

CUMBERLAND VALLEY

COUNTY OFFICES BOLDLY ROBBED

Money, Stamps and Cigars Taken From Desks at the Hagerstown Courthouse

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 31. — The boldest robbery in years was committed here when a thief entered the courthouse, rifled all of the offices on the first floor, including those of the clerk of the court, sheriff, tax collector, board of education and county commissioners, a small sum of money and some cigars were taken from the office of Clerk Edward Oswald and a lot of stamps and some cigars from the tax collector's office. The thief broke through the door of the clerk's office and ransacked desks, cabinets and other places in a search for money. The boldness of the thief was only equaled by that of a robber who stole a valuable document from the county jail on Monday. The coat belonged to a friend of Sheriff Samuel Starlinger.

Wade's Mother Will Turn Over Trunk He Sent Home

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 31. — Mrs. Zella Wade, mother of Theodore W. Wade, of Buena Vista, Pa., who was killed here two weeks ago, is expected to return to her home in Pennsylvania, where she will turn over to her son a trunk that she had sent to her home in Hagerstown, Md., on Monday. The trunk contains a lot of women's clothing and some jewelry and was sent by Wade to his mother shortly before he was killed. Mrs. Wade said the trunk and its contents do not belong to her, but that she wants the owner to have them. Mrs. Wade said her son visited her on Thursday of last week and that he seemed to be depressed. She begged him to stay with her. Wade replied, "I was at home, and that he had something to do down there." Mrs. Wade said she left despite his mother's tears and pleading, and the next she heard from him was that he had been killed.

CALVIN THUMMA DIES

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 31. — Calvin Thumma, of this city, received information of the death of his father, William Thumma, at Shippensburg, on Tuesday, aged 72 years. Besides his wife, Mrs. Thumma, he leaves three children, Mrs. A. D. Robok and Mrs. Catherine Thumma, of Shippensburg, and his son, here, and four brothers and sisters, living in Pennsylvania.

RAILROADER COMMITS SUICIDE

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 31. — Edward F. Fleagle, 63, for thirty-four years in the employ of the Cumberland Valley Railroad as a trainman and waterman here, committed suicide at his home by shooting himself in the head with a pistol. After locking all of the doors, Fleagle sat in a chair, gripped the trigger and pulled the trigger three times before a bullet was discharged. His wife, remaining home, climbed through a window and found her husband dead, still gripping the weapon.

GEORGE F. BEARD DIES

Waynesboro, Pa., Jan. 31. — George F. Beard died at his home on Monday evening, following a paralytic stroke three days ago. He was aged 84 years. Mr. Beard was born at Mountaineer, Pa., the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Beard, and moved to Waynesboro thirty years ago. Surviving are three children: Mrs. M. W. White, Wooster, Ohio; Mrs. C. A. Coffman, Mrs. Frank I. Criswell, all of this city; also seventeen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

APLANS COUNTY UNIT LEAVES

Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 31. — The Aplans County Aviation Unit, No. 1, received orders to report Tuesday evening and leave for Harrisburg next morning from which place they were sent to a training station. They were given a military escort by the college battalion and the college band to the train.

Land Speculation Is at the Root of the Idle Acreage Problem in U. S.

At this moment there are 400,000,000 acres of idle land in the United States of America. Seventy-three per cent of the arable land of the country is therefore idle. Forty-five per cent of the actual laid-out farm land—nearly half is idle. For approximately thirty years land in the United States has not been priced according to its earning capacity, but according to its speculative value. The land in the West has not been bought for farming purposes; it has been bought as an investment. From 1900 to 1910, for example, while available acreage in the United States increased five per cent, and the number of farmers increased a trifle less than eleven per cent, the value of farm land increased 118 per cent. These land values are increasing at the rate of five per cent a year or better, and their ownership is concentrated into very few hands. Three per cent of the population own nearly all the land values in the United States. As soon as one gets a sense of this clearly in mind there is no trouble about explaining this phenomenon of idle land. It seems like the acme of absurdity to say so, but as an industry there is no position of money in farming. All the profits are in the rise of land values. No matter, therefore, how great the pressure on production, no matter how much an increase of the food supply is needed, these immense stretches of land remain idle because it does not pay to cultivate them. They are held in a monopoly price so far ahead of their earning capacity that the capital charges eat up too much of the income. Obviously, too, this is quite irrespective of the price of farm products, for as prices go up, land values go up ahead of them; thus any attempt to make money by raising prices—like the proposal of \$3 wheat—becomes the proverbial name of out-running the constable. I observed that California, for instance, has carried collective marketing to a point far beyond most of the West, and her agricultural industries are in a position to command good prices and get them; yet good land is priced there at \$800 and \$1,000 an acre, which no one can possibly pretend is a capital measure of its earning capacity or anything like it. It is a monopoly price based on speculative value. Therefore one proposing to become a working farmer even in California cannot make his land earn fair returns on what he pays for it. California was very courteous to me and I do not wish to single her out unfavorably; so I hasten to say that the fault is not with the California landholders, but with the absence of a land policy in the United States. In other words, farming as an industry is a failure. As an investment—Albert Joy Nock in Century.

Grocers Will Check Up Food Hoarders at Carlisle

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 31. — Plans to prevent hoarding which might reflect on those in business were discussed last evening at a meeting of the Retail Grocers' Association of Carlisle, held in connection with an address by Dr. H. H. Metzger, county food administrator. The purpose of the association is to check up on the new government regulations and the members of the association pledged co-operation. The main trouble here has been from women and men going from store to store laying in supplies of sugar, flour and like, the whole being in excess of the amount allowed and a system of checking and reporting is being planned to catch the most flagrant violators.

TO ENCOURAGE FOOD SAVING

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 31. — The Cumberland County Public Safety Unit is planning for a campaign during the month of February to impress the need of voluntary food saving in all sections. Members of the speakers' bureau will take up the question at a series of meetings at school teachers will discuss the project in the schools and ministers, religious workers and others will be asked to co-operate.

SHORT SESSION OF COURT

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 31. — The quarterly session of Surety Court held this morning was one of the shortest on record. But three minor cases were listed. Settlement of the cases out of court is given as the cause.

A number of important cases are listed for the criminal session which opened last evening at the court house. The first case, foremost among them being the charge of attempted shooting brought against Isaac Bowman, of Southburg, and two sons, one of the most picturesque figures in local court annals, who has figured in trials here for the major part of his twenty-eight years.

MRS. GEORGE PEPPER DIES

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Jan. 31. — Mrs. George Pepper, of Churchtown, died yesterday afternoon at the home of Ednor Lutz, West Main street, Mechanicsburg, after three months' illness of laryngitis. In order to be near the doctors for special treatment she came about one week ago to her niece, Mrs. Lutz, and died came unexpectedly. Mrs. Pepper was aged 48 years and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her husband and the following children survive: Mrs. Charles Harper, of near Hagerstown; Mrs. Hobart Souders, of Monroe township; John, Edgar, Anna and George, at home; also, two sisters and one brother, Mrs. M. A. Goodhart, of Churchtown; Mrs. William Martin, of post office, Boling Springs; and Ed. Beck, of Shepherdstown. Funeral services will be held on Monday at her late home near Churchtown and burial on Tuesday afternoon after steering for several months from an affection of the heart. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Carrie Baum, of Hagerstown, and two sons, Augustus, of Dillsburg, and James, of Western Pennsylvania. Arrangements have been made to hold the funeral to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, services at the home with burial in Dillsburg Cemetery.

WILLIAM McWILLIAMS DIES

Dillsburg, Pa., Jan. 31. — William McWilliams, aged 63 years, died at his home in South Baltimore street, on Tuesday afternoon after suffering for several months from an affection of the heart. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Carrie Baum, of Hagerstown, and two sons, Augustus, of Dillsburg, and James, of Western Pennsylvania. Arrangements have been made to hold the funeral to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, services at the home with burial in Dillsburg Cemetery.

MEMORIAL DAY ORATOR

Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 31. — Bishop William F. McDowell, of Washington, D. C., resident bishop of the Episcopal area of which the Harrisburg district of the Methodist Episcopal Church is a part, has been secured by the Grand Army post to be the Memorial Day orator on the Soldiers' National Cemetery in May.

NO FIRE IN CHURCH

Waynesboro, Pa., Jan. 31. — As their contribution to the coal conservation plan of the country, the Methodists will have no fires in their church during the entire week, except Sunday. All necessary week night services will be held in homes of the parish.

BAKING "VICTORY BREAD"

Waynesboro, Pa., Jan. 31. — The local bakers promptly complied with new order of the food administration for the use of five per cent of other cereals in wheat flour in their bread. The new loaf can be called the "Victory Loaf." The bakers have not changed the size or the price of the loaf—16 ounces for 8 cents.

ANOTHER GARAGE FALLS

The roof of a garage belonging to Charles I. Newcomer, at Fourteenth and Regina streets, collapsed under the heavy weight of snow, and buried five cars under the debris, late yesterday afternoon. It was thought as the second to give way yesterday under the snow accumulated on the roof, the one-story frame garage at 1031 Market street, having collapsed and buried eighteen cars early yesterday morning.

The Cereal Food you should use these days is Grape-Nuts

This food is a sugar-saver—contains over 10% sugar by weight—not "put there," but developed in the making from prime wheat and malted barley.

Ready Cooked No Waste A food for the times

Women's fine patent colt and gun metal dressy boots—regular height—low and high heels—cloth and kid tops. Friday Sale, pair, \$2.49

Women's button shoes—various black leathers—medium heels—small sizes predominate—prices average half the former price. Friday Sale, pair, \$1.59

Women's spats—extra high cut—ten button height—white only. Friday Sale, pair, \$1.00

Women's felt slippers—A clean up of several lines. Friday Sale, 75c

Splendid Work For Red Cross Done by Woman's War Relief Division

Splendid work is being done at the local Red Cross Headquarters in the Paper Building, Walnut and River streets, by the Pennsylvania Railroad Women's War Relief Division. The first working day in the new quarters was observed to-day by the organization. A large number of the members were present, sewing for the soldiers in the camps and trenches.

Grocers Must Obey New Rules on Flour Order

A telegram, urging that stringent measures be taken with dealers who do not follow the rulings of the food administration, has been received by Donald McCormick, food administrator for Dauphin county. The wire gives amounts of flour to

Children's knitting and embroidery classes Saturday Mornings

HELL 1091-2366 UNITED

See Announcement of the Bowman February Furniture Sale on Opposite Page.

Waists

Small lot of dark georgette crepe waists—white collars and cuffs trimmed with filet lace—sizes 36 to 46. Friday sale, \$2.98

Odd lot of lace waists in white, black, taupe, navy—trimmed with ribbon ties and beads—sizes 36 to 46. Friday sale, \$1.59

Friday Sale of Wall Paper

Oatmeal papers—30 inches wide—in shades of tan, gray, brown and green. Friday Sale, roll, 12 1/2c

Sold with cut out borders to match.

Floral and allover bedroom and kitchen papers—block and set figures for halls. Friday Sale, roll, 5c

Sold with borders to match.

First class paper hangers furnished and estimates given. BOWMAN'S—Fourth Floor.

Wash Goods

American percales—light and dark—36 inches wide. Friday Sale, yard, 21c

Eiderdown—suitable for kimonos—27 and 36 inches wide—limited quantity. Friday, Sale, yard, 15c

Floral batiste—plain grounds with neat figures—30 inches wide. Friday Sale, yard, 19c

Silk and cotton macrepe—fast colors—36 inches wide. Friday Sale, yard, 29c

Silk and cotton madras—in neat stripes—32 inches wide. Friday Sale, yard, 39c

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White Skirts

White skirts with six inch ruffle of neat embroidery—assorted lengths. Friday Sale, 43c

Bloomers

Pink batiste bloomers with re-inforced leg—small sizes. Friday Sale, 39c

Women's Hosiery

Women's thread silk hose—black, white and colors—mill seconds. Friday Sale, pair, 69c

Men's Underwear

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Basement

Kleeno oil treated mops. Friday Sale, 39c

Bargains

Ice cream freezers—Gem make—3 qt. size. Friday Sale, \$2.89

Paper Balers—Friday Sale, \$2.50

Toilet paper—good quality—Friday Sale, 6 rolls, 25c

Potato Ricers—can also be used for a berry press. Friday Sale, 29c

Grub Box—good size. Friday Sale, 98c

Clearing out an Assortment of Framed Pictures

Averaging, less than half former prices. Friday Sale, 69c

Shaker flannel—remnant lengths—good nap—27 inches wide. Friday Sale, yard, 12 1/2c

Feather and dust proof ticking—blue and white striped—useful lengths. Friday Sale, yard, 33c

Filet net—small and large patterns—e-c-r-u only—40 inches wide. Friday Sale, yard, 29c

White bed blankets—blue or pink borders—size 55x72 inches. Friday Sale, pair, \$1.69

Men's plain and fancy thread silk and silk hose. Friday Sale, pair, 39c

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