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President Roosevelt left Washington on Monday for a trip to the Southwest and West. He is attending the reunion of his old regiment, the Rough Riders, at San Antonio, Texas, today, and from there will go to Oklahoma and Colorado to hunt big game. A round up of wolves is said to be one of the incidents designed to make him enjoy the outing. He will be absent from Washington for two months, unless circumstances should require his return at an earlier date.

The pretence, by Senator Gorman, Mr. Murray Vandiver and others of the Democracy of the Old Regime, that they are seeking to exclude the colored people of Maryland from the right of the ballot for the purpose of purifying elections in the State is extremely absurb in the eyes of those who are familiar with the rule of Gormanism in former days, when, according to the testimony of a Carroll county Democratic convention, it denied the people their rights. In this case the "leopard cannot change his spots," and wouldn't if he could.

The Association of Democratic Editors of Maryland, which met at the Eutaw House, Baltimore, on Tuesday, adopted a resolution offered by Col. John W. Avirett, of Cunberland, endorsing the proposed amendment to the constitution designed to disfranchise the colored voters. As the amendment is the scheme of the bosses of the party to continue them in authority, its endorsement by the association is not a surprise to anybody. It is amusing to read, however, in the resolution referred to, that the purpose of the amendment is to make "of the electorate of Maryland what it should be—an intelligent and conscientious body of men, seeking only good government and the resultant welfare of the people." It should not be forgotten that negro votes, in 1895, helped to put these gentry—the Democratic bosses—out of business long enough to reform some of the glaring abuses in government which had brought shame and reproach upon the State.

Mr. James W. Alexander, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, has created a sensation and stirred up a row by accusing Vice-President Hyde, of the society, with conduct prejudicial to its interests. Mr. Hyde's father was the founder of the company and naturally he has been one of its trusted officers. But Mr. Alexander accuses him of using his office to procure the personal service of men carried on its payrolls, or rather of putting men on the payrolls of the society who are solely in his personal employ. An instance is cited of an employee of Mr. Hyde who receives a salary of $300 per month from the Equitable but is never seen in its offices except when he draws his pay. A legislative examination of the affairs of the society is threatened by the General Assembly of New York, and such an investigation will probably be made by the Insurance Commissioner of that State, at any rate. All this hubbub is calculated to alarm the Equitable policyholders, but there seems no reason whatever to apprehend danger to the safety and solidity of the company.

An epidemic of cerebro-spinal meningitis is prevalent in New York City and several cases have recently occurred in Baltimore. The percentage of deaths of those attacked by the disease is very large, but few recovering. An other frightful characteristic of the malady is the rapidity with which it proves fatal, many of its victims surviving its attack but a few hours. The disease is sometimes known as spotted fever. In the winter of 1860 61 it broke out among the soldiers of the Eleventh Pennsylvania Infantry, then located in the Naval Academy grounds at Annapolis, a number of whom died. It spread into the town and carried away quite a number of people, most of whom were colored. It was then a disease practically unknown to the local physicians and was termed by them spotted fever. Some of the leading physicians of the place expressed the opinion that it was a virulent type of typhoid fever. So many deaths occurred that it may properly be said to have been epidemic. The streets of the State Capital, which were then not paved, were in a horrible condition, having been cut up to the depth of a foot or more by army wagons passing over them and working the mud into the consistency of thick cream. No sanitary regulations were possible under the circumstances and yet the malady gradually disappeared. It may be, however, that the muddy condition of the streets operated to prevent the disease germs from finding a lodgement in the human system, as it is now supposed these germs enter the brain by being inhaled through the nostrils, and hence are more likely to be carried in dust.

## DEFENDING MR. ROCKEFELLER.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, who is said to be the richest man in the world, has been the subject of severe criticism in magazine and other articles, which have exposed the methods by which his enormous wealth has been accumulated. He is not wanting in defenders, however, even among the clergy, numbers of whom have arisen to declare that he has not grown "richer than the richest" by illegal means. Possibly that may be true, but an act may be immoral or wrong without contravening man-made laws. It is not illegal, for instance, for Mr. Rockefeller or his agents and associates of the Standard Oil Company to bankrupt and ruin a merchant who prefers to sell other oil than that of that company, by planting a competitor in business in his neighborhood and selling the classes of goods in which he deals at rates with which he cannot compete; but such a course can scarcely be considered in harmony with the higher law laid down by the Great Master: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

Again, it is not illegal from man's standpoint to seize upon every pretext and opportunity to advance the price of oil far beyond a figure that would yield a reasonable profit. It has hardly been forgotten that, during the great coal strike a couple of years ago, when a demand for oil as a fuel suddenly sprang up, the price of that commodity was advanced sufficiently to largely increase the already enormous gains of Mr. Rockefeller and his associates. This advance fell most heavily on those who were the least able to bear it, and, though it was not illegal, was entirely unnecessary except as a medium of filling coffers already overflowing with uncounted wealth.

So, while Mr. Rockefeller may be defended against a charge of violating human law, it is hardly too much to say that he richly deserves most of the hard things that have been said about him.

## Maryland Annual Conference Methodist Protestant Church.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church began its sessions in the Church of that denomination, at Salisbury, on Wednesday. President Little presiding.

Preceding the meeting of the Conference 21 students and prospective students of Westminster Theological Seminary arrived at Salisbury for examination by the faculty or examining board. They are as follows:

For reception on Trial—John Thomas Bailey, Noah Casper Clough, Carroll Maddox, Winfred Poulson Roberts, Wilmot Colson Stone.

For First Years' Class—G. E. Brown, B. A. Bryan, F. M. Clift, W. B. Elliott, G. I. Humphreys, J. E. Litsinger, G. F. Norris, E. E. Parsons.

Second Year's Class—P. W. Crosby, D. M. Dibble, F. P. Krauss, G. J. Hooker, Claybourne Phillips, R. L. Shipley.

Third Year's Class—E. H. Jones, C. R. Strausberg.

Rev. Dr. S. B. Southerland is president of the faculty, and Rev. Dr. J. L. Mills, secretary. The other members are Revs. Drs. W. S. Hammond, J. T. Lassell, W. M. Strayer, T. H. Lewis, D. L. Greenfield, J. M. Holmes, J. W. Gray, H. C. Cushing, S. B. Treadway, J. E. Malloy, J. S. Bowers, A. W. Mather, H. L. Elderdice and J. J. Murray. At Thursday's session Dr. Lewis resigned as a member of the faculty on account of the onerous duties connected with the presidency of Western Maryland College, but at the earnest solicitation of the conference agreed to remain on the board.

In addition to the 21 students above mentioned, a number from the Seminary were examined in special studies.

The first business of the conference was the election of President and Rev. Dr. F. T. Little was chosen for the fourth year, by a vote of 131 to 51. Dr. W. R. Graham, formerly of this city, received 37 of the opposition votes.

President Little reported all the institutions of the Church, in this city, as in a prosperous condition.

The conference, yesterday, elected Dr. Lewis commissioner to the Council of the Methodist Protestant, Congregational and United Brethren Churches, on the question of Union.

J. M. Holmes moved that the secretary cast the ballot for Dr. Lewis. Dr. Lewis objected and moved that the election be fixed for Saturday morning. A discussion followed. Nearly everybody wanted Dr. Lewis, but he wished someone else elected. His motion was lost and the Conference proceeded to ballot. The election resulted as follows: T. H. Lewis, 126; F. T. Tagg, 6; W. M. Strayer, 2; W. R. Graham, 2; J. L. Mills, 1; F. T. Little, 1; J. D. Kinzer, 2; J. M. Sheridan, 1. On motion of S. J. Smith the secretary cast a ballot for Dr. J. W. Hering as an alternate commissioner.

A request from St. Luke's Church, requesting a contribution of $1,000, was referred to the committee on church extension.

Clarke Memorial Church requested the loan of J. S. Bowers for the year, and the request was referred to the committee on fraternal relations. St. John's Independent Methodist Church requested the loan of F. T. Benson; referred to the same committee.

Lewis T. Harmon, of Indian Mission, was transferred to the lay roll. The trustees of the conference submitted their report, stating that N. T. Meginnis had been elected to succeed J. G. Clark, deceased. J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts, T. A. Murray and N. T. Meginnis, whose term expired as trustees this year, were reelected upon ballot by the secretary.

The board of governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary reported 25 students for the year and the buying of some property contiguous to the seminary property.

C. S. Arnett was granted his request to be left without an appointment for another year.

The congregation of the West Baltimore Methodist Protestant Church, corner of Lafayette avenue and Gilmore street, sent an invitation to the Conference to meet in the church next year.

Dr. Little appointed the following a special committe on Our Church Home: E. C. Makosky, C. P. Nowlin, H. N. Davis. At 10.15 o'clock the Conference gave way to the meeting of the Church Extension Society.

The report on the ballots cast yesterday for two standing committees was made. This concludes the election of officers. They are:

District Committee—J. D. Kinzer, J. L. Straughn, W. S. Hammond, T. P. Fisher, W. B. Usilton, W. G. Baker.

Committee on appeals—J. D. Kinzer, W. M. Strayer, J. L. Mills, J. W. Hering, J. N. Warfield, M. A. Davis.

T. H. Lewis read a paper on "Our Veterans," extending sympathy and affection to S. B. Southerland, J. J. Murray, David Wilson and W. S. Hammond in their illness and affliction.

A temperance meeting was held at night, when Hon. Volney B. Cushing, of Bangor, Me., spoke. Daniel Baker, of Baltimore, presided.

A missionary meeting will be held tonight. J. W. Kirk will preside and F. C. Klein will make the address.

## More Postal Indictments.

A new indictment alleging a conspiracy to defraud the United States was returned Monday afternoon by the Federal grand jury against William G. Crawford, August W. Machen and George E. Lorenz. The indictment alleges a violation of Section 5440 of the Revised Statutes of the United States. It is practically the same as the one returned in 1903 against Crawford, Machen and Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz, the principal difference being that the name of Mrs. Lorenz is left out of the new indictment. The indictment alleges that in connection with a contract for carrier satchels and straps the Postal Lock and Device Company agreed to pay to Lorenz a percentage of what it received from the Government and that this percentage was to be divided between Lorenz, Crawford and Machen.

After 50 years of continuous service Joseph Leib, a widely known railroad man of Hanover, Pa., retired from his position of division freight and passenger agent of the Baltimore and Harrisburg Division of the Western Maryland Railroad on the 1st inst. Mr. Leib entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., in 1855. Several years later he became general freight and passenger agent of the old Hanover Junction, Hanover and Gettysburg Railroad, and when this latter company was absorbed by the Western Maryland, in 1886, was continued in that position, with headquarters in Hanover. On account of advanced age and failing health Mr. Leib has been relieved of the responsibilities of his position. He will be succeeded by T. Herbert Fee, of Baltimore.

The *Catoctin Clarion*, published at Thurmont, appeared this week under the control of the new publishing company which recently purchased the paper and printing plant from Mr. Chas. E. Cassell, the latter having retired. The *Clarion* had been published for many years by Mr. Cassell, who is a gifted writer and was not slow to call things by their right names. We regret to lose him from the editorial brotherhood. Mr. James H. Firor is business manager of the paper under the new regime.

Ex-County Surveyor Ed. Albaugh, of Frederick county, died at his home near Liberty, on Friday, 31st ult.

## THE BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

The Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, which began its sessions at Foundry Church, Washington, D. C., on Wednesday of last week, adjourned on Tuesday, to meet next year at Madison Avenue Church, Baltimore. The sessions of Tuesday were marked by some interesting statements in reference to the condition of the church within the bounds of the conference. The committee on the state of the church had reported, on the day previous, that for the last five years it had been declining. Rev. W. M. Davis, of Piedmont, W. V., not only questioned the accuracy of this statement, but to the great pleasure of the members of the conference, produced an array of figures to demonstrate that it was decidedly erroneous. He showed that the benevolent collections of last year were $6,130 in excess of those of 1900, and with the general collections of last year added, the excess was $26,012. He showed too that the total increase of membership, over losses by death and otherwise, was 2,015.

Rev. F. R. Isaac, treasurer of the conference, reported an increase in every benevolent collection except three items—Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, conference minutes and general conference expenses. The latter two are unimportant. The largest increase was in the Freedman's Aid Society, the sum of $2,220 having been collected, as compared with the previous year. The total collections for benevolence for the year were $106,817.

The statistical secretary, Rev. W. G. McNeil, reported a gain of 158 in church members of full standing, and a gain of 342 probationers over the previous year. There were 631 deaths. The total enrollment of members is 51,633. Children baptized, 3,095; adults, 273; Sunday schools, 409; officers and teachers, 6,809; scholars, 53,463; churches, 412; probable value, $3,976,735; parsonages, 142; probable value, $521,500; Epworth League chapters, 222; active members, 12,345; associate members, 2,221; total membership, 14,566; junior chapters 107, and members of the same, 6,453.

### The Appointments.

The appointments for the ensuing year, as announced by Bishop Moore, were as follows:

#### Baltimore District.

Presiding Elder—C. H. Richardson, Roland Park, Baltimore, Md.
Annapolis—
First Church, G. W. Miller.
Maryland Avenue, J. L. Walsh.
Annapolis Circuit, J. W. Hammersley.
Baldwin Memorial, W. E. Curley.
Baltimore—
Bennett Memorial, H. McK. Hammack.
City Station—First Church, H. F. Rall and W. W. Costin.
Oxford, E. G. Sugg.
Deaf-Mute Mission, D. E. Moylan.
Eutaw Street, James P. Wilson.
Fort Avenue, W. E. Bird.
Grace, Hampden, James McLaren.
Guilford Avenue, Page Milburn.
Ingram Chapel, H. E. R. Reck.
Madison Avenue, J. St. Clair Neal.
Clifton, John T. Ensor.
Mount Vernon, B. F. Devries.
Mount Vernon Place, W. F. Sheridan.
Patterson Memorial, S. W. Grafflin.
Roland Avenue, D. B. Winstead.
Roland Park, W. V. Mallalieu.
South Baltimore, M. F. B. Rice.
Strawbridge, C. E. Guthrie.
Twenty-fourth street, C. G. Girelius.
Wesley Chapel, J. M. M. Gray.
Woodberry Avenue, V. A. Lanier.
Baltimore Circuit, J. G. Wingers, E. P. Fellenbaum and J. R. Wheeler.
Calvert, A. E. Spielman.
Curtis Bay, George Evans.
Glyndon, F. G. Watson.
Hunt's J. H. Brunges and E. C. Gisriel.
Magothy and Mount Carmel, Henry Nice.
Mount Washington, Joel Brown.
Reisterstown, J. E. Amos.
Smithville, A. E. Slagle.
Solomon's, B. W. Meeks.
South River, J. W. Fleming and one to be supplied.
Swindell Memorial and Lansdown, M. F. Lowe.
West River, W. D. Beall and R. B. Jones.
J. F. Goucher, president of Woman's College of Baltimore, member of City Station Quarterly Conference.
J. B. Van Meter, professor in Woman's College, member of Roland Park Quarterly Conference.
H. H. Clark, chaplain in United States Navy, member of First Church, Annapolis, Quarterly Conference.
L. T. Widerman, agent of Maryland Bible Society, member City Station Quarterly Conference.
Hugh Johnston, secretary of trustees of Woman's College, Baltimore, member of First Church Quarterly Conference.

#### East Baltimore District.

Presiding Elder, H. S. France, Baltimore, Md.
Aberdeen, K. G. Murray.
Baltimore—Appold, G. W. Hobbs.
Bohemian Mission, F. D. Chada.
Boundary Avenue, J. T. Hart.
Broadway, W. I. McKenney.
Canton Street, W. C. Babcock.
Caroline Street, W. G. Herbert.
Chester Street, William Sheers.
East Baltimore Station, H. D. Mitchell.
Exeter Street, to be supplied.
Greenmont Avenue, Osborn Belt.
Harford Avenue, F. G. Porter.
Highland, J. H. Jeffries.
Homestead, G. L. Jones.
Jefferson Street, A. F. Campbell.
Madison Square, J. M. Slarrow.
Montford Avenue, Watson Case.
North Avenue, W. F. Roberts.
North Baltimore Station, J. V. Wrightson.
Orangeville, Conrad Hardecker.
Waverly, T. E. Peters.
Belair, D. H. Martin.
Darlington, L. M. Ferguson.
East Harford circuit, R. S. Barnes.
Gatch, to be supplied by Ralph Pearce.
Govanstown, H. F. Downs.
Great Falls, F. R. Isaac and one to be supplied.
Harford, M. H. Courtney.
Havre de Grace, W. W. Van Arsdale.
Hereford, T. M. West and R. G. Koontz.
Long Green, M. L. Beall.
Lutherville, L. W. Gosnell.
Middletown, R. J. Nicholson.
Monkton, Solomon German.
North Harford, J. R. Pardew.
Parkton, G. R. Sanner.
Patapsco Station, D. M. Browning.
Sparrows Point, S. M. Alford.
Towson, T. E. Copes.
West Harford, J. L. McLain and W. C. Harden.
G. W. Heyde, chaplain of Seamen's Union Bethel, member of Broadway, Baltimore Quarterly Conference.

#### Frederick District.

Presiding Elder, W. L. McDowell, Baltimore, Md.
Barton, G. W. Evans.
Berkeley Circuit, to be supplied by J. H. Shockey.
Berkeley Springs, J. A. Gross.
Bloomington, A. R. Snedeger.
Brunswick, C. T. House.
Bunker Hill, U. S. Crowder.
Cumberland—Center Street, W. W. Barnes.
Grace, D. A. Foard.
Kinksley, C. E. Gallaher.
Doubs, R. N. Edwards.
Eckhart, W. D. Parry.
Elk Garden, William Anthony.
Ellersile, W. C. Brian.
Flintstone, J. A. Haugh.
Frederick, L. A. Thirlkeld.
Frostburg, A. H. Thompson.
Frostburg circuit, J. H. Hyatt.
Grant, W. Va., to be supplied.
Hagerstown—St. Paul's, E. T. Mowbray, Washington Square, E. E. Pearce.
Hagerstown circuit, to be supplied.
Hancock, W. J. Meeks.
Harpers Ferry, J. R. Wood.
Hedgesville, to be supplied.
Hyndman, J. W. H. Beale.
Keyser, W. A. Koontz.
Lonaconing, William Rogers.
Martinsburg, A. J. Gill.
Midland, W. S. A. Heayener.
Mount Savage, John Edwards.
Oldtown, to be supplied.
Paw Paw, G. F. Stiles.
Piedmont, W. W. Davis.
Rawlings, to be supplied by C. H. Lanhan.
Romney, to be supplied.
Shepherdstown, C. F. Bonn.
Union Grove, to be supplied.
Urbana, W. H. Dell.
Williamsport, G. A. Luttrell.
Winchester, C. T. Weede.
W. I. Dice, member of Shepherdstown Quarterly Conference, left without an appointment, to attend one of our schools.
A. H. Zimmerman, Conference evangelist member of Kingsley Quarterly Conference.

#### Washington District.

Presiding Elder—H. R. Naylor, Washington, D. C.
Benning, to be supplied by W. H. Richardson.
Bradburn Memorial, to be supplied.
Brightwood Park, E. C. Powers.
Brookland, E. E. Marshall.
Congress Heights, W. L. Orem.
Faith, to be supplied by George Buckler.
Forestville, F. G. Watson.
Gaithersburg, W. C. Parish and G. F. F. Gray.
Hyattsville and Langdon, C. E. Ely.
Kensington, A. Bielaski.
Lanham, L. E. Dutton.
Laytonsville, H. P. West.
Leonardtown, to be supplied.
Montgomery, C. M. Yost.
St. Mary's, J. E. James.
Severn, W. H. Dell.
Spencerville, H. C. Smith.
Taneytown, E. H. Smith.
Washington—Anacostia, C. O. Isaac.
Douglas Memorial, G. C. Bacon.
Dumbarton Avenue, G. W. King.
Foundry, R. H. Moore.
Gorsuch, W. L. Lynn.
Grace, J. E. Smith.
Hamline, Carl G. Doney.
McKendree, E. L. Hubbard.
Metropolitan, F. M. Bristol.
Mount Pleasant, Joseph Dawson.
North Capitol, H. M. Rider.
North West, W. H. Black, supply.
Ryland, R. L. Wright.
Trinity, J. C. Nicholson.
Union, S. R. Murray.
Waugh, G. E. Maydwell.
Wesley, W. M. Ferguson.
Wilson Memorial, E. H. Lamar.
Woodside, C. E. Dudrear.
A. H. Ames, instructor in Mount Vernon Seminary, Washington, D. C., member of Metropolitan (Washington) Quarterly Conference.
J. W. Steele, superintendent Central Union Mission, member of Wesley Chapel Quarterly Conference.
R. M. Springer, chaplain United States Army, member of Metropolitan Quarterly Conference.

#### West Baltimore District.

Presiding Elder, J. Fred. Heisse, Baltimore Md.
Arlington, W. G. McNeil.
Baltimore—
Bethany, F. G. Havenner.
Chatsworth, L. M. Bennett.
Columbia Avenue, L. M. Chambers.
Fayette Street, J. W. R. Sumwalt.
Forrest Park, J. M. Gillum.
Franklin Street, Edward Hayes.
Garrett Park, U. S. Wright.
Grace, Don S. Colt.
Harlem Park, E. L. Watson.
Memorial, C. S. Biggs.
Monroe Street, C. A. Jones.
Rogers Memorial, J. P. Hand.
Sexton, D. E. Ennis.
Summerfield, C. D. Taylor.
Union Square, J. P. Wright.
Walbrook, R. W. H. Weech.
Webster, to be supplied by W. A. Johnson.
West Baltimore, C. L. Pate.
Carrollton, R. H. K. Gill.
Catonsville, J. R. Edwards.
Elkridge, Emory Buhrman.
Ellicott City, Thomas Wood.
Halethrop, to be supplied by Louis Horpel.
Hampstead, J. P. Wilson and Wilson Thomas.
Laurel, S. M. Hartsock.
Liberty and Linganore, O. C. Marriott.
Mount Airy, F. A. Killmon.
New Windsor, L. E. Bennett.
Patapsco, J. T. Marsh and W. G. McKenney.
Relay, A. B. Wood.
Savage, William Harris.
Summerfield, H. R. Savage.
Thurmont, T. R. Bayley.
Union Bridge, B. F. Clarkson.
West Falls, G. C. Harris; one to be supplied by W. T. Jarboe.
Westminster, D. G. Miller.
Walkersville, V. N. Ridgely.
C. E. Young, professor in Morgan College, member of Harlem Park, Baltimore, Quarterly Conference.
C. W. Baldwin, superintendent of City Missionary and Church Extension Society, member of Fayette Street, Baltimore Quarterly Conference.
T. S. Long, Superintendent Mountain Lake Park, member Fayette Street, Baltimore, Quarterly Conference.

## Mrr. Edwin W. Shriver Removed.

Following are extracts from Washington correspondence of the Baltimore *Sun* relating to the removal of Mr. Edwin W. Shriver, of this city, from the rural free delivery postal service, and also to other matters in connection with the service:

Washington, April 5.—E. W. Shriver, of Westminster, Md., one of the first special agents appointed in the rural free-delivery service of the Postoffice Department and a member of the famous "flying squadron," has lost his position in the postal service.

Mr. Shriver was the originator of the "post-ffice-on-wheels" idea adoptedsoon after the inauguration of the rural-free-delivery service. He was a favorite with A. W. Machen, General Superintendent of Free Delivery. Soon after the wagon system was established in the rural service Mr. Shriver was made a member of the "flying squadron" and assigned to various parts of the country for duty.

One of his most important assignments was the organization and establishment of the Carroll county service, in Maryland, the first "county" service ever established by the rural free-delivery division. He supervised the work and made the maps on which the departmental officials relied for the success of the innovation. These maps showed all the roads in the county, with the location of each residence and schoolhouse, as well as churches, streams and rivers. It also showed where the streams were impassable and what rivers needed to be bridged. The original of the Carroll county report and the original maps are now part of the files of the Postoffice Department.

Since the development of the postal scandals, more than a year ago, the postoffice inspectors have been tracing the record of every member of the rural service who was employed during the Machen regime. Many appointees of Machen have been dismissed and a number of others are even now under investigation.

No. official notice of Mr. Shriver's removal has been made by the department, but he no longer draws $1,600 a year salary and $4 a day subsistence from the Government.

The rural free-delivery service is not as popular in Maryland as in some other States. Maryland has only 351 routes in operation, while Illinois, which heads the list, has 2,250. Maryland was one of the first States in which the rural service was established and the first in which the county service was inaugurated. But in spite of this fact Maryland is now twenty-second in the list of States in which rural free delivery is operated. Nevada, with only one route in operation, is at the bottom of the list. The District of Columbia comes to the front with four routes now in operation, while the Territory of Oklahoma has a record of 451, just 100 more routes than the number operated in Maryland.

The number of routes in operation on April 1 shows that of the 30,000 now in operation Maryland has the following:

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| First district | 123 |
| Second district | 131 |
| Third district (Baltimore city) | — |
| Fourth district | 1 |
| Fifth district | 12 |
| Sixth district | 84 |
| Total | 351 |

There are now on file something like 32 petitions for the establishment of rural routes in Maryland, while in the Western and Central Western States the number of petitions each week runs to the hundreds.

Maryland might receive many more routes if the farmers took a greater interest in the rural delivery service, which is to be thoroughly organized and developed by the Postoffice Department.

## To Double Track the W. Md.

An engineer corps of the Western Maryland Railroad has been surveying through Baltimore and Carroll counties for some time past and Vice-President Landstreet is quoted as saying that the work of double-tracking the road will soon begin. It is said that the work will begin at the Baltimore end of the line, which will be improved to Emory Grove. It is rumored that from Glyndon a new line westward has been run which will lessen the grade of Falls hill. This line, if the report be correct, will leave the present line at or near Glyndon and, avoiding the Narrows, west of Patapsco, will unite with the main line again, near Carrollton. It is also rumored that a new line will be run from this city through Taneytown to the proposed tunnel through the mountain.

It is probable that much of these rumors is pure speculation. It is reasonably certain, however, that the road will be double-tracked or a line constructed that will be equivalent to double-tracking it. As a single track road it would not be able to carry the freight which will come to it from the West Virginia Central and the Wabash system when the connecting links now being constructed shall have been completed. Of course it is important to minimize the grades for heavy freight, but just how that is to be accomplished can hardly yet be known even to the officers of the company, and, doubtless, the present surveys are being made for the purpose of ascertaining the best and most feasible plan to effect that object.

Benjamin Deardorff, an Adams county cattle dealer, died in Beecherville, Pa., recently at the age of 88 years. He was married five times, all his wives having died before him, except the last, who is an inmate of the Harrisburg Asylum. Deardorff has one of the largest relationships on record, and is survived by 41 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Daniel Sweadner, one of the oldest residents of Liberty, Frederick county, died suddenly, at his home in that place, at 8.20 o'clock, last Friday evening. His age was 77 years, 5 months, 21 days.

### Letter to Dr. J. Howell Billingslea.

WESTMINSTER.

Dear Sir: The late president of the Croton River bank, at Brewsters, N. Y, built the finest house in all that region, in 1884, and painted it with lead-and-oil at a cost of $400—the house cost $31,000.

In 1887—three years he repainted it with Devoe at a cost of $350. In 1897 this paint was in good condition.

Lead-and-oil, $400, three years, Devoe $350, ten years. Yours truly

F W DEVOE & Co

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Services to mark the close of old Emory Methodist Episcopal Church, Pennsylvania avenue, near Hoffman street, Baltimore, were held continuously at the church last Sunday from 9.30 A. M. to 9.30 P. M. The church has been in existence for over 60 years, and the passing was observed with much regret by the members who will join other congregations of the same denomination in West Baltimore. The members will select such congregations as please them best, no agreement having been made as to any of the new places of worship.

Miss Elizabeth Hamburg, aged 81 years, died on Wednesday morning at her residence in Hagerstown. She was a member of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church. Two sisters and two brothers now survive, as follows: Mrs. James Byers, Middleburg, Md.; Miss Susan Hamburg, Hagerstown; Abram Hamburg, Willow Grove Mills, Md.; David Hamburg, Hagerstown.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.


### FIRST-CLASS BOARDING.

I have opened and will keep a First-class Boarding House in the building formerly owned and occupied by the late Theo. Derr, East Main street, Westminster. There is no better location in the city, the rooms are well arranged and comfortable, my table will be supplied with the best the market affords and the service will be excellent and satisfactory.

ap 7 3t* THOS. E. KREGLO.

### DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The Board of Directors of The Westminster Savings Bank has, this First day of April, 1905, declared a semi-annual Dividend of FOUR PER CENT. on Capital Stock and TWO PER CENT. on Weekly and Monthly Deposits, payable on and after April 15th, 1905.

THOS. E. REESE, Treasurer.

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### NOTICE. Protect your families when you are sick.

For $5 per year, we will pay you $5 per week for 26 weeks when you are sick from ANY CAUSE or from ANY DISEASE.

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Write to or call on our Agent who will interest you. Address,

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180 W. Main St., Westminster, Md.

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### TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR THE SPRING MONTHS GOES TO PRESS MONDAY, APRIL 10th, 1905.

To provide for new Listings, changes of address, etc., contracts should be made prior to that date.

C. and P. TELEPHONE CO.


### CORPORATION ELECTION.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Election of One Person to serve as MAYOR, AND FIVE PERSONS to serve as Common Council, for the City of Westminster, Md., for the ensuing year, will be held on MONDAY, THE 1st DAY OF MAY, 1905, between the hours of 12 M. and 6 P. M., at the residence of MRS. M. E. GRUMBINE, No. 72 East Main Street, Westminster.

O. D. GILBERT, Mayor.
HENRY B. GRAMMER, Clerk. ap 7 4t

### LICENSE NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons and bodies, corporate or politic, whom it may concern, that they MUST OBTAIN A LICENSE or renew the same, on or before the FIRST DAY OF MAY, 1905, according to the provisions of Ordinanres Nos. 83 to 89 inclusive, also including Ordinance No. 51 relating to Dog Licenses, due May 1st, 1905, passed by the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster. All Licenses are to be paid to the Clerk at his office.

O. D. GILBERT, Mayor.
HENRY B. GRAMMER, Clerk. ap 7 4t


### Charles E. Hering, Fire and Life Insurance AGENCY, No. 14 W. Main St., Westminster, Md.

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### NO. 4199 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

William B. Cutshall and John T. Fogle, partners trading under the firm, name and style of Cutshall & Fogle, plaintiffs, vs. Lydia J. Brandenburg, widow, et al., defendants.

Ordered, this 7th day of April, in the year 1905, by the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, that the sale of the real estate mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Edward O. Weant and John M. Roberts, trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 8th day of May next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once in each or three successive weeks before the 1st day of May next. The report states the amount of sale to be $1700 00.

DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.

True Copy—Test:
ap 7 3t DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.

### HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE CO., HARTFORD, CONN.

J. H. FUSS, Agent.

| | |
|---|---|
| Total Assets | $15,634,187.75 |
| Total Liabilities | 10,356,234.67 |
| Surplus to Policy-holders | 5,276,248.67 |
| Baltimore Fire Loss | 1,213,843 59 |

State of Maryland, Insurance Department, Commissioner's Office, Baltimore, Jan. 14, 1905.

I hereby certify, that the above is a true abstract from the Statement of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., to December 31, 1904, now on file in this Department.

FRANK I. DUNCAN, Insurance Commissioner.

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### STATEMENT SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE GERMAN INSURANCE COMPANY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS, DEC. 31st, 1904.

| | | |
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| Total Income | $3,607,120.27 | |
| Total Disbursements | 2,832,589.56 | |
| ASSETS. | | |
| Real estate owned by Company | $ 76,700 00 | |
| Mortgage loans on real estate | 2,977,666.20 | |
| Loans secured by collateral | 7,700.00 | |
| Stocks and bonds owned by Company | 1,585,449.16 | |
| Cash in office and in bank | 425,685.09 | |
| Agents' Debit balances | 426,240.72 | |
| Bills Receivable | 71,917.28 | |
| Interest and rents due and accrued | 95,439.98 | |
| Market value bonds and stocks over book value | 81,923.50 | |
| Gross assets | $5,748,721.93 | |
| ASSETS NOT ADMITTED. | | |
| Agent's debit balances | $6,963.51 | |
| Bills receivable | 230.45 | |
| Underwriters Association stock | 195,400.00 | |
| | | 202,593.96 |
| Total admitted assets | $5,546,127 97 | |
| LIABILITIES. | | |
| Net unpaid losses and claims | $ 212,273.65 | |
| Unearned premiums | 3,405,087.69 | |
| Total liabilities | $3,617,361.34 | |
| Surplus to policy holders | $1,928,766 63 | |
| Capital stock paid up | $ 200,000.00 | |
| Surplus to stockholders | 1,728,766.63 | |
| Amount at risk in United States Dec. 31, 1904 | 502,910,750.00 | |
| Amount written in Marylandi during 1904 | 1,605,454.50 | |
| Premiums in Maryland in 1904 | 13,235 88 | |
| Losses paid in Maryland in 1904 | 192 75 | |
| Losses incurred in Maryland in 1904 | 542.75 | |

State of Maryland, Insurance Department, Commissioner's Office, Baltimore, Jan. 31st, 1905.

I hereby certify, that the above is a correct copy of the statement of the German Insurance Company of Freeport, Illinois, to December 31st, 1904, now on file in this Department.

FRANK I. DUNCAN, Insurance Commissioner.

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We extend thanks to our public for the loyal and ever-enlarging support that makes it possible for us to give Westminster a store that stands unrivaled throughout the State and has but a few equals in the country.

Thousands of people came, saw, admired and bought liberally from this bewitching galaxy of beauty in women's wearables. New attractions have been brought forward.

TO-DAY

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Don't fail to examine the Standard-Bred Stallion, M. W. NORVAL, before breeding your Mares. He is large and speedy, large bone, well developed, hardy and gentle and pronounced by judges to be the best Stallion in Carroll county for general purpose. Will be at the Montour House Stables, Westminster, on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday of each week, and on Wednesday and Thursday at Hiteshue's Hotel Stables, Reisterstown.

JOHN G. SHUNK, Owner.
JOS. BLACK, Keeper. ap 7 tf


### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., letters testamentary on the estate of GEORGE W. HULL, late of Carroll County, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscribers, on or before the 3rd day of November, 1905, they may otherwise by law be excluded all from benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of April, 1905.

MARGARET HULL,
JACOB C. HULL,
GEORGE W. HULL,
ap 7 4t Executors.


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### STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a general meeting of the Stockholders of the Citizens' Water and Power Company of Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland, will be held at 8 o'clock, P. M., on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12th, 1905, at the office of William B. Thomas, Westminster, for the purpose of considering the question of issuing bonds and matters relative thereto

WM. B. THOMAS, President.
J. H. FUSS, Secretary. mh 31 2t


### PHILIP C. KENNEDY, Civil Engineer and Surveyor

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| Flour—Diamond Medal | $ 5 25@ | $ 5 25 |
| Flour—Crown (extra) | 4 15@ | 4 15 |
| Flour—Gorsuch' Best | 5 50@ | 5 50 |
| Flour—Sea Foams (patent) | 6 50@ | 6 50 |
| Bran per ton | 23 00@ | 2300 |
| White Middlings per ton | 25 00@ | 25 00 |
| Wheat | 1 00@ | 1 00 |
| Wheat, damp | 65@ | 75 |
| Rye | 55@ | 60 |
| Barley | 35@ | 40 |
| Oats | 32@ | 35 |
| Corn | 2 40@ | 2 40 |
| New Timothy Hay per ton | 7 00@ | 9 00 |
| Mixed Hay per ton | 7 00@ | 7 00 |
| Rye Straw | 9 00@ | 10 00 |
| Wheat Straw | 4 00@ | 5 00 |
| Corn Meal per 100 lbs | 1 50@ | 1 50 |
| Bacon Shoulders | 9@ | 10 |
| Bacon Sides | 7@ | 8 |
| Hams | 10@ | 12 |
| Butter | 25@ | 25 |
| Timothy Seed | 1 25@ | 1 50 |
| Clover Seed per lb | 5@ | 8 |
| Lard | 8@ | 10 |
| Dressed Hogs | 6 00@ | 6 55 |
| Buckwheat Meal | 2 50@ | 2 50 |
| Onions | 30@ | 50 |
| Eggs | 13@ | 13 |


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