

## THE SENTINEL.

Friday Morning, August 20, 1909.

### Local and Personal.

#### Town and Country.

Mr. Anderson Offutt, of New Orleans, is spending a few days visiting in Rockville.

Mr. Robert B. Higgins, of Richmond, Va., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Higgins, of this town.

Don't fail to visit The 1900 Washington Machine exhibit at the Rockville Fair. L. K. Birely, Agent, Middleburg, Md.

Mr. W. Garner Bouie, of Arkansas, is spending a few days in Rockville visiting his mother, Mrs. Alice Bouie, and other relatives.

Mr. Thomas M. Offutt, of this town, has sold to Mr. C. Edward England, of the vicinity of Derwood, a farm of 178 acres, four miles west of Rockville, for \$55,150.

In the deciding game of the county championship series between Germantown and Gaithersburg, played at Gaithersburg on Saturday last, Germantown made a run-away of it, the score being 12 to 4.

Baltimore and Ohio Excursion on Sunday, August 22, \$1.00 to the Ferry and Martinsburg and return, \$1.35 to Berkeley Springs and return, \$2.00 to Cumberland and return. Special train leaves Rockville at 8:45 A. M.

Mrs. Cora V. Lowe has announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Gladys G. Lowe, to Mr. Frank Strickland Clark, of Denver, Col., which took place recently in Denver. Mrs. Lowe was before her marriage Miss Bradlock, of this town.

The ladies of Christ Church will hold a Bazaar at the Town Hall on Wednesday, August 25th. There will be a drill by a number of young ladies, also vocal and instrumental music. Fancy articles and refreshments will be for sale. The bazaar will be opened at 6 P. M. Admission, 10 cents; children under 12 years free.

Mrs. Amanda C. Walker, aged 65 years, wife of Mr. John Wesley Walker, died last Tuesday morning at her home in Gaithersburg, this county. Surviving are her husband and the following children: Mrs. Edgar Fulk, Mrs. Walter M. Magruder and Mr. E. Wilson Walker, of Gaithersburg, and Mrs. Willis B. Burdette, of Rockville. She was a daughter of the late Elijah J. Thompson, of Gaithersburg.

Arrangements are being made to have the splendid exhibit of the Maryland State Tuberculosis Association at our county Fair. Everybody is interested in this burning question. The Fair officials have generously donated the large room under the grand stand and the pictures will be there. It costs nothing to see this instructive exhibit. Be sure and find it and some one will explain it to you.

The Athletic Association of Gaithersburg, an organization composed of business men, which supports and maintains the Gaithersburg baseball team, has succeeded in bringing its team to a high mark of efficiency. The players are chiefly drawn from local talent, and their good work this season has resulted in their winning a large number of games, having been defeated by only two or three teams of the many that have opposed them.

The annual meeting of the Montgomery County Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at Washington Grove on Thursday of last week. Miss Rebecca T. Miller, of Ashton, presided. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Sarah T. Miller; vice-presidents, presidents of all local unions of the county; corresponding secretary, Miss Rebecca T. Miller; recording secretary, Mrs. C. H. Farquhar; treasurer, Mrs. F. M. Wetherall.

While on his way home from Washington with a two-horse load of watermelons last week Richard Gray, a Potomac district farmer and huckster, became blinded by the headlight on an automobile and did not pull his team far enough to one side to allow the machine to pass. The result was a collision. The wagon was badly damaged and melons were scattered in all directions, but neither Gray nor the horses were hurt. The automobile was damaged, but was able to continue on its journey. The owner of the automobile could not be learned.

The funeral of Mr. Alexander F. Jamison, who died on Thursday of last week in a hospital in Washington, following a surgical operation, took place Monday from St. Mary's Catholic church, Barnesville, this county. The services were conducted by Rev. George B. Harrington, pastor of the church. Interment was in the cemetery near the church. Mr. Jamison was fifty-nine years of age. He was a prominent business man in his home town and a member of one of the oldest families of that section. His wife and four children survive him.

The annual Highland Horse and Colt Show, of Howard county, held on Tuesday of last week, was attended by a crowd estimated at 5,000. There was a large number of visitors and not a few exhibitors from this county. Among them were Dr. Brown, of Burnt Mills, who won the first premium for the best double team of quick draft horses; Mr. Thomas Veirs, of Rockville, second premium in the same class; Mr. Josiah W. Jones, first premium for six-horse wagon team; Mr. Robert H. Miller, second premium for similar exhibit, and Mr. Samuel P. Thomas, first premium for four-horse team.

#### Richard Pyles Shot.

Richard Pyles, 62 years old, who lives near Glen Echo, this county, was taken to Georgetown University Hospital on a trolley car last Friday night to receive treatment for gunshot wounds in both legs. Surgeons spent nearly an hour picking the shot out of his flesh, 42 shot being found between the ankles and hospital was paying Pyles to stay in the hospital as his brother James. Neither would discuss the shooting freely, although both state that it occurred in the corn crib of the Pyles farm, that it was done by Baruch Magruder, a neighbor, and that whiskey precipitated the trouble.

#### Alumni Meeting at Darnestown.

The alumni meeting of the Andrew Small Academy students will be held on the Academy grounds Tuesday, August 24th, beginning at 10:30 A. M.

During the course of the day the business meeting will be held, musical program rendered, addresses made by prominent speakers, and athletic events held in the late afternoon. Basket lunch at noon.

The two previous meetings of this association proved to be pleasant occasions to former students and friends of the school. They are again urged to be present.

#### Hot for the Mule Race at the County Fair.

The big riding tournament is not the only special and extraordinary attraction scheduled for the next annual exhibition of the Montgomery County Agricultural Society, beginning on the last day of this month. There is to be a mule race—an old-fashioned mule race—with all the excitement and ludicrous performances that naturally belong to such an amusing event. Whoever saw a bunch of mules in competition on the race track without having something to laugh at whenever it was recalled? When the average member of the mule family gets his racing blood up he would rather bolt the track or run in the wrong direction than proceed in the direction of the goal, and those who can be gotten to go the right way will oftentimes balk anywhere on the route, preferably near the end of the home stretch.

There was a mule race at the Rockville Fair many years ago which is talked about by those who saw it, down to the present day. The mules which participated in it did everything that an animal with only four legs could possibly do, except to compete in good faith for the purse, and without the least regard for the wishes of their riders. Out of about a dozen contestants, only two mules went over the route, the others balking or bolting and scampering in every direction. The late Allen Selby rode one of those which kept to the track until nearing the home stretch, when his mule, being the leader about fifty yards ahead of him, took a straight cut across the unfenced grass plot within the circular course and passed under the wire full fifty yards ahead of his competitor.

It was claimed that Mr. Selby had won the race, because his mule had taken the short cut of its own accord and contrary to the desire of its rider, but the other mule was decided to be the winner.

It has not been definitely decided on which day the mule race at the approaching Fair will take place, but it will undoubtedly be an event of great interest and amusement whenever it is pulled off.

#### Religious Notices.

Rev. E. L. Hardestad will preach at Travilah at 3:30 P. M.

Services at Ascension Church, Gaithersburg, every Sunday in August at 9:30 A. M.

Germantown Baptist Sunday School will meet at the church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School at Upper Seneca Baptist Church, at Cedar Grove, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Rev. F. W. Johnson, of Grace Baptist Church, Washington, will preach at Seneca on Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Rev. W. D. Keene will preach in Rockville M. E. Church South next Sunday morning and evening. All invited.

Services at the Redland Christian Church every night this week and Sunday morning and evening. Everybody cordially invited.

Evangelistic services will begin at Travilah Baptist Church on Monday night, August 23rd. Rev. F. W. Johnson will preach.

Barnesville Baptist Church, Frank B. Cowell pastor—Sunday School at 10 A. M.; worship with sermon by the pastor at 11 A. M.; young people's meeting at 8 P. M.

Rev. Wm. L. Smith will preach at Potomac M. E. Church South next Sunday at 11 A. M.; Darnestown at 3:30 P. M. and Germantown at 8 P. M. Protracted services will begin at Germantown.

There will be services at Horton Presbyterian Church, near Cabin John, Md., next Sunday, as follows: Preaching by Rev. G. S. Duncan at 3:30 P. M.; Sunday School at 2:30 P. M. and C. E. at 7:30 P. M. Every one most welcome.

#### Anti-Saloon League Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Montgomery County Anti-Saloon League, which was held at Washington Grove on Thursday of last week, was largely attended, including members of the league and other temperance workers from all parts of the county. It was presided over by the president, Dr. Augustus Stabler, of district vice-presidents, Rev. Wm. M. Hoffman, Wm. Waters, Rev. E. L. Hardestad, Rev. W. D. Keene, Asa M. Stabler, Moses B. Montgomery, Rev. Parke P. Flournoy, R. Bentley Thomas, Edward W. Ward, Rev. W. C. Smith, W. W. Hodges, A. McWhann and W. M. Ter-Hodges, all recording secretary, J. Calvin Munster, of Rockville; corresponding secretary, Benj. H. Miller, of Ashton; treasurer, Alfred C. Warthen, of Kensington; attorney, Frank Higgins, of Rockville.

Those who addressed the gathering were Dr. Stabler, Frank Higgins, Rev. Wm. M. Hoffman, Mrs. E. K. Wright, Arthur Stabler, Rev. Andrew B. Wood, of Baltimore, Superintendent of the State League, Rev. Howard Russell, of Ohio.

The report of Mr. Frank Higgins, the league's attorney, gave a review of the work of the law enforcement committee during the year.

A pleasing feature of the day was the music, which was furnished by a large choir under the direction of Prof. E. Wilson Walker, of Gaithersburg. At noon lunch was served all present.

#### Death of Mr. Samuel A. Matlack.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Samuel A. Matlack, which occurred yesterday at his home just before the issue was ready for the press. Mr. Matlack was in the seventy-eighth year of his age and was for fifty years employed in the office of the SENTINEL. His wife, who was Miss Anna Elizabeth Davis, daughter of the late Joshua Davis, died many years ago. He is survived by two unmarried daughters.

#### Mock Trial.

The young people of the Methodist Church of Rockville will give a mock trial in the Sunday school room on Friday, August 20, at 7:45 P. M. The case is entitled "State vs. Reed," and involves the alleged theft of a piebald horse. The defense is unique and the proceedings full of fun. Members of the bar will preside as judges and act as counsel.

No matter how long you have suffered, Foley's Kidney Remedy will help you. Mrs. S. L. Bowen, of Wayne, W. Va., writes: "I was a sufferer from kidney disease, so that at times I could not get out of bed, and when I did I could not stand straight. I took Foley's Kidney Remedy. One dollar bottle and part of the second cured me entirely." It will cure you. Sold by all druggists.

#### MURDER NEAR TRAVILAH.

Decaying Remains of Henson Poole Found in a Closet in His Cabin.

OLLIE HARRIS, ASSAILANT OF HIS AUNT, MRS. GWYNNE HARRIS, CONFESSES THE TERRIBLE CRIME.

The SENTINEL of last week contained a brief account of a murderous assault upon Mrs. Gwynne Harris, of Travilah, who was found in a field in an unconscious condition, on Thursday morning, the 12th instant, with frightful wounds on her head. It was developed later that she had been struck with a large cold-chisel, shot in the head and left in the field for dead, and that Ollie Harris, the 22-year-old son of Jefferson Harris and a nephew of the victim of the assault, had disappeared from the neighborhood. On Friday evening Ollie Harris appeared at the home of his parents, was placed under arrest by Sheriff Mullican and brought to the Rockville jail. He confessed to the assault upon his aunt, saying, at first, that it was committed in resentment for some wrong she had done him.

#### POOLE'S BODY FOUND IN CLOSET.

On Saturday afternoon, while the community of Travilah was yet highly wrought up over the crime of young Harris, the dead and decaying body of Henson Poole, another young man of the neighborhood, was found in a closet in his cabin about two miles from Travilah and within a short distance of Pennfield's Lock, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. The dead man had a terrible gash and three bullet wounds in his skull. A bloody hatchet and a 22-caliber rifle were found in the cabin. A jug containing about a gallon of whiskey was also found in the room.

The last time that Poole had been seen alive in the neighborhood was on the 21st of July, and the condition of the body indicated that he had been dead for at least three weeks. It is said that he had a considerable sum of money in his possession a short time prior to his disappearance. This has disappeared, together with his watch and two gold rings he was known to have. Henson Poole was twenty-two years of age and was a son of John Poole, who lives in the vicinity of Middlebrook.

About two years ago young Poole shot and killed a man named Peacock, from Fairfax county, Va. He was tried in the circuit court here and given only a short sentence in jail on account of mitigating circumstances offered in support of his plea of self-defense. About a year ago he went off to Washington with Lillian L. Harris, the 15-year-old daughter of Mrs. Gwynne Harris, who was assaulted by her nephew, Ollie Harris. Poole was arrested, charged with the betrayal of the girl, but was released because of insufficient evidence against him. He was married but lived apart from his wife, who resides in Washington city.

#### HARRIS TAKEN TO COOL HEADS.

Upon the advice of cool heads in the Travilah neighborhood, Sheriff Mullican, on Sunday afternoon, took Ollie Harris to the Baltimore city jail for safe-keeping. When first accused of the murder of Poole, he said to have burst into tears, while denying all knowledge of the crime.

Mrs. Gwynne Harris, though fearfully wounded, is reported to be slowly but surely improving, and her physician, Dr. C. H. Nourse, of Darnestown, has hopes of her recovery.

The remains of Henson Poole were interred at Beallsville on Monday last.

#### HARRIS CONFESSES HIS CRIME.

On Tuesday last, at Baltimore, under the questioning of Capt. Pumphrey, of the Baltimore detective force, Ollie Harris confessed the killing of Henson Poole.

"Let me see your fingers," said Captain Pumphrey. When he showed them Harris was told that his finger prints taken in the Bertillon Bureau were similar to those found on the door of the cupboard where the mutilated body of Poole was found.

"What!" exclaimed Harris. Thus shaken, he told the story of the crime.

"I killed Poole," he said. "I did it because he was going to shoot me. I grabbed the rifle from his hands and fired a bullet into his head. I then took a hatchet and smashed his head and hacked him. I then fired two more shots into his body to be sure he was dead.

"To hide my crime I threw his body in the cupboard and closed the door on it. I feared that somebody would discover it and that I would be caught. However, as he lived alone, I did not worry much about his body being found."

"Did you rob him?" asked Captain Pumphrey.

"Yes, I went through his clothes and took \$52 from his pockets and from places in the room. I also filled a quart and two pint bottles with whiskey from a jug. Then I took his keys, locked the door and left the place."

"Where did you go?" he was asked.

"I walked up the road until I came to Charles Connors' home and called him out and gave him a drink, telling him I had plenty of money with which to buy more whiskey."

"Where did you meet Poole on the night of July 21?" asked the detective.

"There was a band at Lintin's house at Travilah and the crowd stayed around until 10 o'clock, when both Poole and I went home. I went to sleep on the couch in my house. I woke up at 5 o'clock in the morning, and as I wanted to go to the Masonic fair at Rockville, I went out to Poole's cabin to buy some whiskey to take to town."

"Poole was asleep and I woke him up. We had several drinks together and I asked him to let me take two quarts of whiskey to the fair in a jug. He started to fill the jug and put in some water, to which I objected. We quarreled and came to blows. He came after me with his 22-caliber rifle and in the struggle that followed I grabbed the rifle from his hands."

"The struggle lasted for several minutes before I shot him. I did not take any chances of having him tell who wounded him, and that is why I used the hatchet and fired the other two shots."

"After you left Connors' home where did you go?" he was asked.

"I stopped at Lintin's store, where I bought a shirt and a new hat. I then telephoned to Post & Ricketts' livery stable, at Rockville, where I had a carriage come to meet me. I called at my house and my sister, Mrs. Pearson, to the fair at Rockville. I later got tired of the fair and took a train for Georgetown."

"Whom did you see then?" he was asked.

"I met two friends—Allie Robinson and Dickson Marks, of Southwest Washington. We got a taxicab and rode over Washington, drinking and having a good time with the \$52. I got drunk and then came back to Rockville, where I hired a team and took my sister, whom I left at the fair, home."

#### ATTACK ON HIS AUNT.

Did you attack your aunt because she knew that you murdered your cousin?" he was asked.

"No; my aunt did not know and no one on earth knew up to this confession that I killed the man. I assaulted my aunt for the purpose of robbing her. My aunt always kept considerable money hidden in her house, and whenever she went away I always brought it to my home and left it there. I knew that on the day I assaulted her I decamped her from her house."

"I sent word that a relative was ill at my house and that she was wanted. I was sure that she would come and bring along her money, because she always feared that her house would be robbed while she was away. I laid in wait for her, and when she started across the field I assaulted her."

"I wanted her money that was all."

"You said the other day that it was not robbery. Which is right?" he was asked.

"Robbery was the motive and nothing else," Harris replied with some agitation. Harris signed a typewritten copy of this statement in the presence of Captain Pumphrey and Sheriff Mullican.

#### GRAND JURY MAY BE ASSEMBLED IN SPECIAL SESSION.

It is understood that State's Attorney Waters will recommend that the grand jury be assembled in special session early in September for the purpose of considering the Harris case, so that a speedy trial may be had in the Circuit Court.

#### NARROW ESCAPE OF NORMAN WATERS.

Norman Waters, the young son of Mr. Hutton A. Waters, who keeps a store at Travilah, thinks he had a narrow escape from violence at the hands of Ollie Harris a short time before the murderer assaulted his aunt. While in charge of the store one evening Harris got the boy to go with him into the cellar, first to get him a dozen pickles, he said he wanted, and a second time to get him a glass jar, which Harris said he wished to buy. Young Waters now thinks that Harris intended to disable or kill him in the cellar and rob the store while no one else was present, but lost his nerve during the first visit to the cellar and was frightened from his purpose on the second visit by hearing some one enter the store-room above. Harris did not take the glass jars after they were brought from the cellar, saying he had changed his mind about them, and young Waters says he was very nervous and acted strangely while they were in the cellar. The boy now thinks himself extremely fortunate that he did not share the fate of Poole, and, since the confession of Harris, that is the general opinion.

#### Pic-Nics and Festivals.

The annual pic-nic of the crack Brookville Band will be held August 26th at Unity, Md. Music, dancing, supper, and two games of base ball. Public cordially invited.

The Ladies' Missionary Society and Junior Christian Endeavor of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church will hold their annual lawn fete on the church lawn on Thursday, August 26th, beginning at 4 P. M. All are cordially invited to attend.

The annual pic-nic for the benefit of the M. E. Church South will be held in the grove adjoining the public school grounds at Germantown on the afternoon and evening of Friday, August 27th. All cordially invited. If rainy, next evening.

#### Committee.

The W. F. M. Society of Potomac Chapel will hold its annual "Missionary Tea" on Tuesday evening, August 24th, in the grove near the church. Supper will be served at 5:30 P. M. Ice cream will be on sale. All are cordially invited to come and spend a pleasant evening and help a good cause.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Clarksburg M. E. Church will hold its annual lawn fete at Clarksburg on Tuesday evening, August 24th. Proceeds for benefit of new church fund. Refreshments of all kinds will be on sale. Supper will be served. Don't miss it. Come and spend a social evening with us.

#### Republican Convention.

The Republican county convention met in the Opera House, Rockville, on Thursday of last week and nominated the following ticket:

House of Delegates—Harry L. Willard, of Poolesville; Albert E. Shoemaker, of Friendship Heights; James M. Mount, of Damascus; and Arthur W. Glennan, of Chevy Chase.

Sheriff—Frank Dwyer, of Laytonsville. Clerk of the Circuit Court—Charles G. McDonald, of Potomac. Register of Wills—C. Scott Duval, of Gaithersburg.

County Commissioners—First Collection District—Wm. Everett Brown, of Brighton. Second—Charles T. Johnson, of Germantown. Fifth—Mortimer O. Stabler, of Spencerville.

County Surveyor—Norman Jackson, of Takoma Park.

The following delegates to the State and Judicial conventions were selected:

Judicial Convention—T. Cranmer Griffith, George T. Williams, E. C. Campbell, Rezin Offutt, Willis B. Burdette, Samuel S. Bond, John W. Garrett, William D. Henry, Arthur Stabler, Benjamin H. Miller, Jesse L. Burns, John McDonald, Henry M. Lindig, Joseph M. Burdette, John A. Butler and Gist Blair.

State Convention—Thos. C. Noyes, Thos. Dawson, John McDonald and Columbus F. Purdum, at large, and one from each election precinct, as follows: Uriah H. W. Griffith, Charles S. Hill, John W. Garrett, William F. Disney, John Gillis, James T. Purdum, William T. S. Curtis, Henry H. Miller, Charles F. Kirk, Wm. K. Fulk, Robert W. Stone, Daniel Diggs, Luther C. Gue, John Addison and James Lusby.

#### Judges for the Fair.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Society, held on Tuesday last, the following judges were appointed:

Registered heavy draft horses and heavy draft teams, Nicholas L. Miller, of Clarksburg, Md.

Standard-bred, thoroughbred, coach and quick draft horses, Alfred Warthen, Front Royal, Va.

Cattle, hogs and sheep, E. H. Riley, Bethesda.

Farm products and fruits, Frank J. Downey, Sandy Spring.

Garden products, Henry Vogt, Tenleytown, D. C.

Flowers and growing plants, J. R. Freeman, Washington, D. C.

Dairy, John Joseph, of Washington, D. C.

Domestic department, Miss B. Sauter, Washington, D. C.

Calligraphy, &c., Miss Evie Jones, Brookville.

#### Take Notice.

All persons are recommended to take Foley's Kidney Remedy for backache, rheumatism, and kidney and bladder trouble. It will quickly correct urinary irregularities, which, if neglected, may develop into a serious illness. It will restore health and strength. Do not neglect signs of kidney or bladder trouble and risk Bright's disease or diabetes. Sold by all druggists.

#### Family Reunion.

A reunion of the Lintin family was held on August 15th at the old homestead of the late John H. S. Lintin, on the Sugar Loaf Mountain. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, more than one hundred children, grandchildren and great grandchildren met, coming in carriages laden with an abundance of delicacies. A constant stream of vehicles poured into the beautiful grove about midday, when the enormous spread was on and which all seemed to enjoy, all this vast family being seated at one time around this beautiful table.

After dinner a short program was rendered. Mr. C. F. Lintin delivered an appropriate address touching on the scholastic careers of many of the audience, four generations of which attended the same old Locust Grove school. So full was he of enthusiasm that at times he seemed to almost break down. The audience joined in singing "The Old Oaken Bucket." Miss Grace Watkins gave two beautiful recitations. Miss Margaret Lintin also delivered a nice recitation. The audience then sang "Home, Sweet Home." Mr. C. F. Lintin recited a most beautiful poem of the old "God," translated from the Hebrew language. Rev. D. E. Moylan sang "Rock of Ages" in the mute language and then offered prayer in the same language.

After spending a most glorious day, seldom equaled and never surpassed, hand-shaking and good-byes galore, all departed for their homes. Those present were: Dr. James Lintin, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Lintin and Miss Margaret Lintin, of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur S. Lintin, of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lintin, of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Messrs. John W. Lintin, Thomas Lintin, Burrall Lintin, Warren Davis and little Miss Mary Lintin, of Urbana, Md., Mr. and Mrs. E. Garrett Lintin, Rev. and Mrs. Daniel E. Moylan, Misses Mabel Moylan and Gladys Lintin, and Master Charles Moylan and Earle Lintin, of Jansville, Mrs. Mattie Lintin King, Mrs. Mary L. King, Miss Edna King and little Miss Edna King, of Kentwood, Md., and Mrs. R. W. King, with their children, Mr. Violet, Ruth, Estelle and Helen, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Lintin with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lintin, of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. W. Bowman and children, Elizabeth and Julian, of Germantown, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Revere Purdum, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barber and children, Julia, May, Lester and Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Iglehart and children, Mildred and Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watkins and children, LeRoy, Wilbur, Granville, Elizabeth and Mabel, Misses Grace and Marian Watkins and Messrs. William and Raymond Watkins, and Maynard Watkins of Cedar Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Davis and little daughter Laura, and Mr. and Mrs. Lintin, and a son, Mr. Purdum and Mial, of Brownsville, Md., and Mrs. Frank King and their little daughter of Wesley Grove, Mr. Frederick Lintin, of Baltimore, Miss Helen Walker of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Beall with their sons, Isaac and John, of Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lintin of La Plata, Miss Jennie and Ella Lintin of Barnesville.

#### Democratic Platform.

The following platform was adopted by the late State Democratic Convention:

"We, the representatives of the Democratic party of Maryland, in convention assembled, heartily endorse the present progressive, business-like and zealous Democratic State administration, and commend it to the people for a renewal of the control of our State affairs which, for years past, in Democratic hands has given us the blessings of good, economical and efficient government.

"The Democratic party pledged the people of Maryland in the campaign of 1907, that if given the power it would again submit for their adoption an amendment to our Constitution for the purpose of excluding the illiterate negro vote. That campaign resulted in a great Democratic victory, and in the redemption of our pledge a suffrage amendment, prepared by a conference of eminent and public-spirited laymen, was adopted by a Democratic General Assembly and is now before the people.

"We declare that the adoption of this amendment is the most vital issue in the coming election. Proposed as a measure of Democratic policy in obedience to the deliberately expressed sense of the people, its adoption is urged upon Democrats and Republicans alike as a distinctly non-partisan reform imperatively demanded by a just consideration of the best interests of our State. We here emphasize with all possible force that the proposed amendment with the utmost care fully protects the right to vote of the foreign-born citizens of this State, and that all statements made to the contrary are absolutely untrue. The Democratic party is to-day, as it always has been, and especially so in Maryland, the firm and faithful protector of all the civil and political rights of the naturalized citizen, and we will not permit any one to assert that they will not and can not be disfranchised by any conceivable method whatsoever under the amendment.

"We favor the creation by appropriate legislation of a Public Utilities Commission, applicable to all of our public service corporations.

"We express our hearty endorsement of the policy and principles of the Corrupt Practices Act, adopted by the last General Assembly, noting with great gratification its splendid effects upon our elections, both primary and general.

"We favor such amendments to the existing Primary Election Law as shall correct defects in its practical operation.

"We express our gratification at the legislation enacted by the last General Assembly, and at the measures and proceedings taken in pursuance thereof, to build and improve a modern and up-to-date system of good roads and highways at the expense of the State, and we pledge ourselves to the enactment of all legislation which may be proper and necessary to secure and extend the benefits derived therefrom.

"We advocate the passage of the Pure Food Law for the State of Maryland, guaranteeing pure food for the people, and framed along the lines of the Federal law on the subject, adjusted, however, to the needs and conditions of this State.

"Declaring again our conviction that in the minds of the great majority of the Democrats of Maryland the paramount question of the approaching election is the question of the adoption of the franchise amendment submitted to the people by the last General Assembly, and in pursuance of the solemn pledge of the Democratic party in the platform of 1907, and realizing that the most serious obstacle in the way of the adoption of said amendment is the intense fear in the minds of many patriotic citizens of Baltimore that its adoption would not be to the benefit of the State, without the submission to the people of an amendment to the organic laws of the State, providing for the representation of the people in the General Assembly of Maryland, in accordance with the theory upon which our republican institutions are founded, we hereby secure a united city and county government, and we pledge ourselves to the adoption of the franchise amendment submitted to the people by the last General Assembly, and in pursuance of the solemn pledge of the Democratic party in the platform of 1907, and realizing that the most serious obstacle in the way of the adoption of said amendment is the intense fear in the minds of many patriotic citizens of Baltimore that its adoption would not be to the benefit of the State, without the submission to the people of an amendment to the organic laws of the State, providing for the representation of the people in the General Assembly of Maryland, in accordance with the theory upon which our republican institutions are founded, we hereby secure a united city and county government, and we pledge ourselves to the adoption of the franchise amendment submitted to the people by the last General Assembly, and in pursuance of the solemn pledge of the Democratic party in the platform of 1907, and realizing that the most serious obstacle in the way of the adoption of said amendment is the intense fear in the minds of many patriotic citizens of Baltimore that its adoption would not be to the benefit of the State, without the submission to the people of an amendment to the organic laws of the State, providing for the representation of the people in the General Assembly of Maryland, in accordance with the theory upon which our republican institutions are founded, we hereby secure a united city and county government, and we pledge ourselves to the adoption of the franchise amendment submitted to the people by the last General Assembly, and in pursuance of the solemn pledge of the Democratic party in the platform of 1907, and realizing that the most serious obstacle in the way of the adoption of said amendment is the intense fear in the minds of many patriotic citizens of Baltimore that its adoption would not be to the benefit of the State, without the submission to the people of an amendment to the organic laws of the State, providing for the representation of the people in the General Assembly of Maryland, in accordance with the theory upon which our republican institutions are founded, we hereby secure a united city and county government, and we pledge ourselves to the adoption of the franchise amendment submitted to the people by the last General Assembly, and in pursuance of the solemn pledge of the Democratic party in the platform of 1907, and realizing that the most serious obstacle in the way of the adoption of said amendment is the intense fear in the minds of many patriotic citizens of Baltimore that its adoption would not be to the benefit of the State, without the submission to the people of an amendment to the organic laws of