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LOCAL ITEMS.

The brick-work on Hering Hall, the new building at Western Maryland College, is up to the third story.

Ex-Sheriff George N. Fringer is making preparations for the erection of a large barn on his farm, near this city.

Pickett Post, No. 17, G. A. R., of Winfield, will meet at the Post Hall in that place, this, Saturday, evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The May procession of the children of St. John's Catholic Church, of this city, will take place to-morrow, Sunday, afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

Rev. Wm. Simonton, D. D., for seventeen years pastor of the Presbyterian Churches at Emmitsburg, Taneytown and Piney Creek, has announced his intention of resigning his charge next fall.

Mr. Wm. Blizzard, of Patapsco, has been granted a pension as a soldier in the Union army. Mr. John N. Gerber, of this county, has been restored to the list and granted an increase of pension for similar services.

Mr. Samuel Cover has caught the prevalent spirit of improvement and is having a pediment roof put upon the back-building of his already handsome residence. The change will make a decided addition to the appearance of the dwelling.

An ice cream and strawberry festival will be held in Middletown, this county, by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Church of God, commencing Thursday evening, May 29th and continuing until Saturday night, including also, Saturday afternoon, May 31st.

At the weekly drawing of Mr. A. H. Wentz's watch clubs, on Monday night, the holders of the lucky numbers were Messrs. John E. Deeds and Isaac Bair. This was the second drawing, and each of the gentlemen named gets a gold watch valued at $30 for $3.

Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D., pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church of this city, will preach a sermon on Whit-Sunday (to-morrow) to the members of Westminster Lodge, No. 41, I. O. M., who will attend the services of that Church, on the occasion, in a body.

Mrs. Catherine Wohlgemuth, who died in Baltimore, on the 17th inst., was the mother of Mr. Jacob P. Wohlgemuth, the well known baker on East Main street, this city, and we believe at one time resided with her son here. She was in the 55th year of her age.

The building and improvements at Winchester Place are being rapidly pushed to completion, and will make it a very handsome and desirable summer resort. It is estimated that upwards of five hundred citizens of Westminster visited the grounds last Sunday.

Revival meetings have been held nightly this week, at Centenary M. E. Church, this city. The pastor, Rev. George W. Cooper, has been assisted in the services, which have been of an interesting character, by Rev. Wm. J. Thompson, of Drew Theological Seminary, and Rev. J. Tolley Marsh, of Carrollton.

Mr. George Ruby, a former citizen of this county, now residing in Woodberry, Baltimore, was in this city on Monday and paid a visit to the SENTINEL office. Mr. Ruby met with a serious accident upwards of six months ago, having had his leg badly fractured. He is still suffering from the effects of his injuries and employs two canes in walking.

Mrs. Kate E. Davis, wife of Mr. Harry S. Davis, and daughter of the late Dr. Francis J. Crawford, of this county, died at her home, near Daisy, Howard county, on Monday last, after a long illness, during which she endured great suffering. Her remains were interred at Taylorsville, at 1 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon. The funeral services were attended by a very large concourse of people.

Mr. H. C. Kilmer, Supreme Secretary of the Benevolent Endowment Fraternity, of Baltimore, instituted a Lodge in this city on Friday evening of last week, with the following officers: President and Medical Examiner, Dr. Joseph T. Hering; Past President, John Geiselmen; Vice President, Wm. G. Fair; Secretary, A. W. Buckingham; Treasurer, John T. Wampler; Sentry, Ezra Zepp; Marshal, C. D. Arthur; Trustees, A. H. Geiselman, C. D. Arthur, Ezra Zepp.

A twelve-year-old son of Thornton Kane, colored, residing near Warfieldsburg, while playing with a dynamite cartridge one day last last week had three fingers of his right hand very badly lacerated and mangled. He found the cartridge in the yard, at his home, and not understanding its nature laid it on a stone and attempted to drive a nail into it. An explosion followed with the result stated. Dr. Summers dressed the wounds and feels certain that amputation can be avoided.

In spite of the scarcity of ice Mr. James W. Beachem continues the manufacture of ice cream at his factory at Avondale. He procures a superior quality of northern ice for the purpose, the cost of which renders it necessary to make a small advance in the price of cream. Everybody knows the high reputation of Beacham's ice cream and his patrons will be glad that the ice famine will not restrict its manufacture. In this city it is sold at the saloons of Messrs. H. B. Grammer and John D. Bowers, the latter having recently fitted up the large room over his store for the purpose.

Mr. Luther Kemp, residing near this city, killed, on Sunday last, a black snake, known as a "runner," which measured 5 feet 1 inch in length.

While Master Thomas Conoway, of Winfield, a youth of 14 or 15 years, was handling a revolver one day last week, presumably in a careless manner, it was discharged and inflicted a slight wound in his left hand.

Mr. A. H. Diffenbaugh, of Uniontown, who was confined to his house upwards of a month with a severe attack of indigestion, is improving and able to be about again, although still feeble from the effects of the disease.

Mr. Joshua Hering, of Mechanicstown, Frederick county, spent a day or two last week visiting friends in this city. He dropped into the SENTINEL office and the editor had a very pleasant chat with him. Mr. Hering is in his 84th year, but is still hale and vigorous.

Mrs. Jesse A. Smith and her son, Mr. Clinton Koontz, of Orlando, Florida, are visiting this city, their old home, and expect to remain some time. Mr. Koontz is in ill health and hopes to receive benefit by change of climate and the clear and bracing atmosphere of this locality.

Capt. John J. Bradshaw, who has been appointed Captain of the Watch, in the Baltimore Custom House, was a member of Co. I, 6th Md. Regiment. Wm. F. Rankle, who was a member of Co. F, same Regiment, has been reinstated as a first-class Letter Carrier, in the Baltimore postoffice.

Columbia College in its recent change of administration has attracted to itself considerable public attention, and the New England Magazine is not slow to recognize this, as may be seen in the coming June number which contains a very fine illustrated article on this subject by Professor Van Amringe.

Rev. H. C. Holloway, D. D., of Pittsburg, Pa., formerly pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of this city, and Miss Clara J. McClure, of Middletown, Pa., were married at St. Peter's Church, in the latter place, on the 14th inst. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. C. Horine, assisted by Rev. J. W. Stahley.

The Westminster Branch of the Baltimore Flower Mission will resume its work next Thursday. Persons wishing to contribute flowers or fruit, may send them to the room over Mr. Babylon's grocery store, on main street, between four and five, P. M., on that day. Flowers will be called for, if due notice is given, from those who have no means of sending.

The Sunday School Convention of the Maryland and Virginia Eldership, Church of God, will convene in Uniontown on Tuesday evening, May 27th. Sessions will be held on Wednesday, morning and afternoon, a children's meeting in the evening, and a session on Thursday morning. All Sunday School workers are invited to come and participate in the exercises.

A Kansas correspondent of the SENTINEL, whose communication will be found on the first page of this week's issue, "goes for" the Supreme Court of the United States in true Western style. The philippic was provoked by a recent decision of the court on the subject of the liquor traffic. Many well informed lawyers are of opinion that the decision was a blunder.

Mr. Mahlon F. Mitten informs us that he sheared ten sheep for Mr. John D. Shaeffer, of this district, last week, the fleeces from which averaged 10 pounds. He also sheared thirteen for Mr. Joseph I. Gist, of this district, which gave an average of 9 pounds per fleece. On Tuesday he sheared one for Mr. E. D. Bowersox, near this city, from which he clipped a fleece weighing 17½ pounds.

The County Commissioners were in session on Monday and Tuesday of this week, and engaged chiefly in making transfers, settling road accounts and routine business. An order was passed directing the clerk to give notice by publication that the hauling of sand from the public roads must be discontinued. Jacob L. Stocksdale was reappointed constable in Woolery's district for the term of two years.

In a visit to the modest manufacturing establishment of Dr. D. F. Shipley, near the Farmers' Fertilizer Factory in this city, a few days ago, we were shown the *modus operandi* of manufacturing the iron fence, of the patent of which Dr. Shipley is largely an owner. The process is simple and comparatively inexpensive, so that a good, light, but durable fence, with iron posts, can be turned out at small cost. The fence can be so constructed that it can be readily removed from place to place by panels with very little expense or trouble, and from the small beginnings we hope to see the factory grow into an extensive establishment, as there is good reason to anticipate a lively demand for its product.

Guesswork has always had a great deal to do with the art of hitting an enemy at sea, simply because there has been no trustworthy means of determining the distance of the hostile ship. This missing factor in the most important problem of naval warfare has now, however, been supplied by an American. Lieut. Bradley A. Fisk of our navy has discovered an electrical range-finding apparatus which determines the enemy's distance accurately, automatically, and instantaneously. Park Benjamin, Ph. D., explains the invention, its significance and its possibilities in an article entitled "The enemy's Distance: Range-finding at Sea by Electricity," which he will contribute to *Harper's Magazine* for June. The flagship *Chicago*, of the Squadron of Evolution, now in Europe, is equipped with this remarkable apparatus.

A dispatch from Bel Air to the Baltimore *Sun*, dated 17th inst., gives the following account of a "hulless-oats" case tried last week in the Harford county court: A hulless-oats case has ended here in a verdict for the defendant. The suit was brought by Thomas H. Streett to enforce the payment of Wm. Shanbarger's note for $200, given to Samuel Shunk, of Carroll county, in 1888, in payment for twenty bushels of the so-called hull-less oats. Streett claimed that he bought the note in good faith from Wm. H. Roberts, who sowed the hull-less oats the year before and sold them to Shunk at $10 a bushel, according to agreement. Several other farmers in the upper part of Harford county were victimized in the same manner, and suits to recover on their notes are also pending. The "Seneca" wheat case of Charles A. Busteed and John M. Perry, administrators of Jno. Wilkinson, deceased, vs. W. Harrison Newman, tried recently at Centreville, was also decided in favor of defendants.

WINFIELD, TAYLORSVILLE AND BETHANY CEMETERIES.

Memorial services will be held by Pickett Post, No. 17, G. A. R., and Ayers Camp, No. 16, S. of V., at Winfield, Taylorsville and Bethany Cemeteries. The Post and Camp will meet promptly at 8 o'clock, A. M., May 30th, at Bethany Cemetery, where they will be joined by the Linganore Guards, Capt. Danner, when the following program will be observed:

1. Singing—"My Country 'tis of Thee."
2. Prayer, by the Post Chaplain.
3. Strewing of Flowers.
4. Firing of a Salute.

The Post and Camp, headed by the Taylorsville Cornet Band and the Linganore Guards, will then march to the Cemetery near Taylorsville, where the exercises will be in the following order:

1. Dirge by the Band.
2. Singing—"Strew Blossoms on their Graves."
3. Prayer, by Rev. J. S. Burton.
4. Address, by Rev. Osborne Belt.
5. Music by the Band.
6. Singing—"Sleep, Comrades, Sleep and Rest."
7. Strewing of Flowers, during which the Band will play a solemn Dirge.
8. Firing of a Salute.
9. Singing—"The Unknown Grave."
10. Benediction.

At the conclusion of these exercises the Post, Camp, Guards, &c., will be dismissed until 1 o'clock, P. M., at which hour they will meet at Post Hall, Winfield, where a procession will be formed in the following order:

1. Taylorsville Cornet Band.
2. Linganore Guards.
3. Ayers Camp, S. of V.
4. Ebenezer Sunday School.
5. Pickett Post, G. A. R.

The procession will move promptly at 1.30 o'clock and march to Ebenezer Cemetery, where the order of exercises will be as follows:

1. Dirge by the Band.
2. Singing—"Earth, your Floral Treasures Bring."
3. Prayer, by Rev. Osborne Belt.
4. Solo, "The Unknown Grave" by Miss Maggie Zile.
5. Address, by Past Department Commander, Col. Geo. W. F. Vernon, of Baltimore.
6. Singing—"Cheers and Tears."
7. Address, by Gen. R. N. Bowerman.
8. Music by the Band.
9. Singing—"The Gray beneath the Blue."
10. Strewing of Flowers, during which the Band will play a solemn Dirge.
11. Firing of a Salute.
12. Solo, by Mrs. Laura Easton.
12. Benediction.

The procession will then re-form, and march to Winfield, where it will be dismissed. The Post and Camp extend a cordial invitation to all old Soldiers and Sailors, whether or not members of the G. A. R., to participate in doing honor to the memory of comrades who have answered the last roll call.

Contributions of flowers, which are earnestly solicited, can be left with Comrade James Easton, Post Commander, for Ebenezer Cemetery, and with Comrade Brown, Adjutant, for Taylorsville and Bethany.

UNIONTOWN.

At Uniontown, where the citizens of the village and surrounding neighborhood, and especially the old Soldiers are invited to be present to do honor to the memory of the fallen heroes of the nation, an interesting program has been prepared by a committee appointed for the purpose. The services of the Union Bridge Brass Band have been secured for the occasion. The Procession will form at the Lutheran Church at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and accompanied by the three Sunday Schools of the town will march to the Methodist Protestant Cemetery, where the following services will be held:

1. Singing, by the Choir.
2. Prayer, by Rev. G. W. Seilhamer.
3. Music by the Band.
4. Oration, by Rev. J. W. Charlton.
5. Music by the Band.
6. Singing, by the Choir.
7. Strewing of Flowers.

After which the Procession will reform and march to the Cemetery of the Church of God, where, after strewing flowers on the graves, they will be dismissed with benediction by Rev. W. S. Delp.

Should the weather be unfavorable the exercises will be held in the Lutheran Church.

At 5 o'clock, P. M., a delegation will go to Frizellburg, where an address will be delivered by Rev. J. W. Charlton, and the graves of Soldiers decorated with flowers.

To-morrow will be Whitsuntide, or, as under the Old Testament Dispensation, the day of Pentecost.

Interesting Sunday School Anniversary.

An interesting and pleasing May anniversary of the Methodist Protestant Sunday School, of this city, was held in the Church of that denomination on Sunday evening last. The occasion was the forty-first anniversary of the permanent organization of the school, which occurred in 1849. It had previously existed, but was held only during the spring, summer and autumn months, closing during the winter. For forty-one years, however, it has continued without interregnum. Its first superintendent was Mr. Francis Shriver, who is still living in this city and nearing four score years of age. He was present at the anniversary on Sunday night and participated in the exercises by leading a responsive reading. Dr. J. W. Hering is now the superintendent and the services were under his direction. The program included the singing of Sunday School hymns, by the School, under the admirable leadership of Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., President of Western Maryland College; prayer by Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D., pastor of the Church; singing by an Infant Class; Mission News by Telephone, in which wires attached to a real telephone were stretched from the platform to the gallery, and Master Ollie Grimes rang the signal bell, calling up China, India, Japan, Africa, and the Islands of the Sea, in turn, asking of each tidings of the mission work, to which the response was sung by the choir under the leadership of Mr. Harry M. Gernand; Cross and Crown, which included a dialogue between Master Clarence Billingslea and Miss Carrie, Fowler, the recitation of a verse by each of seven children who presented one by one flower wreathed steps or rungs which were fitted into a cross enwreathed with evergreen until the whole formed a ladder reaching to to the crown at the top of the cross; a very interesting address by Miss Tsune Hirata, of Japan, who is now a member of the senior class of Western Maryland College, from which she will shortly graduate and return to her native land to tell her own people the gospel story. Dr. Hering, the superintendent, made a very interesting address, in which he explained the history of the school and Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., also made a few entertaining remarks. Miss Annie E. Shriver was organist, Arthur Newman played the cornet, and Mr. Charles E. Hering the flute. Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., pronounced the benediction. The church was filled to overflowing with a highly interested audience. The service was one of the most beautiful ever witnessed in this city.

Through the courtesy of President Lewis, of the College, we have, at our solicitation, been furnished with a copy of the interesting address of Miss Hirata, on this occasion, which we append, not doubting that it will be read with pleasure by many.

ADDRESS OF MISS TSUNE HIRATA.

This is an inspiring scene; especially as the one who is now before you knows how great has been the good done to her own country by the Sunday Schools of America.

Japan, in its present state, exhibits a most wonderful progress in national movements—in governments, society, science and arts, but little or no attention is paid to religion—in fact no religion has yet been revealed that the people of Japan would embrace. Taken as a whole Japan is still in the darkness of heathenism. I will admit, however, that thousands have heard the glad tidings of salvation and hundreds have found the Good Master, but these are a handful compared with those who go up to the temples every day, and bow before idols.

Take the city of Tokio, for example, and let us look at its great need. Tokio is our capital, situated on the Shinagawa Bay. Its situation is in every way favorable for its purpose, and it is beside the seat of our government. There is no other city in Japan to rival Tokio. It stands alone in beauty, in size, in population and in its facilities for learning. In such an important city, then, what do you think is the chief attraction? The temples! Temples for idols which you find in numbers if you travel only a mile. Does this not show you the great devotion of the people to idols? and does it not also show their great need? Now, imagine yourself in one of these temples. A blind man comes in, led by a little child. The child puts some pennies in a box before the image and bows down for a few moments to pray and then leads the blind man near the idols; first rubs the eyes of the image then those of the blind man. Isn't this pitiful, when we know that thousands of people believe these poor images can make the blind see? And yet, Tokio is the leading city of Japan to-day and where christian work is said to be going forward with greatest success. Can you not at once see what must be the condition of other parts of the country less favored than Tokio?

My native city Kagrshima is one of the old cities and there is as yet no missionary station. The people are exceedingly superstitious. They consider foxes sacred and worship them. The offerings to foxes are fish and rice. One of my relatives still offers up sacrifices to foxes for me, believing by so doing that it will keep me in good health. When I receive letters containing such accounts, they make me sad at my heart. How much I wish to convince them of their great mistake. But I myself was once in that same sad state. Ten years ago there was no trace of Christianity in my heart. Seven years ago I went to the M. P. Mission School in Yokohama, Japan. My direct object in going to this school was to study English from English people; but I was asked by Miss Britton, who was then the missionary, to attend the religious services. The first meeting I was present was the Bible Class, in which Miss Britton talked of the crucifixion of Christ. This lesson did not strike me particularly for it seemed disconnected. I did not understand even who Christ was whom she spoke of dying for sinners. I wondered why he should die for us. After the lesson was over I went to Miss Britton with an interpeter and inquired who Jesus was, and she tried to explain to me about the Trinity, but I did not understand it. However, I heard this much, that Christianity was a very different religion from that of my childhood and that it taught about one true God who made heaven and earth. This led me to want to know more about it and I became more and more interested in religious services. Meanwhile I became convinced that Christianity was the right religion and worthy to be accepted, but I never felt that I was such a great sinner that I needed a Saviour, until one night in one of their prayer meetings. Only five girls were present. They especially pleaded for my conversion. Indeed, while I was in this meeting and in that small room the Lord opened my eyes to see my condition and humbled me to realize that without a Saviour I would be forever lost. From that time my whole desire has changed. After overcoming some difficulties I came to this country, about four years ago, to receive a Christian education, which would enable me to impart this joy to my own people. I still remember the pleasure I felt when I first attended this church, although surrounded by strangers and not understanding a half of the services, yet realizing that I was among Christian friends in a Christian country.

During these four years of my attending this church my Christian endeavors have been strengthened and now the time is near when I shall depart from this pleasant association. Though I may be thousands of miles away I shall always remember you in my prayer. Unworthy and weak as I feel, I know that God is ever ready to listen to prayer and I hope to have your prayers, my friends, to help to sustain me in my vocation.

Heavy Rain.

This county was visited on Monday night and Tuesday morning by a succession of unusually heavy thunder storms. Rain fell, at brief intervals, for several hours, pouring down in torrents. The streets of this city were flooded, and such sewers as exist overflowed. The dwelling occupied by Mr. Lovelace G. Gorsuch, on East Main street, was struck by lightning, which knocked down a chimney and scattered soot thickly over the matting and sitting-room furniture, doing considerable damage. The streams in the county were very much swollen, but, as far as ascertained, no material damage was done by that cause. The growing grain was beaten down by the rain, and the cornfields badly washed, making replanting necessary in many cases. Hail fell in large quantities near Keysville. Several fields of growing wheat and rye were cut to pieces.

Death of Gen. George S. Brown.

Gen. George S. Brown, one of the wealthiest, noblest and most generous citizens of Baltimore, died at home in that city on Monday morning last in the 57th year of his age. Gen. Brown was the head of the great banking house of Alexander Brown & Sons. The following incident related by a Westminster correspondent of the Baltimore *American*, reveals something of the spirit of generous liberality that governed his actions and gave his character a beauty and nobility well worthy of imitation: "The death of General George S. Brown, of Baltimore, has caused sincere regret among citizens here who had knowledge of his noble character. His liberal and catholic spirit was manifested in an incident connected with the rebuilding of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, of this place, which was destroyed in the great fire of April, 1883. The burned edifice had cost upwards of twenty thousand dollars, and had not long been relieved of a burdensome and oppressive debt. The insurance on it amounted to only five thousand dollars—a small sum to begin the restoration of that which had only been secured by a long and arduous struggle. The effort, however, was made, and the work of rebuilding begun. Some time elapsed before a successful issue seemed assured, and there were periods when many members of the congregation became disheartened. At one of these periods a member of the church, who was employed in Baltimore and made daily trips to the city, resolved, on his own motion, to make an appeal to General Brown, with whom he was unacquainted, for a small contribution in aid of the work. Obtaining a letter of introduction from Col. John K. Longwell to Mr. Graham—Col. Longwell being unacquainted with General Brown—the gentleman called, presented his letter, and was promptly introduced to the General, to whom, in a brief and concise manner, he explained the situation. The interview did not, certainly, occupy more than three minutes, and when the gentleman left it was with the assurance that some aid would be extended. In fact, General Brown said: 'Call again on Monday, and I will give you a check for a hundred dollars, and I think can assure you of another.' The call was made, and General Brown handed the gentleman his own check for the sum named and that of his mother, Mrs. Isabella Brown, for a similar amount. When the checks were turned over to the treasurer of the church, and the fact became generally known to the congregation, it revived the drooping courage of the membership, infused new vigor in their efforts, and had a full measure of influence in bringing about the completion of the beautiful church edifice, which now stands free from all indebtedness. The fact that General Brown's munificence was extended to a denomination of which he was not a member, detracts nothing from the generous spirit of his gift, and may serve to show to the world something of the nobility of his character."

Silk Wedding.

Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., President of Westminster Theological Seminary, and his estimable wife celebrated their "Silk Wedding," the forty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, at their home, "Rose Hill," in this city, in a quiet manner, on Wednesday last. They had with them, on the occasion, their only surviving daughter and child, Mrs. Dr. Lewis, her husband, President Lewis of the College, and their five children, three daughters and two sons.

Dr. and Mrs. Ward were married on Wednesday, May 21st, 1845, at Bedington, Berkeley county, Va., (now W. Va.) by Mrs. Ward's father, Rev. John Light, and made their marriage trip the same day to Washington, D. C., where the Doctor's parents resided. They removed from that city, (where Dr. Ward had become his parents' pastor in 1864,) to Westminster, in the Spring of 1866, where they have since resided, making a period of nearly a quarter of a century. And now, in the evening of their days they are in the enjoyment of good health and most happy surroundings, the fruition of a life spent in promoting the welfare and happiness of others.

Fifty years of experience as minister and educator has filled Dr. Ward's life very full or arduous labor, but it has been sanctified labor and performed with a glad and willing mind and a heart moved by the Spirit of the Divine Master—making up a well-rounded and a noble life indeed. And the venerable theologian attributes whatever of success he has attained and good accomplished, under God, in no small degree to the self-sacrificing and intelligent co-operation of his pious and noble wife. Hand in hand they have journeyed along the pathway of life, and now as the shadows fall from life's declining sun, they see the not far distant hills of their Heavenly Home rising before them. We but give expression to the universal sentiment of this community, however, when we utter the wish that their lives may he lengthened and they spared many years to bless and be blessed in doing good to others.

Consecration of an Organ.

The new organ erected in St. Paul's Reformed Church, of this city, was consecrated with appropriate services on Sunday morning last. An order of exercises prepared by Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D. D., was adopted for the occasion. Prof. Thomas F. Rinehart, the accomplished musical instructor at Western Maryland College, presided at the organ, Prof. A. Bailey Morelock conducting the choir and playing the cornet, Prof. John Royer, the violin, and Miss Anna Maria Mikesell leading the singing. A duet, "Come Holy Spirit," was sung by Misses Bessie and Gussie Shriver, of Avondale. The consecratory sermon, an able discourse, was delivered by Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, at Lancaster, Pa., from the words, "Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness." The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Calvin S. Slagle, assisted by Rev. Prof. William E. Krebs, of Littlestown, Pa. The organ set apart by the service to Divine Worship, was purchased of Messrs. Johnson & Son, of Boston, and erected at a cost of upwards of twelve hundred dollars. It is a fine instrument of its class, and is very sweet toned and powerful. At the service on Sunday night Prof. Rinehart again presided and the music was highly enjoyed by the large congregation in attendance. An interesting sermon was delivered by Rev. A. T. G. Apple, of Washington, D. C.

Commencement at New Windsor College.

The Baccalaureate Sermon will be delivered on Sabbath morning, June 8th, at 11 o'clock, by Rev. Henry Branch, of Ellicott City, Md. On Sabbath night, June 8th, at 8 o'clock, Rev. David Hull Laverty, of Lewes, Delaware, will deliver the annual sermon before the Christian Associations. The annual address before the Literary Societies will be delivered by Rev. Philip H. Mowery, D. D., of Chester, Pa. Class-day exercises will take place Monday, June 9th, at 8, P. M.; soiree and contest for prizes, Tuesday, June 10th, at 8, P. M.; commencement, Thursday, June 12th, at 8, P. M. The annual re-union and banquet of alumni students and their friends, will occur at the close of the exercises on Thursday night. The approaching commencement will be one of more than usual interest, the college, this year, having attained a measure of success which has no parallel in all its history of fifty years. The following annual prizes will be distributed Commencement Week:

Faculty Prize—Avon edition Shakspere's works—For best Shaksperian Essay.

Resident Physician's Prize—Webster's Unabridged Dictionary—For the greatest progress in English studies. Intermediate Year.

F. J. Devilbiss Prize—Gold Medal—For the best Essay in English Literature. Under Graduates.

Louis H. Dielman Prize—Gold Medal—For greatest improvement in English Grammar.

Hon. P. J. Bennett Prize—For greatest improvement in Arithmetic.

J. A. Buffington, M. D., Prize—For best papers on Physiology, Hygiene and Anatomy.

Virginia Prize—Gold Medal—For greatest improvement in French.

Prof. W. P. Wyer Prize—Gold Medal—For greatest improvement in Greek.

Prof. W. P. Wyer Prize—Gold Medal—For best Oratory on commencement night.

Principal's Prize—For greatest improvement in Penmanship in Preparatory Schools.

Principal's Prize—For greatest improvement in Penmanship in College.

President's Prize—Gold Pen—For best Oration of Under Graduates.

President's Prize—Gold Pencil—For best Speaker of Under Graduates.

Rev. J. H. Marsh Prize—Gold Medal—For greatest improvement in Social Culture.

Miss Fannie J. Skilling Prize—For greatest improvement in Drawing.

Miss M. Bessie Jelly Prize—For greatest improvement in Instrumental Music.

The Trustees' Prize—$25 in Gold—To the graduate, in either Male or Female college who has the highest grade of scholarship and conduct for four years.

Finksburg Items.

Mount Zion Methodist Protestant Church, Finksburg, was the scene of a very pretty wedding at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Miss Ida F. Caple, daughter of Mr. Jacob Webster Caple, was the bride, and Mr. Jacob L. Stocksdale, son of Mr. Wm. H. Stocksdale, the groom. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion. The ushers were Norris Stocksdale, Joseph Stocksdale, George Benson and George Caple. The bride wore a handsome traveling dress of lavender henrietta cloth, with hat and gloves to match, and carried a bouquet of Marechal Neil roses. The bridal party was preceded to the altar by Miss Etta Caple and Master Carroll Stocksdale, Miss Alverta Lamotte playing the wedding march from "Lohengrin." The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jacob M. Yingling, assisted by Rev. J. T. Lassell. Among the many friends of the parties present were a number from Baltimore. The bride received a large number of presents. Mr. and Mrs. Stocksdale left by the five o'clock train for a wedding trip to Washington. Upon their return they will make their residence in Finksburg.

On last Thursday night some villain set fire to a large barrack on the farm of the Misses Hollingsworth. Besides 8 or 10 tons of hay there were also in the barrack a wagon and hay carriage and a lot of farming implements, the whole of which were destroyed.

It is the opinion of several lawyers of Baltimore, that if the ordinance recently passed by the city council, compelling farmers to pay a license of twenty-five dollars for the privilege of selling their own products was tested it would be found unconstitutional. Why not make a test case and let each farmer contribute something towards defraying the expense. It would only be a trifle from each one.

Masonic.

Capt. Graham Dukehart, of Baltimore, Grand Lecturer of Masons in Maryland, paid an official visit to Carroll Royal Arch Chapter, and Door-to-Virtue Lodge, of this city, this week, arriving here on Tuesday and remaining until yesterday. He exemplified the work of the several degrees during his stay and on Thursday evening occupied the station of the Worshipful Master, in Door-to-Virtue Lodge, and raised Prof. Wm. R. McDaniel, of Western Maryland College, to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. On the latter occasion the Lodge was attended by a large number of the members and several visitors from other Lodges in the county and from Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. A delightful banquet was one of the features of the evening. Capt. Dukehart is perfectly and thoroughly versed in the work of Masonry, and his visit has been of much benefit to the Fraternity here, and a source of much pleasure to the brethren.

Handsome Improvement.

A very handsome improvement has been made in the beautiful little Ascension Protestant Episcopal Church, of this city, by replacing the windows with handsome memorial ones, eight in number. They are in memory of Miss Catharine Fortna, presented by Mrs. L. S. Dallas; Rev. John G. Capito, presented by Mrs. Capito and her daughter, Mrs. Judge John E. Smith; Mrs. Annie Louise McKellip, presented by her daughter, Miss Julia S. McKellip; children of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Reifsnider, presented by their parents; parents of the rector, Rev. Wylly's Rede, presented by Mr. Rede; Mabel Shaw, presented by her parents, Hon. and Mrs. Frank T. Shaw; one of a general character presented by Mr. Chas. T. Reifsnider, and one purchased by Messrs. J. Milton Reifsnider and Harry M. Clabaugh and tendered to the vestry as a memorial of the late Benjamin G. Blanchard.

New Windsor Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Repp, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Englar, and Mr. James Lambert started for Missouri on the 20th inst., to attend the Dunker Annual Meeting at Warrensburg.

The pavilion is spoiled as a dancing arena. Cook & Co. have taken it for a cigar factory; a part of it they are preparing for the reception of $500 worth of billiard furniture. The dissipation is to be dry. To smoke is not unclerical.

Proceedings of Orphans' Court.

Thursday, May 15th, 1890.—David Englar, Israel C. Rinehart and John E. Senseney, executors of David Englar, deceased, settled 2nd account.

Monday, May 19th, 1890.—Letters testamentary on the estate of Jacob Bankert, deceased, were granted to John L. Bankert, surviving executor.

Valentine C., John C. and Lewis D. Wantz, executors of David Wantz, deceased, settled 4th and final account.

Clara R. Yingling, executor of Jacob Yingling, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

Shipley Items.

May has been very seasonable thus far and the grain and grass have made wonderful growth. The early planted corn has come up nicely and the early sown peas are in full bloom.

The recent heavy rains have badly hackled the corn fields of our section and in many places made large gullies.

The wheat and rye is heading out nicely; but we fear that the rank fields of wheat will fall down long before harvest. The potato beetle is very numerous again.

Road supervisors are busily engaged, since the heavy rains, working our public roads and putting them in order.

Mrs. Chas. H. Wagner is in a very critical condition of health at present, and has been for several days.

Entertainment.

The Fitzpatrick Family of Merry Makers and Arion Swiss Bell Ringers will give an entertainment at Odd Fellows' Hall, this city, on Wednesday evening next. They come with excellent recommendations. The Kingwood, West Va., *Journal* says of their entertainment recently given in that place, that "everything on the program was good. There was not an unsatisfactory performance. Besides, it was innocent amusement, and there was nothing to offend any one." The Anderson, S. C., *Intelligencer* says their performance in that place "consisted of music on bells, trombone and cornet solos, character impersonations, comical sketches, &c., and the entertainment throughout was first-class. The price of admission to the entertainment in this city will be 25 and 35 cents; reserved seats 50 cents. Tickets for sale at the City Hotel.

Improvements at the Postoffice.

The new fixtures for the Westminster postoffice have arrived and are being placed in position. The case is nearly in the shape of the letter V, the point, which is broad enough for a delivery aperture, standing toward the entrance. There is also a delivery aperture on each side. The case contains three hundred open boxes and eighty lock-boxes, a registered letter window, &c. The boxes have wire bottoms so that dust cannot settle in them. The case is made of ash, and is, altogether, a very handsome affair. Postmaster Sharrer will now have the office thoroughly fitted up. The walls will be handsomely papered, and a private apartment will be constructed, in the rear of the room, to which access will be had by a passageway from the front, so that visitors to the postmaster will be received entirely outside of the sacred precincts of the place where mail is handled. Mr. Sharrer is entitled to much credit for the handsome improvements he has made in the appearance and conveniences of his office.

Woodbine Items.

Rev. J. Edwin Amos preached an eloquent sermon to a large audience at Morgan Chapel on Sunday last, after which the sacrament was administered to 76 persons. A collection was lifted and the minister kindly thanked the congregation for their liberality.

Miss Tirzah Davis and Wm. Bowers were joined in matrimony on the 20th inst. Rev. Father Fenne, of Westminster, solemnized the nuptials. The happy pair have our best wishes.

The dried up saloon at Woodbine is to be rented to a shoemaker. This is a most desirable change, for the shoemaker will do more for the soles of men in one year than the saloon man will in a life time.

The storm of last week did considerable damage here. A large oak tree, 4 feet in diameter, standing in the yard of Mr. Wm. Grove, was entirely demolished by the electric fluid. The family were terribly shocked, but soon recovered and were unharmed.

Otto Flemming, of near Day, raised a large barn last week; Richard Pickett, of Winfield, carpenter.

Harney Items.

Master Stearn Shriner, about six years of age, son of Mr. J. W. Shriner, of our town, met with an accident last week which might have been very serious. Mr. A. W. DeGroft was rolling a piece of ground and the little fellow was sitting on the frame of the roller, when by some means he was thrown in front of the machine which passed over him. He was badly bruised about the face and head.

We are having rain in abundance and farmers are much delayed with their corn planting. Hay making will be commenced here by the middle of June, perhaps earlier; grain harvest will be very early. Some of our farmers think wheat will be cut about the 20th of June.

A large quantity of hay is hauled through here daily on its way to Taneytown. Farmers are shipping their old hay make room for the new crop which promises to be exceedingly large.

Communion services were held at Piney Creek, near here, last Sabbath.

Mr. A. J. Lightner is having an artesian well drilled at his residence near here. Mr. W. G. Harner is doing the work.

Mr. Nelson Study, of Silver Run, paid a flying visit through here last Sabbath.

Mr. C. F. Reindollar is in Waynesboro', Pa., visiting friends this week.

Children's day will be observed here in the U. B. Sunday School sometime in June.

Mr. J. A. Good found a pocket book, one day last week, and on opening it discovered that it contained one cent. The owner can have it by calling at S. S. Shoemaker's store.

Proceedings of the Mayor and Common Council.

The annual meeting of the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster, elected in 1889, was held Monday evening last, at which time reports were submitted by the Clerk and Collector, and the Treasurer. The reports exhibited the total expenditures of the year, which amounted to $3,838.91; the indebtedness, which is as follows: Bonds $2000, Water Company $519.98, bill payable $400, sundry bills approved $304.17, total $3,224.15; taxes due and uncollected $1,367.78. The receipts for corporation purposes for the year were $4,108.19. The reports were approved and entered on the minutes, and in due time will be distributed to the citizens in detail in print. The Board then adjourned *sine die*, and the Mayor and Council, comprising all the old members recently re-elected, immediately qualified and adjourned till Tuesday evening, when an organization was effected by the election of Mr. Theodore Derr, President; Mr. Charles H. Baughman, Clerk and Tax Collector; Mr. Henry I. Wilson, Treasurer; Mr. R. Charles Matthews, Bailiff and Street Commissioner; Mr. Charles E. Fink, Counsel. Among the proceedings at this meeting was the adoption of a motion to put in curbing and pave the gutters preparatory to macadamizing the streets.

Porter's Items.

There was preaching at Messiah Lutheran church, May the 18th, by Rev. M. E. McLinn. The discourse was the funeral sermon of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs.