fattened for the foreign markets, which will be shipped in the latter part of the spring.

The board of directors of the Springfield Insane Asylum on Tuesday selected Dr. Joseph C. Clark as superintendent, to succeed the late Dr. George H. Rohe. The appointee is now assistant superintendent of Spring Grove Asylum for the Insane. The new incumbent is a young man, having been born in 1858, in Talbot county. He enjoys the reputation of rare ability in his profession and is the author of several valuable treatises on various diseases.

It is jestingly stated that the Howard county swine will develop into a new strain, judging from the effects upon them of the recent cold weather. Hundreds of hogs in the county have lost both tails and ears by being frostbitten, and, as stated before, numbers were frozen to death. One farmer alone, in the Sixth district of this county, has 40 hogs which lost their ears and tails from frostbite.

Another ticket for the Ellicott City municipal election has been determined upon, it is understood, to oppose the ticket already named, which is headed by Howard D. Dunkel for mayor. Two or three of the Dunkel candidates for councilmen are placed on the opposition ticket. The city supervisors of election met Monday and made provisions for the election, which takes place in April.

There remains unpaid but $400 of the building debt of the Presbyterian church here Most of this debt has been wiped out through the use of envelopes, contributions being made weekly. The congregation is greatly interested in getting the balance paid and it is believed before January 1st next the debt will be cancelled.

A rumor is rife that the Consolidated Railway Company has abandoned the idea of running the trolley tracks up Main street. In that event the query naturally arises, will the bridge across the Patapsco be built at all? The company is certainly standing in its own light if it fails to enter Howard county.

Margaret Nelson, an aged colored woman, was found the first of the week in a helpless condition at her home, near Pine Orchard, Second district of this county. Both feet were badly frostbitten. She became snowbound during the recent blizzard, and was unable to procure fuel.

Two marriage couples debarked from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad train at Woodstock Wednesday. One was Mr. and Mrs. Emory H. Porter and the other Elias Johnson and Bertha Scott. The marriage of the former took place at Mt. Airy and the latter at Ellicott City.

Mr. James L. Hackley's public sale of personal property which came off on Wednesday was well attended and everything brought uniformly good prices, the sale aggregating nearly $2,000. Mr. M. H. Cooney was auctioneer. This sale was advertised in The Times.

Ex-Sheriff J. Frank Oldfield, of this place, who was recently appointed a postoffice inspector by the department at Washington, has gone to Chattanooga, Tenn., to which place he has been assigned for duty.

The trolley line continues to be well patronized. Ellicott City now enjoys the distinction of being a county town and a suburb of Baltimore. A heap of visiting back and forward has been engendered by the line.

The Reverent R. Holland Taylor D.D. of Baltimore, will preach (D. V.) in St. Peter's Church, Wednesday March 8th at 7.30 P. M. Bishop Paret will make his visitation on Tuesday, 7th inst., at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Nichols, wife of Benjamin F. Nichols, a prominent farmer of the Fifth district, accidentally fell at her home a few days ago and broke her hip She is now quite ill from the effects of her injury.

Corporal Richard Talbott, of the First, is home, the regiment having been mustered out on Wednesday. "Dick," as he is familiarly known, was popular with his regiment and every inch a soldier.

The condition of Stephen J. Hillsinger, of this place, who is at the Maryland University Hospital, where he submitted to a surgical operation a few days ago, is reported as being extremely critical.

Correspondents should not fail to accompany their name with matter intended for publication in The Times. Those who fail to do so we have reason to suspect mean no good.

The plumbers at Catonsville enjoyed a harvest of work caused by the freezing and bursting of pipes. One reported nearly eight hundred dollars' worth of work in ten days.

St. Paul's Council, No. 205, C. B. L., of Ellicott City, is preparing a grand musical drama, entitled "O Hanna The Eta," to be given April 3, in the New Assembly Room.

Messrs. Frank and Lee Thompson, of Fountain Mills, Frederick county, were visiting relatives in Ellicott City on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

"Busted" pipes put lots of households about Ellicott City in great distress. Plumber Stigler, however, is gradually relieving the inconvenience.

Subscribers directing us to change their papers from one postoffice to another should give the postoffice from which the paper is to be transferred.

Miss Ella Jardan, who has been spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. C. M. Acklen, returned to her home in Washington, D. C., on Thursday.

Rev. Wm. Rogers, of Emory M. E. Church, attended the 115th annual conference of the M. E. Church, in session in Baltimore this week.

Quite a number of the patrons of the electric light are quite anxious that the company may soon get its full complement of coal.

H. Oliver Thompson, of the Baltimore Bar, was here Tuesday and was admitted to practice as an attorney at the Ellicott City Bar.

A marriage license was issued Wednesday in Baltimore to Mr. Geo. C. Stump and Miss Cora E. Bowers, both of Alberton, Md.

Washington Clifford, coachman for Mr. James E. Tyson here, died suddenly about 5 o'clock Friday morning of this week.

Mr. Elma Miles and his friend, Mr. Urner Purdum, of Daisy, were the recent guests of friends at Hood's Mill.

Miss Mina Koeder, of near Catonsville, who has been visiting friends in Baltimore City was returned home.

Miss Clara Hahn, of Baltimore county, was the guest of Mrs. E. B. McDonald here, Wednesday of last week.

Mrs Jas. W. Gordon, of Baltimere, spent a few days at St. John's rectory with Mrs. Hall Harrison.

Mr. Benjamin Miles, of Daisy, returned home Tuesday last after a protracted visit to "Cedar Grove."

The backbone of winter has been broken, the wicked groundhog to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. J. Emory Porter, of Granite, and Miss Swaidner, of Liberty, were married on Wednesday.

Miss Harriet Caperton of Union, W. Va., is visiting Miss Achsah Dorsey at Ellicott City.

Mr. Michael Pue, who is entirely blind, was out to attend to some business Saturday last.

Miss Bertha Henderson, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Jno. M. Collier, of this place.

A well-written article entitled "Personal Slander," is crowded out this week.

Mrs. Horace Isaac, of Irvington, was here this week visiting her parents.

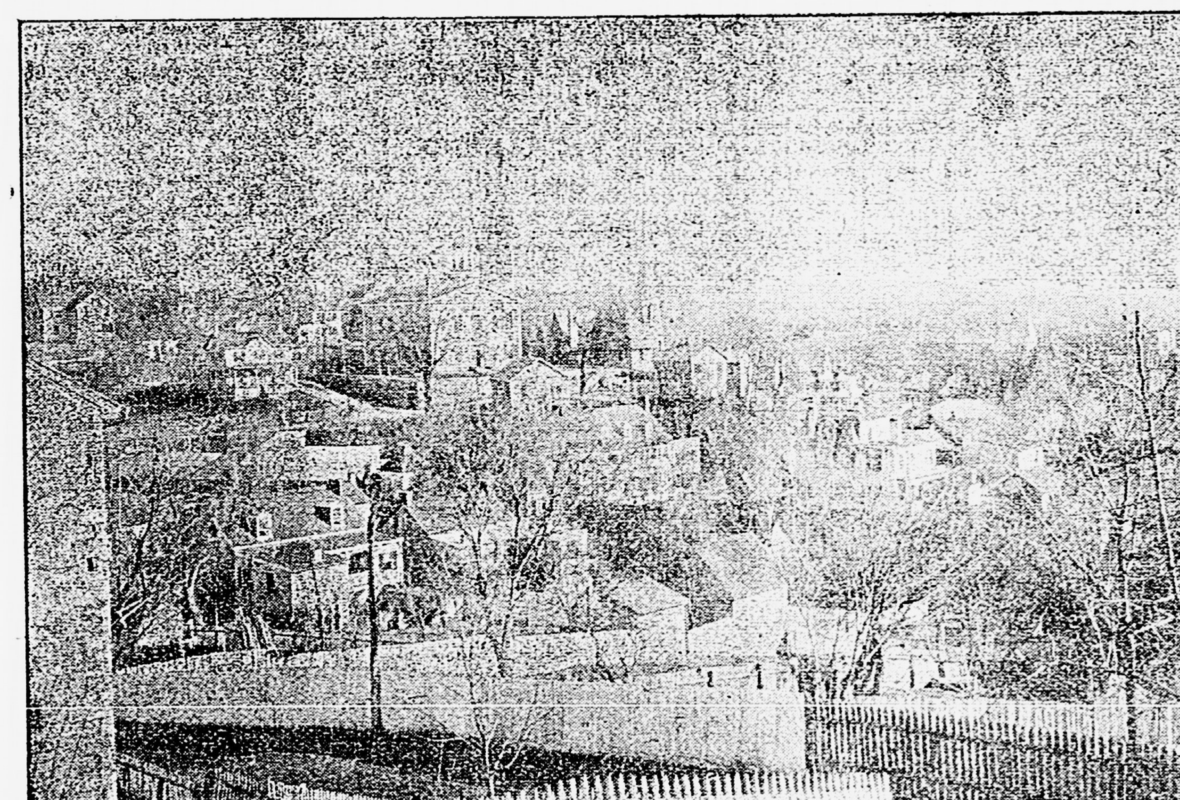
Miss Mary Watkins was among the visitors in Ellicott City last week.

Mr. C. H. Hardin Branch is home from a month's visit at Princeton, N. J.

Echoes of the late blizzard may still be heard.

Claimant to an Estate.

Wednesday a gentleman from Baltimore arrived here and proceeded at once to the late home of Dr. Piccolo, whose obituary notice appears in this issue. He stated that he was the son of the deceased, and that his name was Joseph L. Piccolo. He said he was first apprised of the death of his father by seeing an account of it in the American. Mr. Piccolo stated that he was the son of his father's first wife and was the only child of five now living, by that marriage. The Baltimore heir was anxious, he said, to find certain papers which he thought were in his father's possession, and which had a special bearing on large real estate interests said to have been owned by his father. Dr. L. Piccolo, who died not long ago in New Jersey, and who was largely interested in the manufacture of gunpowder, was a brother.



GENERAL VIEW OF ELLICOTT CITY.

HYMENEAL.

MCKENZIE-RIDGELY.

A pretty marriage was solemnized on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock at Bethany Methodist Episcopal Church, near Ellicott City. The bride was Miss Laura V. Ridgely and the groom was Mr. Caswell T. McKenzie, both of the Second district of Howard county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William Rogers, of the Ellicott City M. E. Church. The ushers were Messrs. Wm. M. Tittsworth and William L. Lazeby. Miss Blanche Tittsworth acted as maid of honor, and the best man was Mr. James A. Ridgely, brother of the bride. The bride was costumed in a suit of brown serge trimmed in silk, with hat and gloves to match, and carried a bouquet of bride roses. Wedding marches were played on the organ by Mr. Alger P. Tittsworth as the bridal party entered and left the church. A reception followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie.

Threw Herself on the Track.

Amanda Orr, a notorious character of Baltimore, who was committed to the House of Correction for 12 months by Justice Grannan, of the Southern District, attempted to end her life Monday at Bridewell Station, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. She and several other prisoners were being taken to the institution. As they stood on the platform at Bridewell a fast train came thundering along, and when it was about a hundred yards of the station, Amanda, with a wild shriek, threw herself before it, lying flat on the tracks. Sergeants Bowen and Meyer and Detective Browning, of the Baltimore and Ohio, pulled her off the tracks just in time to save her life. She fought desperately with the officers and came near causing the loss of Sergeant Bowen's life with her own, as she almost pulled him in front of the locomotive. She stated that she would sooner be dead than go back to the House of Correction.

Hand Lacerated by a Gun.

Eldersburg, Carroll co., Feb. 28.—Mr. Roy Warner, aged 22 years, son of the late Upton Warner, of near this place, met with a very painful accident at his home today. He had been bothered by hawks intruding on his poultry yard. They had become so daring as to perch on trees nearby. The presence of one today brought young Warner to the scene with a gun, which, on firing, burst, tearing off thumb and middle finger of his left hand and badly lacerating the entire hand. The loss is quite serious to his mother and family as since the death of the father the young man had been their main dependence.

Injunction to Restrain Sale of Stock.

R. B. Hazlett, general manager of the Maryland Telephone Company, and Ada M. Hazlett, his wife, filed on the 24th ult. in the Washington county court, bills for injunction to restrain Claude M. Acklen, of Howard county, president of the company, and Henry A. McComas, Hagerstown, vice-president, from voting or disposing of 111 shares of Maryland Telephone Company stock, and that the 111 shares be reassigned to Mrs. Hazlett. Complainants allege that by the disposal of this stock their interests would be jeopardized, being large holders of the stock.

Red Hot From The Gun

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman of Newark, Mich., in the Civil War. It caused horrible Ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Boils, Felons, Corns, Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Dr. Isaac J. Martin's Sons, Druggists.

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ELLICOTT CITY

As It Was and Is—An Historic Town—A Locality Boomed Many Years Ago By the Ellicott Brothers.

"A chiel (reporter) is amang ye takin' notes an' faith he'll print 'em." A "chiel" representing the Baltimore Herald has been in Ellicott City and has furnished that paper with the following interesting account of our "town on the hillside," which appeared in last Sunday's edition, copiously illustrated, of our enterprising cotemporary:

There is perhaps, no town in Maryland whose history is fraught with more interest and which has been more thoroughly identified with all that has marked the development of the State than Ellicott City.

It is among the oldest Maryland towns, having been settled in 1772. Its founders were three Ellicott brothers, who came from Pennsylvania and purchased a tract of land four miles in extent along the Patapsco River, including the present site of Ellicott City. They at once erected grist mills on this purchase. These mills, it may be said, brought about a marked changed in the agricultural system of the State, and today there is scarcely a section which does not to some extent, profit by the results of the wisdom and genius of the first settlers of the "City Among the Hills."

When the Ellicotts first took possession of their purchase on the Patapsco, the whole valley was a wilderness covered with great trees, the growth of centuries. The forests were so thick with undergrowth that the exploring parties were compelled to cut pathways with axes. This made it a favorite resort for all kinds of game, which continued to abound until the march of civilization drove them from their haunts. Deer were killed in the vicinity. Shad and herring were taken in large quantities in the Patapsco here until milldams obstructed their passage.

THE FIRST HOUSE.

The first house built in Ellicott City was a large, rude log mansion on the Baltimore county side, near the present site of the C. A. Gambrill Company's flour mill, and was for the accomodation of the mechanics and laborers who had come from Pennsylvania. The erection of a sawmill to prepare the lumber needed for the other houses soon followed. The only iron tools then manufactured in Baltimore county were crowbars, the works being at Dorsey's Forge, now Avalon, near Elkridge.

From the quantities of stone tomahawks, stone axes and arrow points that have been found on the spot where the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad depot here now stands, it was generally supposed that a great Indian battle had been fought there. Other evidences of its being a resort of the red men remained intact until changed by the pioneers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1828.

The wagon road from Baltimore by Ellicotts' mills as far as Carroll's Manor was made wholly at the expense of the owners of the "mills," and from the Manor to Frederick the engineering was under their management. For the accommodation of the laborers they built a house on wheels, which was drawn by horses. It contained all the conveniences for cooking, sleeping, &c., and was the first movable building seen in Maryland. The wonderful mud machine of the present day is an improved invention of the Ellicott City founders, who first employed the rude contrivance to remove the sediment from the bottom of the dock at their wharves in Baltimore. They, too, were the first to use the "rubber," or break, on wagons, an instrument which is today an indispensable auxiliary in the management of most all kinds of vehicles.

NEW ENTERPRISES STARTED.

Ellicott's Mills was a small village until 1794, and consisted only of the residences of the proprietors and tenements for the employes. In that year a large paper mill was built, together with numerous other buildings for the accommodation of the workmen. In 1796 a tanyard was established, and in 1808 the Union Manufacturing Company of Maryland purchased from the Ellicotts the site just outside the city limits, which now embraces the thrifty village of Oella and the famous cotton mills of William J. Dickey & Sons. Wheat, which was grown on the newly cleared lands of the Ellicotts in the vicinity, was manufactured into flour at the mills here in 1794, an innovation that was considered visionary by the residents, who refused at first to change their crops and enter into the new enterprises. But the sober second thought prevailed, and the demand for wheat soon caused a supply to roll in.

An oil mill and a carding mill for wool was built in 1804, near the intersection of the present Ellicott City and Clarksville turnpike with the Frederick pike, and was supplied with water from the "wild cat" branch, subsequently known as the Tiber. In 1806 iron works were established for welding and slitting bars of iron; nails were also made on a large scale and exported to different markets. To these establishments were soon added machinery for the manufacture of iron for wrought iron utensils of many kinds. The period between this date and the completion of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to the Mills, in 1828, is marked by a gradual advancement in all the industrial enterprises which have led to the wealth and prosperity of many of our now prominent residents.

RAILROAD BROUGHT PROSPERITY.

The beneficial effects consequent upon the construction of the railroad were at once noticeable. Immediately the population began to increase, new enterprises sprang into existence, buildings went up as if by magic and an impetus was given to all kinds of business.

The old Patapsco Bank, which was the first banking institution in this section, was established in 1837, and proved a most important adjunct to the business of the town. It was successfully conducted until just before the breaking out of the Civil War, and when it closed a premium of 50 per cent. was declared on the capital stock.

The town was rather benefited by the Civil War than otherwise, as the farmers from the adjacent country found here ready sale for their products, owing in a degree to its being a Government station, and the merchants were consequently enabled to sell their goods for cash and at high prices.

The first court held at the Mills was in 1840, previous to which the legal business was attended to at Annapolis.

Ellicott's Mills was incorporated in 1867 under the name of Ellicott City, and its first Mayor was George Ellicott, a direct descendant of one of the founders of the town.

In 1868 Ellicott City was visited by a freshet which devastated the portion of the town along the banks of the Patapsco river, and caused the loss of many lives. In a few seconds scores of dwellings and a number of business establishments, with over 30 persons, of all years and sexes, were swept down the current, leaving the town in mourning for the unfortunate victims. Time has, however, partially effaced this sad incident in the city's history, and there has since been s steady development in all the business enterprises that tend to give prominence to a country town.

BIG FLOUR MILLS.

In connection with the material welfare of Ellicott City, the C. A. Gambrill Company's flour mill, which is located within the town limits, has been no small factor in promoting the gradual growth of the business of the place, and it is stated that the amount of money circulated through this source alone exceeds $1,000,000 per annum.

After the dissolution of the old Patapsco bank the town remained without such an institution until 1886, when, through the instrumentality of Edwin Warfield, who is now president of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, the Patapsco National Bank of Ellicott City, was started. It stands today as one of the most prosperous financial institutions in the State, and has as its managers men of the best standing in the community. Its present officers are: President, Joseph H. Leishear; vice-president, Col. Thomas H. Hunt; cashier, John F. McMullen; directors, ex-Gov. John Lee Carroll, John L. Clark, William Clark, of T.; John M. Delashmutt, Joshua W. Dorsey, William H. Forsythe, Thomas H. Hunt, Sr., Saml. S. Owings, ex-Senator John G. Rogers, John S. Tracey and Joshua N. Warfield.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

The graded schools, in which four teachers are employed, is also one of the newly-acquired conveniences of the town, and there are also several private schools, conducted by worthy teachers. Rock Hill College, which is universally known, is in the centre of the town, and its conduct, under the Christian Brothers, is unsurpassed anywhere, in all that go to make up a thorough educational institution. Ellicott City has three weekly newspapers.

Among the industries is the sewing factory, recently established here, giving employment to over 150 hands. The town is provided with a fire apparatus and water works, the latter being under private management.

Ellicott City may appropriately be termed the City of Churches, as there can scarcely be found another town in the State of its size that can boast of so many places of public worship. One Episcopal, one Presbyterian, one Catholic, a Lutheran, one Methodist, one Quaker and two colored churches constitute the number. The Quaker Church is not now used, however, as place of worship by that denomination. It was one of the first churches erected in this section, and stands as a conspicuous landmark, overlooking the slopes occupied by the first settlers.

The town is also provided with electric lights, which, although of an old type, serve as a reminder of the progressiveness of the present age.

Ellicott City has two home building associations which have proved of material advantage to the citizens as repositories for their small savings, and through which many of the poorer class in our midst have secured comfortable homes. These are the Building and Loan and the American Land, Loan and Building Associations of Ellicott City. Benjamin Mellor and B. H. Wallenhorst are president and treasurer, respectively, of the former, and the officers of the latter are: President, G. T. Dalcour; vice-president, J. Worthington Dorsey; treasurer, Christian Eckert; secretary, John A. Denton; attorney, J. Malcolm Dorsey. This latter association is empowered with banking privileges, which gives the company increased advantages over ordinary building institutions.

MANY NEW BUILDINGS.

Included among the recent buildings and improvements here may be especially mentioned the Howard House, a granite hotel, owned and occupied by Christian Eckert, on Main street; the dwelling of William R. Dorsey, that of G. T. Dalcour, the commodious lumber warehouses of Werner Bros., the sewing factory of Oppenheim, Oberndorf & Co , the large brick elevator of the Gambrill Manufacturing Company, and a number of others. The lumber-yards of Talbott & Clark and Werner Bros., also form a factor in the business of the town. The elegant stone quarries, operated, one by Weber, another by Werner Bros., and the third by Rappanier, are industries of no little importance.

The advent of a new era in the development of Ellicott City will, no doubt, begin, now that the facilities of an electric railroad have been added to the other conveniences previously established.

Heretofore the town has not had the benefits of an enlarged population, and consequent increase in its business departments, as might have been hoped for in view of its proximity to the State metropolis, but now that the Consolidated Railroad has been extended here, it may be confidently expected that the great natural advantages this place offers for suburban residences will be duly appreciated, and that the early spring will bring a rush of refined and wealthy families in quest of country homes. The pure spring water, the excellent natural drainage, the absence of malarial infections and the genuine hospitality of the people, all combine to make this a most desirable place to live in.

No Lady's Toilet is Complete without Dr. Isaac J. Martin's Sons' new line of toilet articles. Royal Cream has no superior for curing chapped hands and lips, and a roughened complexion can be softened to equal that of an infant. Their Violet Talcum Powder, at 10 cents, has no superior where a toilet powder is needed. Quinine Hair Tonic and Carbolic Tooth wash speak for hemselves whenever used.

OBITUARY.

Please note, while no charge is made for obituary notices proper, poetry attached thereto is charged at the rate of 12 cents each, for two verses. Three or more verses 10 cents for each verse. One stanza of four lines, 15 cents.

PICCOLO.

Dr. Francis F. Piccolo, one the oldest residents of this place, died Tuesday evening of dropsical affection, aged 74 years. He was a native of Italy, but had resided here for about twenty-five years. For a number of years past he had lived a retired life. He leaves a widow, but no children. He had some knowledge of medicine, usually using herb remedies, and, it is stated, enjoyed quite a practice. Funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, interment in St. John's Cemetery.

BAKER.

William H. Baker, a former resident of Ellicott City, died suddenly Monday at Long Corner from heart disease. About noon he stopped at Mullinix's store, in the village, and, complaining of feeling ill, sat on the step. He was observed to reel and soon expired. Mr. Baker was sixty years of age and unmarried. He was a brother of Robert Baker, of Ellicott City.

SHREEVE.

Miss Annie M. Shreeve died at her home in Westminster Monday after a long illness. She was the daughter of Levi and Mary Shreeve. Dr. James E. Shreeve, of Ellicott City, is her brother. Besides him, the following survive her: Miss A. H. Huber, Mrs. R. N. Snader, Mrs. Jane Shreeve and Messrs. Jessse F., Joseph E. and John C. Shreeve, all of Westminister, and George W. Shreeve, of Anderson, Ind.

THOMPSON.

On Sunday night, February 26, at 11 30 o'clock, near Ellicott City, after an illness of three weeks from impoverishment of the blood, Robt. Earl, the seven-year-old son of Robert B. and Velvia H. Thompson. Funeral on Tuesday. Interment in St. John's Cemetery. Undertaker Hillsinger had charge.

BERRET.

Freedom, March 1.—Mr. Julius B. Berret died at his home here today, aged 87 years. He had been confined to his house all the winter, his advanced years so enfeebling him that he was unable to withstand the severe weather. His funeral will be held at his late home on Friday, 3rd, at 1 o'clock. His remains will be interred in the family vault, Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

ESWORTHY.

On Tuesday, February 21, at Woodbine, God in His infinite wisdom deemed it best to call Robert H. Esworthy from this world of sin and sorrow. He took from us our dear boy. It is with great sorrow we bow our hearts to his divine will and say, "Thy will be done." In life, health and joy he was accidentally killed by the cars while on his way home. His age was twenty years, five months and 26 days.

Dear Robert, how can I give you up,
You whom I loved so dear;
How can I drink this bitter cup
And say the word farewell.

Florence, Md. By his Aunt.

OELLA NOTES.

There is a considerable local demand just at present for the Kersey manufactured at the mills here, over a hundred dollars' worth having been retailed to residents of Howard county at the company's store here the past week, the goods being used alike for ladies' dresses and men's suits.

Mrs. John Keigler, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Lizzie, left Friday for Damascus, Montgomery county, where she will spend a week with her daughter, Mrs. Rufus Burdette.

Mrs. Maggie Bell, of Baltimore, came out Sunday and spent the day with her mother, Mrs. Clark Webb, who has been confined to her bed for several months by illness.

Miss Frances Hurdle, after two weeks pleasantly spent here with her sister, Mrs. David G. VanOrder, returned to her home in Baltimore last Saturday.

Mr. Harry Kaiser, of this village, who has been with the First Regiment at Augusta, Ga., returned home on Thursday.

Mrs. Annie Ober, of Baltimore, has been spending the week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schotta.

Miss Frances Hilton has been spending the past week in Baltimore with her sister, Mrs. Emory Curtis.

Miss Annie Atkinson, of Baltimore, visited relatives here this week.

OAKLAND MILLS.

Oakland Mills, March 1.—As was advertised in The Times the public sale of Geo. W. Geaslen, Oakland Mills, came off promptly at 1 o'clock sharp, and was largely attended. Good prices were realized, especially for the cattle, poultry, poultry wire, bees, and honey. One cow without a calf brought $40 00, laying hens $5.00 per. dozen, a lot bees, $18 00. Amount of sales realized over reached expectations by $160, much to the credit of the advertisement. Having left the sale of the farm for the last, the auctioneer did not get through in time to offer it.

The roads here in a number of places are still blocked by snow drifts thus causing persons to go farther around in reaching their destination.

List of Unclaimed Letters Remaining in Ellicott City Postoffice, Mar. 3, 1899.

Miss Harriett Easton, Marshall Roylands, Mrs Susan R. Shipley, Miss Jennie Tompston.

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

Hamilton Oldfield, P. M.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist Church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial it will please me." For sale by druggists.

Aug. Ehmling, celebrated for prime salt water Oysters, sells all wines at 30c per quart and $1.00 per gallon. Lombard and Eutaw Sts., Baltimore.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
ABSOLUTELY PURE
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome
ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

SYKESVILLE NEWS.

Sykesville, March 1.—The careless lying around of fire-arms is again attested as shown by the following. On Friday evening last Dorothy, aged 8 years, daughter of Mr. E. M. Mellor, while entertaining her young friend, Margaret Harris, the two being attended by a little colored girl 12 years old, repaired to the room of Harry Mellor to play. On a bureau lay a 32 calibre pistol, and the colored girl in handling it managed to fire the same off. Fortunately all escaped unhurt. The fright of the little ones can only be described by those who went to their rescue. The colored girl's natural color was fully restored by the next day.

Hotel de Jessup's, at Bridewell, Washington branch of the B. and O. R. R., has for its guests from this place Frank Johnson, four months, and Gus Dorsey, four months; Isaac Roberson and Chas. Prettyman, each six months. The above named are all colored and were quartered there by his honor, Justice John E. Barnes, they having participated in a free fight at McDonald's store on Saturday night last, and by said act very much disturbed the peace of our town.

Another musical wave has struck our town. The orchestra has again organized, and a phonograph club has been formed, the sweet airs of the instruments entertaining the members four nights of each week.

The Carroll County Fox Hunt Club let loose a fox on the State farm here Tuesday last and had an exciting and interesting chase. Reynard was run down after a chase of several miles. His brush was taken to Westminster as the prize belonged to that locality.

GLENWOOD.

Glenwood, March 2.—There is a farmer in our town who has a goodly number of intelligent rats. He has tried in nearly every conceivable way to rid himself of these pests, but his efforts have thus far been of no avail. They look with contempt upon the delicately flavored dishes that have time and again been prepared for them, and do not deign so much as to smell the tempting slices of cheese placed in traps for their benefit. The farmer has at last been able to capture a few by turning his pantry into a trap, and fixing a sliding door to cover the hole through which they walk in. At first they cut the string with their teeth, and were thus enabled to walk in and out without danger of interruption, but now the door is secured by wire which prevents them from using it as it best suits them. It is feared that he will be obliged to call the "Glenwood Brass Band" to his assistance before he can rest free from the depredations of these rodents.

Mr. James Hackley's sale, to have taken place on February 16th, was held Wednesday, March 1st.

Mr. Franklin Brown, chief clerk in the store of Mr. J. D. Alcock, is on the sick list at his home in Brookeville.

The roads are still very bad, but passable. The snow has given place to almost its equivalent in mud. E. C. P.

SAVAGE NOTES.

Savage, Feb. 28.—A surprise party was given Miss Mollie Gore on Saturday night last. Those present were: Misses Georgia Swann, Carrie Slater, Florence Dontell, Alice Putnam, Bertie Minafer, Francis Ridgely, Hattie Zepp, Bessie and Pearl Lawrence, Ivy Owens, Nettie Jones, Messrs. Robt. Morang, Jr., Chas. and Fred. Owens, Edgar Dontell, Everett Phelps, Gilbert Lee, Geo. Lenox, Walter Putnam. All spent an enjoyable evening until a late hour. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Maggie Lillie, departed this life Sunday. The funeral services was held in Grace M E. Church, Tuesday. Services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Tillery. Interment in Savage Cemetery. The relatives have the sympathy of the community.

The electric light plant here is in operation and will be a great convenience to the public.

DAISY.

Too late last week for insertion.

Daisy, Feb. 21.—The oyster supper which was held on the seventh and eighth inst. was a success. The committee are grateful for provisions and services rendered by the ladies.

The intense cold weather that followed the supper caused many of the young people disappointments and broken engagements. The lowest the thermometer fell here was 18 degrees below zero. We had feared the ice crop would be short, as it is unusual for much ice in February if we do not have it in December and January. Strange to say there has been very little skating here, although it has been so cold.

Snow in piles,
Snow in all fantastic styles;
Snow in banks,
Which would cover all creation's cranks.
But not enough on level ground
To give each one a ride around.

We heard of one gentleman who took his girl out last Sunday afternoon sleighing. After being upset in a drift they concluded to return to "Home, Sweet Home."

We have not heard of any cases of death of stock on account of the cold weather in this community.

Daisy school opened on Monday which had been closed all last week.

Mr. J. R. Stier started his mill also on Monday.

Miss S—— has been seen riding horseback quite frequently lately.

Many places are bare of snow now which are as welcome to us as the oasis in the desert to weary travelers.

Make Peace.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, } ss.
Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, county and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D., 1886.

{SEAL} A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

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Sold by Druggists. 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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.

HORSE BLANKETS AND LAP ROBES at Frank Mayfield's, opposite the Engine House, Ellicott City.

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

PUBLIC SALES.

Following is a list of the public sales advertised in The Times. These notices remain, free of charge, until day of sale. Sale bill printing done on short notice except on Fridays.

On Wednesday, March 15, by Winfield S. and Alpheus W. Hobbs, administrators of Lawrence Hobbs, deceased, near Doughoregan, livestock, farming implements, &c. C. S. Hobbs, auctioneer.

On Thursday, March 16, by Chas. L. Fulton, near Ellicott City, Clarksville pike, livestock, farming implements, &c. Wm. Crawford, auctioneer.

On Saturday, March 18, by the heirs of Basil T. Chaney, deceased, farm of 84 acres near Morgan Station. Also by the administrators of the deceased, personal property.

On Tuesday, March 21, at 10 A. M., by Jas. M. Rice, on road between Cooksville and Hood's Mill, livestock, farming implements, &c. C. B. Fout, auctioneer.

On Thursday, March 23, by Harry N. Miles, Daisy, Howard county, livestock, farming implements, &c. Advt. and handbills later.

On Saturday, March 25, by Thad M. Biser, attorney named in mortgage, 8 acres improved, partly in Howard county and partly in Montgomery county. Chas. B. Fout, auctioneer.

THE CHURCHES.

Presbyterian Church, H. Branch, D. D., pastor.—Sunday, 5th March, 9.30 A. M., Sunday school; 11 A. M., preaching; 6.45 P. M., Y. P. S. C. E., subject, "The Gates of Zion;" 7.30 P. M., preaching. Wednesday, 3.30 P. M., Woman's Missionary Society at the Manse; 7.30 P. M., prayermeeting, Westminster Assembly's Catechism.

Lutheran Church, Rev. E. C. Ide, Pastor.—Services Sunday next: Sunday School, 9 30 A. M.; preaching in English, 10.30 A. M., subject: "The Chief Sufferer and his Participants."

Emory M. E. Church, Wm. Rogers, Pastor.—Services Sunday next: Sunday school, 9 30 A. M.; preaching, 11 A. M., by Rev. W. D. Parry, of Monkton; also preaching at 7.30 P. M. Prayermeeting Wednesday, 7.30 P. M. Epworth League Friday, 10th, 7.30 P. M.

NEARBY STATE NEWS.

Through the courtesy of Deputy Clerk of the Court for Talbott county, Henry Holliday, a Baltimore Herald correspondent was shown what was probably the strangest sentence ever passed by a Maryland court. It was a murder trial in July, 1745, and the prisoner was a negro who had killed his overseer. The case was tried in Talbot county, and the prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to have his right hand cut off, to be hanged and then quartered. The record is signed by John Leeks, Clerk. The book is in excellent shape and the writing clear and distinct.

Walter A. Milstead, who went to Manila as clerk to Major William G. Gambrill, paymaster United States Army, has secured appointment to a similar post in the navy and is now on the Baltimore.

Mayor Phelps, of Laurel, has received a letter from President O. T. Crosby, of the City and Suburban Railway, of Washington, D. C., stating that the road will be extended to Laurel.

A mad-dog scare prevails in Montgomery county. Several mad dogs are running at large in that county.

A Pathetic Ballad.

Father, dear father, come home with me now, for ma has some carpets to beat; she's got all the furniture out in the yard, from the front door clean out to the street. The stove must come down and be put in the shed, and the yard must be cleared of some grass, for it's time to clean house and the devil's to pay—and the front windows need some new glass. Father, dear father, come home with me now, and bring some bologna and cheese, it's most twelve o'clock and there nothing to eat—I'm so hungry I'm weak in the knees. All the dinner we'll have will be cold scraps and such, and we'll have to eat standing up, too, for the table and all are out in the back, oh, I wish that house-cleaning was through. Father, dear father, come home with me now, for ma is as mad as a Turk; she says that you're only a lazy old thing, and that she shall put you to work. There's painting to do and paper to hang, and the windows and casing to scrub, for it's house-cleaning time and you've got to come home and revel in suds and cold grub.—Hutchinson (Kan.) Clipper.

Benefit to the Community.

An Arkansas judge, in speaking of his local paper, recently remarked: "Each year the local paper gives from $500 to $5,000 in free lines for the community in which it is located. No other agency can or will do this. The editor, in proportion to his means, does more for his town than any other ten men, and in all fairness with men he ought to be supported, not because you happen to like him or admire his writings, but because the local paper is the best investment a community can make. Financially it is of more benefit to the community than the teacher or preacher; and on the moral question you will find that most of the local papers are on the right side. Today the editors of the local papers do the most work for the least money of any set of men on earth."

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

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Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

BALTIMORE Grain & Produce Market,

By GEORGE W. MILLER,
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CORRECTED EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

Wheat, choice milling, per bushel	.77
Wheat, No. 2 Md. red	.77
Wheat, steamer No. 2 red	.74
Rye, free of garlic	.65
Corn, yellow, prime, per bush	.42
Corn, white, prime	.42
Corn, ear, yellow, per bbl	$2.25
Corn, ear, white	2.25
Hay, choice timothy, per ton	11.50
Hay, No. 1, timothy	11.00
Hay, No. 2, timothy	9.50
Hay, No. 1 mixed	9.00
Hay, No. 2 mixed	8.00
Fowls, live, per lb	.09
Spring chickens, per lb	.10
Butter, choice creamery separator, per lb., 20@22; choice dairy, 18.	
Eggs, nearby strictly fresh, per doz	.32
Veals, per lb	.6@.7

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