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LOCAL ITEMS.

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 5.—8 young horses, 10 milch cows, farming implements in general; N. A. Englar, near Johnsville, Frederick county. Thos. J. Wilson, auctioner.

February 26.—A small farm containing 28 acres, improved with house, stable and other buildings; water and fruit. Also, 1 cow, hay, furniture, &c. This farm is situated on the public road leading from the Nicodemus road to Shauck's Mill and 8 miles from Westminster. A. T. Buckingham, Agent.

Alfred G. Dell and Miss Sadie Kneller, of Baltimore, visited friends in this city this week.

Miss Ollie Selby, of Reisterstown, is visiting Miss Maggie Thomson, at 48 West Main street.

Miss Cora Yingling, of Union Mills, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Hoffman Fuss, Liberty street, this city.

Mr. G. W. Weaver, of Gettysburg, Pa., was in Westminster and paid a visit to the SENTINEL office on Wednesday.

Rev. Dr. Nicholls, of Johnsville, Frederick county, who suffered a fracture of the thigh about two months ago, is improving.

D. H. Maynard, of New Windsor, it is reported has bought the Hiltabrand property, near Ladiesburg, Frederick county, for $8,000.

Miss Bertha Nordlinger and Miss Bertha Hofmeier, of Baltimore, were guests of Mrs. A. C. Strasburger, of East Main street, last week.

The Republican Club of Westminster will meet at the SENTINEL office on Tuesday evening, 12th inst., at half past 7 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

Mrs. Lewis P. Englar, of the vicinity of Sam's Creek, whose illness has been heretofore reported in items from that section, has had a second stroke of paralysis.

Mr. G. W. Fox, brother of Rev. Jesse Fox, who a few weeks ago was visiting relatives in Carroll and Frederick counties, has returned to his home, Darke county, Ohio.

Some light-fingered, strong-handed individual purloined a ham that hung at the door of John D. Bowers' grocery and provision store, 47 East Main street, on Wednesday.

Joseph Martin, of Douglas, Kansas, has returned to his far western home after a visit of several months to relatives in this county. Mr. Martin is a brother of Josiah Martin, of this city.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Maryland will meet at Pythian Hall, Gay street, Baltimore, on Tuesday next. John Bernstein will represent Charity Lodge, No. 58, of this city, at the meeting.

Burns Post, No. 13, G. A. R., will meet to-day at 2 o'clock, P. M., to make arrangements to attend the Annual Encampment of the Department of Maryland, to be held at Hagerstown, 21st and 22nd inst.

Mordecai C. McKinstry, trustee, sold, on Monday last, at the court-house in this city, at public sale, a wood lot lying near Eden, in Hampstead district, containing 13¾ acres, to Jacob Brehm, at $37.50 per acre; total $501.56.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Miller handsomely entertained Rev. George W. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper, Rev. J. T. Murray, D. D., and Mrs. Murray, at a 5 o'clock dinner on Tuesday afternoon, at their residence on Church street, this city.

Harry F. Baughman, of this city, has secured the position of receiving and entry clerk, in the wholesale drug house of Messrs. Bailey & Son, Pratt street, Baltimore. He has the best wishes of many friends for his success in his new field of labor.

On Wednesday last the property of Theodore C. Shriner, lying about half a mile from Otterdale Mills, in Taneytown district and containing 15 acres, 1 rood, 36 perches of land, with improvements, was purchased by Jeremiah Rinehart, at public sale, for $950.

Whitecap notices are getting monotonous. Reports are coming from many places that persons have been warned to obey certain admonitions or suffer the consequences. Westminster has had a little experience in the matter, but the general impression is that the notices sent, or posted, were the work of practical jokers.

On Tuesday evening a light snow fell and was followed by a cold wave. The temperature fell about 30 degrees during the night and Wednesday morning the thermometer marked 12°. It was slightly colder on Thursday, but had moderated several degrees yesterday. Ice formed rapidly and was harvested with promptness. Most of the houses in this vicinity were filled on Thursday with ice 4 to 5 inches thick.

T. H. Eckenrode's property, destroyed in the fire at Taneytown on the night of January 29th, was insured in the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company and the Commercial Union Assurance Company, James E. Smith, of this city, agent. The insurance, amounting to $2125, was adjusted and paid January 31st. Samuel E. Reindollar's insurance of $600, in the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Carroll County, has also been adjusted and paid. These are prompt settlements and worthy of remark.

The Carroll District Missionary Society of the Reformed Church, represented by the ministers of that denomination in Baltimore, Carroll and a portion of Frederick counties, will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Mechanicstown, on Wednesday, 13th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M., and continue in session until Friday, 15th.

The New York Graphic has been recently purchased and completely reorganized as a vigorous Republican newspaper. It is said that Senator Quay, S. B. Elkins and other prominent Republicans are concerned in the reorganization of *The Graphic*. If so, *The Graphic* is surely going to become a power in the Republican party, and already shows wonderful improvement.

Wm. A. Cunningham, Esq., cashier of the Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank of Westminster, sailed from Baltimore on the steamship Johns Hopkins for Savannah, at noon on Wednesday last. From Savannah he will go by rail to Brunswick, Ga., and visit his son Frank, who is a bank officer at that place. Mr. Cunningham will be absent for several weeks, and will extend his trip to Florida.

A letter to the SENTINEL from Wrightsville, Pa., states that John Wohlford, son-in-law of John F. Shade, of the vicinity of this city, who lost one leg below the knee and the foot from the other by a railroad accident, about the Christmas holidays, is recovering. The same letter announces the death of Mrs. Emma Duden, wife of A. J. Duden, suddenly, on Sunday last, leaving her husband and two sons surviving. Mr. Duden formerly resided near Patapsco, in this county, and was engaged in building bridges for the Western Maryland Railroad.

About 11 o'clock last Saturday night fire broke out in the mill owned by Mrs. Elizabeth A. Lamotte, wife of Erancis Lamotte, on the turnpike near Glen Falls about nine miles southeast of this city, and totally destroyed the building, contents and machinery. The light of the conflagration was seen for hours, by persons in Westminster. Mrs. Lamotte's loss is supposed to be about $3,000 which is partially covered by a policy of insurance in the Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Baltimore county for $2,250. The mill was rented and occupied by Dixon McLane, whose loss has not been ascertained although it is not thought to have been very great. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Bishop Paret preached in Ascension P. E. Church in this city on Monday evening and administered the rite of confirmation to a candidate who embraced the opportdnity of his visit to receive it. On Tuesday morning he instituted Rev. Wyllys Rede rector of the Parish. He was assisted in the services by Rev. Carroll E. Harding, rector of the Holy Evangelists, of Baltimore; Rev. Dr. Rich, of Reisterstown; Rev. Jas. W. Reese, of Westminster and Rev. Walter Mitchell, of Hagerstown. Mr. Harding preached the sermon. It was the first time the ceremony of institution was ever performed in Westminster, and was an occasion of much interest to the members of Ascension Church and others. A large audience was present.

The remains of Mrs. Minnie Gillette Shriver, wife of Edwin W. Shriver, were brought to this city on Wednesday evening and taken to the residence of her father-in-law, the venerable Francis Shriver, on West Main street. Mrs. Shriver died at Woodhaven, Long Island, on Tuesday, 5th inst., aged 31 years. Interment was at Westminster Cemetery, Thursday afternoon, after services at the M. P. Church, conducted by Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D. Among the relatives present from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Shriver, Mrs. R. A. West, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Dr. Jos. M. Weller, of Cumberland, Md. The pall-bearers were Charles V. Wantz, B. F. Crouse, George E. Sharrer, Orlando Reese, Jesse F. Shreeve and A. H. Wentz. The floral tributes were very handsome.

A. S. Babylon has slaughtered a good many hogs for citizens of Frizellburg and vicinity, during the past season. For Harry Bankard he butchered nineteen which weighed 111, 112, 113, 116, 117, 119, 119, 121, 142, 142, 145, 147, 174, 214, 220, 225, 236, 310, 320, and one beef, 627; John T. Strevig, ten, 156, 168, 170, 172, 193, 198, 200, 237, 281, 489, and a beef, 807; Edward Strevig, six, 263, 281, 287, 292, 298, 300; Fletcher Babylon, eleven, 121, 122, 123, 126, 129, 209, 222, 225, 226, 252, 319, and two beeves, 598, 640; Edward Obold, five, 141, 151, 161, 198, 235; Alfred S. Babylon, two, 342, 381; Wm. Crawford, two, 243, 261; John Dayhoff, two, 141, 165; John Schaeffer, three, 180, 181, 230; Jesse Babylon, six, 131, 136, 138, 141, 280, 300; Pius J. Babylon, eleven, 163, 170, 176, 183, 187, 198, 200, 241, 260, 286, 307, and a beef, 420; James A. Zacharias, six, 168, 175, 238, 240, 281, 290, and a beef 420; Joshua Crawford, eight, 216, 220, 227, 246, 256, 261, 273, 281, and a beef, 490; Harvey Freeman, eleven, 172, 186, 191, 198, 201, 205, 212, 219, 221, 224, 225; George Babylon, four, 230, 266, 268, 392, and a beef, 366; Samuel Warehime, four, 260, 281, 296, 321, and a beef, 460; Edw. Hively, four, 210, 260, 324, 350, making the total weight of porkers killed by Mr. Babylon, 29,576 pounds.

A hop was held in Messrs. A. Anderson & Co's. hall, at Mt. Airy, last week. Dancing commenced at 9.30 in the evening and was kept up all night. Refreshments were served at midnight. Among those present were Misses Emma Lugenbeel, C. Dorsey, Jennie Horn, Fannie Nelson, Belle Runkles, Mary Kimmel, Katie Maxfield, Eva Horn, Bertie Clary, Maggie Warfield, Amanda Warfield, Maggie Kilgore, Annie Crocket, Blanche Kuhn, Clementina and Lizzie Warfield, Gertie Woodward, Annie Owens, Carrie Kessler, Mary Hobbs, Eva Kessler, Sue Ensley, Mary Franklin, Robert Sellman and wife, Wm. P. Anderson, Jr., and wife, H. D. Gould and wife, Walter R. Rudy and wife, Morgan G. Clary and wife, Jesse King and wife, Oliver Hutchins and wife, Scott Mercer and wife, T. M. Anderson, C. A. Runkles, Dr. B. W. Todd, John Wilson, Geo. Gatrell, Robt. Runkles, Morgan Kimmel, Dr. W. E. Gaver, Albert Runkles, Titus Day, Augustus Warfield, Will Selby, David Walthen, Clarence Owens, Chas. Crawford, Howard Selby, Wm. Crawford, Howard Kuhn, W. W. Burdette, Nathan Webb, of Howard, Frederick, Carroll and Montgomery counties; Miss Susie Dorsey, of Winchester, Virginia; Miss Ida Johnson, R. E. Murray, Wm. Hull, C. O. Myers, S. M. Stone, Glenn Hollingsworth, E. H. Myers, Baltimore; Albert Humphreys, Washington, D. C.

Miss Susannah Warfield, aged over 90 years, who resides near Sykesville, composed the march which was performed at the inaugural ball of William Henry Harrison, grandfather of the President-elect, and it is thought that the march will again be played at the inauguration of Benjamin Harrison on March 4. Miss Warfield is very wealthy, and it is said that she intends to donate 40 acres of land and the money to build and establish a male college near Sykesville.

Thursday afternoon a team of three horses, with a wagon, ran down Main street from the vicinity of the railroad at the top of their speed. The wagon collided with Mr. Wm. G. Rinehart's road cart, which it overturned and damaged to some extent. Fortunately Mr. Rinehart was not in it. The team ran on and another collision ensued, this time with a heavy two-horse wagon, which was also upset but not injured. At Court street, while the horses were still in full flight, a young man named Beaver caught and soon stopped them. No damage was done to team or wagon.

A Tour Through Japan.

Rev. F. C. Klein will visit Westminster next week and on Friday and Saturday evenings, 15th and 16th, will exhibit stereoscopic views of Japan, at the M. P. Church. The tour over Japan will consist of the exhibition, on each evening, of over 100 different views, embracing cities, temples, people, their homes, occupations, etc. Mr. Klein's remarks will be in explanation of the pictures, and, no doubt, very instructive and entertaining. This exhibition has been highly commended when given in Pittsburg, Baltimore and Washington. It is for the benefit of the mission work.

Handsome Present.

The Westminster Fire Department has presented to Mr. M. John Lynch, its secretary and treasurer, a handsome clock as a bridal present. Accompanying the clock was the following letter:

WESTMINSTER, MD., Feb. 5th, 1889.

M. John Lynch, Esq.

Dear Sir:—Your associates of the Westminster Fire Department, desiring to give some expression to their interest in the happy event of your marriage, and to manifest their regard and affection for you individually, have requested us to present you, on their behalf, the accompanying clock, which we beg you to accept with our best wishes for the happiness of yourself and bride. May it be to you a constant reminder of the pleasant relations subsisting between yourself and the members of the Department, and mark for you the hours of a long, happy and prosperous life.

With sincere regard, we are,

Truly your friends,

JOHN H. MITTEN, }
F. K. HERR, } Committee.
GEO. W. FRIZELL. }

Fourth Maryland Regiment Reunion.

The survivors of the Fourth Regiment, Maryland Volunteer Infantry, held their annual banquet Wednesday evening—the twenty-third anniversary of the battle of Dabney's Mills, Virginia—at Wolle's Hotel, North Eutaw street, Baltimore. Gen. Richard H. Bowerman presided; Lieut. John A. Thompson, Jr., adjutant. Lieut. George F. Search, chairman of the executive committee, reported during the past year the decease of the following members: Capt. Josiah Bankerd, A. A. G.; Martin Enders, Company B; Herman Schuller, Company G; Thomas Richardson, Company E, and John Sheppard, Company F. Letters were read from Col. Gregory Barrett, U. S. A., Fort Marcy; Chaplain Edwin R. Herg, Cincinnati, Ohio; Col. Edward E. Price; one, accompanied by a stirring military poem, from Charles R. Griffith, Company G, of Des Moines, Iowa, and others. After the business meeting the veterans sat down to the banquet. Among those present were Lieutenants John T. Ellers, Fred. Chenoweth, James Easton; Sergeants Benjamin Porter, Charles E. Keene; Captains John H. Suter and Robert Watson; Lieutenant John H. Ehlers, Sergeant James Easton; Jacob H. Tucker, Myer Uhlfelder, Thomas H. Crockett, David McQuay, Jno. F. C. Offutt, Everd Decker, Wm. J. Carter, Free Falda, Edward Williams, George C. Harman, Wm. Holland and others.

Westminster Cemetery Company.

The annual meeting of the lot-holders of the Westminster Cemetery Company, for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, was held at Firemen's Hall, on Tuesday evening last. Joseph M. Parke was elected chairman and John J. Reese, secretary. The annual reports of the President and Treasurer, of the Company, Messrs. John L. Reifsnider, and John J. Reese, were read. The receipts, as shown by the Treasurer's report, were $418.56; disbursements, $403.29. The election for President and Managers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, John L. Reifsnider; Managers, Richard Manning, Dr. J. W. Hering, Frank K. Herr, John Bernstein, John J. Reese and George R. Gehr. The report of the President which is hereto appended exhibits a gratifying and encouraging condition of the Company.

WESTMINSTER, February 5, 1889.

To the Lot Owners of the Westminster Cemetery Company:

The time has again arrived when it becomes my duty as President to give you information in regard to the progress of the affairs of the Company during the past year, and also of its present financial condition.

There has been no abatement in the steady effort of the present management to extinguish the Company's indebtedness, and this would have been nearly, if not quite, accomplished within the present year, except for an expenditure which the President and Managers thought it highly judicious to make. The necessity for having the Superintendent located near the cemetery has long been felt by the lot owners and by the Superintendent himself. We have felt all the while a desire to afford the amplest facilities and conveniences to those who are interested in the cemetery and knew that the proper location of the Superintendent would contribute much to this end. The opportunity for doing this, however, never seemed to present itself in a way that we could take hold of until during the past year. The Company has now secured and holds in fee the brick building formerly used for school purposes, situated immediately adjoining the entrance gate of the cemetery grounds, and has, in a plain, substantial and durable way, fitted up the same as a dwelling house for the Superintendent, where he now resides with his family. The house is conveniently arranged, with portico and yard toward Main street, is supplied with town water by hydrant in the yard, and is a comfortable and desirable residence. This involved an outlay of $256.32, the work being done under the immediate supervision of a committee of the Board.

As will be seen from the Treasurer's report, the total net indebtedness of the Company at this date is $280.32, an amount but $82.90 in excess of the cost incurred in securing and fitting up the Superintendent's house. The hedge fence is now doing well. The first set-out of the hedge fence failed to make the growth which was anticipated, and further payment on it for the time was refused. A committee was appointed to confer with the Hedge Fence Company, and as a result of this conference the agreement between this Company and the Hedge Fence Company was so changed as to allow them to reset the hedge and this Company to make no further payment upon it until the fence is satisfactorily completed.

The Superintendent has been faithful in the discharge of his duties and is making the cemetery more and more desirable as a place of burial. There have been 38 interments during the year. 10 regular and 2 special meetings of the Board have been held, besides meetings of the standing and special committees.

In closing this report, I cannot but express my own gratification at the greatly improved condition of the Company's affairs, and the appreciation of the same which has so frequently been expressed by those of the community who are interested in its success. To free the Company from debt and to throw around this silent place of our dead all the attractiveness that the circumstances would permit have been the sole objects of the present management. Respectfully,

JOHN L. REIFSNIDER, Pres't
Westminster Cemetery Company.

Reported for the SENTINEL.

Teachers Institute.

The Carroll County Teachers' Institute, which convened in Central Hall School House, in this city, Thursday, January 31st, was a notable event in educational circles—notable in attendance, in the character and interest of the exercises, and in the number of distinguished school officers who were present.

School Examiner Diffenbaugh presided, and the organization was completed on Thursday morning by the election of Geo. F. Morelock, as Secretary, Charles W. Otto, as assistant, and Miss Julia McSwiney as reporter. When it was proposed to elect a critic, the meeting turned with one voice to Charles H. Baughman, whose services in this capacity some years ago were found to be so valuable and were so highly appreciated.

The exercises throughout the sessions were interspersed with vocal music by Misses Mikesell, Lockard, Yingling and Ida Diffenbaugh. Geo. F. Morelock, a teacher at Central Hall school, contributed to this part of the programme two clarionet solos, and Miss Mary McCurley, a pupil at the school, sang very sweetly a number of ballads.

The first of the pedagogical exercises was an essay by Chas. H. Baughman on "Teachers and Teaching," which was highly enjoyable in wealth of thought and grace of diction. It was so impressively read that none of its good points escaped his interested listeners.

Geography and History were then intelligently discussed by Messrs. Nutting, Billmyer and Angel, the last of whom spoke in place of H. S. Feeser. Misses Ella Nelson and Jennie Lamotte also read papers on this subject. The discussion exhibited that the teachers of Carroll county were abreast of the times in opposing the unnatural divorce which was long ago proclaimed between these branches, and that they are together taught as successfully and intelligently in our schools as anywhere, making due allowances for the hindrances from parents and guardians, and from lack of means.

English Grammar and Rhetoric, English Literature and Composition, were discussed, at length, by Messrs. Slaugenhaup, Williams and Garber, and Miss Sadie Snyder. Prof. M. A. Newell, State Superintendent and Principal of the State Normal School, continued the discussion of this topic in a most interesting and profitable manner, outlining and explaining a new and simple schedule covering seven grades. Miss Addie Spurrier read an essay on "Historical Events."

Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., President of Westminster Theological Seminary, expressed his great pleasure at being present and his thorough enjoyment of the exercises, saying many encouraging things to the teachers. His remarks were loudly applauded.

At 5 o'clock, P. M., the Institute adjourned to Friday morning at 9.30 when it was again called to order. Besides the 140 teachers who had attended on Thursday, and Prof. Newell, there were present Messrs. P. A. Witmer, School Examiner of Washington county, Glen H. Worthington, School Examiner of Frederick county, Chas. B. Rogers, School Examiner of Baltimore county, John D. Worthington, School Examiner of Harford county; E. O. Grimes and L. P. Slingluff, of the Carroll county board, and Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., President of Western Maryland College, each of whom made a short address upon being introduced, expressing his gratification at being present and his hope of better days in store for the school system of the State. Dr. Lewis invited the Institute and others present to visit the College in a body at 2 P. M. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Mr. Amon Burgee read an entertaining and well written essay on "Requisites for Success in Teaching." "How to Secure Better Pay and more Liberal Supplies" was discussed by Messrs. Bailey, Beck and others. This is a topic, one would think, of general interest, and it was expected that the discussion of it would be general and animated. But it was not. If appearances are any sign, the teachers have no interest in either elevating their standard or increasing their pay. We know, however, that this is not a fact, and suspect that the array of School Examiners present frightened many into silence who might otherwise have grown eloquent on thirty dollars a month.

The Examiner read a paper from Mr. Francis Warner, one of our School Commissioners, on "Public School Teaching." Mr. Warner expected to attend in person and read his paper, but was prevented by sickness. The paper was one of the best productions read during the Institute, and was so highly esteemed that a unanimous request was made for its publication in the county papers.

An essay on "Moral Training," by Miss Minta Shipley, was read by Miss Gilliss; one on "Martyrs of To-day," by Miss Lilah Miller, and one on "Punishment," by Mr. Chas. W. Otto. Where all were good it seems invidious to discriminate. Miss Shipley's was full of merit, but was scarcely heard. Miss Miller's was well written, but was not confined to school topics. Mr. Otto's was instructive and entertaining—original in matter and well expressed as to style.

At half past past 1 o'clock the Institute proceeded in a body to Western Maryland College, where, after a hearty welcome by President Lewis, an attractive programme, including vocal and instrumental music, recitals and calisthenics, was agreeably rendered. A tour of inspection of the premises followed, which ended in the dining-room where lunch was served.

This visit to the College was an event not to be lightly dismissed. It demonstrated to the teachers that the barriers which are sometimes thought to be between apostles of common school and what is mistakenly termed "higher education," are fictitious, and exist only in a want of proper understanding; and that the bonds which unite all fellow-craftsmen in the great work of race-upbuilding, do really, on proper occasions, level all distinctions except those of zeal and fidelity.

On Friday night a mass meeting of teachers and citizens filled the school-house to overflowing, rendered it uncomfortably close, and prevented complete order and decorum because of want of proper accommodations.

The exercises were, however, of an interesting character to those who could see and hear them. Miss Mary McCurley, a pupil of the school aged about 10, sang beautifully a solo, which was followed by club swinging and an umbrella drill by a class of boys and girls of the school under the direction of Miss Carrie Mourer. This was introduced, as the Examiner explained, not to show the proficiency of the class in calisthenics, but to show that something in the way of physical training was possible, by practice at recess and after regular school hours; and although the movements were not entirely smooth and harmonious, we are bound to say, they were remarkably well executed when it is remembered that they were the results of scarcely two weeks teaching. The confinement of the school room and the sitting posture during so many hours of a day is irksome, and often results in enfeeblement if not actual deformity of the body. We think, therefore, that any attempt to give relief from this, and secure symmetrical muscular development, ought to be hailed with satisfaction.

Prof. Rinehart, pianist, and Miss Blanton, vocalist, of the College, contributed the musical part of the entertainment, and delighted the multitude with instrumental and vocal selections of a high order.

The purpose of the meeting, as briefly stated by the School Examiner, was threefold:

1st. To show the schoolmen present from other counties that the most enlightened public sentiment of Carroll county is in active sympathy with the public school system, and its corps of teachers;

2nd. To show the teachers themselves that their work was noted and appreciated by the men who give color and direction to public opinion and civil affairs in the community, however meagre the reward at present;

3rd. To call upon the mass of the people, particularly their leaders of thought and action, for aid to meet the growing demands of school work, and the moral needs of the society outside of school courses but which must be met indirectly through school influences.

On these lines of thought eloquent and impressive addresses were made by Dr. J. W. Hering, W. L. W. Seabrook, Esq., Rev. James W. Reese, Ph. D., Professor of Ancient Languages, and Rev. Dr. T. H. Lewis, President of Western Maryland College, and Prof. M. A. Newell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Letters of regret at their inability to attend were read from Col. J. K. Longwell, Col. Wm. A. McKellip and A. H. Huber.

It was intended to have the criticism, prepared by Chas. H. Baughman, read at this meeting, but to the regret of all this was forgotten. It will keep, however, and be read probably at the next teachers' meeting, when the topics on the programme, not discussed at the Institute, will also be considered. At the close of the Friday night meeting the Institute was adjourned without day.

We have said this Teachers' Convention was a memorable one: First—in attendance. Notwithstanding rough roads and weather, there were present all of the public school teachers in the county but five who were unavoidably absent.

Second—In the character and interest of the exercises. The ordinary topics of school interest were discussed with an intelligence and breadth of view not expected; but the discussions were carried beyond these into the region of the ideal and the enthusiasm was maintained to the last moment.

Third—In the number of distinguished school officers who were present. It is said to be the first time in the history of the State when five County Examiners, the State Superintendent and a number of School Commissioners were seen at a County Institute.

The entire, almost brilliant success of the enterprise, is very creditable to our local school authorities and the committee of arrangements who gave such diligent attention to the details of the programme.

Proceedings of Orphans' Court.

Monday, February 4th, 1889.—Wm. S. Wooden, executor of Ellen B. Marshall, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

Francis Shriver, administrator of Elizabeth Price, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

The last will and testament of David Wantz, deceased, was admitted to probate.

The last will and testament of Richard I. Brashear, deceased, was admitted to probate.

The last will and testament of George W. Holmes, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Holmes Thomas.

Christian H. Crouse, executor of John Kraus, deceased, received order to sell real estate and order to sell goods and chattels.

Catharine Gunther, administratrix of George Gunther, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, and received order to notify creditors.

Simon J. Grammer, administrator W. A. of Jesse Shultz, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, and list of debts, and received order to sell goods and chattels and order to notify creditors.

Letters of administration on the estate of David Hiltabridle, deceased, were granted to Angeline Hiltabridle.

Tuesday, February 5th, 1889.—George Lease and George A. Miller, administrators of Josephine Crapster, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels, and settled 1st and final account.

Distribution among creditors of Ezra W. Nusbaum, deceased, finally ratified.

Report sale of real estate of Keziah Murray, deceased, finally ratified.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Elizabeth S. Mitten, deceased, were granted to John F. Mitten, who received order to sell real estate.

The last will and testament of John Weaver, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Edmon H. Weaver and Greenbury T. Palmer.

Ira R. Davis, administrator of Caroline W. Fogle, deceased, settled 1st account.

Bird Hill Items.

"Variable" is the word which best describes the condition of the weather in this locality, during the past week. Sometimes mild, with a little rain, some snow, and then high winds and freezing temperature.

Emanuel Bowers is about to build an addition to his dwelling-house and improve it in other respects.

W. P. Baker is preparing to build a new barn in the spring.

Hanson Davis is erecting a tenant-house on one of his farms.

There are some aged people in this neighborhood, among whom are Mrs. Elizabeth Ogg, who is in her 92d year, and has lost her sight; Ann Blizzard, who is in her 80th year, and John Baker and wife, both nearly 75 and yet vigorous and active.

Double Pipe Creek Items.

Never, to your correspondent's knowledge, were there four open graves in the cemetery of Haugh's Church, at one time, until Wednesday. On that day there were three interments, and one on Thursday morning. The first funeral, on Wednesday morning, was that of Claude Miller, aged 14 years, son of John H. and Susan Miller. Claude was a bright and promising lad, with every prospect of a successful life, but, alas! death has ended it all. He died of pneumonia succeeded by fever. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Diehl and Elder Kolb. A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, aged about eight years, is, at the present writing, seriously ill. A circumstance that adds to the sadness of this bereavement was the postponement of the anticipated marriage of an older daughter. Cards were out two weeks ago announcing the marriage of Miss Alice Miller, Claude's sister, and Mr. John Wilhide. The wedding was to have taken place on Thursday, 7th inst., but has been deferred in consequence of the death of one and the illness of another member of the family. We know not what a day may bring forth. Instead of witnessing a wedding the friends and neighbors were called together to attend a funeral.

The second interment on Wednesday was that of Mrs. Mary Mort, widow of the late Peter Mort, who lived near Keysville, in this county. Mrs. Mort had reached the age of three-score-and-twelve years. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. A. Souders, of Union Bridge.

The third burial was that of Josiah Dotterer, of Rocky Ridge. He was afflicted with heart disease and was attacked by pneumonia, under which he sank and died in the 66th year of his age. His widow survives him. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and his funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Diehl.

The fourth of the interments referred to was made on Thursday morning. It was that of the remains of Benjamin Whitmore, who resided with his son John, at Rocky Ridge. He had attained the age of four-score years.

Your correspondent is glad to turn from these sad items to those of a brighter character. Last week our citizens were out in full force and erected eight street-lamps in our village. As our place is not incorporated the money to supply the lamps was raised by subscription, and they were erected by the voluntary labor of citizens. They give the village a handsome and attractive appearance, and our young folks certainly enjoy the rays of light, as we can see many of them out in the evenings, while heretofore it was all quiet.

Mrs. J. S. Weybright is confined to the house by a severe attack of mumps.

Mrs. P. J. Duvall, who was ill for some time, is convalescent.

Elder D. R. Sayler has been housed with a severe cold for upwards of a week.

J. W. Weant, who has been seriously ill, is improving but is still confined to the house.

A lady in the village, one night last week, started to go to the wood-house, carrying a lantern. The steps were wet and slippery and down she went until she thought she would never stop, but finally landed on her back, at the bottom. The occurrence was observed and members of the family went promptly to her assistance. To their astonishment they found the lantern entirely demolished. The lady escaped with a few bruises, but she cannot tell whether she let the lantern fall and thus destroyed it or crushed it in her own fall.

Harney Items.

J. M. Fisher's sale, last Tuesday, was very largely attended and things brought fair prices.

So far we have had no ice fit to put away, but the prospect just now for a supply is encouraging.

Mrs. Edward Fisher, who resided near here, died of pneumonia last Sunday. Funeral services were held at St. John's Church, near Littlestown, on Tuesday.

G. P. Eyler, who has been sick for several weeks with typhoid fever, is slowly recovering.

There was an article in the SENTINEL some months ago, advocating the use of onions as a cure for fever, by applying them to the feet. A lady in this neighborhood, seeing the above cure, thought she would try the experiment on her daughter who was confined to her bed for several weeks and appeared to make no change; although the doctor was attending her every day. The mother applied the onions to the soles of the patient's feet one evening and the next day, when the doctor came, he said the fever was much lower; and in a few days it had left her entirely. This is certainly a very simple cure, and if there be any virtue in it, it should be known by everybody.

Daniel Reigle, of this vicinity, has rented his lot and will go to farming this spring on Mrs. Erb's farm, situated a few miles east of this place.

Jonas Harner shipped a fine lot of young hogs to Baltimore a few weeks ago. They were four months old and weighed over a hundred pounds apiece.

J. W. Shriner, our wagon-maker, has just completed a very fine one-horse wagon for Abram Hess, one of our citizens.

A great many persons in this vicinity are on the sick list.

Election of Officers.

At the annual meeting of the Westminster Gun Club, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Wm. B. Thomas; Vice-President, Theo. F. Englar; Captain, Jos. W. Smith; Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. George E. Baughman; Executive Committee, H. S. Roberts, Samuel Roop, Chas. E. Hering; Scorer, Allen H. Wentz. Messrs. Arnold Kleff and A. H. Wentz were elected honorary members. This organization has thirty-two members, and is in a flourishing financial condition.

Proceedings of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners were in session on Monday and Tuesday. They were engaged chiefly in issuing commissions to, and settling with, road supervisors. An appropriation of $25 was made to be expended by the authorities of Taneytown on the roads within the limits of that corporation. A special pension of $10 was granted to Mary E. Hiltabridle, of district No. 2, and one of $5 to Edward McGehan, of district No. 7.

Manchester Items.

The will of the late John Weaver devises his estate, share and share alike, to his four sons and three daughters. The estate is valued at about forty thousand dollars.

George P. Fuhrman, a native of this place, now residing near Greenmount, has purchased the restaurant of D. Newcomer, Hanover, Pa., whither he will remove, with his family, in April.

Some of our ice-harvesters filled their houses last week with ice four and a-half inches thick. At present writing the prospect is good for a better crop.

Mr. Rittas is excavating the cellar for his new house on York street. D. A. Hoffacker will erect an addition to his house, on the same street, early in the spring.

Trinity Reformed Mite Society held its most attractive meeting at the residence of Joseph Tregallis, on Tuesday evening. It was largely attended, the collection was liberal and the society was delightfully entertained by a series of tableaux, interspersed with excellent music by Misses Miller and Warehime, of Manchester, and Miss Mary Rinehart, of Westminster. Miss Lizzie Trump read, in an excellent manner, a selection entitled "A Deacon's Dream," which was a good hit for a congregation waiting for a pastor.

The firebugs are still at work. The barn of Andrew Brodebeck was destroyed on Saturday morning and the new shed, erected by Mrs. Edward Wentz, Monday morning. Mrs. Wentz had received notice that the barn on the home place was marked and was already prepared for burning. A bundle containing 24 matches was found near it. She had some of the fodder hauled from it to the shed on Saturday, and it is supposed the explosive that caused the fire was in that. One of the cows in the shed was badly burned and another considerably scorched. The barn recently burned for Mrs. Wentz was not on the home place, but on a small farm adjoining. Perhaps the removal of the fodder on Saturday saved the former from destruction. A few nights ago a stone was thrown through a window at Mr. Newcomer's house and struck Mrs. Smith, who lives in a tenant-house on the place, on the head. Mrs. Smith is the woman who saw a man prowling about the Newcomer barn several weeks ago and gave the alarm, when the man escaped. It is supposed the stone was thrown at her by way of revenge for her interference in an attempt to destroy the barn. The doors of the barn were securely fastened that night, but were found open the next morning. Mr. Newcomer has been warned that it is marked for destruction. The excitement in the region where these mysterious fires are occurring is intense, and the general question is, "Whose will be next?"

Gamber Items.

February 5th was a very mild day until sunset, when a heavy thunder and rain storm passed over, turning after a while to snow, with high northwest wind, the avaunt courier of a cold wave which is now upon us.

Last week Mrs. Palmer, of this place, widow of the late George W. Palmer, lost a valuable horse with a disease supposed to have been volic.

The burning of Lamotte's mill, near Glen Falls, on Saturday night, made a very brilliant light and gave rise to many conjectures among our citizens as to the locality of the fire.

About half past ten o'clock on Sunday morning the cry of fire was heard in our village and it was soon known that the large barn or stable on the farm of Wm. Arnold, near by, was on fire. Our citizens hastened to the scene but were powerless to stop the progress of the flames and the building, with all its contents, except a colt, which was rescued by Mrs. Arnold, was destroyed. All Mr. Arnold's hay, straw and fodder, in and about the building, and, I am told, about one-half his corn were burned. There was no insurance and the loss falls heavily on Mr. Arnold. He was absent from home when the fire occurred and fortunately had his horses with him. Mrs. Arnold, it is said, knew nothing about the fire until she heard a cry close by and going out to learn the cause saw the barn in a blaze and rushed at once to the rescue of the colt. It is said that the fire was caused by Mr. Arnold's little boy, not yet four years of age, who accidentally dropped a lighted match in the hay or straw, and was so alarmed by the result that he hid in the hen-house and was not found until some time during the fire.

Last Saturday night a large company assembled at the residence of our friend Thomas J. Miller to celebrate the anniversary of his wedding. It was a very pleasant and interesting occasion, and the guests spent a very happy evening, with music, on the organ, violin, &c., and remained until a late hour.

Edmondson & Poole have the largest pile of logs awaiting the work of their steam saw-mill we have ever seen there before.

Taneytown Items.

Mrs. O. B. Slonaker, of New street, was visiting friends in Uniontown, this county, the early part of the week.

Mrs. Robert Landis was visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. E. Reindollar, recently.

George Smith, wife and son, of Littlestown, Pa., were the guests of Charles Shriner this week.

Rev. H. Ditzler, whom we reported several weeks past as being sick, and who was improving, was suddenly taken worse the early part of this week.