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LOCAL ITEMS.

Farmers are plowing in various sections of this county.

The price of eggs has declined very much since the holidays.

Jesse Bollinger, of Carrollton, has been granted a patent for a harrow and roller.

Wm. Furry has been appointed postmaster at Lauver, this county, vice Chas. E. Lauver, resigned.

Samuel Six, of Double Pipe Creek, who had been in Patterson, N. J., for some time past, has returned home.

Mrs. Mordecai Babylon, of Pennsylvania avenue, this city, spent last week with her brother, George W. Stoner, in Baltimore.

Joseph I. Krichton and his bride returned from their wedding tour on Tuesday evening, and were warmly welcomed by their many friends.

Persons who propose changing their residences the approaching spring are on the lookout for houses. The supply is about equal to the demand.

Mayor M. Schaeffer and wife returned home, on Tuesday evening, from a visit of several days to the family of Capt. O. H. P. Mathias, of Baltimore.

Emanuel Fisher, of Linwood, has sold his property, at that place, containing 10½ acres, with improvements, to George Erb, also of Linwood, for $2,750.

The SENTINEL is indebted to Norman J. Colman, Commissioner of Agriculture, for a copy of his report for the year 1888, quite an interesting document.

George W. Albaugh, of this city, who was confined to the house during the past week, with an attack of mumps, is convalescent and able to be out again.

John T. Orndorff, dry goods merchant of this city, has sold upwards of four gross of the "Hagerstown Town and County Almanack" for 1889, up to date.

Wm. Hiteshew, mortgagee, sold at public sale, on Saturday last, a house, and lot containing 1½ acres, in the village of Tyrone, to W. U. Marker for $710.

Ephraim Bachman, of Bachman's Valley, sold to John Lamotte, of Manchester, on Friday of last week, three hogs that weighed 254, 363 and 549 pounds, respectively.

Persons desiring to purchase farms are referred to the advertising columns of the SENTINEL, of this week, where notices of the sale of a number of desirable properties will be found.

Rumor has it that there will be several fashionable weddings in Westminster ere the beginning of the Lenten season. The rumor is so reliable in this instance that it may fairly be accepted as fact.

Morris Auterbach and wife, of Washington, D. C., have been visiting B. W. Buckingham and wife, West Main street, this city, during the past week. Mrs. Auterbach is a sister of Mrs. Buckingham.

Mrs. M. H. Haller, mother of David E. Haller, of this city, died at her home in Frederick, on Thursday, the 17th, inst., of dropsy, in the 76th year of her age. Mrs. Haller leaves eight children, all of whom are married.

There was an eclipse of the moon between the hours of 11.09 P. M., Wednesday night, and 2.05 A. M., Thursday morning. It was not visible, however, on account of the cloudy weather which prevailed at the time.

Rev. Wyllys Rede, the new rector of Ascension Parish, this city, will meet the members of his congregation socially, at the rectory, this, Saturday evening, at 7.30 o'clock, instead of at the chapel, as heretofore announced.

The county roads are said to be in bad condition. There has been just enough rain to thoroughly saturate them while the slight freezing and thawing process has served to make them very disagreeable for those obliged to make use of them.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kieff, of the Hotel Albion, of this city, will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, Friday, January 25th, at 8.00 o'clock, P. M. Cards of invitation to be present on the interesting occasion have been sent to many of their friends.

Wm. T. Kimmey has purchased, from the heirs of the late George Barber, the property owned by their father on the Washington road near Friendship school-house, about two miles from this city, for the sum of $775, and will open a grocery and queensware store at the place, on April 1st next.

Henry Heltabridle, an old and respected farmer of the vicinity of Mayberry, died suddenly on Wednesday, 16th inst., of cholera morbus. He was in Mayberry the day before his death. Mr. Heltabridle was about 70 years of age, and leaves a wife and a number of grown children surviving him.

The sale of bank and other stock and bonds advertised by Messrs. David J. and John D. Roop, executors of Rebecca Roop, deceased, to take place at the First National Bank of Westminster at 1 o'clock this afternoon, offers a rare opportunity to investors to secure some of the best paying securities in the country.

The friends and patrons of the SENTINEL who contemplate making sale of real or personal property this season, are respectfully reminded that this office is prepared to print hand-bills of superior excellence, at short notice and on reasonable terms. A continuance of the public favor, so amply accorded heretofore, is respectfully solicited.

Wm. Laird, an aged citizen of Mt. Holly Springs, Pa., died at his home in that place on Sunday last. Mr. Laird was a member of Co. A, 7th Pa. Reserves, and served throughout the war of the rebellion. He was a good man. He left a wife, one son, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary A. Shue, of this city. He was in his 78th year.

Apprehensions are entertained that the ice crop will be a failure, not only in this locality, but further north. It is said that no ice fit for cutting has yet formed on the Kennebec river. The prospect is becoming serious, as ice may now be regarded as a necessity rather than a luxury, epecially by those who use hydrant water.

Upon the recommendation of Judge Smith, State's Attorney Henning and other citizens of Carroll county and Baltimore city, Gov. Jackson has granted a pardon to Joseph H. Duering, alias Joseph H. Allen, Jr., convicted in the Circuit Court for Carroll county at the November term, 1886, of bigamy, and sentenced to the penitentiary for three years, from February 19th, 1886.

Inquiry concerning the growing wheat, in various sections of the county, indicate that it is in a healthy and promising condition. In Wakefield and Bachman's Vallies it is reported as having a splendid growth, and in the neighborhood of Frizelburg as being very fine. The mild, open winter has been favorable to its growth and it is well set and deeply rooted. Other portions of the county also give encouraging reports.

Dr. Chas. Billingslea, on behalf of Mrs. Dr. H. C. Nelson, of Green street, this city, the donor, presented to Carroll Division, No. 42, S. of T., on Monday night, a series of very handsome engravings, illustrative of "The Progress of Intemperance." The series comprises six engravings with the following titles: The Invitation to Drink, Sick and Repentant, The Relapse, The Expectant Wife, The Ruined Family and The Robber. The gift is highly appreciated by the Division, which has resolved to have the engravings handsomely framed and hung on the walls of Carroll Hall, its place of meeting.

The large barn on the farm of J. Wm. Steele, near Eldersburg, was destroyed, with its contents, by fire, on Wednesday morning about 3 o'clock. Mr. Steele, with his brother, had left home shortly before, to go to Baltimore county, and had gone several miles when they saw the light of the fire and returned. The origin of the fire is unknown. In addition to the building, three horses, thirty-five barrels of corn, a self-binding reaper and other farming implements were destroyed. The loss is estimated at $2000. Mr. Steele has a policy of insurance in the Montgomery County Company, but its amount has not been learned, nor whether there is any insurance on the stock and contents.

W. O. Roudabush, of Mechanicstown, has been canvassing this city for the sale of a formula for the manufacture of artificial honey, and has distributed samples of the product to a number of persons who speak of it as an excellent article and a good substitute for natural honey. It can be manufactured cheaply and its component parts are said to be all of a healthful and nutritive character. The process was perfected by Dr. M. E. Leatherman, of Mechanicstown, after thorough qualitative and quantitative analyses of virgin bee honey, of which it is an imitation. Mr. Roudabush represents Mr. Chas. E. Cassell, of Mechanicstown, the publisher of the *Catoctin Clarion*, who is the proprietor of the formula, in this county.

The weather during the past week and up to yesterday has persistently maintained the character of the winter of 1888-9 as the mildest on record. Wednesday night and Thursday morning were marked by heavy showers of rain, followed by clearing weather, and skies as soft and beautiful as those of June. The sun shone brightly after ten o'clock Thursday morning and the air was soft and balmy as the spring time. As an evidence of the unparalleled mildness of the season, flowers of several varieties are blooming in the open air. A yellow jessamine has been in bloom in a yard in Westminster for a week past, while in a neighboring yard the pyrus japonica and snow-drops are in full bud. Hyacinths, tulips, crocuses and lilies are all above ground and violets have been found blooming, at intervals, all through the winter. The weather bureau promises a cold wave, which was due yesterday morning, and at the present writing there are some indications that it is about to make its appearance, not, however, with very great rigor.

A Pastor Surprised.

Rev. Geo. W. Cooper, the honored pastor of Centenary M. E. Church, of this city, and his estimable wife, were the subjects of a genuine surprise Thursday evening. While sitting quietly at home the ringing of the door-bell and the sound of many feet announced the coming of a numerous body of visitors. They did not come empty handed, but each brought some gift of value and the larder was soon overflowing with an abundance of provisions of every description, making an apparently almost exhaustless supply of the necessaries and luxuries of life. Among the visitors the Ladies' Mite Society appeared in a body and presented to Mrs. Cooper a handsome china tea set and a dozen fine glass goblets and pitcher. A very pleasant hour was enjoyed by the good pastor, his wife and the people of the congregation who had taken this method of testifying their respect and regard for their spiritual director and friend.

A Social Party.

A pleasant social party was given to Miss Ida Diffenbaugh at the residence of her father, Mr. John T. Diffenbaugh, Fern Rock, adjacent to this city, on Thursday evening. Games and music were the features of the evening. Refreshments were served and a most delightful evening was enjoyed by the company. Among those present were Miss Bessie Gosnell, of Baltimore; Misses Annie Cassell, May Nelson, Rose Orndorff, Minnie Orndorff, Maggie Robinson, Lizzie Nusbaum, Belle Orndorff, Bertie Keen, Carrie Schaeffer, Mollie Wickert, Julia Yingling, Bertie Buckingham, Lillian Erb, Georgie Franklin, Westminster; Messrs. Frank S. Rowe, of Union Bridge; Charles P. Cassell, Howard Schaeffer, Joseph Franklin, Geo. W. Matthews, Frank Matthews, John Everhart, Frank Grumbine, Wm. Everhart, John Miller, Charles E. Hering, W. Clarence Wickert, Wm. Devilbiss, James E. Cassell, E. Gehr Smith, of Westminster.

Firemen's Election and Supper.

The annual election of officers of the Westminster Fire Department was held at the Engine House, on Wednesday evening last. There was quite an interesting contest over several of the offices, and the election resulted in the choice of the following: President, Oscar D. Gilbert; First Vice-President, John Eckenrode; Second Vice-President, Denton S. Gehr; Secretary and Treasurer, M. John Lynch; Assistant Secretary, Wm. H. Bell, Jr.; Chief, F. K. Herr; Assistant Chief, J. C. Mobley; Foreman of Truck, Wm. H. Shaeffer; Assistant Foreman of Truck, H. Cootes; Foreman of Reel, Orlando Reese; Assistant Foreman, H. K. Shaeffer; Marshal, Joseph D. Brooks; Librarian, Daniel Snyder. After the election of officers the members of the Department, a number of contributing members and invited guests sat down to a sumptuous supper, prepared and served in admirable style. Subsequently the report of the Secretary and Treasurer, M. John Lynch, was read and received with much satisfaction, as it showed the Department to be out of debt and in a sound and flourishing condition. A verbal report was made by F. K. Herr, the Chief, from which it appears that the Department has not been called upon to suppress a fire during the last fourteen months, not even an alarm having been sounded during that period. After the reports, in response to calls, short speeches were made by Messrs. O. D. Gilbert, Wm. A. Cunningham, Milton Schaeffer, Hashabiah Haines, Wm. B. Thomas, J. F. Rinker, Jno. H. Mitten, Jos. D. Brooks, J. G. Shunk, J. T. Anders, Chas. H. Baughman, Wm. L. W. Seabrook and others. The visitors who spoke all complimented the Department on its successful efforts in establishing an institution that is a safeguard and an honor to Westminster. The SENTINEL not only fully endorses these encomiums, but desires to call the attention of citizens to the fact that the result is due to the earnest, self-denying efforts of the members of the Department, who have served the city faithfully and well, largely at their own cost. Instead of receiving compensation for their services they actually tax themselves for the privilege. The Department has now been in existence ten years. It was originated by a number of the young men of the city, who gave of their time, means and efforts to insure its success, and who now look with gratification upon the results of their work. Beginning modestly the institution has been built upon a solid foundation and now owns, free of incumberance, the engine house and ground upon which it stands and the machinery and apparatus for protecting the city from the destroying flames. Not only is this a matter of congratulation to the Firemen, but in a larger degree to the citizens of the place who are the special subjects of the benefits flowing from the existence of this admirable organization.

Proceedings of Orphans' Court.

Monday, January 14, 1889.—Margaret Essom, executrix of James Shorb, deceased, reported sale of real estate.

Jeremiah Shaeffer, executor of Daniel Shaeffer, deceased, settled 4th and final account.

Distribution among creditors of Ezra W. Nusbaum, deceased, filed.

Eliza Marshall bonded as guardian to Minnie May and Philip Clarence Arbaugh.

Samuel A. and George E. Knox, administrators pendente lite of John Robinson Knox, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, and received order to sell goods and chattels and order to notify creditors.

Edward Z. Mathias, guardian of Mary A. Wentz, settled 4th and final account.

The last will and testament of Josiah Adlesperger, deceased, was admitted to probate.

Wm. S. Wooden, executor of Ellen B. Marshall, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, and received order to sell goods and chattels and order to notify creditors.

Wm. H. Lindsay, administrator of Nicholas Ogg, deceased, received order to sell leasehold property.

Lewis Redding, guardian of Wm. E. Redding, settled 2d and and final account.

George N. Fringer, administrator of Winfield K. Fringer, deceased, returned list of sales of personal property and settled 1st account.

Tuesday, January 15, 1889.—Report of sale of real estate of Rebecca Roop, deceased, finally ratified.

Andrew Myerly, administrator of Ellen Heiner, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels and order to notify creditors.

Distribution among creditors of James H. Steele, Jr., deceased, finally ratified.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Josiah Adlesperger, deceased, were granted to Francis J. Classon.

Henry Sell was appointed as guardian of Charles P. Week.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Thomas Webster, deceased, were granted to Isaac E. Pearson.

J. Winfield Snader, executor of Peter Greenwood, deceased, reported sale of ground rents.

James W. Ocker, administrator w. a. of Joseph Ocker, deceased, returned list of sales of grain &c., and settled 1st account.

Masonic.

The first formal visitation of the officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland to Carroll Chapter, No. 31, since its constitution in December, 1887, will take place next Tuesday evening, the 22nd inst., at 7 o'clock. The visitors will be received in Masonic Hall with appropriate honors and will be afforded an opportunity of applying the overseers' squares to the work of the Chapter, as the degree of Most Excellent Master will be conferred during the convocation. Much enjoyment and instruction are anticipated by the companions from the visit of the Grand officers, as well as encouragement in the building up of a strong and intelligent Chapter in Carroll county.

Union Mills Items.

Mr. H. Wirt Shriver is excavating an ice pond in the rear of the tannery.

On Sunday evening, 6th inst., a protracted meeting was commenced at Moorhead M. E. Church, and it is still in progress. Thus far two converts have been obtained.

Wm. A. McKellip, as agent, sold at public sale, at our Post-Office, on Tuesday last, a tract of land containing twenty-seven and a half acres, lying near Rattlesnake Hill, to Sarah R. Panebaker, at $15 per acre.

Manchester Items.

For several days, last week, this community was in deep suspense concerning the result of the unfortunate accident to young Howard Pfeiffer, chronicled in the SENTINEL'S Manchester items, and suspense only gave way, at last, to dread certainty, followed quickly by the announcement that he was dead. He passed away on Saturday evening at 7.15, aged 19 years, 9 months and 10 days. The news flew quickly through the town, and, though anticipated, was a shock to every one. A jury of inquest was held, which was constituted of the following gentlemen: George A. Shower, foreman; C. Miller, P. Lippy, Wm. J. Shaeffer, F. Brilhart, L. Smith, E. J. Crumrine, E. G. Sellers, H. A. Myers, D. L. Dubbs, C. A. Myers, J. C. Denner. The jury, after full inquiry, found that young Pfeiffer came to his death from a wound inflicted by a shot from a pistol in the hands of Harry Lamotte, and further that it was accidental; thus fully exonerating the latter. The remains of the unfortunate young man were interred in the family lot on Tuesday at 10.30, A. M., after services at the Lutheran Church, which was filled to its utmost capacity by the relatives and friends of the deceased. The Sunday School, of which he was a member, attended in a body. The services were conducted by Rev. C. M. Eyster, who preached an impressive and comforting sermon from the latter clause of 4th verse of the 23d Psalm. The pall-bearers were: L. H. Hoffacker, Horatio Oursler, Will Masenheimer, Harry Smith, Walter Hanson and Edward Brilhart.

Incendiarism still continues in the section of Pennsylvania, just across the line, where so many fires have occurred of late. On Saturday a boy in the employ of Mrs. Edwin Wentz, near Lineboro', while feeding the stock, noticed that a bundle of fodder he had taken from a stack and thrown into the feed room was on fire. Fortunately it was very wet and burned slowly, so that the boy was enabled to remove it and extinguish the flames without further damage. On Monday Mrs. Wentz, with other members of her family, went to the barn with a gentleman to show him the place where the fodder was burning on Saturday. They saw smoke issuing from a feed box in which was a lot of chaff burning. But for this timely discovery the barn would soon have been in a blaze.

On Tuesday evening an attempt was made to burn the barn on the farm of David Newcomer, near Summit, occupied by a Mr. Miller as tenant. Mrs. Miller the tenant's wife, heard a noise in the direction of the barn and opened a window just in time to see a man running away from it. Mr. Newcomer and his sons were sent for and upon examination found a shock of corn fodder over which some red substance had been poured. A number of blue-head matches were found wrapped in a paper close by.

Two arrests have been made at Glenville, and it is believed that a clue has been at last obtained to the perpetrators of these fiendish crimes.

The remains of Michael Weaver, who was an inmate of the county alms-house, were brought here on Tuesday and interred in the U. B. Cemetery. He was a citizen of Germantown for many years, and died at an advanced age.

George Barns, who for several years has been a severe sufferer from an affection of the nerves of the face, and has twice undergone operations in hope of obtaining relief, is now at the Infirmary in Baltimore for the purpose of having another operation performed.

DECIMUS SEXTUS.

Suicide.

We have from several correspondents accounts of the suicide of George Gunther, at his home near Snyder's blacksmith shop on the road leading from Westminster to Manchester, about four miles from the latter place. The accounts agree substantially although they differ somewhat in minor details. It appears that Mrs. Gunther left home on Sunday morning to attend church at Manchester, with the understanding that her husband would come for her. She took dinner, either at her sister's or mother's. Her husband did not make his appearance, and about 2 o'clock she started home. Arriving there she found the house locked and then went to the home of her nephew, Henry Yingling, near by, who returned with her and forced an entrance into the tenement. Mr. Gunther's shoes and coat were found at once and they then searched the building, room by room, and finally ascended to the garret, where they found the man hanging by the neck, dead. The rope was carefully fastened to a rafter, and a small box near by showed that he stood upon it while adjusting the noose and from it launched into eternity. It is supposed the act was committed about 11 o'clock, A. M. Coroner Jacob T. Baltozer was notified and summoned a jury of inquest, composed of the following persons: David J. Brown, foreman; Wm. F. Foreman, E. A. Witter, D. K. Brown, Christ. Hunt, C. E. Foreman, Geo. H. Hunt, Abraham Snyder, David A. Null, W. K. Yingling, Elias Myerly, Leonard Kritzer. The jury found a verdict in accordance with the facts related. Nothing was elicited to show the cause of the rash act, but it is said Gunther fretted a good deal about his monetary affairs, and was probably mentally unbalanced at times. He was a shoemaker and in comfortable circumstances, having by industry and economy accumulated an estate valued at $8000. He was married three times, but left no children by his second and third wives. His first wife left him years ago and went west, taking their child, a boy, with her and it is not known whether he is living at this time. Some writing was found on a slate which is said to be an expression of the wishes of the deceased concerning the disposition of his estate. He was about 56 years of age.

Death of Mrs. Grabill.

Mrs. Sallie Grabill, wife of Peter Grabill, Esq., died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Louis Fleagle, Mayberry, on Thursday evening, last, after a protonged illness, aged 47 years, 3 months and 10 days. Mrs. Grabill was a Miss Rudisill, of Taneytown district, this county. Her husband, who was at one time a member of the Maryland Legislature from Frederick county, and two daughters, Mrs. Dr. Jacob Rinehart, of Frizellburg, and Mrs. Louis Fleagle, of Mayberry, survive her. She was an amiable and estimable lady, and her long months of suffering excited great sympathy among her numerous friends. Her remains will be interred at Baust's Church Cemetery, after services at her late residence, at 10 o'clock this morning.

The Mystic Tie in Washington and Carroll Counties.

James A. Diffenbaugh, Grand Inspector of the 3d and 5th Masonic districts, embracing Washington and Carroll counties, has been attending the various lodges for the purpose of installing their newly elected officers for the ensuing term.

The beautiful and impressive ceremonies of installation were performed in full and ancient form in Medairy Lodge, No. 140, at Williamsport, Md., on Monday night, 7th; in Door-to-Virtue, No. 46, at Westminster, on Thursday night, 10th; in Eureka, No. 105, at Sharpsburg, on Saturday night, 12th; in Plymouth, No. 143, at Union Bridge, on Tuesday night, 15th, and in Lebanon, No. 175, at Manchester, on Friday night, 18th, instant. In these official and fraternal visitations, the Grand Inspector has been accompanied by delegations from his mother Lodge, Door-to-Virtue, of this city. The entertainments have been enlivened by agreeable social features and exchanges of courtesies, and have served to cement more closely the mystic ties which bind the members into one sacred band of friends and brothers.

At Williamsport and Manchester, bountiful repasts were spread for the delectation of the visitors. At Sharpsburg, after a sermon to the craft by Rev. Bro. Mason, of Shepherdstown, Va., Lodge, a public installation was had in the presence of some 75 of the best citizens of the community. A number of young ladies and gentlemen formed a choir, and to the accompaniment of an organ and a violin, rendered appropriate odes in a delightful manner. The utmost decorum was observed and great interest in the exercises was shown by all present. The officers installed, as far as learned, are:

MEDAIRY.—Bros. Fleming, W. M.; Spangler, S. W.; Beard, J. W.; Schnebly, Sec.; Wolf, Treas.

EUREKA.—Bros. Doub, W. M.; Grove, S. W.; Brashears, J. W.; Russell and Fry, S. and J. D.; Smith, Sec.; McGraw, Treas.

DOOR-TO-VIRTUE.—Bros. Geo. E. Sharrer, W. M.; B. F. Crouse, S. W.; Geo. E. Baughman, J. W.; Wm. Moore, Sec.; James W. Reese, Treas.; Ed. P. Brundige, S. D.; Jesse C. Sharrer, J. D.; Geo. A. and Fred. D. Miller, Stewards; Geo. Leas, Tiler; S. Simpson, Chaplain, and Thos. F. Rinehart, Organist.

PLYMOUTH.—Bros. John M. Hollenberger, W. M.; Dr. John Dehoff, S. W.; John W. Russler, J. W.; A. H. Rossman, Sec.; Abram Stoner, Treas.; John F. Hesson, S. D.; Frank J. Shriner, J. D.; John M. Furney, Tiler.

LEBANON.—Bros. Chas. S. Brilhart, W. M.; J. Wesley Hoffacker, S. W.; C. J. H. Ganter, J. W.; H. J. Hoffacker, Sec.; Samuel Miller, Treas.; H. S. Musselman, S. D.; E. W. Brilhart, J. D., and J. P. Baltozer, Tiler.

The Brethren of Freedom Lodge, No. 112, the only one in the two districts whose officers have not yet been installed, have concluded to wait until the roads and weather will permit them to invite their friends and have a public installation.

Among our resident Masons, who have joined in the visits, are W. M., Geo. E. Sharrer, and Bros. Wm. A. Cunningham, Chas. V. Wantz, Chas. H. Baughman, E. P. Brundige, Fred. D. Miller, Jno. H. Mitten, Thos. H. Kelley, Wm. F. Tyler, B. F. Crouse, A. H. Wentz, Geo. A. Miller, Dr. J. T. Hering, O. D. Gilbert, S. C. Wickert, Chas. E. Goodwin and Milton Schaeffer.

Roose—Engleman.

Union Bridge was the scene of a pleasant event on Wednesday afternoon, 16th inst., in the marriage of Miss Cora A., daughter of Mr. Eilen Engleman, of the vicinity of that little city, and Mr. Francis E. Reese, of Westminster. The ceremony was performed at the M. E. Church, by the pastor, Rev. Osborne Belt. The attendants of the bride were Miss Ella Cassell, of Baltimore; Miss Ida Crouse, of Westminster; Misses Maggie McKinstry and Mamie Engleman, a sister of the bride, of Union Bridge. The ushers were Messrs. Sam. Norris, Union Bridge; Jacob Schaeffer, Jesse C. Sharrer, T. Benton Hartsook, Westminster. Miss Mary B. Shellman, of Westminster, was organist. The bride wore cream cashmere and carried a bouquet of Marechal Neil roses. After the ceremony a reception was given at the residence of the bride's parents, from 2 till 4 o'clock. The happy couple left by the 4.20 train for a wedding tour to Baltimore, Philadelphia and other places. The bride was the recipient of numerous handsome and costly presents. Among those present at the reception were Mrs. Eliza Engleman, Charles E. Smith and wife, James Richardson and wife, Mrs. Margaret McKinstry, Mrs. Willie Radcliffe, Ezra Nicodemus and wife, Charles Richardson and wife, Joseph Snader and wife, Geo. Schaeffer and wife, Thomas Lugenbeel and daughter, Will Urner and wife, Dr. Norris and wife, Addison Englar and wife, Scott Clemson and sister, Frank Russell and sister, Scott Wolfe and sister, Mrs. Dr. R. B. Norment, Jeremiah Greenwood and wife, Jesse Stevenson and wife, Clayton Devilbiss and wife, Oden Warner and sister, Misses Mary Buckingham, Alice Hanna, Kate Hanna, Annie Warner, Joe Norris, Ruth Hibberd, Jane Ecker, Flora Ecker, Sallie Engleman, Bessie Shepherd, Hon. Peter Lugenbeel, D. Nicodemus, John Urner, Joseph Snavely, Ernest Webb, Samuel Pfoutz, Frank McClure and others.

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The daylight is fast lengthening.

Littlestown (Pa.) Items.

The usual Christmas festivities were held in the several churches of our town. All the Sunday schools received the usual allowance of candy. In addition to the candy the U. B. and Reformed gave a large orange.

Rev. D. R. Becker of St. John's Church received a Christmas donation to the value of about $50, and Rev. D. W. Sollenberger of the U. B. Church one of about $40.

Miss Hettie Troxel, on New Year's day, plucked some pansies from her garden in perfect bloom. We consider this a rare occurrence for this time of year. The flowers were entirely unsheltered.

Following is a list of mortality for Littlestown last year:

January 29—John Spalding, aged 60 years.

February 17—Emma Forney, 23 years, 3 months.

March 12—Charles E. Metzler, 6 years, 4 months.

March 31— ——— Steffy, 10 months.

April 30—Charles Long, 2 years, 4 months.

May 1—Mary A. Crouse, 74 years, 2 months.

May 24—Milton A. Seiss, 31 years, 9 months.

May 25—Luther A. Rodenhauser, 1 year, 5 months.

June 10—Mary A. Coslun, 59 years, 7 months.

August 20—Wm. F. Sheely, 47 years, 2 months.

May 25— ——Willson, 2 months.

August 30—Florence L. Crouse, 21 days.

November 3—E. C. Harner, 3 years.

November 3—Harry D. Nau, 3 years, 6 months.

November 8—Elmer H. Nau, 1 year, 6 months.

The average age was 21 years, which is the lowest average for 10 years. The next lowest average was in 1879, when it was 26 years.

Dr. E. F. Shorb, one of the oldest residents of Littlestown is making preparations for leaving his native town, to locate in Hagerstown, Md. He recently sold out his drug store and has now advertised his property on corner of Baltimore and Lombard streets, at public sale on the 26th inst. The doctor was born in Littlestown and commenced the practice of medicine when quite young, and has continued in practice about forty years.

H. T. Slaughenhaupt, our photographer, has just commenced his twentieth year of experience in photographing, 14 of which have been spent in Littlestown, where he has built up a trade not often found in a small town. His business is still increasing and the hundreds of thousands of pictures that have been sent out from his gallery are proof that his work gives entire satisfaction.

Our band boys have added lamps to their uniforms, attached to their caps. This is a marked improvement, not only to give light to each separately, but at night makes an imposing appearance, making a torchlight procession in themselves.

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Taneytown Items.

Mrs. Charles Shriner was on a visit to her parents, in Littlestown, Pa., recently.

Mrs. Jane Shriner, near town, has purchased the Hawn property, on Baltimore street, for $2,000, and will take possession of it the first of April.

The week of prayer was observed here last week by services which were held in the following churches: Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights in the Presbyterian Church; Wednesday and Thursday in the Reformed Church; Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights in the Lutheran Church.

Miss Laura Reindollar and Clayton Shildt were united in the bonds of matrimony on last Thursday, 10th inst., by Rev. H. Ditzler, at the home of the bride's parents, about one mile from town. The happy couple have the best wishes of their many friends in this community.

Services are being held every night this week in the Lutheran Church, by the pastor, Rev. O. C. Roth.

Rev. H. Ditzler is confined to his bed, threatened with an attack of typhoid fever.

Charles C. Currens has sold his house, on York street, to Woods Crapster, of near Emmittsburg, for $2,000. Mr. Crapster will take possession of it in the spring.

Charles Mentzel, of Greenville, has rented part of George A. Shoemaker's house, on Baltimore street, and will open a bakery in the spring.

Emory Wolf died at the residence of his brother-in-law, Luke Beitzel, on Monday night, after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held in Trinity Lutheran Church on Wednesday. The remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery.

For the SENTINEL.

Death of Erasmus Fowble.

Erasmus Fowble a well-known millwright, of the vicinity of Baust's Church, this county, died January 6th, in the 68th year of his age. He was in ill health for a year or more. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church the greater part of his life. The funeral took place on the 9th instant at Baust's Church where interment was made. Rev. Delp, of Uniontown, officiated, and preached a fine sermon from 2nd Timothy, 4: 6. The attendance was large despite of the inclement weather. Mr. Fowble leaves a widow and seven grown children, one of whom is Mr. Theodore Fowble of Union Bridge. There are 13 grandchildren. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Jesse Bankard, Wm. Nusbaum, Jesse Unger, Henry Sell, Wm. Formwalt, Ephraim Winter, O. M. Hiteshew, of Uniontown, undertaker.

Elizabethtown Items.

Miss Florence Young has been spending a week at her grand-father, D. J. Roop's.

A number of our people have been attending the protracted meeting at Frizellburg.

On last Tuesday David Young moved into his new house. Those that were present report a lively time.

D. J. Roop killed two hogs, weighing 496 and 466; six spring pigs, weighing 205, 204, 183, 182, 177, and 175; and a beef weighing 456.

Woodbine Items.

Rev. J. S. Burton is holding a series of meetings at Watersville Church. Watersville lies two miles west of Woodbine in a wild romantic section of country. The citizens are a well disposed industrious people, who will not allow a drinking house in the village, nor do they indulge

Brummel Items.

The remains of John Ruby, aged 16 years, a son of Amos Ruby, formerly of this place, but now a resident of Woodberry, Baltimore county, were interred at Mount Union cemetery on Tuesday, 8th instant. He died of consumption.

A laboring man of this vicinity recently saw an advertisement in which it was stated that for the sum of one dollar information would be imparted directing the person sending the money how to grow rich. He inclosed a dollar to the advertiser and received this laconic reply: "Fish for suckers as we do."

Wm. Sharrer gave a pleasant dance at his father's residence near this place on Thursday night of last week. Refreshments were served at 11 o'clock and dancing was kept up until the small hours of the morning, when all departed well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Peter Little, of this vicinity, has built a new carriage house. He has a well 60 feet deep on his premises into which he has put a new iron pump.

Peter Sias will leave this neighborhood and move to Union Mills, in a short time.

Harney Items.

Mr. J. W. Black, near here, has sold his farm to John Kiser for the sum of $3,300. Mr. Black will move to his house in this place the coming spring.

A large fire was seen from this place on last Saturday evening, in the direction of Emmittsburg. It was, as was afterwards learned, the barn of Mr. Annan, in Emmittsburg.

W. L. Angell, of Morrison, Ills., always remembers his parents at Christmas by sending them a handsome present.

Franklin Reaver, of Greenville, is closing out his stock of goods at cost and will quit business in the spring. James Harner of the same place has sold a house and lot to Hamilton Bowers, of Taneytown. Mr. Bowers will rebuild immediately.

Quite a number are on the sick list. Our doctors are kept very busy.

The weather continues very mild for the time of the year.

Hampstead Items.

Rev. Joseph Little has bought the property adjoining Amon Price from T. J. Hunt for $1200. Mr. Little expects to occupy it in March.

Principal Thos. Tipton received an invoice of books from the Department of the Interior on last Tuesday for the Hampstead school.

We are glad to note that Mr. Wm. E. B. Tipton is recovering from his long and painful illness.

Protracted services are now being held in the M. E. Church.

Mr. Joseph Armacost, of near Hampstead, is seriously ill with dropsy.

The Groom Backed Out.

XENIA, O., January 17.—This town has been greatly excited over the prospective marriage of Frank Ward, aged twenty-six, to a Widow Brown, who is fifty years old. The wedding was to have taken place last night, and just as the ceremony was about to begin the groom's father walked in. He threatened to disinherit his son if he persisted in marrying Mrs. Brown. Young Ward backed out and went home with his father. The outcome of the affair will be looked for with much interest.

Their Home Burned.

CHARLESTON, S. C., January 17.—About a month ago Butler Banks, of Newberry county, was shot, and suspicion pointed to James C. Banks as his assailant, as the two men had been unfriendly. Last Saturday week Butler Banks, hearing that James C. Banks was in the neighborhood canvassing for a book, lay in wait for him, and taking deliberate aim with a shotgun, fired at his supposed assailant as he passed by, wounding him in four places. James Banks implored Butler Banks—who is not a relative, though of the same name—to desist, but the latter fired the second barrel of his shotgun, and also the contents of a pistol at James, but without further effect. James is in a dangerous condition. Butler Banks has escaped.

Last Saturday night a party of men went to the house of Banks, where were his wife and six little children, the eldest being only thirteen, and set fire to the house, compelling the woman to remain until its destruction was certain. The men then set fire to the corn-crib and feed-house, leaving the mother and little ones without food or shelter or sufficient clothing.

Murder of German Missionaries.

The Baltimore *American* received a special cablegram from Zanzibar, on Thursday, announcing the destruction of a missionary station in Africa, and the assassination of the missionaries. The dispatch is as follows:

ZANZIBAR, January 17.—The Arabs have destroyed the German missionary station at Tugu, fifteen miles west of Dares-Salem. A majority of the slaves captured by the German man-of-war Leipzig were lodged at the station. One missionary succeeded in escaping from the Arabs, but eight others were massacred.

Three bodies, one of them that of a woman, were found mutilated in a barbarous manner. The Arabs carried off the servants and slaves at the station.

The French missionary stations, especially those situated near Tugu, are in imminent danger. The Arabs who are now joining in the slave trade come principally from Kilwa and Lindi, and are richer and more influential than Bushiri, and are likely to overshadow him.

These accessions to the ranks of the slave traders will have the effect of reinvigorating the revolt, which would have died out if the Germans had not retained Boyamoyo and Dar-es-Salem.

Wm. M. Busey, a lawyer of prominence in Baltimore, has disappeared, leaving his affairs in a complicated and suspicious condition. He was at one time a law partner of Mr. Samuel Snowden and enjoyed a large and lucrative practice.

Two men named Webb and Harris, living at Poteau, I. T., became involved in a deadly quarrel on Thursday, shooting each other with revolvers. Both were killed and a bystander seriously wounded.

Miss Christina Martins, aged 37 years, of Cleveland, was on Thursday given a verdict of $5,000 against William J. Harrison, a wealthy brickmaker, aged 66 years. She asked for $50,000 damages for breach of promise.

A special from Bromwell, Mercer county, W. Va., says that all the miners of that region went out on a strike Thursday morning—over 4,000—on account of the difference in the size of mine cars. Great excitement prevails.

Mrs. Henrietta B. Pennington, mother of Congressman John B. Pennington, died at the residence of the latter, in Dover, Del., on Wednesday night, from the effects of a fall sustained some time ago which dislocated her thigh. She was in the 82d year of her age.

Three young women were suffocated by smoke in a burning cigar box factory, in New York, on Tuesday. The fire was subdued and their bodies were recovered. Two other girls were carried down the ladders from the upper story, and their lives thus saved.

F. S. Higgins, station agent for the Rock Island and agent for the United States Express Company at Bevington, Iowa, has been missing since Friday night of last week. An investigation of his accounts disclosed a shortage in express company funds of $950 and in railroad funds of $250. Higgins leaves an invalid wife and two children in destitute circumstances.

The government is sending war ships to Samoa to protect the rights of American citizens and enforce treaty stipulations existing between this country, Germany and Great Britain concerning that island. Germany is showing a disposition to assume larger interests in the affair