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SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1890.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs. S. M. Harden has been appointed postmistress at Louisville, in this county.

Farmers in this vicinity have been busy planting corn during the present week.

Several persons in this city have been ill during the past week or two with pneumonia, but are now improving.

Mr. Daniel Burns has improved his house on Pennsylvania avenue by repainting it and putting on a new roof.

This is about the date when spring house-cleaning occupies the thoughts and employs the time of the careful housewife.

Miss Mary Kuhn, of East main street, this city, who was slightly paralyzed on Monday last, is in an improved condition.

Rev. John Gloyd, of Washington, D. C., spent several days in this city, visiting his many warm friends, during the past week.

The new pipe organ ordered by the congregation of St. Paul's Reformed Church, of this city, will be received, it is expected, next week.

It is reported that Mr. Hamilton Weaver, of New Windsor, messenger to the file clerk in the Baltimore Custom House, has been notified that his services will not be required after a certain date in the near future.

Ground was broken, on Monday last, for the erection of Messrs. N. I. Gorsuch & Son's new roller flouring mill, work on which will be pushed so that it may be in operation by the time new crop wheat comes into market.

Mr. Charles S. Conaway and Miss Sarah E. Kaufman, of this county, were married at Ellicott City, on Wednesday, 23rd inst., by Rev. J. H. Marsh, who was pastor of New Windsor circuit M. E. Church until the last meeting of Conference.

Willie, six-year-old son of Mr. Jeremiah Shaeffer, near this city, fell from the hay-mow to the floor of his father's barn, on Monday last, and broke both bones of his left arm between the elbow and hand. The fracture was adjusted by Dr. J. Howell Billingslea, of this city.

Last Saturday several members of the West End Rifle Club, of this city, shot at the club range, West End, for the championship. The several contestants made the following score out of a possible 144: Christ. Stoner, 101; F. A. Grolock, 113; E. P. Brundige, 113; Dr. J. E. McNeal, 126.

Sounds and sights of springtime are now heard and seen on every side. The twittering of swallows, which have returned to their summer haunts, the blossoming fruit trees, of which the apple is in great profusion, and many other evidences greet the senses and tell us spring is here.

Mr. David H. Haller's little four-year-old son was badly burned by slaking lime on Monday last. The little fellow was passing a tub in which lime was undergoing the slaking process, when a lump of it exploded and threw a quantity of the boiling stuff in his face, injuring him severely. Dr. John S. Mathias was summoned and applied the proper remedies and he is slowly recovering. At first fears was entertained that he might lose his eyesight.

The Board of County Commissioners was in session on Monday and Tuesday last and transacted, among other, the following business: A special pension of $5 was granted to Henry Dodrer, of district No. 3; Wm. Clayton Gilbert was appointed a constable for district No. 12, Jacob H. Hoffman, for district No. 6, E. N. Blizzard for district No. 4, and John Thomson for district No. 7. These appointments were for two years from the date of the commissions.

Miss Ida Morningstar gave a very pleasant party, on Tuesday evening last, to Miss Minnie Zinn, of Gettysburg, Pa. The evening was a very enjoyable occasion to all present. Miss Zinn, who is a very accomplished musician, entertained the company with several vocal selections, which were very much enjoyed by her hearers. After entertaining themselves with numerous plays and games the company left, all much pleased with the evening. Among those present were Misses Janie and Ella Shreeve, Jennie Malehorn, Bertie Buckingham, Lillie Morningstar, Grace Weaver, Florence Malehorn, Messrs John Shreeve, Stewart Cook, Grafton Day and W. M. Cross.

The passenger department of the Western Maryland Railroad has in course of publication a new book, entitled "Gettysburg, in War and in Peace." It will contain an authentic account of the battle of Gettysburg, an interesting description of the Gettysburg Short Line Railroad—the Western Extension of the Western Maryland Railroad—information of the best way to reach the battle field, a record of incidents relative to the great conflict, and other valuable matter. It will contain about 100 pages with twenty full page illustrations. The whole work will be first-class. It will be gratuitously distributed in Maryland, Pennsylvania and the Southern States. A limited number of pages will be devoted to special advertisements, and those who desire to make use of it for that purpose can obtain all the information desired by addressing Mr. B. H. Griswold, the General Passenger Agent of the Western Maryland Railroad, at Baltimore.

Dr. Wm. N. Martin, Clerk of the Circuit Court, is seriously ill.

Mr. Joseph Stoner has a mammoth blackberry stalk growing on his farm near this city. It measures 16 feet, 4 inches in length.

The spring term of the public schools having closed, subscription schools were started in this city, on Monday last, with a fair attendance.

Mr. Charles H. Sullivan, son of Mr. George W. Sullivan, of this city, left on Tuesday last, for Pullman, Ills., where he expects to locate.

Mr. J. D. Crowl is now prepared to supply the citizens of Westminster with Kennebec ice. A sample left at this office was pure, clear and of excellent quality.

Mr. Peter Flatter, who, during the last four years, has resided on Madison avenue, this city, removed during the past week, with his family, to his old homestead, near Sandyville.

The Maryland Classis of the Reformed Church will convene at Mechanicstown, Md., May 1st. Elder Jno. T. Orndorff has been elected primarius, and Elder Jesse Sullivan secundus, to represent the Westminster charge.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Caylor, who left Union Bridge for Colorado, early last week, arrived safely at Denver, after a very pleasant trip, at 2.15, P. M., on the 18th inst. Mr. Caylor writes that the weather at Denver was delightful.

Messrs. Charles E. Fink and John L. Bankert, trustees, have sold the house and lot of ground, containing 1¼ acres, 34 perches, near Cranberry Station, belonging to the estate of the late David J. Bankert, to Mrs. Mary S. Bankert, for $725.

The annual election for Mayor and five members of the Common Council of Westminster will be held on Monday, May 5th, between the hours of 12, M., and 6, P. M. The polls will be held in the room of Mrs. M. E. Grumbine, No. 72 East Main street.

On Thursday Mr. Daniel Creighton, of Stonersville, while operating a hay cutter had two of the fingers of his left hand caught by the knife and badly mangled. Dr. Joseph T. Hering dressed the ring finger and amputated the middle one above the second joint.

Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Hon. Frank Brown will offer at public sale, at Sykesville, ten handsome cottages with modern conveniences, situated on a fine avenue in that village. He will also offer at the same time the Springfield Cottages Summer resort. See advertisement on first page.

Rev. Harry D. Mitchell, pastor of the M. E. Church at Steelton, near Baltimore, and Miss Nellie Horn were married at the Eutaw street M. E. Church, in the latter city, Tuesday evening, 14th inst. Rev. Mr. Mitchell was formerly a student at Western Maryland College, and is well known in this city.

Mrs. Mary C. Hahn, widow of the late Ezra Hahn, and daughter of the late Cyrus Schweigart, of the vicinity of this city, died at the residence of her daughter, in Baltimore, on Wednesday, 16th inst., aged about 40 years. Her remains were interred at Silver Run, in this county, on Saturday last.

State Senator Bennett and family, who made their home at the Carrollton Hotel, Baltimore, during the winter, are now at the City Hotel, in this city. Senator Bennett's daughters, Misses Bessie and Blanche Bennett, who are attending the Woman's College, Baltimore, will remain until the close of the term.

The property of the late Franklin A. Stirling, known as Glen Falls Station, on the Western Maryland Railroad, consisting of a two-story frame dwelling-house, two tenant houses, with outbuildings, and 34 acres, 26 perches of land, was sold to Charles T. Reifsnider, Esq., mortgagee, on Monday last, for $3,000.

Prof. G. Clinton Hanna, a very capable and efficient instructor, commenced a Normal Class at Central Hall School, in this city, on Monday last. The course will occupy six weeks and those who desire instruction of the normal standard will do well to take advantage of this opportunity. The course is recommended by the School Board of the county.

The publication of the *Headlight*, of this city, of which Mr. A. M. Strouse was proprietor, was discontinued with the last issue. The reason assigned for this action is "because the newspaper business in Carroll county is overdone." Mr. Strouse will publish a monthly journal to be called the *Self Educator*, the first number of which will appear some time in May.

The M. P. Sabbath school, of Sam's Creek, was reorganized the 6th instant with the following officers: Supt., O. H. Pearre; ass't. sup't. E. B. McKinstry; secretaries, G. M. Zumbrum and John F. Keefauver; tres., Thos. C. Baile; asst. treas., Wm. Koontz; librarian, Chas. T. Koontz; ass't. libr'n., George Boon; librarians of new library, Edward Perry and Chas. F. Myers.

The Baltimore *Morning Herald* of Saturday last says: "At the regular meeting of A. W. Dodge Post 44, G. A. R., at Agnew's Hall last night, with Commander John Bowers in the chair, Wm. T. Keirle, adjutant of the post was appointed aide on Gen'l. Alger's staff, and Clarence Seabrook, of the *Morning Herald* staff, was unanimously elected a contributing member of the post. Mr. Seabrook is the youngest man upon whom this distinction has ever been conferred by A. W. Dodge Post.

There is a mistaken apprehension among some of our citizens that the corporate authorities contemplate requiring the property owners to bear two-thirds of the expense of macadamizing and improving the streets. The Act of Assembly passed in 1874 conferred that authority, which was continued under the amendments made to the law at the recent session of the Legislature, but there is no intention to enforce it at this time. The means to make the improvements contemplated will be raised by issuing bonds.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Coxwell, who were married April 16, in DeSoto, Mo., arrived Friday in Westminster, and have been visiting the bride's father, Mr. Albinus Poole, near Warfieldsburg. They attended services at Stone Chapel on Sunday, where Effie met many of her friends, and Mr. Coxwell learned something of Maryland social customs. They spent Monday in Westminster with her aunt, Mrs. M. Baughman. They left here yesterday for Washington, and after visiting Philadelphia and New York, will return to DeSoto, where they will reside permanently.

Laying the Corner-Stone of Hering Hall.

The corner-stone of Hering Hall, the new addition to the main building of Western Maryland College, was laid at 4.30, P. M., on Wednesday afternoon, 23rd inst., by Door-to-Virtue Lodge, No. 46, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of this city, with the impressive ceremonies of the order. The members assembled at the lodge room in the Wantz Buildings, and, wearing white gloves and aprons, marched to the site of the building to be erected. They were led by the Westminster Band and were marshalled by Bro. Jno. H. Mitten. Having arrived at the scene of the labor they were about to perform the services were opened by an impressive and appropriate prayer by Rev. P. H. Miller, Chaplain of the Lodge. The corner-stone, which is of white marble and bears on the side the date "A. D. 1890," and on the end the initials of the College, "W. M. C." in monogram, was then lowered to its place, and Worshipful Master B. Frank Crouse ordered Treasurer Rev. Prof. James W. Reese to deposit in the place prepared for it—a cavity in the stone—a tin box containing the following articles, a list of which was read by the officer performing that duty: Copies of the AMERICAN SENTINEL, *Democratic Advocate, Carrolltonian, Headlight* and *Methodist Protestant*, roll of Faculty and Students from September 1st, 1889, to date, copy of a book on Club Swinging by Note, by Prof. W. R. McDaniel, of the Faculty; copy of music of Piano Solo, "The Old Willow Tree," composed by Prof. Thos. F. Rinehart, of the Faculty; copy of the Directory of Westminster, grades of students during second term of current year, blank diploma, copy of remarks of the President, Rev. Dr. T. H. Lewis, on the occasion, and the list itself.

Prof. Reese then delivered an eloquent and interesting address, in which he explained the meaning of the ceremonies then in process of performance. The stone was then laid by Worshipful Master B. Frank Crouse, assisted by Senior Warden Dr. George E. Baughman and Junior Warden Edward P. Brundige, who applied the square, level and plumb respectively, and pronounced the work well and correctly done. Then the Worshipful Master scattered corn, the Senior Warden poured wine, and the Junior Warden oil upon it, each explaining the significance of the act, and the public grand honors were given three times by the Lodge. The Worshipful Master then delivered a brief address and finally presented the square, plumb and level to the builder, Mr. Jacob F. Elgen, enjoining the faithful prosecution of the work of erecting the important edifice thus begun.

At the conclusion of the masonic ceremonies President Lewis delivered a very interesting address which we are enabled to publish in full and which will be found below. The concluding prayer was made by Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., President of Westminster Theological Seminary and the first President of the College, the audience uniting in the Lord's Prayer and singing the doxology. Rev. P. H. Miller pronounced the benediction. The exercises were interspersed with instrumental music by the Westminster Band and vocal music by the College Choir, led by Miss Florence Z. Blanton, instructress in vocal music; Prof. Thomas F. Rinehart, the Professor of music, organist.

Revs. Drs. Ward and Lewis, the former and present Presidents of the College; Profs. Reese, Rinehart and Simpson, of the Faculty, and Dr. J. W. Hering, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, wore white gloves and aprons, as members of the Masonic fraternity. The officers of the Lodge present on the occasion were: Worshipful Master, B. Frank Crouse; Senior Warden, Dr. George E. Baughman; Junior Warden, Edward P. Brundige; Secretary, Chas. H. Baughman; Treasurer, Rev. Prof. James W. Reese; Senior Deacon, Geo. A. Miller; Junior Deacon, Fred D. Miller; Chaplain, Rev. P. H. Miller; Stewards, John T. Diffenbaugh, J. Milton Reifsnider; Tiler, Chas. N. Kuhn. The Holy Bible, Square and Compasses were borne by George Leas. Among the other Masons present were Past Deputy Grand Master, Wm. L. W. Seabrook; Past Junior Grand Warden, Wm. A. Cunningham; Junior Grand Warden, James A. Diffenbaugh; Past Masters, Wm. Moore, E. O. Grimes, Charles E. Goodwin, Geo. R. Gehr; Master Masons, Rev. Wm. A. Crouse, Rev. Geo. W. Cooper, Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D., Louis Diehman, Chas. C. Engle, Oscar D. Gilbert, Chas. C. Gorsuch, Dr. Joseph T. Hering, Chas. H. Henneman, Judge Wm. P. Maulsby, Col. Wm. A. McKellip, Jno. W. Myers, David Nusbaum, Wm. L. Richards, Wm. Struth, Levi N. Snader, Milton Schaeffer, Isaac D. W. Stonesifer, Wm. B. Thomas, W. Frank Tyler, Chas. V. Wantz, Allen H. Wentz, Samuel C. Wickert.

During the exercises Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., Mr. John Smith, of Wakefield, the venerable President of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. J. W. Hering, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, the noble triumvirate referred to by President Lewis in his address, occupied seats on the platform. These three gentlemen were constituted by an ordinance passed by the Board of Trustees, at its first meeting, a local committee to have charge of the affairs and interests of the College and during all these years have labored with untiring industry and zeal to promote its welfare. Dr. Lewis' remarks concerning them were well-timed and well deserved.

The ceremonies incident to the occasion were well performed, the addresses were interesting and eloquent, the music was beautiful and attractive, and altogether the affair was a gratifying success. The ceremonies were witnessed by a large number of people.

Remarks of the President on the laying of the Corner-stone of the addition to the College, named "Hering Hall," April 23d, 1890.

Four-and-twenty years ago a small company of men, rich in faith, but, in everything else, poor, met on this hill to lay the first stone of Western Maryland College.

To-day we complete what they began. We are met to lay the last stone of the building which is to give architectural completeness to the structure then begun in the erection of the main building.

On that day the public were invited to witness the solemn engagement made in assuming the large responsibility attached to such an undertaking. Since then, although building after building has been erected, the work has proceeded unostentatiously and, in a manner, privately. But we feel justified, nay commanded, to depart from this custom to-day. We have a duty to perform to the men of 1866 as well as to those who may come after us and enter into our labors. We must lay in this stone to-day our account of our stewardship. Having come thus far, history commands us to pay tribute; and accordingly we have asked you to stand here again as witnesses, while we account to the past and to the future for our powers and opportunities.

1. Our first item in answer shall be this: Every September following the laying of that first stone, has witnessed the regular opening of a new Collegiate year. No epidemic, nor fire, nor accident, nor adversity, nor lack of patronage has made a pause of a single day in all these years.

"Non nobis, Domine, non nobis: sed nomini tuo da gloriam."

2. In September, 1867, the first session of the College opened with seventy students enrolled under the care of six teachers.

Since that time, twelve hundred and ten have been enrolled as students; and two hundred and nineteen (including the class of this year) have been graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Our present roll numbers two hundred and eighteen students under eighteen teachers.

3. In 1867, with the exception of three students from Washington City and one from Frederick county, all the students were from Carroll county, and two-thirds of them were from Westminster. Our present roll represents every county in the State and Baltimore City. Students are also here from eight States besides Maryland; from the District of Columbia, from Indian Territory and from Japan.

4. As to the departments of work, our present differs from the past, in that the work nominally assigned to one of the teachers then has been turned over to a completely equipped Theological Seminary; the work assigned to the next professor in the old catalogue is now performed by four professors; the work of the next by two; and of the remaining three by nine professors at present, while three new departments have been added.

5. Since that first stone was laid, the following buildings have been added:

In 1871, an addition to the rear of the main building; 1882, one-half of Ward Hall; 1886, the remaining half of Ward Hall; 1887, Smith Hall; 1888, Portico to Main Front; 1889, Ward Hall remodeled, Yingling Gymnasium and Baker Brothers President's House built; 1890, west wing to main building begun, together with reconstruction of main front.

6. Severe and long has been the financial stress of these years. Without endowment and receiving few gifts, the struggle has been in the main a duel between current receipts and expenditures. Yet a work not inconsiderable has been accomplished. From a careful survey, the announcement is warranted that not far from one hundred thousand dollars have been expended on this hill to provide our buildings and appliances. This amount includes the sum appropriated for the present addition, which has been borrowed and which represents the only debt of this institution.

7. Lastly, and with greatest joy, we lay here the record of the spiritual triumphs of these years; not only the gracious, albeit indefinite influences for good upon so many young persons; nor yet the certain knowledge of the many brought to the full and glad confession of faith in Christ year after year through the influences of their College life; but also the stated daily prayers still maintained; the other tri-weekly religious services conducted by the students; and the vigorous branches of the Christian Associations doing grand work for their fellows and for their Master. We sprinkle this item with the incense of our hope, that some friend will soon give them a chapel for their encouragement and the better prosecution of their work, and also as a definite memorial to Almighty God for his wonderful goodness to this institution.

This brief index is all that can be attempted in recognition of the history of these years. But let it not be thought we undervalue it. It is a history full of trial and labor and sacrifice and discouragement; but, read in the light of what may be seen this day, it is a history as glorious as it has been arduous; full of patience and zeal and triumphant success.

Some of them who began this history are looking on us to-day of the heavenly spaces; thank God, most of them are still with us to read this history in the glowing light coming to us from our ascending star. The chiefest of them are with us to-day: the noble, untiring, unselfish triumvirate who, as President of the College, and President and Treasurer of the Board, piloted the bark through its stormiest experiences and brought it to a quiet haven. Honored benefactors! we salute you! And we lay in this stone to-day, that we may send it down to the generations yet to come, our salutation to courage, to patience, to intelligent labor, to success. May you long be with us, and may a compassionate Providence for our sakes delay your return to the skies! Two of you have had your names registered in the solid masonry of Halls recently erected; and we are about to erect another. It is the unanimous pleasure of the Board of Trustees that the third name of this triumvirate shall be honored in the building to rise here. Accordingly I declare that this house shall henceforth be known as "Hering Hall." And if it shall prove to be as solid and true and erect and useful as he for whom it is named, it will stand forever. Amen.

Westminster Theological Seminary.

The Commencement and 8th Anniversary of Westminster Theological Seminary will occur Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 4th, 5th and 6th proximo. The exercises will be held in the Methodist Protestant Church, this city, and will begin with the annual sermon, which will be delivered at 10.30, A. M., Sunday, May 4th, by Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., President of the Seminary. At 7.30, P. M., the missionary sermon will be delivered by Rev. J. W. Grant. Monday evening, May 5th, at 7.30, P. M., the 7th anniversary of the Stockton Society will be held, with the following program: Chorus, Song of Welcome, *Grife*, Society; invocation, Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D.; President's Address, J. Edward Grant; quartette, solo and chorus, City of Zion, words by J. F. Garrett, music by W. B. Judefind; oration, Childhood Home, R. T. Tyson; solo and chorus, The Old Home, soloist, W. B. Judefind; anniversary essay, Christian Decision, J. P. Valliant; declamation, A Day in the Pamfili Doria, *Stowe*, E. B. Taylor; solo, The Beautiful Gate, *Blake*, J. E. Grant; declamation, Inasmuch, *W. Bruce*, R. K. Lewis; quartette, Morning, *Emerson*, R. K. Lewis, T. P. Ravelle, W. B. Judefind, H. E. Nelson; reading, The Gentle Hand, E. S. Fooks; chorus, duet and solo, Awake, *Kirkpatrick*; declamation, The Christian Ministry, *Stockton*, F. H. Lewis; duet with obligato chorus, Evening Bells, *Grife*, J. E. Grant, R. K. Lewis; benediction, Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D. The musical director for this occasion will be W. B. Judefind; organist, Miss Annie E. Shriver; program committee, J. E. Grant, R. K. Lewis, W. F. Ohrum.

The commencement exercises will take place Tuesday evening, May 6th, at 7.30 o'clock and will be opened with music by the choir of the Church, followed with prayer, by Rev. J. T. Murray, D. D.; music, by choir; alumni exercises; music, by choir; graduating thesis, Why I am not an Agnostic, J. Edward Grant; music, by choir; address, Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D.; presentation of diploma; doxology; benediction, by Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D.

Proceedings of Orphans' Court.

Monday, April 21st, 1890.—Charles W. Myers and Thos. F. Myers, executors of Charles Myers, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

C. Birnie, executor of Ellen Birnie, deceased, returned inventory of goods, chattels and stocks, and inventory of money.

Letters of administration on the estate of Richard E. Merrick, deceased, were granted to Jacob R. Hood.

The last will and testament of George A. Ruppert, deceased, was admitted to probate.

Sarah A. Miller, administratrix of Jacob M. Miller, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

Tuesday, April 22nd, 1890.—Robert Gist, adminstrator W. A. of Mary S. Gist, deceased, returned list of debts.

Wm. U. Marker and Jacob H. Marker, executors of Jacob Marker, deceastd, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

Wm. U. Marker, administrator of Sarah Marker, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

Aaron Shafer and Geo. L. Shafer, executors of George Shafer, deceased, returned list of sales of grain, &c.

James D. Snyder, administrator of Wm. A. Snyder, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

There is a word of plural number,
A foe to grace and human slumber;
Now any word you choose to take,
By adding S you plural make;
But if you add an S to *this*,
You make it singular, and make sweet
What bitter was before.
What is the word?

The following solution of the above conundrum is given by Mrs. Reby Wood, of Chester county, Pa.:

By adding S to bitter *cares*,
We make it sweet *caress*.

A Foundling.

Close to the Maryland and Pennsylvania Line, in Myers' district of this county, lives a farmer named John Wolf, a German, aged about 75 years, with his wife—probably his second, as she is said to be only 42—a son, John, aged 35, a daughter, Laura, aged 20, and several younger children. On Saturday night 5th inst., the members of this family were very much disturbed, about 11 o'clock, by the barking of the dogs in the neighborhood, and apprehending that some mischief was being perpetrated, John Wolf, Jr., went to the barn, carrying a lighted lantern. He found the small door to the barn floor open, and supposing there was somebody within who might attack him at a disadvantage if he entered that way, he went below and entered the stable intending to reach the floor above by a stairway. As he approached the foot of the steps he heard a singular noise in close proximity and was considerably alarmed, but proceeded to investigate, and soon discovered that it was the crying of a newborn infant that had been deposited in the chop-box by some unknown person. He carried the little stranger, which was wrapped in a blanket, to the house, where its clothing was found to be nothing but rags sewed together with white horse hair, while on its head was a cap made of a piece of canton flannel, sewed with black horse hair. Mrs. Wolf was superstitious and refused to harbor the child and John was compelled to take it back to the barn and replace it in the chop-box. There it remained until morning, and was almost frozen, as the night was cold. The woman's tender heart had, by that time, gotten the better of her superstitious fears, and she had the little waif brought to the house and cared for it with motherly solicitude, nourishing it back to life and health, and it is still in the family, growing and thriving. She says they all love it. The editor of the Littlestown *Independent*, who investigated the story, saw the child, and says it is "quite a mite of a babe, with dark hair, blue eyes and the smallest of faces—rather a pretty child."

A Summer Resort.

The Westminster Land, Improvement, Loan and Manufacturing Company has purchased the property of Col. Wm. A. McKellip, in this city, known as "Winchester Place," which is to be converted into a summer resort, with accommodations for about one hundred guests. The work of excavating for an addition to the mansion, with a wing, was commenced on Tuesday last and the buildings will be complete and ready for occupancy some time in the month of June. The mansion house will have a mansard story added. The addition will be 60 by 32 feet, two stories in height, and the wing 50 by 24 feet, three stories high. This property will make one of the most desirable summer resorts to be found in the State. It is beautifully situated, is sufficiently retired, yet not more than two minutes walk from Main street, and has a fine lawn, with many superb shade trees. The grounds contain ten acres. With frequent trains to the city at convenient hours, and all the other advantages of location, it ought to speedily become a famous resort. Already the company has had a number of applicants for the rental of the place and numerous inquiries for accommodations by persons who are aware of the many attractions of this locality; its height above tide; its healthful climate; its bold and beautiful scenery, and it easy access from the metropolis of the State.

Since writing the above we have been informed that the property has been leased to Mrs. McGraw, of Baltimore, who kept it very successfully as a summer resort last year, and who will occupy it in June. The buildings may be somewhat modified, but the capacity will not be less than stated.

Death of Mr. Francis Warner.

Mr. Francis Warner, a member of the Board of School Commissioners of Carroll county, died at his home in Lineboro, at 1 o'clock on Tuesday last, after a lingering illness, aged about 65 years. Several months ago a fatal termination of his sickness was anticipated, but he rallied and gradually became stronger until he was finally able to attend the meeting of the School Board in the month of February last. Subsequently a relapse occurred and he gradually grew worse until all hope of recovery ceased and he passed away. Mr. Warner was a gentleman of more than ordinary ability and of marked integrity of character and enjoyed, in the fullest measure, the respect and esteem of all who knew him. In all the public stations to which he was called he displayed great efficiency and fidelity, discharging every trust with a conscientious sense of responsibility. He was, for years, a Justice of the Peace in Manchester district and in 1879 was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners and re-elected in 1881. In 1884 he was appointed one of the School Commissioners of Carroll county and continued a member of the Board until his death. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a member of the Reformed Church and his remains were interred at the cemetery of Lazarus Church, Lineboro, yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. N. J. Miller, the pastor, officiating. He was also a member of Lebanon Lodge A. F. and A. M., of Manchester, and the masonic burial rites were performed at his interment. He leaves a son and two daughters, one of whom is married.

Woodbine Items.

The local option excitement in Freedom district has subsided and almost every one thinks that a good work has been done. A few seem to have a dread lest some old cow should get the colic and die for want of liquor. If the voting were to come off again the majority would double that of last week. Our citizens are fully alive to the evil that drinking houses and Saturday night resorts are doing to the youths of this section. High license in the city is driving the one-horse saloons to the country, and they should be discouraged by every citizen. Female suffrage, no license, sober husbands, and happy wives is what the country needs at this time.

Walter Warfield, of Montgomery county, and Miss Frankie Day, of Carroll county, were joined in matrimony on the 17th inst. Rev. Edward Smith solemnized the nuptials. They will reside in Freedom District.

Mrs. Basil Shipley is lying ill with typhoid fever, but hopes are entertained that she will recover.

Oliver Warfield is building a dwelling house on the farm he recently purchased near Day.

Patapsco Items.

The fine weather has been favorable for gardening and planting potatoes, and most persons have availed themselves of the opportunity. Early gardening has been pretty well consummated, and quite a quantity of potatoes have already been planted, some few persons being through planting, and are now preparing ground for planting corn. The old adage is, "the early bird catches the worm," but perhaps frost may catch the early corn from the northward location of the new moon.

Mr. Wm. L. Richards has broken ground for the erection of quite an addition to his already large and commodious store house, which when completed will make quite an attractive appearance, and will also give place for a waiting room for the accommodation of passengers on the Western Maryland Railroad. The Messrs. Richards, of Hampstead, are the contractors for the masonry, and Messrs. Flater & Shilling, of Sandyville, for the carpenter work. The gossip of the big cotton mills seems to have died away, and the sound of the whistle of the steam saw mill has vanished and is heard no more. Yet the index finger points to the speedy erection of a canning factory in our village, by Mr. John T. Westaway, who pretty thoroughly understands the business. Mr. Westaway has most of the machinery already at hand, and has about forty acres of tomatoes under engagement. He will make our village quite lively during tomato season. We have plenty young folks who are able and willing to work, and the enterprise will be of importance to our neighborhood. The soil in this vicinity is especially adapted to the growth of tomatoes as also of potatoes and small fruits.

Arbor day was observed by our village school, and some few ornamental trees were planted upon the school grounds. The school closed on the 15th inst. Our worthy and efficient teacher, Mr. John W. Abbott, treated the scholars on that day to candies, peanuts &c., and all had an enjoyable time.

We still have some few cases of measles. So far none have died from the disease. Some of the family of Mr. E. H. Blizzard are quite ill.

Mr. George Holmes, of Baltimore, a bricklayer by trade, is lying at his mother's, Mrs. John Taylor, of I., dangerously ill with consumption. Mr. John W. Evans who has been lying very ill for the past several months is able to be about again.

Mr. Thomas Blizzard is building a new house near the village, and expects to be ready to occupy it by June 1st.

Rev. G. W. Cooper, of your city, preached for us on last Sunday afternoon, and also administered Communion. The house was well filled with an attentive audience and all were well pleased with the Rev. gentleman's discourse.

Mr. Curtis Martin and Mrs. Susan Taylor were married on last Sunday evening, at the residence of Rev. L. H. Selby, the officiating minister.

Taneytown Items.

Miss Etie and Mary Brickner were home visiting their father, Mr. Jerome Brickner, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Clabaugh, of Westminster, were here on Saturday last looking after the interests of their farm.

The Lutheran Sabbath School has added a large number of new books to its fine library.

Mr. T. H. Eckenrode is erecting another large lumber shed.

The Emmittsburg band favored us with some very fine music last Friday evening.

Mr. John Fair and Vaneldia Fair started on Tuesday for Nebraska in search of employment.

Miss May Forest opened a subscription school in the public school house, on Monday last, with twenty-one pupil's.

Mr. O. M. Crouse has received four car loads—eighty tons—of Maine ice from Baltimore. It is of a very fine quality.

Last Sunday morning in the Lutheran Church Rev. G. W. McSherry installed the officers who were elected on Easter Monday.

Mr. David Bollinger, druggist, had a stroke of paralysis on Saturday last, but is somewhat better at this time.

Dr. G. T. Motter is having an addition put to his house with bath room and hot and cold water through the house.

William Main & Co's. combination show will exhibit here on Tuesday, May 6th. This will be the first time a circus has stopped here for nearly fifty years.

Last Sunday while Miss Fannie Thomson and Mrs. John Harner and sister were out driving, a shaft of the vehicle broke while going down a hill, causing the horse to run away, throwing the ladies out and breaking up the wagon. Fortunately they all escaped without injury.

Mr. Charles Yount, of Harrisburg, Pa., has been visiting his brother, Mr. F. M. Yount.

Prof. W. E. Krebs, of Littlestown, Pa., conducted the services in the Reformed church last Sunday, 10th morning and evening, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. H. Ditzler, who administered the Holy Communion to the congregation at Sabillasville, Md.

Porter's Items.

Service were held at Messiah Lutheran Church, on Sunday last, by Rev. M. E. McLinn. It was announced that the laying of the corner stone of the new Lutheran Church, near Taylorsville, would take place on Sunday, May 4th, at half-past ten, A. M.

The pleasant weather of the past few days has been very favorable to gardening and everybody here seems to be taking advantage of it for that purpose.

The Walnut Grove society will meet on Thursday next to make final arrangements in regard to their meetings during the summer months.

The many friends of Miss L. A. Hewitt will be glad to learn that she has returned from her sojourn with friends in Baltimore. Some of her friends were at her home to welcome her upon her return.

The Middle Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland will meet at Middletown on Monday, 5th proxino, and continue in session until Wednesday. The opening sermon of the Conference will be delivered by Rev. J. U. Asper, Secretary, of this city. Among those who will participate in the discussion of the topics that will claim the attention of the Conference, are Revs. P. H. Miller, W. S. Delp, H. C. Fultz, Geo. W. McSherry, M. E. McLinn, and S. J. Derr, of this county.

Manchester Items.

Farmers are taking advantage of the favorable weather and are busy planting potatoes and corn. There is also a boom in building and repairing, to the manifest advantage of our mechanics, who are all busily employed. Many houses are being improved in appearance with brush and paint.

The interest in our railroad project is increasing and we are anxiously awaiting the announcement of the day for the promised meeting here of the projectors of the road and representatives of other roads. Mr. Carroll met the authorities of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Philadelphia, on Tuesday, to make arrangements for the meeting &c.

The school children who gave an entertainment several weeks ago will give another on Saturday evening next, in the Hall of the I. O. O. F., for the benefit of the Fire Company. It will consist of vocal and instrumental music, dialogues recitations, tableaux, &c. The Fire Company Band will furnish instrumental music. An admission fee of 5, 10, and 15 cents will be charged.

While Mr. Clinton Lippy was driving a four horse team with a load of stone down a steep hill in a field of Mr. Black, west of the town, one day last week, the brake lever broke and the wagon rushed on the horses, which dashed down the hill at a furious galt. The leaders broke from the wagon and ran into the woods, but the wheel horses, with Mr. Lippy in the saddle, plunged into a deep gully, horses, rider and wagon falling into a promiscuous heap. Strange to say Mr. Lippy escaped unhurt and the horses were only slightly cut and bruised.

Little Lizzie Masenheimer, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. J. E. Masenheimer, fell from a wagon in which she was riding, on Tuesday, and broke her collar bone. Dr. J. H. Preston adjusted the fracture.

The communion services at Trinity Reformed Church, on Sunday last, were largely attended, and were of a solemn and impressive character. The sacrament was administered to 232 persons, of whom 14 received their first communion, having been just received into the Church by confirmation. Three were received by certificate and one on profession of faith.

Union Bridge Items.

The annual election of officers of the Union Bridge Fire Company was held in the Town Hall on Friday night of last week, and resulted as follows: President, Charles T. Hiltabridle; Vice President, Mordecai S. Fleagle; Recording Secretary, Frank S. Rowe; Corresponding Secretary, J. Frank Baker; Treasurer, Wm. Wood; Chief, Wm. H. Marshall; Assistant Chief, Hammond Dern; Trustees, Charles Danner, Harry Nussear, Charles Hesson, Edward Young, Marshall Harwetel. The Company is in a flourishing condition, and is entitled to much credit for its efficiency and splendid equipment.

Messrs Wm. Main & Co., whose circus wintered here, have been very busy during the past two months getting their equipments in good condition for the summer tour. Their wagons have been beautifully painted and decorated and their horses are in splendid condition. They will give the first grand exhibition of the season, in this city, on Saturday, May 3rd, and it will be well worth seeing, as the managers have spared no pains to have a first-class show. About 75 men and women and as many horses are employed in connection with the establishment.

A vocal and instrumental concert was given in the Town Hall, Wednesday night of this week, by Miss Marian Fernie, assisted by several others. There was quite a large attendance.

The proceeds of the festival held by the ladies of the Reformed Church netted about $60.

Dr. John Dehoff, of this city, expects to leave shortly, and take up his residence in York, Pa.

Shirley Poppies.

The variety is due to the care and skill of an English clergyman, Rev. W. Wilks, who commenced some ten years since with a single bloom with a narrow white edge, which he found in a patch of field poppies. By sowing seeds from this flower the next year he had flowers with broader white edges, and this white margin continued to increase from year to year. After a time the patient propagator decided that the flowers would be handsomer if there were no black spot on the petals, as most flowers showed. He then commenced to select a few with broad white margins and without black spots, and to sow seeds from them. He carefully weeded out all the plants having flowers with black spots, and saved only those which were free from them and had the broadest white margins. The strain is now very well fixed, and the seeds produce but few plants that show any black. There can be no brighter show in the garden than a mass of these poppies. We all know how easily poppies can be raised by sowing the seed thin in good garden soil, where the plants are to remain, and this variety is not different in its culture requirements from other annual varieties. If plants should come too thick, thin them out, and pull out any plant that shows a flower with a dark spot. Send 10 cents to James Vick, Seedman, for his Floral Guide (the 10 cents may be deduc