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SALE REGISTER.

Notices of sales, for which bills are printed at this office, will be published under this head for 50 cents; when bills are printed elsewhere $1 will be charged. See bills for particulars concerning sales.

March 19.—4 horses, 2 colts, 9 cattle, sow and 6 shoats, farm implements, Cooley creamer, &c. Edvard Christ, near road from Uniontown to Roop's Mill. Wm. Brown, auctioneer. H. Singer and M. Shaw, clerks.

March 22.—Sale of horses, cows, farm impliements, furniture, &c., at 9 o'clock, a. m. S. T. Gorsuch, near Denning's postoffice.

LOCAL ITEMS.

The warm weather of the past few days has taken the snow away considerably.

Josephine Crawford was commissioned Monday as fourth-class postmaster at Sandyville, this county.

At the sale of the personal property of Dr. John S. Mathias on Wednesday a mare 8 years old brought $205.

On Saturday night the hennery of Mr. Samuel H. Shipley, on Green street, was broken into and six valuable Leghorn hens stolen therefrom.

On Tuesday Mr. Ephraim B. Fowler, a former resident of this city, was married in Chambersburg, Pa., to Miss Maggie Ross, of that place.

The Court of Appeals has affirmed the decision of the court in the case of the Mayor and Common Council of this city vs. Grove A. Shipley.

"I cannot do without the great and good SENTINEL" is the way an old subscriber closes a letter to us, accompanying which was an order for a renewal of subscription.

Miss Mary L. Slagle, of Hanover, Pa., a sister of Rev. Calvin S. Slagle, was spending a few days last week at the Reformed Parsonage, this city.

Mr. Coblentz, from the vicinity of Middletown, a student in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at Lancaster, Pa., filled the pulpit of Rev. C. S. Slagle on last Sunday morning.

Messrs. Roop & Zile, seedsmen, No. 28 West Main street, will please accept our thanks for a copy of their seed catalogue for 1888. The book will be furnished free to those applying for it.

Every moment of our lives, every part of our body is wearing out and being built up anew. This work is accomplished by the blood, but if the blood does not peform the work properly the system is poisoned. Cleanse the blood by the use of Laxador, the golden remedy.

A change in star se rvice was made on Monday in this county, on route 10,263, Westminster to Hampstead: Leave Westminster Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6.45 A. M., arrive at Hampstead by 11 A. M.; leave Hampstead Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 12 M., arrive at Westminster by 3 P. M.

On March 8th, Mr. Wm. Fox, living on Mr. Louis Englar's farm, near Double Pipe Creek, sold his stock and farming implements, the sales footing up over $2,000. Mr. Thos. Kolb was the auctioneer. Mr. Fox will move to Rocky Ridge and keep a store. Mr. Wm. Six will move to the farm vacated by Mr. Fox.

The next convocation of Carroll Chapter, No. 31, Royal Arch Masons, will be held on Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., at 7½ o'clock. There will be work in the Mark Master's degree and a full attendance of the Companions is expected. This new Chapter supplies a Masonic want long felt in the county, and is, accordingly, meeting with great success.

Some weeks ago the petition of Mrs. D. F. Albaugh, of this county, and Warfield & Rohr, of Baltimore city, was filed in the Circuit Court here, asking that Oliver M. Hiteshew, of Uniontown, be declared an insolvent. Answering the petition, Mr. Hiteshew declares that he is solvent and resists the application of the petitioners. On Monday there was a partial hearing of the matter before Judge Smith and several witnesses were examined.

A very delightful surprise party was tendered Miss Lillie Woodward, daughter of Mrs. M. J Woodward, on Friday night, March 9th, the anniversary of her 11th birthday. The "donkey" game was a feature of the evening. Those present were Misses Gertie Gantz, Bettie Fritchey, Miriam Lewis, Clara Bankert, Hattie Huber, Bessie Herr, Carrie Brown, Myrle Malehorn, Elsie Grimes, Nannie Galt, Helen Nichols, Katie Nichols, Blanche Trumbo, Janie Woodward, Irene Woodward, and Masters Lewis Woodward and Ollie Grimes.

On Tuesday, the 13th inst., a jury of inquisition was held by Sheriff Fringer at Mr. David D. Bonsack's over Elder Amos Caylor, under a writ of inquiry as to his mental condition issued out of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, on a petition in Equity filed by his family. The jury found Mr. Caylor to be insane. The jury was composed of the following persons: Dr. D. F. Shipley, Wm. Logue, Wm. H. H. Zepp, Frank K. Herr, John B. Saylor, Jas. F. Rinker, A. J. Malehorn, E. O. Grimes, Henry Warner, John Greenholtz. The counsel for the petitioners was D. N. Henning, Esq.

List of unclaimed matter remaining in the Post Office at Westminster, Md., March 10, 1888.

Allgire, J. P. (2)	Engel, Mrs. Anna
Bagby & Rivers,	Holderbaum, Mrs. Mary
Blizzard, John W.	Jester, Geo. W.
Bennett, Charles	Pinkney, Lottie
Barnes, Noah C.	Ponder Miss Fannie
Bell, Mrs. Mary E.	Quinn, Miss Emma V.
Bullock, William	Thomas, James
Chin, Mrs. William	Wunder, George
Engel, Clement	

Persons calling for matter in the above list will please say it was advertised.

JOS. B. BOYLE, P. M

Anniversary.

About a year ago a few christian ladies from the three different churches met at the public school-house, in Uniontown, and organized the "Band of Hope," a branch of the W. C. T. U. They held during the year thirty-eight meetings and now number about fifty-five. The Band held an entertainment Saturday night, March 10th, in the M. P. church, it being the anniversary of their organization. The program consisted of dialogues, recitations, readings and music. Miss Florence Delp and Master Willie Hiteshew recited in a very pleasing manner, as did all the rest. Revs. Delp and Valiant took part in the exercises. Rev. G. W. Seilhamer addressed the children in his usual interesting style. Altogether it was an enjoyable occasion.

Snydersburg Items.

The weather at this writing is the most disagreeable, we believe, that we have ever endured at this season of the year. About twenty years ago the month of February was memorable on account of a great snow-storm, but we do not think it equaled in violence the present one. The roads are so badly drifted that travel upon them is almost impossible. If this is the equinoctial, it is one that will not soon be forgotten.

Augustus Snyder, another of our enterprising young men, has gone to Baltimore.

William Kagle, who had made arrangements to move to Woodberry, has concluded to continue farming at this place.

The measles are prevailing in this vicinity. Many of the scholars of the public school are suffering from them.

Fountain Valley Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Upton Decker gave a birthday social in honor of their daughter, Miss Mollie, on Thursday evening, March 8th. Quite an enjoyable evening was spent. Games of various kinds were indulged in until a late hour. Refreshments were served in abundance at 10 o'clock. The presents were both useful and ornamental, especially the "specks."

Mr. Frederick Zahn fell from a chair recently, severely injuring his back. He is now able to be about again.

Very disagreeable weather set in Sunday, continuing until Wednesday. On Tuesday we had a regular blizzard of about twelve hours' duration.

A number of our citizens have been suffering from whooping-cough and bad colds, but, we are glad to say, are now able to be out again.

Death of Mrs. Monroe.

Mrs. Sarah A. Monroe, widow of the Rev. Thos. H. Monroe, died at her residence, in Baltimore, early Wednesday morning, from congestion of the brain, after an illness of a little more than two weeks. She was born at Sam's Creek, this county, in 1813, and was baptized by Bishop Asbury, the first Methodist bishop ordained in this county. Her father, Alex. Warfield, was one of the prominent men of his time in that part of the State. The old homestead was known as "Pilgrims' Retreat," because for two or three generations its hospitable walls sheltered the preachers who travelled that way. Her husband, who died in 1864 while in charge of the Fayette Street M. E. Church, was one of the old-time preachers of the Baltimore Conference. One son, Mr. Warfield Monroe, two daughters and four grandchildren survive her, also a brother living in California, another in Iowa and a sister in Virginia. The deceased was a sister of the late Dr. J. L. Warfield, of this city, and aunt of Mrs. Chas. Reid, of this city.

The Blizzard in Carroll.

Perhaps at no time in the past, or, at least for a great many years, has there been a blizzard of such violence as that which struck this city and county this week. The driving rain of Sunday morning, followed by snow in the evening, kept the majority of our people indoors, the churches being but sparsely attended. The storm, however, reached its greatest violence on Monday and Tuesday. The fine snow was tossed about and forced against the faces of those who were compelled to breast it, giving some idea of the blizzards which have been so disastrous in their effects in the West. The result was a general drifting up and blocking of the roads throughout the county. The mails to Brummel, Bixler, Cranberry, Snider's Lauver, Shiloh and Hampstead, on the Hampstead route, and to Smallwood, Bird Hill, Gamber, Bloom, Louisville, Shipley and Freedom, on the Washington and Deer Park roads, were unable to get out until Wednesday. Up to the same date none of the creameries were able to collect or deliver their full supply of milk. In some places the drifts are reported eight and ten feet across the highway. On Tuesday morning the thermometer registered four degrees above zero.

Wedding Bells.

Grace Lutheran Church was crowded on Thursday afternoon, 15th inst., with friends and relatives to witness the marriage of George W. Chritzman, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and Miss Clara A. Schaeffer, daughter of Albert Schaeffer, of Silver Run, this county. The ceremony was announced to take place at 4 p. m., and promptly at that hour the bridal party entered the church to the strains of a beautiful wedding march, skillfully rendered on the organ by Miss Bertie Geiselman, of Westminster, and Profs. Bailey and George Morelock on the cornet and clarionet, and were met at the altar by the pastor of the church, Rev. P. H. Miller, who performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The ushers were Messrs. John Brundige, C. P. Cassell, Prof. F. H. Schaeffer, brother of the bride, of Westminster, and Charles E. Stahle, of Gettysburg.

The bride was handsomely and becomingly attired in a traveling dress of Gensd'armes blue, with hat and gloves to match. Before the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served at the residence of the bride's parents. A large number of beautiful presents were received. Amongst the guests present from a distance were Mrs. William C. Chritzman and Misses Annie G. and Mollie Chritzman of Gettysburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Chritzman left on the afternoon train for Washington, Baltimore and Gettysburg. They were accompanied to the train by a number of friends, who bid them good bye and wished them a happy journey amid a plentiful shower of rice.

According to the almanac spring begins on Tuesday next, the 20th.

Death of Robert Gorsuch.

Mr. Robert Gorsuch, one of Carroll county's most prominent and highly-respected farmers, died at his residence, near Warfieldsburg, a few miles from Westminster, at an early hour Tuesday morning. Mr. Gorsuch was injured by being thrown while mounting a colt a few weeks ago, and dragged some distance, his leg being broken in two places between the knee and ankle. On Sunday evening he was taken with a violent pain in the side, and his illness resulted in death about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. He leaves a widow and three children—two sons and one daughter—Mr. Benjamin Gorsuch, residing in the West, Mr. Harry Peyton Gorsuch, of Baltimore, and Miss Nora Gorsuch. He also has one brother residing in St. John's Mich., another brother, Mr. Thos. Gorsuch, president of the First National Bank of Frederick, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas Goodwin, of Westminster. Mr. Gorsuch was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Funeral services will be held at his late residence this (Saturday) morning at 11 o'clock. Interment at the Westminster cemetery.

Stonersville Items.

There will be several movings in and near our village between now and the first of April. Mr. Geo. T. Shaffer will move to Mr. Daniel Baumgardner's tenement house, now occupied by Chas. E. Furhman. Mr. Leppo, of Silver Run, will move into the house he lately purchased of Mr. Geo. W. Stoner, Sr., where Mr. Shaffer now resides. Mr. Theodore J. Myers will move to the farm recently purchased by him from Mr. Ephraim Bankert, near Pleasant Valley. Mr. Emanuel Koontz will move to the Hollow Rock farm, near your city.

On Monday morning the earth again had on a mantle of white to the depth of about four inches. About 8 o'clock the snow began drifting, and by noon the roads running east and west were filled in many places as high as the post-fence.

During the storm Monday evening, about 9 o'clock, while Mr. Augustus Bankert, of Mt. Pleasant, was returning from Westminster in a huckster-wagon, his team plunged into a snow-bank, about one-fourth of a mile south of our village, upsetting the wagon. Mr. Bankert escaped with a few slight bruises.

Mr. Jno. W. Bixler's sale at Cranberry on Thursday of last week was well attended. Stock and farming implements brought fair prices. Mr. Bixler will shortly move to Baltimore and engage in the dairy business. We wish him success.

Mr. John Myers has succeeded in trapping six large skunks at his stone quarry since January.

Mr. James M. Stoner has been confined to the house several days by a severe cold.

Eden Items.

At present we have plenty of snow, which makes it like winter again.

Mr. John Reese has been housed up the past week with a very bad cut foot.

This community has been visited by a so-called thief, but we would term him a cowardly one, as he entered Mrs Elizabeth Green's meat house by crawling through the gable end, and stole all of her meat except one piece which was nearly all used. We think no one except a cowardly thief would have stolen a poor widow woman's meat, who has five children to support and no one to protect her.

The measles are quite bad at Snydersburg. Six of Joseph Lippy's children are down with them. One of Joseph Lippy's children died from scrofula, aged 11 months and 10 days, and was interred at St. Paul's cemetery Friday, 16th inst. A child of William Gross, near Snydersburg, died of pneumonia, aged about 6 years. The interment took place at Manchester cemetery Thursday, 15th inst.

Mrs. David H. Leister has 45 different kinds of house-flowers, all green and thrifty. Thirteen of these varieties are in full bloom at present. Who can beat it?

We have the coldest weather we have had this winter. School has been closed three days and the mail delayed one day on account of the storm and drifted roads, which made traveling almost impossible.

Lewis Stine, of Lauver, was confined to his bed Tuesday, by sickness, but is recovering.

Manchester Items.

Manchester received its share of the storm which was so general throughout the State. The drifted snow blocked the roads, and travel upon them was abandoned.

The "cottage tea" at Mrs. Julia Motter's on Wednesday evening has been pronounced a success. Those in character were: Miss Fannie Ross, as Quakeress; Mrs. J. W. Hoffacker, as Sister of Charity; Miss Viola Rupp, as Goddess of Liberty; Miss Maggie E. Crouse, as Martha Washington; Miss Flora Lippy, as Gypsy; Miss Sallie Everhart, as Flower Girl; and Miss Millie Lippy, as Peasant Girl. The table receipts were about $25, and the charity-box will increase this amount $6 or $8 more.

Another enterprise has seized upon some of our enterprising citizens—that of lighting our streets with electric lights and supplying the same to the residences of our citizens. The move is on foot, and if the arrangements can be consummated, as expected, it will become one of the things of the near future. Give us the railroad and these others will all follow.

In a few weeks our voters will be called upon to declare for or against a railroad. There is reason now to believe that it will be a success.

The roof of the house at the home of Mr. Henry Steffy, of Cape Horn, was set on fire on Tuesday last from a defective flue, but was gotten under control in time. DECIMUS QUINTUS.

Manchester, March 15th, 1888.

The cases of James A Shriver vs. the Unional National Bank, of Westminster, and Samuel Benford vs. the Union National Bank, of Westminster, were decided in the Court of Appeals on February 14th, the court affirming the decision of the lower court in favor of Benford and Shriver in both cases. The cases grew out of attachments on judgments laid in the hands of the bank, and were argued in the Court of Appeals by Col. Maulsby for the bank and D. N. Henning, Esq., for Benford and Shriver.

If you cannot take the baby to the country, use Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup for the usual diseases of early childhood. Price 25 cents a bottle.

Mormons in Carroll.

T. A. Williams and Joshua Horner, Elders of the church of Jesus Christ, of Latter day Saints, were entertained by your correspondent of Tyrone, Md., on the evening of March 12th, at which time the following account of the belief was given and the origin of Mormonism was discussed: Joseph Smith, the founder of the sect, was a native of Vermont State, and was born in the year 1805. He afterward removed to New York State, where, at the age of 15, while the neighborhood in which he lived was engaged in a religious revival, he claims in answer to prayer to have a visitation of Heavenly messengers, who inform him that in the near future he is to be made an instrument in the hands of God in re-establishing the everlasting Gospel, which is spoken of by John in Revelation 14:6. At the age of 22 he receives from the hands of a messenger of God a record of the ancient inhabitants of the continent of America, from the confusion of tongues at the town of Bable to 420 years after the birth of Christ. It is a history of the hand dealings of God with the descendants of the tribe of Joseph, who was sold into Egypt, of which the native Indian of the present day is a remnant, and gives a full account of the coming of Jesus Christ, after his death and ascension, to the American continent, and setting up his Gospel among the people of America the same as at Palestine. This same Jos. Smith also testifies that he received the power and authority to preach and administer in the ordinances of the Gospel by ordination at the hands of John the Baptist, and apostles Peter, James, and John, who conferred it upon him in the year 1829.

The articles of faith are as follows: We believe in God the eternal Father, and in his son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgressions. We believe that through the atonement of Christ all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws, and ordinances of the Gospel. We believe that the ordinances are, first, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. We believe that a man must be called of God by "prophecy and by the laying on of hands," by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinance thereof. We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church, viz: apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc. We believe in the gifts of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly. We also believe the book of Mormon to be the word of God. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the ten tribes; that Zion will be built upon this continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradistic glory. We claim the privilege of worshiping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, when or what they may. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul, "We believe in all things, we hope in all things." We have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things. The preachers travel as did the ancient disciples, without purse and scrip, and having freely received freely preach the Gospel, and look to that life to come for their reward. They report some five hundred missionaries similarly engaged throughout the christian and heathen world. The priesthood of the Mormon church is organized into the following quorum: The first presidency, the 12 apostles, the high councils, the seventies, high priests, elders, priests, teachers and deacons. Infant baptism is condemned, but the children of the saints are considered old enough at 8 years to be baptized. Baptism for the dead is practiced, a living person being publicaly baptized as the representative of one or more deceased persons. Washington, Franklin and other famous persons have thus been vicariously baptized into the church. The Mormon church was formally established at Manchester, Ontario county, N. Y., in April, 1830. They emigrated to Great Salt Lake Valley, in Utah Territory, where they have built up a large and flourishing community. At home and abroad they are supposed to number over two hundred thousand souls.

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Medford Items.

The past two weeks have been exceedingly dull, owing to the bad weather and roads.

Mr. Joseph Witter, who attended to the mail matter at this place, has a position at Westminster in Mr. Chas. V. Wantz's Yellow Cigar Store. Mr. Jesse Snider succeeds Mr. Witter. No doubt he will make a first-class postmaster.

Mr. David Englar will build a new store-house here in place of the one burned a short time ago.

Our colored friend, Nat, who keeps bachelor's hall in a shop at Mr. Snider's and carries on the wheelwright trade, is going to leave and work for Mr. Roop.

Mr. Edward Richardson is looking forth to his wedding day, which will take place between now and the 6th of May.

Mr. Jonas Wagner, living near Wakefield Station, will shortly purchase an incubator and engage in the chicken business.

Messrs. N. M. Albert, George Townsend and John Black, while on a fishing excursion last week caught thirty-six nice fish.

We have received the 38th annual statement of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Baltimore county, for the year ending February 29th, 1888. The following losses were paid in this county: Geo. W. Albaugh, $4,925.00; Lewis H. Knox, $200.00. The directors of the company for this county, are Messrs. F. H. Orendorff, Isaac C. Balle and John H. Chew. The paid losses by fire during the year amounted to $30,687.78.

Sam's Creek Items.

March, so far, has been very rough and cold. The roads are almost impassable, and if they do not soon change for the better people will, on the first of April, have plenty of mud to encounter. It is very likely the farmers will be a little late getting at their spring work.

One day last week the steam boiler at Senator P. J. Bennett's dairy cracked, letting out the steam freely. Fortunately no other damage was done. On last Saturday the Senator came home to see after his affairs. What he will do in regard to the bursted boiler we do not know, but hope that the dairy will be continued, as it is some convenience to a number of our farmer women.

One day last week the trustees of the Dunkard church and cemetery at Sam's Creek had their large chestnut tree cut down for the purpose of making it into fence posts to repair the fence around the church lot. This tree was about 18 feet in circumference and made in all about one hundred posts for the fence and a considerable amount of firewood.

The Dunkard brethren of what is called Eastern District of Maryland, embracing eight congregations, will hold their annual District Council Meeting this spring at the Sam's Creek meeting-house on Tuesday, April 3d, 1888. Members coming by rail will stop off at New Windsor.

The sale made by Mr. John Roop on Friday of last week was very largely attended, but his horses, mules, cattle and farming implements only brought moderate prices. It seems that farmers begin to realize the solemn fact that pay-day will come around.

Elder William H. Franklin is making preparation to have a large grain barrack built on his farm this spring. Mr. John Keefer is to be the head carpenter.

Mr. John Stem, of Winfield, is also making preparation to build a wagon-shed and put up a considerable amount of post-fencing on the farm he bought of the Franklin heirs last fall.

Now, Mr. W. D., of Woodbine, a few words to you in regard to our Senator, P. J. Bennett. If you remember, last fall, when Mr. Bennett was nominated for the Senate, some one said he had better stay at home and continue to flounder in buttermilk. This was a reference to his dairy business, of course; but he was elected by the people, and has gone to the Senate. Do you not think his floundering there in the business concerning our county has been of much benefit to the needy and ignorant of our county? He is not a Republican, it is true, but he has proved himself to be one of their friends, has he not, as well as his own party's? Any Senator who is a friend to education, and does all he can for its advancement, makes a good return to those who elected him. Honor to whom honor is due, and praise to whom praise is due; and I believe you, as a gentleman, will indorse the same.

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Sales of Real Estate.

On Tuesday, Mr. Chas. E. Fink, assignee of mortgagee, sold a farm containing 35 acres, more or less, with necessary out-buildings, near Frizellburg, to Mr. Emanuel Wantz for $1450.

On Tuesday, at the Court House door, Messrs. Reifsnider & Reifsnider, solicitors for the mortgagee, sold the Stouch property in this city. The house and lot on Pennsylvania avenue brought $400 subject to a prior mortgage; the brick house and lot on Liberty street brought $2,000. Both properties were purchased by the mortgagee.

On Wednesday, Messrs. Samuel Swope and Francis H. Orendorff, mortgagees of Dr. Jno. S. Mathias, sold the farm containing 56 acres, with first-class improvements, adjoining this city, to Messrs. M. John and Edward C. Lynch, at $101 per acre. Lot No. 18, containing 2 acres and 7 perches, on Bond street extended, to Mr. Thos. R. Myer at $124 per acre. Lot No. 3, on Liberty street, to Mr. Chas. E. Fink, for $60.00. Lot No. 2, on Liberty street, to Mr. Jno. B. Saylor, for $70.25. Lot No. 1, on Liberty street, to Mr. Edward C. Lynch, for $70.00. Lot No. 17, on Liberty street, containing 2 acres and 5 perches, to Mr. Charles E. Fink, at $123 per acre. Lot No. 24, on Liberty street, containing 3 acres and 4 perches, to same at $160 per acre. Lot No. 23, on Liberty street, containing 3 acres and 32 perches, to same at $121 per acre. Mr. Fink also purchased 13 lots on Liberty street extended, ranging in price from $21.00 to $51.00 per lot. Total amount of sales of real and personal property $8000.

Mr Levi Pfeffer has sold his house and lot on Pennsylvania avenue to Mr. Mordecai Babylon, for $1,200.

Winfield Items.

On last Sunday morning we were visited by a very heavy rain which lasted until about 5 o'clock, in the evening. A snow-storm then set in, continuing during the night. The roads are drifted very badly.

H. M. Zile attended the M. E. conference in Baltimore.

We learn that Reed Buckingham, having sold his house and lot near Freedom, intends to erect a new dwelling in Winfield the coming summer.

Minnie J. Snider, daughter of John A. Snider, of Defiance, died of consumption on the 10th, inst., aged 19 years, 3 months and 21 days. Her remains were interred in Ebenezer cemetery on the 12th inst.

Thos. Richardson, who has been ill for several weeks with dropsy, is slowly improving. He is attended by Dr. D. F. Shipley, of your city.

Herbert Baker and sister are both confined to the house by bad colds.

Proceedings of the Orphans' Court.

Monday, March 12th, 1888.—The last will and testament of Elijah Taylor, deceased, was admitted to probate.

Daniel H. Hoffacker, administrator of Mary Hoffacker, deceased, settled 2d and final account.

George R. Gehr, administrator of Andrew N. Stephan, deceased, settled 2d account.

David D. Bonsack, administrator of David Bare, deceased, received order to sell Baltimore city stock.

Tuesday, March 13th.—Letters administration d. b. n. c. t. a. on the estate of Philip Boyle, deceased, were granted to James A. C. Bond.

Hannah Hoppe, natural guardian of David L. Hoppe, settled 6th and final account.

Alfred Warner, administrator of Anna Mary Warner, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

Uriah Englar, administrator of Thos. M. Haley, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

To-day is St. Patrick's day.

Taneytown Items.

A. F. Orndorff is able to be about again with the aid of crutches.

Miss Lou Renner, who had been visiting friends near Harney, returned home on Wednesday.

Augustus Morelock has purchased Frank Zentz's huckster route.

Annie, daughter of Daniel Koons, near town, has been quite sick with pneumonia.

Morris Duttera, whom we reported as being sick with pneumonia, is now convalescent.

Samuel C. Shoemaker and family, near Harney, left on last Tuesday for Ohio, where he will be employed as overseer on a farm.

Michael N. Fringer, of Pikesville, Baltimore county, but formerly a resident of this community, spent Sunday with his mother, returning to his home on Monday morning.

P. P. Brown, of Baltimore street, sold his deer to John Beard, of New Windsor, for $30. Mr. Beard will have a shooting match for the deer in the near future.

One of the sons of Tyrone paid his respects to our town last Friday evening, and after enjoying the refreshing draughts of the public his head seemed to swell, and he accidentally lost his pocket-book, which contained a ten-dollar bill and some other valuables. The day following it was found by an honest man, who returned it to the owner. Young men who are not used to drinking Taneytown water should be more careful, for they are apt to see monkeys.

Our warehouses have been doing a booming business during the winter, sixty-five carloads of freight being shipped from this point during the month of February. All that we need to make our town one of the leading business points in the county, is a manufacturing establishment of some kind.

Franklin Bowersox, agent for the Osborne Binder Co., received a carload of binders last Friday.

Bessie M., the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. John T. Shriner, was called from earth to heaven on Friday, the ninth instant. Funeral services were held in Trinity Lutheran church on Sunday afternoon, after which her remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery.

At the residence of the bride's parents, on Thursday evening, 8th instant, by Rev. H. Ditzler, pastor of Grace Reformed church, Taneytown, James A. Shildt, son of Wm. Shildt, and Miss Ida J. Shriner, daughter of Mr. James L. Shriner, both of this district, were united in marriage. The bride was handsomely attired in a suit of garnet cloth; the groom wore the conventional black. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents. The happy couple have the hearty congratulations of their many friends in this community, upon this happy episode in their lives.

Union Bridge Items.

On Sunday last we were visited with quite a heavy rain and snow which blocked our roads considerbly.

Our barber, Mr. Joseph Snouffer, has secured the services of Mr. John Berger to assist him. Mr. Berger carried on the business in this city several years ago.

Mr. Henry Shilling, formerly with Mr. J. J. Lang, has accepted a position as salesman for Mr. Lang in Baltimore.

Mr. Hicks Bond, formerly of this city but lately of Baltimore, has returned to this city and will open a harness establishment in the Shriner building on East Broadway.

The missionary services which were to be held in the Reformed church on Sunday night were postponed until the coming Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Citizen's Æolian band expect to give a musical entertainment in a short time.

Mr. Edward Kelly, an aged resident of this city, moved to Baltimore on Wednesday, where he expects to reside with his son.

Miss Susie Snavely and Messrs. Lewis Hartman and Clem Keeffer were in attendance at the M. E. Conference in Baltimore this week.

Miss Alice Perry, of McKinstry's Mills, spent a few days the first of the week as the guest of the Misses Ogle, on South Main street.

A number of persons contemplate moving this spring.

Mr. Andrew Ebbert, who has been suffering with sore eyes, is able to be at his work again.

Woodbine Items.

We attended the conference of the M. E. church in Baltimore. It was held in the First church, a structure recently finished at a cost of $300,000. There was an average of two hundred ministers and a large concourse of people in daily attendance. Your unworthy correspondent mingled with "the cloth" until he was taken for one of the august body, and being interrogated to know what circuit he was from, and learning that he was nothing but a "country clodhopper," they manifested surprise. The M. E. church is evidently a power in the land and is doing a vast amount of good.

We learn that the idea of building a canning-factory at Woodbine will no longer be entertained on account of the dullness of the times. But those doing business there should not be discouraged; the coming spring will more than likely give new life to the place.

We passed through Sykesville a few days since and it seemed as though it were Sunday, it was so quiet. There is but little doubt that if Mr. Frank Brown's breath were to slip, the bottom would fall out of that place before his remains were cold in the tomb. We like that once-flourishing place and hope it may soon boom as formerly.

Mr. Frank Mills has gone to Mr. Frank Lewis' to learn the business of running a saw and grist mill.

We have had one of the severest blizzards that have passed over this section of country for years, and travel is almost entirely suspended. W. D.

Mr. Byron L. Williams, salesman with Mr. Chas. V. Wantz, of the Yellow Cigar Store, has accepted a position in Anniston, Alabama, and will leave next week for his new field of labor. Mr. Joseph Witter, of Medford, has taken the position vacated by Mr. Williams, and we have no doubt will make host of friends in this city by his genial and jovial manner.

"So far, so good," said the boy, after eating the stolen tart. After reviewing the thousands and tens of thousands of colds and coughs that have been conquered by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup we can readily say, so far, so good. Price 25 cents.

For the SENTINEL.

An Undemocratic Institution.

To the people is given—they are taxed but not consulted—the school system herewith in a few particulars criticised. Citizens have become subjects; appointees rule. The district trustees, nearest representatives of the people, are unpaid, and unhonored with any function of importance—kept small by law to contrast with the bigness of their superiors. Such officiary arrangement gives, as might be expected, inefficient schools, actively despised by the richer class; a poor return for the huge sums spent in their maintenance. To the disadvantage of having no books during vacation, is added the fact that waste and carelessness (bad lessons for youth) are encouraged by book-renting; but superlatively vicious is book changing. Books bought nullify the first objection, but to find them sooner or later, officially discarded, is costly and vexatious—books which would have served a succession of pupils, or even generations, in the economical households of the past. Economy, useful but antiquated virtue, the book-buyer cannot practice; set prices, which may or may not be exorbitant, he pays, but suspicions of rapacity are raised by a ten-cent copybook, which, compared with a dime's worth of best foolscap, has a value of one cent and a-half. But herein is legislative vigilance; the State-educated teacher may not know how to set copy! Thus must books be bought, and then are outlawed, to introduce, for instance, a primary geography beginning with mineralogy, radiates, brachiopods, etc., and ending with a map of the hemispheres. A science and discrimination unknown to the vulgar, no doubt, have been exercised: the slates are still the same! Change and progress seem synonymous—a view the bookmaker may cherish, but for which he that pays must groan. The advances in learning necessitate changes, but who, according to the maxim of a "Sovereign People," should decide? Assuredly the almost unanimous voice of district trustees, on account of the domestic interest they have in schools and their representative character.

The discretionary power of school officials, almost suggestively misused in the matter of books, has, in graded schools, its worst features exhibited. Bad is money wasted, but worse is wasted time and defeat of learning. The sages, who excogitated, adopted or continued the system of grading, are illustrious for ignorance of a mental law, expressed thus: "In the equally persistent application of mind to different studies, the acquisitions are ever unequal." This peculiarity will dominate. The genius is a dullard. The mountain-tops of erudition are reached by specialists. Encyclopedic Aristotle is commonplace in all, save logic. A man may read Kant, but geometrize he can't. All history of intellectual eminence confirms the law. The common experience of minds in any manner educated witnesses special aptitudes. But a junto has theorized, and imposed rules denying advancement in any branches to pupils failing to progress in all according to prescribed stages. Military precision, the teacher's ease, and the self-satisfaction of salaried theorists, may be gained, but grading too plainly proclaims to the child, dull in one respect you shall be dull in all. The symmetrical development at which they aim, suggests the grading philosophers to be instances of "arrested development."

The time was, when teachers with ability and assiduity, unoppressed by the professionalism of superior officers, could serve their patrons with advantage. Then, most might be made of the few short hours of youth. Dullness, then, in some particulars, did not keep the pupil from advancing wherein he was proficient. Then, a book was a book as long as it was a book. Then, and 'tis indisputable, better scholars came from public schools than to-day. Then, that fraud and sinkhole, the Normal School, was not; its Principal at $25,000 per annum did not sit in a State Board to formulate rules obnoxious to common sense. Then, no $1,500 Examiner rode the county to see such rules applied. Then, a most important consideration, parents were not obliged to take children from public schools for primary education elsewhere, at cost of both tax and tuition.

As a light return to the poor, the profit of whose labor our laws give to the rich, free schools ought to be maintained. Pure democracy, which involves the consent and participation of the people, should prevail in the management. Avaunt! the contempt and nincompoopery of appointees. The district trustee throughout a county, elected and paid, should, after the oversight of their several local affairs, be a board to decide every question of uniformity, expenditure and general efficiency. But this criticism is inept, if it be true, as a certain unjust judge (not the Scriptural one) uneuphemistically remarks: "D—n the people, they haven't sense enough to know what they need; they must have rulers." ED. WILL. TELL.

Daniel Items.

Old Mother Earth has again donned her white robe, and the wind seems to be howling a requiem to the thoughts of an early spring.

On Saturday last, after a long and painful illness, Minnie Snider "fell asleep in Jesus," aged 19 years, 3 months and 27 days. Her remains were interred in Ebenezer churchyard on Monday afternoon. The Rev. J. H. Marsh conducted the funeral services, taking as his text "Thy flesh shall rest in hope." Minnie has left the cares and trials of this world to take up the strings of the harp and join in the Easter anthem, "Christ is risen indeed." During her illness she was very cheerful, always looking on the bright side of everything. Her life is one that is worthy of imitation. Well may it be said of her:

"None knew thee but to love thee,
None named thee but to praise thee."

She was a member of Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal church. The Christian influence she had over her many friends will never die. She was a living example of those of whom it was written, "They shall walk with me in white for they are worthy." In her death the father has lost a devoted daughter, the brothers a loving sister. A place is vacant in the home that never can be filled. The family has the sympathy of the entire neighborhood. I. S.

"I have found a sure cure for my weak ankle," she said. "What can it be?" Fancy a woman never having heard of Salvation Oil at twenty-five cents a bottle.

Close of the M. E. Church Conference.—Appointments, &c.

The Baltimore Annual conference of the M. E. Church closed its labors in Baltimore, on Wednesday, to meet next year in Grace church, in that city.

The appointments for the coming year were announced by Bishop Hurst, as follows:

Baltimore District—W. S. Edwards, P. E.—Baltimore City—Bennett Memorial, C. T. House; City Station, J. F. Goucher, E. L. Watson, C. D. Smith, J. M. Sharrow, L. F. Morgan, sup., W. T. D. Clemm, sup.; Eutaw Street, A. J. Gill; Fort Avenue, E. H. Smith; Hanover Street Mission, W. H. Reed; Hill Street, W. R. Gwinn; Madison Avenue, J. J. G. Webster, S. A. Wilson, sup., L. H. Pearce, sup.; Clifton Mission, W. D. Morgan; Mt. Vernon Place, Andrew Longacre, W. B. Edwards, sup.; South Baltimore, J. B. Stitt; Strawbridge, L. B.