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LOCAL ITEMS.

Miss Grace C. Smith, of this city, who spent the winter in Camden, N. J., has returned home.

At Melrose Mr. Edwin S. Schaeffer has been appointed postmaster, vice Mr. C. R. Wentz, resigned.

Advices from Washington, D. C., report the granting of a pension to Mr. Ephraim O. J. Murray, of Taneytown.

Rev. C. S. Slagle, of St. Paul's Reformed Church, this city, filled the pulpit of Rev. A. T. G. Apple, at Washington, D. C., on Sunday last.

Mr. Ferdinand A. Dieffenbach, of this city, who has been one of the deputy keepers at the Maryland penitentiary, has been elected assistant warden of that institution.

Burns Post, No. 13, G. A. R., of this city, will meet in Odd Fellows' Hall, this, Saturday, evening at 7.30 o'clock, for muster, and to make arrangements for memorial day services.

The Union Association of Westminster, an organization of colored people, will give a musical and literary entertainment at Odd Fellows' Hall in this city, Whit-Monday night, 26th inst.

The brickwork of the new summer resort, Winchester Place, being erected by the Westminster Land, Improvement, Loan and Manufacturing Company, is completed and the building under roof.

The election for officers of the corporation of New Windsor was held on Monday last and Mr. J. Winfield Snader was chosen Burgess, and Messrs. James Lambert, Henry Geatty and Dr. John W. Helm, Councilmen.

Those who patronized Wm. Main & Co's. circus, which exhibited in this city on Monday last, say that, while it was not much for outside show, the performance was excellent and the conduct and deportment of those connected with it genteel and worthy of commendation. A large number of persons witnessed the performance.

The May term of the Circuit Court for Carroll county will commence on Monday next, 12th inst., when the newly appointed Judge, Hon. James A. C. Bond, will take his seat for the first time on the bench. He has been sitting in chambers since his appointment, but this will be his first public appearance in his judicial capacity at a jury term of court. We are informed that the appointments of officers of the court for the term, made by Judge Smith, will not be changed.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Westminster and Meadow Branch Turnpike Company was held on Monday last, at which time the election of directors for the ensuing year took place. The directors chosen are, Messrs. David D. Bonsack, David Reese, Samuel Roop, John D. Roop, John T. Diffenbaugh. The Board subsequently organized by the election of Mr. David D. Bonsack, President; Mr. John T. Diffenbaugh, Secretary, and Mr. John D. Roop, Treasurer.

The annual election for Mayor and members of the Common Council of Westminster was held on Monday afternoon and resulted in the return of the old Board without opposition. One hundred and fifty votes were cast, all of which were given to Mr. Frank K. Herr for Mayor. For Councilmen Mr. Theodore Derr received 147; Mr. James J. Koller 148, Mr. John T. Anders 149, Mr. Henry L. Wilson 142, and Mr. Jacob F. Elgen 150. Six voters were cast for Mr. Fred. D. Miller.

The Ladies' Masonic Fair Association of Latrobe Lodge, Baltimore, has made arrangements for a grand excursion to Pen-Mar from that city, on the 30th inst., and the train will stop at Glyndon, Westminster and Union Bridge, to afford an opportunity to those who may desire to join the excursionists. The fare from all the points named will be $1.00; children 50 cents. The train will leave Hillen Station at 9.15, a. m., and returning will leave Pen-Mar at 6.30, p. m. The profits of the excursion will be for the benefit of the fund of the Fair Association of Latrobe Lodge.

A very sad event occurred in New Windsor on Thursday, 2nd inst., in the death of Isaac Cookson Baile, the little son of Mr. Nathan H. and Mrs. Mary S. Baile, of that place. He was 4 years, 3 months and 23 days old, and was a very promising and interesting child. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents. His death was caused by peritonetis. His remains were interred in Westminster Cemetery, on Saturday afternoon, Rev. A. M. Jelly, of New Windsor, conducting the funeral services. The funeral was attended by many persons from New Windsor and this city.

Miss Kate Ritchie, daughter of the late Judge John Ritchie, of Frederick, and grand-daughter of Hon. Wm. P. Maulsby, of this city, and Mr. Wm. H. Purnell, Jr., son of Dr. Wm. H. Purnell, principal of Frederick Female Seminary, were quietly married in Washington, D. C., on Monday last. The event was a surprise to the friends of the young couple generally, but their parents were aware that it was to take place. The bride has been a frequent visitor to and is well known in this city. The groom is a member of the Frederick bar and is associated with Hon. Milton G. Urner in the practice of the law. They are taking a bridal trip North and are expected to return to Frederick to-day.

Hon. Frank Brown has donated a site for a new schoolhouse at Sykesville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Winebrenner, who were married in Westminster fifty years ago, celebrated their golden wedding at their home on Baltimore street, Gettysburg, Pa., on Tuesday last.

Charles E. Fink, Esq., has purchased the property of Mr. John H. Keen, of Washington, D. C., on Liberty street, this city, for $3,000. The property contains between three and four acres, improved with a dwelling house and other buildings.

Mr. Frank Mathias, of Frizellburg, a brick-layer, who was working on the new summer resort, Winchester Place, this city, fell from the building on Thursday, a distance of twelve feet, striking on a heavy piece of timber. Fortunately no bones were broken but he was rendered unconscious by the force of the concussion and was in a dazed condition for an hour or two. He was sent to his boarding house on Pennsylvania avenue and attended by Dr J. Howell Billingslea, who apprehends no serious results.

The opening sermon at the meeting of the Middle Conference of the Maryland Synod of the Lutheran Church, at Middletown, on Monday last, was delivered by Rev. J. U. Asper, of this city. The Conference was in session until Wednesday evening. The discussions were interesting and important. Among the proceedings, on Tuesday, was the election of Rev. M. E. McLinn, of Union Bridge, as treasurer. The Conference adjourned on Wednesday evening, to meet at Point of Rocks in November.

The county Commissioners were in session on Monday and Tuesday last. Among the business transacted was the granting of the following special pensions: Daniel Stuller, Margaret A. Spencer and Amanda Black, of district No. 7, each $5; Elizabeth Lightenberger, of district No. 8, $5; David Powell, of district No. 2, $10. It having been reported to the Commissioners that a certain party in district No. 6 was encroaching on the public road with his fencing, the clerk was directed to notify him that it must be removed or the matter would be called to the attention of the grand jury for investigation.

Several citizens of this community parted with five dollar notes and received five cent cakes of soap in return during the exibition of Givens' circus here on Thursday. The soap vender appeared to place a ten dollar note in the wrapper with the article, in which he did a thriving business. When the dupes opened their purchases the tenners had mysteriously disappeared. It is a little curious that this patent trick can be successfully repeated to the confusion of intelligent people. Yet the transactions at the circus were not a new thing here as some of our citizens who were fleeced in the same manner, a year or two ago, can testify.

Givens' circus which exhibited here on Thursday afternoon and evening was well patronized on both occasions. The attendance at night was very large. The performance is reported to have been fair. In connection with the exhibition, a very pretty balloon ascension was made about 6 o'clock in the afternoon. The great sphere rose majestically and floated slowly over the city at an altitude of probably fifteen hundred feet, the aeronaut quietly sitting on a trapeze. The ascension was made from the grounds of Col. John K. Longwell, in the rear of Smith, Yingling & Co's. canning factory, and the descent was accomplished near the Baltimore turnpike a short distance from the city limits.

The new Lutheran Church at Harney, in this county, the corner-stone of which was laid on Sunday afternoon last, will be a neat and comfortable structure. It will be 64 by 45 feet in dimensions and will have a spire. The corner stone was laid in presence of a large concourse of people. The sermon on the occasion was delivered by Rev. Prof. H. L. Baugher, D. D., of Gettysburg, Pa., and the stone was placed in position by the pastor, Rev. H. M. Hellman. In the cavity of the stone were placed a copy of the Holy Scriptures, the Augsburg Confession, the church devotional books, catalogue of Pennsylvania College, a list of the charter members and officers of the church and other articles.

The annual lovefeast of Pipe Creek congregation of German Baptists was held Sunday last at their meeting-house, between Linwood and Uniontown. This was the largest meeting ever held there. Six hundred partook of the communion, and besides there there were over 1,000 persons present. The elders taking part were Solomon Stoner, Greenbury Ecker, Uniontown; Ephraim W. Stoner, Union Bridge; John Utz, Beaver Dam; Samuel Utz, New Market; John Flory, Bridgewater, Va.; S. N. McCann, Buchanan, W. Va.; Joel Roop, Sam's Creek; Daniel R. Saylor, Double Pipe Creek; Emanuel Babylon, Uriah Bixler, D. D. Bonsack, Westminster; Jeremiah Brown, New Windsor; Wm. Franklin, Sam's Creek. James Quinlan, of Baltimore, was present with a number of his Sunday-school class. The services were opened by Elder John Flory, of Bridgewater, Va., who preached the first sermon, followed by Elder S. N. McCann, of Buchanan, W. Va.

Proceedings of Orphans' Court.

Monday, May 5th, 1890.—Letters of administration on the estate of A. Oliver Young, deceased, were granted to Lewis F. Miller.

The last will and testament of John E. Smith, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Louisa A. Smith.

The last will and testament of Henry Bruce, deceased, was admitted to probate.

Noah L. Stansbury and Wm. Crouse, executors of John Peter Yingling, deceased, settled 2nd and final account.

Tuesday, May 6th, 1890.—Dora Seipp, executrix of Philip Seipp, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

Jeremiah and Abraham I. Geiman, executors of David Geiman, deceased, settled 1st account.

Isaac E. Pearson, executor of Thomas Webster, deceased, reported sale of real estate.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Henry Bruce, deceased, were granted to Anna E. Bruce.

The last will and testament of Bennington G. Blanchard, deceased, was admitted to probate.

The last will and testament of Mary Pauline Reese, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to James W. Reese, who returned inventory of stocks.

Proceedings of the School Board.

At the meeting of the School Board on Monday President Grimes, Mr. Slingluff, Mr. Prugh and Dr. Reindollar were present. The death of Mr. Warner was announced, and the following, offered by President Grimes, was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our late colleague, FRANCIS WARNER,

RESOLVED, That while we cannot but recognize the beneficence of the dispensation which released him from suffering, we shall feel most keenly the loss of his clear vision, ripe judgment and wise counsel in the deliberations of this Board.

RESOLVED, That we commend to the school children of the county, as worthy of their imitation, the sterling integrity, fidelity to duty and patient industry, which made his life one calm current of active goodness.

RESOLVED, That this tribute to his memory be spread upon the minutes, and published as part of our proceedings; and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased as an evidence of our sympathy with them in their great bereavement.

Deputy Clerk B. F. Crouse appeared with an order of the Circuit Court appointing Jacob H. Blocher to fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the death of Mr. Warner. Mr. Blocher, being present, took the oath of office and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Petitions for new schoolhouses at Pleasant Valley, Black's, and Double Pipe Creek were received and filed. It was agreed to meet the patrons of Pleasant Valley at the schoolhouse, for an inspection of the premises and the sites suggested, on Thursday, 15th May, at two o'clock, p. m., and those of the other places on dates to be arranged hereafter.

Hon. M. E. Walsh presented the claim of Miss Mettie Miller for a portion of the Manchester Academy fund made payable to the Board by an act of the recent General Assembly. The matter was postponed for further inquiry.

This being the day fixed by law for the annual appointment of trustees, the following were appointed:

John Bear in place of David H. Reindollar at Washington, in the first district.

J. Wesley Gilbert, John A. Brown and John Wolfe at Uniontown; Edward Shaffer, Daniel Young and George Morelock at Morelock's; Samuel Bare in place of Davis Myers at Fairview, and Wm. Rodkey in place of J. Wesley Rodkey at Mayberry, in the second district.

Dennis Morelock, Wm. Humbert and George Lawyer at Humbert's; Joseph Cookson, Daniel Bair and John Renner at Greenmount; Martin Beachtel in place of Absalom Koontz at Maus's.

Samuel Keefer, Wm. Maus and Wm. Halter at Green Valley; in the third district.

Howard Lockard in place of David Green at Carrollton; George Stull in place of Benjamin Croft at Wesley; Jno. Simmons at Sandy Mount; Howard Zepp at Mahlon's; Vachel Buckingham, Thos. Baesman and Calvin Jordan at Lewisville; in the fourth district.

George Kelley in place of Philetus Haight at Oakland; Edward Mellor in place of S. P. Duvall at Sykesville; Henry Streaker in place of D. M. Shoemaker at Brandenburg's; in the fifth district.

Andrew D. Myers in place of Chas. F. Warner at Manchester; Henry Rinehart and Emanuel Sellers in place of Albion J. P. Rhodes and Jonas Warner at Tracey's; in the sixth district.

John W. Switzer, Christopher Schubkagle and Edmund Reed at Snydersburg; John G. Ely, Ephraim A. Shue and John Leister at Eberg's; in the eighth district.

Jessie Haines, Peter Cover and John Snader at Marston; Thomas S. Jones, Joseph Stem and Benjamin Bond at Baile's; in the eleventh district.

Andrew Fleming in place of Nimrod Davis at Mount Olive, in the thirteenth district.

In all other places, except Shaw's in the first district, Freedom in the fifth, Mexico in the seventh, and Leister's in the eighth, which were left in charge of their commissioner, respectively, and a few which were held open for further inquiry, the old Boards were reappointed. The changes were due, for the most part, to resignations and removals from the districts.

The Colored schools at Taneytown, Winfield and Charles Street in Westminster, were left in charge of their Commissioner, respectively.

The Examiner reported that 18 ladies and 30 gentlemen had attended the recent public examination as applicants for teachers' certificates, and 5 ladies and 2 gentlemen as applicants for scholarships at the State Normal School. Of the applicants for scholarships only one, Miss Anna Miller, had made the required average of 5½, and she had made 8. Of the applicants for certificates 11 ladies any 20 gentlemen had passed with the required average of 5½, viz: Annie Barnes, Ida Essich, Elsie Firoved, Carrie Lamotte, Lulu Norris, Effie Palmer, Jennie Patterson, Eliza Rakestraw, Emma L. Reaver, Ida Shane, Annie K. Spalding, Wm. O. Abbott, George H. Caple, John W. Croft, Harvey Dern, Edward D. Ditch, Emory C. Ebaugh, Edward S. Harner, Joseph H. Harner, William D. Haugh, Glenn W. Horner, Wiley Jenkins, John C. Koons, Kenneth G. Murray, Jno. E. Rhodes, John E. Shivers, H. H. Stansbury, John S. Stuller, Wm. R. Unger and Chas. R. Woods.

Of the certificates issued to them, 5 will be of the first grade and 25 of the second grade.

John C. Koons and Charles R. Woods each made an average of nine and one-sixth, leading the class with a tie. The second place was also taken with a tie, William O. Abbott and Kenneth G. Murray each making an average of eight and one-third.

The lowest averages throughout were made in history. The questions in this study gave the most trouble and were most severely censured. They were the following:

1. Give an account of recent events at and concerning Samoa, locating and describing the place, and showing its importance in a commercial or international way.

2. Give an account of the movement for Home Rule, the Parnell Commission, and the attitude of parties and party leaders towards them.

3. Explain briefly the principal methods now under discussion for Tariff and Revenue Reform, Ballot Reform and Civil Service Reform.

4. Trace briefly the history of Maryland troops in the Revolutionary, the Mexican and the Civil war.

5. Give an account of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial departments of our State Government, and show how each is chosen, and for how long.

These questions cover, 1st, events which involved the three leading powers of the world, and threatened international strife; 2d, a struggle for local control of local affairs in which the just powers of Government and the inalienable rights of Man are the issue; 3d, the great reforms on which the perpetuity of our civil institutions is thought to depend; 4th and 5th, the military history and governmental structure of our own State.

It cannot be unreasonable to require that persons especially charged with the instruction of the future citizens of the republic should know something of these matters, particularly when knowledge of them is within the reach of everybody.

The next meeting will be on the first Monday in June.

Death of Dr. Wm. N. Martin.

Following swiftly the death of Judge Smith came that of Dr. Wm. N. Martin, Clerk of the Circuit Court, which occurred at noon on Tuesday last, 6th inst., at his home in this city. Dr. Martin had long been in failing health, having suffered several attacks of paralysis, from each of which, previous to the last, he rallied, but never fully recovered. The last attack occurred several weeks ago and a complication of diseases, involving the heart and kidneys, ensued, making a fatal termination extremely probable. Death came, at last, in an unexpected moment, and, though partially anticipated, was a severe shock to his devoted family. Dr. Martin was a native of Baltimore and a son of Wm. N. Martin, who died when he was a babe. Almost all his life was spent in Carroll county. He was about 60 years of age. He graduated at the Maryland University, School of Medicine, in 1859 and soon afterwards began the practice of his profession at Middleburg, where he remained until 1860. He then removed to Uniontown, where he continued practicing until 1885. During part of that time Dr. Frank T. Shaw was associated with him as a partner.

In all the thirty-five years, in which he pursued his arduous profession with marked success, it is said of him that he never neglected a patient, however humble. He gave to rich and poor alike the closest attention and most devoted professional services. He never spared himself, but day and night, in sunshine or storm, answered all calls upon his time and skill. This unremitting labor probably superinduced the disease which finally resulted in his death.

In 1885 Dr. Martin was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, and retired from the active duties of his profession, taking up his home in this city, where he has since resided. He was a member of the Catholic Church, and in politics an ardent Democrat. The only office ever held by him was that of Clerk of the Court. His wife was Miss Pamela Mehring, daughter and only child of the late George Mehring, a prominent citizen of this county. He leaves five children, two daughters and three sons, Mrs. Harry H. Weaver, of Uniontown; Dr. George M. Martin, Mr. John R. Martin and Miss Jennie Martin, of this city; and Mr. Wm. N. Martin, of the firm of Campbell & Martin, dry goods merchants, of Frederick. Funeral services were held in St. John's Catholic Church, this city, on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after which the remains were interred in the Church Cemetery. The members of the bar and officers of the Court attended in a body. The pallbearers were: Hon. Chas. B. Roberts, Dr. J. W. Hering, Dr. J. Howell Billingslea, Messrs. Samuel Cover, B. Frank Crouse, Geo. A. Miller, George M. Parke and Evan Haines.

A Big Fire in Uniontown.

On Thursday last, May 6th, about 1 o'clock, p. m., fire broke out in the dwelling of Mr. Johnson Hollenberry. They were burning out their kitchen chimney. The supposition is that some defects in the chimney allowed the fire to communicate to the roof. Soon the whole roof was in a blaze, which spread to the adjoining house, owned by Mrs. H. H. Harbaugh, of your city, and from there to another belonging to Mr. E. Stouffer. The last two named are of brick and the former a wooden structure. A wooden building attached to Mr. Stouffer's house and used by Mr. George Lambert as a shoemaker's shop, was torn down to stop the fire from spreading west. At the east end of the block, a store house occupied by Mr. Wm. Anders, as a merchant tailoring and notions store, was removed to prevent the flames from extending further east. All the household effects and also the store goods and the goods in the shoe shop were removed and saved, but in such a condition as might be expected at a big fire, when handled by an excited crowd of men and women, with rain falling and lots of mud to contend with. In a short time a large crowd gathered from town and country and all worked manfully and deserve a great deal of praise.

Mr. Hollenberry has an insurance in the Baltimore County Company for $1,000; Mr. Stouffer in the Carroll County Company for $500. It is not known to a certainty whether there was any insurance on Mrs. Harbaugh's house.

Uniontown is quite an old village and has been most fortunate in regard to losses by fire; but seems now to be taking her turn as within the last few weeks 7 houses have been destroyed. Fortunately for the families that have been burned out, they have promptly found other houses in which to commence house-keeping anew.

[Mrs. Harbaugh holds a policy in the Mutual Insurance Company in Baltimore county, for $600.—ED.]

Death of Mrs. Archibald Stirling.

Mrs. Archibald Stirling, wife of Archibald Stirling, late United States District Attorney, died very suddenly at the family homestead, Montrose, near Glen Falls Station, Western Maryland railroad, at 9 o'clock, on the morning of the 2nd inst. Mrs. Stirling while dressing fell to the floor, the blood gushing from her nose; and in a few moments she was dead. It is supposed that the cause of her demise was gout of the heart. On Sunday, April 20th, Mrs. Stirling, while driving home from the Episcopal Church at Reisterstown, was thrown out of the carriage, the horses having run away, and her collar-bone was broken. It was feared she was hurt internally. She had not been out of the house after this accident. At the time of her death her husband was in Baltimore, having left home at 7 A. M., and her oldest daughter, Miss Jennie, was visiting in Baltimore. Early in January last Mrs. Stirling's third son, Frank, died of consumption. Mrs. Stirling leaves four sons and three daughters, all living at home. She was a sister of Ex-Gov. Henry Lloyd, of Cambridge.

Commencement of Westminster Theological Seminary.

The exercises connected with the commencement of Westminster Theological Seminary of the Methodist Protestant Church began on Sunday morning last by the delivery of the annual sermon to the graduating class and students of the Seminary generally. The services were held in the Methodist Protestant Church, of this city, and were opened by Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., President of the Seminary, assisted by Rev. J. W. Grant, of Rowlandville, Md., and Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., President of Western Maryland College. The sermon was delivered by President Ward, who took as his subject "The Faithful Minister of the Gospel," basing it on part of the 5th verse, 4th chapter of 2nd Timothy: "Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." In the introduction to his discourse the venerable minister touchingly alluded to the fact that he is within a few months of the 70th anniversary of his birth and the 50th since he entered the ministry, and called upon his hearers to unite with him in returning thanks to God for His grace and goodness in preserving him through so many years. The sermon was a forcible and able presentation of the obligations and responsibilities connected with the sacred office of the minister of the Gospel of Christ. The work and duties of the minister as preacher and pastor were clearly outlined and fidelity to the great trust solemnly enjoined upon those about to assume this great calling. Particular emphasis was laid upon the importance of thorough conviction that the word and the work are God's, and it was forcibly asserted that no man should enter the ministry without this conviction. The sermon made a deep impression, not only upon those to whom it was especially addressed, but also upon the large audience in attendance.

On Sunday evening the annual sermon before the Missionary Alliance of the Seminary was delivered by Rev. J. W. Grant, of Rowlandville, Md., who took for his subject, "Our co-operation with God in the missionary work, in developing the physical, intellectual and moral Kingdoms," basing his remarks on 1st Cor., 3-9: "For we are laborers together with God." A large audience was in attendance and deep interest was manifested in the able discourse. During the morning and evening services the choir of the Church, under the leadership of Mr. Harry M. Gernand, sang several anthems very beautifully. Prof. Thomas F. Rinehart was organist, and solos were sung with great expression and beauty by Mrs. Chas. V. Wantz, Miss Mollie Shriver and Messrs. Harry M. Gernand and W. B. Judefind.

On Monday evening the seventh anniversary of the Stockton Society, which takes its name from the great and eloquent Methodist Protestant divine, Rev. T. H. Stockton, D. D., was celebrated in the Methodist Protestant Church. The exercises were of a very interesting character and highly creditable to the participants. The effect of training and culture was strongly manifested, and the whole service gave evidence of advancement in the important educational work of the institution with which the Society is connected. The Methodist Protestant Church has great reason to feel pride in the young, but thriving seminary that is sending into the ministry a corps of well educated men, thoroughly furnished and fitted for the great work of preaching the Gospel. The program of Monday evening's exercises was as follows: Chorus, Song of Welcome, (Giffe,) by the Society; invocation, Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D.; President's address, Rev. J. Edward Grant, of Rowlandville, Md.; quartette, solo and chorus, City of Zion, words by J. Garrett, of New York, music by W. H. Jodefind, of Edesville, Md.; anniversary oration, Childhood Home, R. T. Tyson, of Bay View, Md.; solo and chorus, The Dear Old Home, (Leftwich,) soloist, W. B. Judefind; anniversary essay, Christian Decision, J. F. Valliant, of Baltimore; declamation, A Day in the Pamfili Doria, (Stowe,) E. B. Taylor, of Atlantic Va.; solo, The Beautiful Gate, (Blake,) J. Edward Grant; declamation, Inasmuch, (W. Bruce,) R. K. Lewis, of Vienna, Md.; quartette, Morning, (Emerson,) R. K. Lewis, T. P. Ravelle, of Fairmount, Md. W. B. Judefind, H. E. Nelson, of Harrington, Del.; reading, The Gentle Hand (T. S. Arthur,) E. S. Fooks, of Salisbury Md.; chorus, duet and solo, Awake, (Kirkpatrick,) the Society; declamation, The Christian Ministry, (Stockton,) F. H. Lewis, of Caroline county, Md.; chorus, the Society; benediction, Rev. L. W. Bates, D. D. The Musical director for the occasion was W. B. Judefind; organist, Miss Anna E. Shriver; program committee, J. E. Grant, R. K. Lewis, W. F. Ohrum. The singing throughout was excellent and was highly enjoyed by the large audience.

The regular commencement exercises were held in the Methodist Protestant Church on Tuesday evening, and were of a highly interesting character. The program included singing, "From the Rising of the Sun," by the choir of the Church; prayer, by Rev. J. T. Murray, D. D., of Baltimore; singing, "I will Arise," by choir; alumni exercises; singing, "Doth not Wisdom Cry?" by choir; graduating thesis, Why I am not an Agnostic, by Rev. J. Edward Grant, of Rowlandville, Md.; singing, "Open ye the Gates," by choir; address, by Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., President of the Seminary; presentation of diploma; doxology; benediction, by Rev. J. D. Kinzer, D. D., of Baltimore. The choir was under the leadership of Mr. Harry M. Gernand; organists, Miss Anna E. Shriver, Mr. W. B. Judefind. The alumni exercises alluded to in the program consisted of an address by Rev. W. S. Phillips, who explained to the Board of Governors of the Seminary the recent organization of the Alumni Association, its plans and purposes, to which response was made by Rev. Dr. Ward. Mr. Phillips was introduced by Rev. S. C. Ohrum, Vice-President of the Association, in the absence of the President, Rev. J. W. Kirk, A. M., B. D., who was prevented from being present by sickness.

The Alumni Association was temporarily organized during the late meeting of Conference at Chestertown, Md.; and the following officers elected: Rev. J. W. Kirk, A. M., B. D., President; Rev. S. C. Ohrum, A. M., B. D., Vice-President; Rev. Frank T. Benson, A. M., B. D., Secretary; Rev. L. R. Dyott, Treasurer. The first regular annual meeting was held in this city on Tuesday, and the Association formed a permanent organization by the election of all the gentlemen above named, to the several offices mentioned, respectively. The explanation to this effect formed part of the address of Rev. Mr. Phillips, during the alumni exercises at the commencement.

Taneytown Items.

Mrs. Corinda Shoemaker left on last Monday for Chillicothe, Ohio, on a visit to her husband and daughter, near which place they reside.

United States Senator J. Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania, spent last Friday night week at the Elliott House, in our town. He was on his way to Washington, accompanied by several of his servants.

The remains of a 13-year-old daughter of Mr. Wm. G. Fair, residing near Union Bridge, were interred in the Cemetery connected with Grace Reformed Church, on last Sunday morning. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. Ditzler.

Bills are being posted around announcing that a shooting match will be held here on Ascension day, for a live deer.

Rev. George W. McSherry, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of this place, attended the Lutheran Conference, this week, at Middletown, Md.

One night last week some person or persons took the shovels, stay chains and yoke off of the corn plow of Mr. Samuel Reindollar, which he had left in the field. The yoke was found in the creek, near by. The other parts have not yet been found.

Four car loads of hogs, cows and fat cattle were shipped from here, on Tuesday, by Messrs. Kemper & Cover. We have been informed that since the 1st of January nearly three thousand hogs have been shipped from this place.

Wm. Main & Co's., circus showed here on last Tuesday. Notwithstanding the inclement weather quite a large crowd attended. The people report being well pleased with the performance.

The election for corporation officers was held here on last Monday and resulted in the choice of the following persons: Burgess, Hezekiah D. Mehring; Commissioners, Robert S. McKinney, Dr. Geo. T. Motter, James Shildt, John H. Kemp, W. Jesse Roberts. The amendment giving the commissioners power to borrow $3,000 and to increase taxes was defeated by a vote of 43 to 62.

On Thursday morning, 8th inst., while Mrs. Emma Forsythe was getting ready to wash, her little child pulled a tub of hot water down over itself giving it some very ugly scalds. Dr. F. H. Seiss was the attending physician.

Mr. Robert S. McKinney, principal of Eagleton Institute, has bought the stock and fixtures of David Bollinger's drug store and took possession on Thursday. James B. Galt has taken charge of his school.

Bloom Items.

Springtime, arrayed in all its beauty, is again upon us, and when the radiant sun throws his bright light across the green earth and the silver streams, it makes us feel that life is worth living. Our little community is in a flourishing condition. Everything seems to be moving along nicely. The farmers are busy planting corn etc.; carpenters, stone masons, sawyers and blacksmiths are quit busy attending to their business, which seems to be improving in this section.

Mr. Francis Grimes and Edgar McQuay have each purchased a fine colt.

Mr. Benj. Wagner is talking of having his dwelling papered by S. S. Pfoutz, of Warfieldsburg, who has lately engaged in the paper hanging business and wishes to exhibit some of his fine work in this neighborhood.

A committee of arrangements, consisting of members of Pickett Post, No. 17, G. A. R., and Ayers Camp Sons of Veterans, No. 16, met in the Hall, Winfield, on Monday night last, to make proper arrangements for holding memorial services at Winfield, Taylorsville and Southern Bethany on Decoration Day, May 30th. The Sons of Veterans and also the Linganore Home Guards contemplate participating in the services. The choir, which is to sing, has several appropriate pieces selected for the occasion, and a band of music is expected to be in attendance.

We are sad to know that the notice in the columns of the SENTINEL of a roaming wild beast, in Frederick county, so terror-struck a couple of our young men, on Sunday last, that they were afraid to venture across the line to visit their fair ones.

Mrs. James H. McQuay is lying very ill at her home, near here. Her ailment seems to be due to old age, she having reached four score and one years.

Frizellburg Items.

On account of the great quantity of rain and the late spring our farmers are more than usually backward in their planting of corn. But they have some compensation in the fact that their wheat and grass crops are very fine indeed.

Rev. Wm. S. Delp, of Uniontown, will hold his spring communion services at Baust Church on the coming Sunday, May 11th, at 10 a. m.

On Wednesday of last week Dr. Rinehart, of this place, went to Shippensburg, Pa., where his father in-law, Peter Grabill, Esq., has been lying ill for several months. Mrs. Rinehart has been with her father, during the last five weeks, and it was the doctor's intention to bring him to this place; but Mr. Grabill was just then too ill to bear the journey. The doctor then returned home and on Saturday sent his daughter, Miss Emily Rinehart, in company with Mr. John L. Freeman, to Shippensburg, to assist in removing Mr. Grabill, and on Monday Mrs. Rinehart, with their assistance, brought him to the doctor's home in Frizellburg. By using a rocking-chair, with an abundance of pillows, he bore the ride fairly well.

Mr. Samuel M. Freeman, of Washington, D. C., is visiting his parents and brother in this place.

Shipley Items.

Since May set in we have had plenty of rain and it is quite cool. The grain and grass here are making wonderful growth and everything looks encouraging to the farmer. The wet weather has retarded the progress of planting corn, but greatly improved the growing crops. Every one seems very busily employed and work is plentiful.

Many of our friends and neighbors have been doing their spring house cleaning and renovating their surroundings. Some have been fixing up their house yards and planting flowers.

Zion Sabbath School reorganized on May the 4th, with Elias G. Shipley, superintendent; Grove J. Shipley, assistant; Miss Mary E. Palster, treasurer; A. J. Easton, Secretary, and James Kimmey, librarian.

Demolition of an old Church.

The last services to be held in Krider's Church, near this city, before its demolition, will take place on Sunday, 11th inst. The regular service of the Reformed congregation, Rev. C. S. Slagle, pastor, will hold a service at 3 o'clock, P. M. These services possess a mournful interest to the members of the congregations who have worshipped there for so many years, and also to the community at large, to whom Krider's Church has been a prominent feature of the landscape.

The two congregations which have so long occupied the same place of worship, will now erect separate edifices near the site of the old church. The work of excavating for the foundation of the new Lutheran church was commenced several weeks ago, and on Thursday the first earth was removed for the foundation of the new Reformed Church.

The Krider's congregations date back to the early part of the last half of the eighteenth century. The Reformed congregation was organized in 1763. The date of the organization of the Lutheran congregation is not known, the records having been destroyed in the great fire in Westminster, April, 1883, but it must have been about the same time as the Reformed. These congregations erected a log church, date not known, which they held jointly and in which they worshipped alternately until it ceased to supply the necessary accommodations, when it was succeeded by the present structure, which was erected, it is supposed, upwards of eighty years ago. Some years ago it was remodeled, and later was much injured by a storm, so that its demolition has become necessary and the work of removing it will be commenced on Thursday next.

Reported for the SENTINEL.

Laying A Corner-Stone.

On Sunday morning, May 4th, according to notices published and announcements made, the corner-stone of the new Lutheran Church, near Taylorsville, was laid with appropriate ceremonies. The skies were gloomy and threatened rain through the day, and though the sun made its appearance for a short time, the drifting clouds kept many away who otherwise would have been present. As it was, a goodly number congregated in the adjoining grove and the exercises began. Rain fell copiously, but all felt that we must go forward. Rev. P. H. Miller preached an able and stirring sermon from 2 Peter, 2-6. It was delivered under disadvantages as he had to be protected from the rain by an umbrella and saw his audience melting away by running to obtain shelter. But in spite of the rain the great majority remained throughout and listened intently. An effort was then made to secure funds for the further prosecution of the work, and $100 was obtained, to the surprise of all, on account of the small attendance, and the rain. After this the pastor, in company with Rev. Miller, repaired to the foundation wall, and placed in position a neatly carved corner-stone—the letters on which were cut by Mr. C. E. Little, of Union Bridge—with the ceremonies of the Lutheran Church, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church was declared undertaken, to be used, when completed, for the worship of the Triune God. The audience was dismissed with the doxology and benediction, and thus a successful day's service was closed.

Finksburg Items.

On Wednesday, 7th inst., Mr. Murray Shreeve, son of Mr. Daniel Shreeve, and Miss Ella Stocksdale, daughter of Mr. T. C. Stocksdale, were married at the M. P. Church by the Rev. J. T. Lassell. They left on the 5 P. M. train for a short tour. The happy couple received a large number of valuable and useful presents. They intend to reside on Mr. Shreeve's farm.

Farmers are somewhat discouraged at the continued wet weather, very few having planted corn, and, with the outrage imposed on them by the city council of Baltimore by compelling them to pay a license of twenty five dollars to sell their own produce, can it be wondered at. The people of Baltimore were promised a reduction of the tax rate during the last campaign and the promise was fulfilled to the extent of *five* cents on the hundred dollars, which reduction the already overtaxed farmer has to pay. What next? They have been paying for years toll on the Reisterstown turnpike from the corner of Franklin and Green streets, and since the annexation of the belt they pay toll on three miles of turnpike in the city limits. Outraged on every side can it be wondered at that they should become discouraged. Let the farmers throughout Maryland hold meetings protesting against this additional burden and petition the city council to at least exempt farmers from this odious thing of having to pay a license to sell what they raise by the "sweat of their brows."

FOR THE SENTINEL.

Major Browne's Lecture.

Major R. Browne, late of the British Army, gave his inimitable lecture, "Observations in Pagan Lands," at New Windsor College Hall, on Thursday night, May 1st, to an appreciative audience. This was one of the most interesting and instructive lectures your correspondent has listened to for many a day. Major Browne is master of his subject, and held his audience with unabated interest for two hours; and at the request of Rev. Dr. Jelly repeated the lecture on Sabbath night, at the Presbyterian Church, before a good audience. He exhibited in the course of his lecture numerous objects of worship brought with him from Africa, which greatly interested his hearers. The lecturer, after explaining the numerical strength of the various systems of Paganistic belief, and the comparative antiquity of their sacred writings, takes consecutively the Mohammedans, Chinese, Japanese, Hindoos, Parsees, Thibetians, Polynesians and leading African tribes, describing briefly their modes of worship and domestic customs as they came under his personal observation during a residence of over twenty years in these various countries.

List of Unclaimed Matter

Remaining in the Postoffice at Westminster, Md., May 3, 1890.

Arthur, Charles	McEwen, Rev. Wm. L.
Bloom, G. W.	Preston, James H. (2)
Burke, Miss Martha	Reynolds, Miss Lizzie
Castle, Geo. W.	Reese, Edw'd. T.
Kenides, C. E.	Shaffer, Jacob F.
Keeney, John P.	Type, Amanda
Kerby, Miss Mary E.	Tracy, Florence
Lewis, Geo. W.	Wolf, William E.
Miles,