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SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1891.

LOCAL ITEMS.

The Westminster Minstrels will give an entertainment at Odd Fellows' Hall, this city, Thursday evening, 30th inst.

Pickett Post No. 17, G. A. R., will meet this, Saturday, afternoon, at 5 o'clock, in the Post Hall at Winfield.

Mr. Joseph Diffendall, a well known citizen of Westminster, is quite ill at his home on West Main street.

During the thunderstorm on last Saturday afternoon the Lutheran Church and a dwelling of Mr. Bowersox, Uniontown, were struck by lightning.

A meeting of Burns Post No. 13, G A. R., will be held at Odd Fellows' Hall, this city, to-night, 25th inst., at 7.30 o'clock.

Subscription schools were opened in this city on Monday last, for the spring and summer terms, with a large attendance.

The dwelling occupied by Mr. Chas. Hesson, East Main street, this city, is being repainted; also that recently occupied by Mr. Henry I. Wilson, Liberty street.

Reports from the growing grain all over Carroll county are quite flattering, the prospect for a good crop, it is said, having never been better at this season of the year.

Mr. James A. Mitchell, of this city, on Monday last, caught four bass in Pipe Creek, near Bruceville, which weighed five pounds. The largest one weighed two pounds.

"Tom," the well-known St. Lawrence stallion of Mr. Samuel P. Everhart, of East Main street, this city, died in convulsions on Monday night. The animal was valued at $300.

The Board of Directors of the Western Maryland Railroad met at Hillen Station, Baltimore, on Wednesday, President J. M. Hood in the chair. Only routine business was transacted.

Miss Mary Kuhn, an aged and well known resident of this city, is lying very ill with paralysis, at the residence of Mr. J. Edwin Weaver, East Main street. There is no hope of her recovery.

The semi-annual session of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance of Maryland and the district of Columbia, will be held in Reisterstown on Thursday next, 30th inst., commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The annual election for Mayor and Common Council of this city will be held between the hours of 12, M., and 6, P. M., Monday, May 4th. The polls will be opened in a room in Mrs. Grumbine's building, East Main street.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. John H. Cunningham, teller of the Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank of Westminster, who had been threatened with an attack of fever, is convalescent.

The last performance of Dr. Wilson's Kickapoo Indians, in this city, will take place to-night. Crowded houses have greeted them during the past week. They will go to Union Bridge on Monday.

The trees bearing the smaller fruits—plumbs, cherries, &c., are in full bloom. Pear and peach trees are also blossoming and apple blossoms will soon appear. Indications point to an abundant fruit year.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Flatter, who had been residing with their son, on the home place at Sandyville, for several months, have returned to this city and are again occupying their house on Madison avenue. Mrs. Flatter's health is very much improved.

Mr. Samuel E. Wimert, of the vicinity of Tannery, who served in the Eleventh Md. Regiment, has been granted a pension. The pension of Mr. Abraham Harris, of Union Bridge, who was a member of Co. C, Sixth Md. Regiment, has been increased.

James Wilson, a young colored man, who formerly resided in this city, died in Baltimore on Wednesday, aged 22 years. His remains were brought to this city on Thursday and interred in Lincoln Cemetery. He was a son of George Wilson. He leaves a widow.

The semi-annual meeting of the Baltimore Presbytery was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, from Monday till Wednesday of this week. Rev. Dr. A. M. Jelly, of New Windsor, and Dr. Clothworthy Birnie, of Taneytown, were present as members of the Presbytery.

The committee of Charity Lodge, No. 48, K. of P., conferring with citizens in regard to a grand parade and demonstration of the order in this city, on Whit-Monday, has been meeting with favorable responses and there is now a strong probability that the project will be accomplished.

Sister Rose Gertrude has written another article for *The Ladies' Home Journal* for June, on "What it is to be a Leper," in which she gives a clear glimpse of leper-life in Molakai; how the disease is contracted; how it is treated and cured, and how the lepers live in their exile.

During his visit to this city this week President Strayer, of the Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, arranged with two of the members of the Senior Class of the Theological Seminary for their entrance into the active duties of the ministry immediately after their graduation at the approaching commencement. Rev. Mr. McCaslin will go to Stewartstown, Pa., as the pastor of a mission church, and Rev. Mr. Nowlin to Tyreanna, Va.

A match game of baseball will be played by the New Windsor College and Western Maryland College Clubs, on the grounds of the latter, commencing at 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

A slight accident occurred to the buggy of Rev. J. T. Lassell in this city on Wednesday last. While driving along the street his horse was frightened by a baby carriage and, wheeling suddenly, broke one of the shafts.

Vernon Dell a son of Mr. Jerome Dell, aged 8 or 10 years, while playing in the vicinity of an ice house filled with water, on the Washington road, on Monday last, accidentally fell into it and would have been drowned but for the assistance of Mr. Frank Shipley, of E., who hearing his cries ran to the spot and succeeded in rescuing him.

The County Commissioners were in session on Monday and Tuesday and were engaged, mostly, in routine business. Special pensions were granted as follows: To Rebecca A. Foreman, of district No. 10, $10.00; to Eliza Correll, of district No. 1, $10.00. Geo. M. Shoemaker was appointed constable, for two years, in district No. 1.

The *American Farmer*, published by Samuel Sands & Son, Baltimore, which is among the pioneers of farm journals, made its appearance, on the 15th inst., in a complete new dress and typographically much improved. This old agricultural paper is published semi-monthly at the low price of $1.00 per annum, and is much more than worth the money in the farmer's home.

A brief but violent thunder storm passed over this city last Saturday afternoon. The wind blew with great force for a few minutes, but no great damage was done. One gentleman informed us that his sidewalk was thickly strewn with fruit buds switched from the trees by the violence of the wind. Along the northern limits of the city the storm was less violent and but little rain fell.

Mr. Charles H. Baughman, of this city, whose recent marriage was chronicled in the SENTINEL, received, as a bridal gift from Collector Marine, of the Baltimore Custom House, notice of his appointment to a clerkship at a salary of $1,200. He succeeds Mr. George Batson, also of this city, who has been promoted to a higher class clerkship. Both these gentlemen demonstrated their fitness for office by taking the civil service examination, which they passed very creditably.

Mr. Joshua Shaffer, a native and former citizen of this county, died at the home of his son, Mr. Samuel Shaffer, nine miles from Wilson, Kansas, on the 28th ult., aged 76 years, 1 month, 15 days. Mr. Shaffer went to Kansas five years ago, having previously resided with his son-in-law, Mr. Charles C. Currens, Taneytown, about fourteen years. He was a miller and at one time carried on that business at Winters' mill near this city. He also conducted mills at other places in this county and had a large circle of friends and acquaintances who will hear of his death with regret.

We are indebted to Mr. Harvey F. Caylor, of Denver, Col., for a copy of the "*Black Diamond and Gold Hill Sentinel*," published weekly at Carbon, Wyoming. Mr. Caylor writes that Gold Hill is a new mine, recently discovered, and that Carbon and Rawlins are each working to become its distributing point. He says prospecting is going on under eight feet of snow. Mr. Caylor was still traveling, his letter to us having been written at Rawlins, Wyoming, from which place he intended to go to Rock Springs, a great coal mining town, thence to Ogden, Salt Lake, &c.

Mr. Wm. M. Hardt, of Frederick, who was recently appointed National Bank Examiner, paid an official visit to this county on Monday last and remained until Thursday. He made an examination of the National Banks of this city and New Windsor. He is an old acquaintance and friend of the editor of the SENTINEL, who was pleased to receive a visit from him on the day of his arrival. Mr. Hardt is a gentleman of fine character and his courteous bearing in his official intercourse with the officers of the banks in this county made a very favorable impression.

Mr. Jesse Brown, a well-known citizen of this county, died at Snydersburg, on Wednesday, 15th inst, aged 78 years, 8 days. Mr. Brown was a farmer and also acted as Justice of the Peace, in Hampstead district, for a number of years. Funeral services were held at Wesley Chapel on Friday last, Rev. J. P. Anthony officiating, assisted by Rev. Wm. A. Crouse, of this city. Deceased was a member of Salem Lodge, No. 60, I. O. O. F., of this city, and the burial rites of the order were performed at his grave, Rev. Wm. A. Crouse, chaplain of the Lodge, officiating.

Mr. Charles H. Baughman, Past Master of Door-to-Virtue Lodge No. 46, A. F. & A. M., of this city, was presented by his brethren of the Lodge, on Thursday evening last, with a solid gold Past Master's Jewel, of exquisite design and workmanship. The event was a complete surprise to the recipient of the elegant emblem of Masonic rank. The presentation speech was made in most eloquent and appropriate language by Past Master Rev. James W. Reese, Ph. D., and the response in acceptance showed how deeply the recipient was moved by this evidence of the good will and regard of his Masonic brethren. The Jewel, of which we shall not attempt a description, is inscribed as follows: "Presented to Charles H. Baughman by the members of Door to Virtue Lodge No. 46, A. F. & A. M."

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Mitten, of this city, gave a unique and interesting reception at their home on Liberty street, on Wednesday evening, in honor of half a dozen young couples who entered the state of matrimony during the past six months, viz: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Derr, Mr. and Mrs. Austin H. Geiselman, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mitten, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stouch, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Baughman. Many persons were present and the occasion was highly enjoyed by all. All the grooms are either natives or citizens of Westminster and well known here, as are also three of the brides, but Mrs. Mitten and Mrs. Baughman are comparative strangers and the kindness which prompted the reception gave an opportunity to introduce them to quite a number of ladies and gentlemen. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, lemonade, fruit and confectionery, were served in abundance. Toward the midnight hour the company separated, each one pleased and gratified with the evening's experience.

Seminary Commencement.

The commencement and ninth anniversary exercises of Westminster Theological Seminary of the Methodist Protestant Church will be held at the M. P. Church of this city, May 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, 1891. On Sunday, May 3rd, at 10.30, A. M., the annual sermon will be delivered by the President, Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., and at 8, P. M., Rev. J. J. Smith, D. D., of the New York Conference, will deliver the usual sermon before the Missionary Alliance of the Seminary.

On Monday evening, May 4th, at 7.30, the eighth anniversary of the Stockton Society will be held. The program will be as follows: Organ Voluntary, Miss Annie E. Shriver; Invocation, Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D.; President's address, Wm. B. Judefind; singing, "Like as a Father Pitieth his Children;" anniversary oration, Memory, U. G. Murphy; anniversary essay, Dress, J. F. Garatt; solo, "Sweet are the Songs," R. K. Lewis; declamation, The Leper, F. H. Lewis; solo, "Whatever Is, is Best," W. B. Judefind; essay, The World's Need, Dorsey Blake; declamation, The Gracious Answer, R. K. Lewis; quartette, "Flower Land;" recitation, "No Sects in Heaven," E. C. Makosky; discussion, Is Avarice a greater Evil than Intemperance? R. T. Tyson, J. F. Valliant; singing, "Good Night, Gentle Folks;" benediction, Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D. The musical director will be Mr. W. B. Judefind; organist, Miss Annie E. Shriver; program committee, Messrs. R. T. Tyson, A. H. Green, Alex. Clendening.

On Tuesday evening, May 5th, at 7.30 o'clock, the formal commencement will take place. The program of exercises will be as follows: Music, by choir; prayer, by Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D.; graduating theses—A Neglected Language, John F. Garatt; Creeds, their Use and Abuse, Wm. B. Judefind; Life of Melanchthon, Robert K. Lewis; music by choir; The Hidden Hand in History, Robert T. Tyson; True Mission of the Church, Joseph F. Valliant; Progressive Character of Revelation, J. B. Whaley; music, by Choir; presentation of diplomas; doxology; benediction, by Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D.

On Wednesday, May 6th, alumni exercises will be held, including business meeting, at 2, P. M., alumni supper, at 4, P. M., sermon, at 8, P. M., by Rev. S. C. Ohrum, A. M. B. D., and music by the choir.

Birthday Party.

A happy party of youths and children responded to cards of invitation and gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Reese, No. 295 East Main street, this city, on Friday evening of last week, to celebrate the tenth birthday of their daughter, Miss Maggie M. Reese. The hours named were 7.30 to 9.30. The Company was large and the pleasure unalloyed. Dancing to the music of the piano, played by Miss Ida F. Lockard, formed an attractive feature of the evening. Refreshments were served in abundance at 9 o'clock. Miss Maggie, in honor of whose birthday the party was given, received many beautiful presents and all united in wishing her many happy birthdays. Those present were: Mrs. Wellham, Master Walter Wellham, of Baltimore; Misses Margaret Reese, Josephine Reese, Katie Baer, Gertie Baer, Cora Dorsey, Maud Miller, Mabel Miller, Janie Reaver, Rebecca and Fannie McGirr Lillie Franklin, Janie Reese, Julia and Mamie Manning, Cora Miller, Blanche Trumbo, Blanche Shipley, Alice Bond, Eva Rinker, Tessie Buckingham, Madge and Virgie Shaw, May Bruce Smith, Georgie and Blanche Buckingham, Janie and Irene Woodward, Helen Gorsuch, Lummie and Clara Yingling, Masters Dulaney Reese, Harvey Reaver, Eugene Lamotte, Irving Miller, Herbert Trumbo, Eddie and Eltinge Shriver, Guy Smith, Jimmie Bond, Laurie Rinker, Arthur and Jack Smith, Georgie Sharrer, Tommie Anders, Frank and Gloyd Diffendall, Eddie Mathias, Mr. Jos. Sharrer.

A Sad Accident.

Mr. Wm. H. Morningstar, of Union Bridge, writes us all the particulars received of a sad accident in Illinois, involving the almost certain death of Mr. Albert C. Miller, a son of Capt. Chas. G. Miller, a prominent citizen of the vicinity of Linwood. Capt. Miller received a telegram about the middle of last week, informing him that his son Albert had been drowned in attempting to cross a branch of Rock river near Sterling, Illinois. Capt Miller immediately notified his son Harry, who resides in Chicago, of the accident and the latter went at once to Sterling and employed the most skillful men he could find to drag the river for the body, but without success up to the last report. Young Miller went to Illinois about a year ago, and had been in the employ of a gentleman named Alexander Hamilton, near Sterling, about six weeks previous to the accident, which occurred about 5, P. M., April 15th. He attempted to cross the stream on horseback after some cattle and was urged not to do so, as the water was high; but being an expert swimmer he had no apprehensions of danger and started over. He has not been seen since that moment, and as the horse he rode returned riderless, it is supposed he was in someway thrown from the animal, and, perhaps, stunned and disabled by the fall was drowned and his body carried down the stream possibly into the main river. Deep sympathy is felt by all who know the parents of the unfortunate young man in their severe affliction. He is represented to have been worthy and much beloved by his family and his many friends.

A Phonographic Entertainment and Concert.

Mr. Lyman H. Howe, of the Edison Phonograph Company, has been engaged by the Y. M. C. A. of Western Maryland College to give a phonographic exhibition and concert in the college auditorium, Friday, May 1st, at 8, P. M. In addition to the phonograph Mr. Howe will come equipped with all the appliances required to give a first class hall concert. The improved phonograph is a wonderful instrument, with power to reproduce sounds so that they can be heard by a large audience, from the clashing of a full brass band to the sweet low tones of the flute. The barking of dogs and sounds made by other animals, and the tones and language of the human voice will also be reproduced by this marvelous machine. This exhibition will afford our citizens an exceptional opportunity to see and hear this greatest of modern wonders, and they will doubtless not fail to improve it.

College Notes.

Rev. Tagg was on the college hill last Sunday.

Elmer Lewis has returned to his home on Chincoteague island.

The students of the Seminary are now passing their examinations.

The new horizontal bar that was put in the gymnasium some time ago is giving satisfaction.

Laborers are busily engaged grading down the bank of ground in front of the President's residence.

All the fruit trees in the campus are covered with blossoms. The foliage of all the trees will soon complete the beauty of the surroundings.

The Senior class has only one week of advance work, then their examination will follow after a short review. They will then go out on their senior vacation a happy class of young men and ladies.

The base-ball club gave a jolly entertainment in the college chapel last Friday evening. The house was liberally filled with persons who were delighted with the performances. Mr. Johnson delivered a humorous address of welcome, after which a piece of music was sung. Then Prof Wright recited one of his best selections, and was loudly applauded by the audience. Following this was a fine tableau, "Ye Olden Skewl," in two scenes. Subject of first farce was, "An Ambitious Nigger," run by Day, Watson and Strayer. Mr. Manning recited "The Tramp" and Mr. Watson sang a solo, after which Mills and Parke appeared as acrobats. The last farce was, "The Freedom of the Press." The cast consisted of Prof. Wright, Day, Leas, Hadley, McKeever, McCaslin, Gilbert and Manning. This farce showed up the great trials and tribulations of the modern editor. It proved clearly that the editor's path is not always strewn with roses, and that he has not always the good will of his fellow-man.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, April 20th, 1891.—Chas. B. Roberts and Nicholas W. Steele, administrators of James H. Steele, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

Willoughby E. F. Rhodes, administrator of Amelia S. S. Hoffacker, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels and inventory of money, and received order to sell goods and chattels.

Isaiah Miller and Samuel H. Hare, acting executors of Aaron Miller, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

David M. Humbert, administrator of Jacob Humbert, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

Henry Galt, administrator of James Knox, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

James L. Strevig, administrator of Julia Ann Kroh, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

Mordecai C. McKinstry, administrator of Mary M. McKinstry, deceased, returned additional inventory of stocks and bonds.

Elias Stegner, administrator of Mary M. Stegner, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels and received order to sell goods and chattels.

Elias Stegner and Ephraim J. Stegner, executors of Peter Stegner, deceased, received order to sell real estate.

Alice H. Lamotte, Herschel F. Lamotte and Lewis H. Lamotte, executors of Lewis A. J. Lamotte, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, list of debts, and inventory of money and received order to notify creditors, and order to sell goods and chattels.

Tuesday, April 21st.—Daniel S. Diehl, executor of Andrew McCann, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

The last will and testament of Elias Stouffer, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Nathaniel Heck.

Jacob L. Shafer, administrator of Abraham Shafer, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

Visit of Grand Officers.

On Tuesday evening last Westminster Lodge No. 41, Independent Order of Mechanics, of this city, was visited by a delegation of officers of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and a W. M. of a subordinate Lodge, who came for the purpose of formally presenting the gold headed crook won by the Lodge for increase of membership. The visitors were Grand Architect N. C. Killam, Grand Secretary Col. Wm. Louis Schley, Grand Conductor John W. Jones, of the Grand Lodge, and Worthy Master E. Stephens Lewis, of Eureka Lodge, No. 5, all of Baltimore. They were cordially received and performed the pleasant duty assigned them very acceptably. Addresses were made by the visitors and by members of Westminster Lodge, and work was done in the first and second degrees. The attendance on the occasion was very large and the exercises were heartily enjoyed by all.

The crook presented to the Lodge was the fourth of five prizes offered for increase in membership for the six months ending January 1st, 1891. One of the grand officers informed us that if the competition had been for the twelve months ending on the date mentioned Westminster Lodge would have gained the first prize, as she added more members than any Lodge in the jurisdiction during the year 1890.

Puckett-Beaver.

A pretty home wedding, an account of which, we are sure, will be read with much interest by many persons in this community, occured at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. C. V. Gorsuch, Fort Worth, Texas, at quarter past 4 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, 15th inst. The bride was Miss Mattie Beaver, formerly of this city, and the groom Alva C. Pickett, M. D., of Illinois. The bride wore a handsome wedding dress of surah of very light lavender shade, with gilt trimmings. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. I. C. Graham. Dr. and Mrs. Puckett left Fort Worth shortly after the ceremony on a bridal tour through Texas. They will reside in Illinois.

Mr. Chas. H. Baughman, of this city, prizes very highly a present made him by Mr. Samuel Knight, foreman of the cooper shops of Messrs. W. S. Myer & Bro. It is a half barrel, made by Mr. Knight himself, of cedar, in a style of workmanship that cannot be surpassed. The vessel contains 26 staves, bound together by 8 steel hoops and so neatly jointed that the lines of contact can only be seen by close inspection. The cover of the vessel is also a very handsome piece of workmanship.

Disastrous Fire in Westminster.

About half past three o'clock yesterday morning fire broke out in the furniture factory, store and warehouse of Messrs. J. Geiselman & Son, on the North corner of Green and Liberty streets, this city, and within an hour the entire buildings were in ruins and their contents destroyed. The structures were of frame and adjoined each other, forming practically a single building, about 80x60 feet and two stories in height. When first discovered the fire had gained such headway that, although the alarm called the Fire Department promptly to the scene, it was found impossible to arrest it. In a brief period all the buildings were in flames. The materials of which they were constructed and their contents were highly inflammatory and burned rapidly, creating intense heat which caused the ignition of the main building and blacksmith shop formerly occupied by the Hess Co. and now by Mr. W. H. Kanne, carriage manufacturer, and John A. Shower, machinists, on the West corner Green and Liberty streets. The blacksmith shop is deeply charred, but the flames were suppressed and the building saved.

The elevator of Messrs. W. S. Myer & Bro. adjoining their steam roller mill on the East corner of Green and Liberty streets, was in great danger also, and for a short time its destruction was imminent. It is a wooden structure but fortunately roofed with slate. It required the utmost efforts of the firemen to prevent its ignition. Once or twice a slight blaze appeared on its outer surface near the top, but was promptly quenched. The wind from the burning buildings set in the direction of the elevator, but was fortunately light. The firemen in their earnest efforts to save this and the Hess buildings from taking fire were exposed to terrific heat, but stood their ground and, without the slightest doubt, saved an immense amount of property from destruction. If the Hess buildings had burned the dwellings along Liberty street could hardly have escaped, and the destruction of the elevator would have taken with it the mill, cooper shops and adjoining warehouses and probably the fertilizer factory of H. S. Roberts & Co., and Messrs. E. Lynch & Son's lumber yard. The extensive stabling and outhouses of Mr. E. Lynch, probably two hundred yards from the scene of the fire, were in great danger from the immense flakes of fire wafted over them and some of the buildings were ignited, but the flames were promptly suppressed.

To the existence of the Westminster Water Company and the heroic efforts of the firemen may be attributed the escape of this city from a far more disastrous conflagration than that which ravaged a portion of the West End eight years ago. Too much cannot be said in praise of the Department which has done so much to protect the property of the city.

The entire loss of Messrs. J. Geiselman & Son will not fall far short of $10,000.

The buildings were valued at $3,500 to $4,000, and they carried stock to the amount of $6,000. The entire insurance amounts to considerably less than these sums combined. Policies are held by them for $1,000 on buildings and $500 on stock in the Carroll County Company; $1,000 on buildings in Commercial Company of London; $1,500 on stock in the Merchants of Newark; $1,500 on stock in the Phoenix of Hartford, and $800 on stock, lumber and tools, in the Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company.

Mrs. Annie J. Garrison, of Norfolk Va., had several hundred dollars worth of furniture stored in the building, on which there is an insurance of $200 in the Pennsylvania Company; and Mr. Chas. A. Geiselman, of Baltimore, had his household effects, valued at $500, also stored there. He has an insurance of $500 in the Merchants' Company of Newark. The damage to the Hess buildings amounts to about $50, with an insurance of $525 in the Phœnix of Hartford. All the insurance except that in the Carroll County Company was placed in Companies represented by Mr. James E. Smith, of this city. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

Donation and Reception.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Mills, of the M. P. Church, of this city, received a very pleasant surprise, in the shape of a donation and reception visit, on Thursday evening last. A meeting of the parsonage association had been called to take place at the ministerial residence, so that visitors were not unlooked for, but when they came by scores, each bearing some gift for household or personal use, the good pastor and his wife soon realized that they were testifying their good will in a substantial shape and extending a generous reception to the minister and his family upon the beginning of his third year in the pastorate of the Methodist Protestant Church of this city. Seventy-five or eighty persons were present, and the occasion was full of enjoyment. Prof. Wright, of the college, gave a reading; Misses Mollie and Annie Shriver sang a duet, and the young folks of the comprny indulged in innocent plays until the hour for separation arrived, when the visitors departed with many loving words and kind wishes for their pastor and his family and leaving happy hearts in the pleasant parsonage.

The Board of Trade.

A meeting of the Board of Trade of this city was held at Firemen's Hall on Tuesday evening and was devoted principally to the interchange of views and routine business. The executive committee reported progress and a hopeful spirit seems to pervade the members. A committee, consisting of Dr. J. W. Hering, chairman; Messrs. A. H. Huber, Frank K. Herr, Wm. B. Thomas and Chas. E. Fink, was appointed to wait on President Hood, of the Western Maryland Railroad, and seek to obtain the most favorable facilities and rates possible on freights, in the interest of the objects and enterprises in contemplation. The committee went to Baltimore on Wednesday aud had a very satisfactory interview with President Hood. The conference lasted fully three hours and the members of the committee were strongly impressed with Col. Hood's interest in the movements of the Boaad of Trade and his desire to do everything in his power to promote the success of its purposes.

List of Unclaimed Matter

Remaining in the Postoffice at Westminster, Md., April 18, 1891.

Boucsein, Dr. G. T.
Fross, Mrs. Annie R.
Henderson, Miss Grace
Heib, Julius
Paynter, Thomas
Springer, Jeff.

Persons calling for matter in the above list will please say it was advertised.

GEO. E. SHARRER, P. M.

Personal.

Mrs. Alexander Klinedinst, of Lineboro, is visiting friends in this city.

Rev. F. T. Benson, of Baltimore, visited this city on Friday of last week.

Mr. Chas. H. Baughman and bride arrived at home in this city on Saturday evening last.

Dr. Joseph T. Hering and bride returned from their wedding trip on Tuesday evening last.

Mr. Joseph W. Smith and bride arrived in this city on Wednesday evening on their return from their wedding trip.

The members of the family of Charles T. Reifsnider, Esq., who spent the winter in Baltimore, have returned to their home in this city.

Mrs. E. D. Loane and family, of Baltimore, who had been visiting Mrs. Loane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Mitten, Liberty street, this city, returned home yesterday.

Rev. F. T. Tagg, Missionary Secretary of the Maryland Annual Conference M. P. Church, preached in the Church of that denomination in this city on Sunday morning last.

Rev. Wm. A. Crouse, of this city, who will leave shortly for his new field of labor in Franklin county, Pa., preached in the Methodist Protestont Church last Sunday evening.

Mr. Charles J. Yingling, of Tiffin, Ohio, spent several days with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Coon, Liberty street, this city, during the early days of this week.

Rev. J. M. Gill, of the M. P. Church, passed through this city, on Wednesday, on his way to his new charge at Liberty and tarried awhile to visit his brother-in law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coon, Liberty street.

Rev. Wm. M. Strayer, President of the Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, was the guest of Rev. Dr. J. T. Ward on Tuesday evening and of Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D., on Wednesday. He preached in the M. P. Church on Wednesday evening.

For the SENTINEL.

Arbor Day at Walnut Grove.

Arbor Day was observed in a very pleasant manner at Walnut Grove, on April 8th, by the planting of trees and other appropriate exercises. Regular school exercises were held until about 11.30, A. M. Then the pupils were dismissed until 1, P. M. By that time there was a large number of visitors present to witness the exercises of the afternoon. The first act in the proceedings was planting the trees. There were 9 planted and named: Grover Cleveland, Prof. Jas. A. Diffenbaugh, James G. Blaine, George Washington, Christopher Columbus, Hon. Henry Houck, Dr. Joseph Warren, President Ben. Harrison, and Samuel J. Tilden.

The people then returned to the school room where a very interesting program, consisting of recitations, dialogues, etc., was carried out in a highly creditable manner. First came several addresses in reference to the names of the trees, after which Trustee D. H. Bowers made a few lively remarks on the same subject. Next in order was, "Do Your Best," Bennie Sherman; "Fashionable Requirements," Emma Reaver, Harriet Overholtzer and Amanda Overholtzer; "Mother's Doughnuts," Ervin Sentz; "God Sees Me," Minnie Bowers; "The Sluggard," Lottie Mehring; "Ten Little Grasshoppers," Annie Reaver; "Old Forty," Master Ollie Reaver; "All Must Work," two little girls; "Advertising for Help," several of the large girls; "Glass No. 1," Mabel Lambert; "Young Peter Pymrus," Emma Reaver; "Song of the Rain Drop," Louis Hyser; "When I was Young," Mabel Lambert and Harriet Overholtzer; "We're Leaving Dear Old Ireland," Lillie Harner; "Choice of Trades," seven of the small boys; "True Philosophy," ten of the boys and girls; "Gypsy Fortune Teller," Millie Brown and Lillie Harner; "Volunteer Organist," Harriet Overholtzer; "Cuckoo and Swallow," Ada Reaver; "Our Young Folks," Trustee David H. Bowers; and 44 other selections, which, for want of time and space, I will not mention. In conclusion we were favored with some vocal music (German) by Mr. David H. Bowers which was loudly applauded. All who were present were highly pleased with the exercises, and the occasion will be long remembered.

Melrose Items.

Seeing that our town was not represented in your valuable paper, we have concluded to contribute a few items.

Our farmers are busy plowing and planting corn. The frequent rains until lately had thrown the farmers back with their work so much that they are so busy now they hardly take time to eat.

A number of teachers and others of this vicinity attended the teachers' examination at Westminster last week. They all say it was pretty strict.

Peach trees are in bloom. The buds of apple and other deciduous trees are coming out rapidly. Soon mother earth will be clothed in a coat of green.

The numerous song birds have returned, and are making the air vocal with their sweet songs.

Last week while a loaded ore cart was being backed up to the washer, in the Chestnut Hill iron ore bank, near here, the horse backed too far, thus getting the cart into the washer, and running one of the cart shafts into his neck, lengthwise, about 10 inches.

We are told that Mr. Zepp intends to start a summer school here. We hope he will succeed, for going to school is more profitable to the boys than running or loafing on the streets.

Mr. Calvin Wentz's house is up and weatherboarded; Mr. Geo. Zepp, Sr., carpenter. It is to be occupied by Mr. Charles Stuffle and family.

Mr. George Dherit is building a summer house. He is beautifying his premises by erecting a number of outbuildings, and intends to add a wagon shed and spring house in the future.

Mr. Cornelius Wentz, of Ebbvale, is repairing his house.

Mrs. David Jones, who was very ill, is able to be about again.

John A. Zepp is selling the *Saturday Blade* and *Chicago Ledger* on our streets every week. He is building up quite a trade here with his papers.

Some time ago Mr. Jacob Horich, of near Melrose, killed nine snakes within five minutes. Some were two feet in length. Mr. Horich is 71 years of age.

Mr. Emery Sterner, of Backwoods, is building a barn.

Fishing, the small boy's favorite recreation, is beginning. Last week a 13-year-old boy caught a large string of fish, the largest of which measured 13 inches and the smallest 8 inches in length.

Bloom Items.

Frizzell & Bro. are busily engaged in cutting logs, hauling stone, etc., and making necessary preparations for building a new barn. The frame will be 40x72. Edward Brice is making preparations to erect a large new barrack on his farm near here.

Reuben Parrish is digging out the foundation for his new house, which he will erect in the near future.

Mr. Wm. Grimes, of Baltimore, was at his father's on Sunday last.

The prayer meeting held at Salem, on Sunday night last, was largely attended. There will be meeting again in two weeks at 7½, P. M.

Sunday School will be reorganized at Salem on Sunday next at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Geo. W. Barnes, of near hear, has moved his saw and shingle mill to the premises of Mr. Chas. T. Allen, for the purpose of sawing out a frame for a large barrack and also several thousand shingles.

Milton Bellison, of near Gist P. O., has a new variety of potatoes, which he purchased from a seed house in new York. Mr. Bellison expects to supply the neighborhood with new plantings next year.

Mrs. Michael Wilson is very ill at present, at her father's, near Gist P. O.

Ayers Camp, S. of V., No. 16, will meet in Pickett Post Hall, Winfield, on Saturday night next, 25th inst. A full attendance is requested, as business of importance will come before the camp.

Woodbine Items.

Mr. Zachariah Lowman, of Watersville, is lying ill with heart trouble.

Mr. James Pickett is building an addition to his barn.

Mr. George W. Mullinix has commenced the stone work for the foundation of his barn. Mr. Richard Pickett will put up the building. Mr. Pickett is a first-class workman and has several barns and dwellings to build the coming summer in this section.

The Sabbath School at Morgan Chapel was reorganized on the 19th inst. by the election of Sylvester Lewis, Superintendent; Basil Shipley, Assistant Superintendent; Harry Pickett, Dalton Warfield, Secretaries; Miss Louie Gosnell, Miss Katie Calvert, Edgar Shipley, Librarians; Miss Bessie Mullinix, Treasurer.

Mr. Bernard Shipley has been giving gratuitous lessons in vocal music to the young people of the community for a year or more. This is a commendable act on the part of Mr. Shipley, which the young folks highly appreciate. The following will illustrate the worth of good singing: A number of young people organized in Baltimore a few weeks since to practice vocal music, and while singing that soul-thrilling stanza, "There is a fountain filled with blood," and accompanying chorus, their hearts were so touched that as the words, "O, glorious fountain!" softly fell from their lips, a fountain of tears gushed from many eyes in the assemblage and a revival of religion was the result.

Union Mills Items.

The growing wheat never looked more promising at this time of the year than it does the present spring.

Dr. J. Hanson Earhart moved to our village last week. He will probably open a drug store.

Jno. Bemiller, Jr., is at work on the foundation wall of his new house.

Harvey Tagg will open his grocery store on May 1st.

Mrs. Wm. Bankert, Sr., of Mt. Pleasant, was buried at Silver Run cemetery on Wednesday of this week. She was an aged lady and much respected in the community in which she lived.

Jno. Boose, who resided near Black's schoolhouse, fell dead, at his home, on Wednesday last. He was once a constable of Myers' district and was very well known.

Last Saturday night the Vocophone Minstrels, of Pleasant Valley, gave a very laughable performance at our schoolhouse. The program was quite varied, consisting of comediettas, plantation scenes, songs, tableaux, recitations, &c., and there was also a very good orchestra of five pieces that provided the music. The Vocophone is an imitation horn with a sound something similar to a Kazoo, and eight of these instruments gave an amusing burlesque of a brass band. The audience was large and applauded well.

Taylorsville Items.

Rev. E. A. Lamar preached at Taylorsville M. E. Church on the 19th inst., to a large congregation, from 22nd ch. of Matt., part of 42nd verse: "What think ye of Christ?" After the sermon he introduced a new method of collecting money for missionary and Conference purposes, by taxing each member a small sum and taking no public collections for that object. The plan seems to be satisfactory to the members.

Subsequent to the service the Sunday School was organized for the season by the election of the following officers: James A. Barnes, Supt.; Levi Nusbaum, Asst. Supt.; Jacob Farver, Secretary; George E. Wright, Librarian; L. C. Jenkins, Asst. Librarian; Thomas A. Barnes, Treasurer.

One of Mrs. Margaret Crabb's children was buried in the cemetery of Bethany M. E. Church South on the 18th inst. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. George W. Cecil.

The farm of Mr. Peter Pickett was purchased, on the 22nd inst., by Mr. J. H. Shipley, for $1,400.

Some of the children in this vicinity are suffering with whooping cough. Otherwise the health of the community is good.

Linwood Items.

The heavy storm on Saturday last did considerable damage in this vicinity. The lightning struck Mr. Isaac Repp's barn and killed one of his driving horses.

The county roads are improving very rapidly, under the influence of a genial sun.

Miss Minnie Garner, who has been lying very ill for several weeks at her home near Linwood, with inflammatory rheumatism, is improving rapidly.

The Linwood high school closed Tuesday, 21st inst.

Mr. Alfred Englar is very much pleased with his new water wheel.

So much opposition has been manifested to that provision of the license ordinance of this city that requires numbers to be affixed to private carriages, that the Mayor and Common Council have determined not to enforce it. Owners of such vehicles, however, will be required to procure licenses.

Manchester Items.

Our Fire Company has buckled on the armor and the members are putting themselves in full trim for a successful season of festivals, &c., to raise the money for the payment of the new Truck. At their meeting last week they resolved to make Whit Monday a red letter day for the town. Committees for the different features of the several attractions were appointed and are now upon the path looking up the different organizations that will be invited to participate in the festivities of the day. On Monday evening last a number of ladies met at the Hall to arrange their part of the undertaking and were quite successful in selecting the committees for the different departments of the enterprise. There should be a unanimous effort put forth by the citizens as a whole to make it a success and pay off the indebtedness, when Manchester will be equipped in this respect not second to any town in the State of its size.

Sunday last was the most delightful day we have had this season. The bright sunshine of the early morning brought out a large congregation to Trinity Reformed Church, where Communion services were held by Rev. N. J. Miller. The altar decorations were fine and reflected much credit upon the young ladies and gentlemen who so cheerfully did the work. The large number of communicants was most excellently instructed, upon the indwelling of Christ in the heart, by the Reverend gentleman, from Eph., 3rd chapter, and 17th verse, after which ten persons were received into full membership, one by reprofession of faith, five by certificates and four by confirmation. The Holy Sacrament was administered to 221 persons. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Miller held regular services at Lineboro, after which he drove some miles, baptized two children, married a Mr. Wolfgang and Misss Blouse, near Lineboro, and then went to the home of the late Francis Warner to hold worship with the widow, who is in a precarious condition from the return of the cancer which was operated on several years ago at Philadelphia. Its growth has been so rapid of late that it is interfering with the bronchial tubes and strangulation is feared.

A few evenings ago, while your correspondent was enjoying a pleasant chat with several lady friend's the conversation was interrupted by the appearance of the veritable soliciting committee of the Firemen, who had just canvassed the district in which these friends resided. A slip of the tongue from one of the gentlemen about the paucity of ladies in that section almost brought about murder in the first degree. Fire flashed from all their eyes, and the poor gentleman friend in his weak endeavors to right the wrong almost gave up the ghost. We feel assured that his beard is more thickly sprinkled with gray after such a hair-breadth escape. We have often seen broom sticks used as weapons of attack; but when crochet needles and paper batons are employed matters look dangerous. The shrewdest part of the affair, however, was that, upon the doctor's arrival, this friend shaped the conversation so that the professional gentleman doubly added fuel to the fire, in his innocence. The chasm has been bridged and all are now friends, working for the good cause.

Miss Alice Grove, of Germantown, who had been suffering for some weeks with an ingrowing nail which, with the best treatment, grew worse and threatened lockjaw if relief could not be given, as a last remedy submitted to an operation on Saturday morning last, by Dr. J. H. Preston, which appeared to be successful; but by Sunday morning the pain was great and bad consequences feared until it was discovered that the bone of the toe is affected and amputation may be necessary to bring about permanent relief.

The immediate friends and family of Miss Norma E. Gettier enjoyed a pleasant evening at her home on Tuesday last upon the occasion of her 4th birthday. Refreshments were served at 9.30, after which the company retired with their best wishes that she may enjoy many happy birthdays.

The Mite Society of Trinity Church held its last meeting for the season on Monday evening last and made its annual settlement with the treasurer, Mrs. Geo. A. Shower, showing the sum of $232.48 in her hands subject to the order of the society.

The little folks of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of this place will give a drill and laurel party, on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week, for the benefit of their department.

The lady teachers of the infant department of Trinity Reformed Sunday School have placed their order with Mr. Jacob Hoffman, agent here, for a Miller organ, for their use.

On Wednesday last the remains of Mrs. John Warehime, who died at the ripe old age of 87 years, were laid to rest in a family lot, Rev. C. M. Eyster officiating.

Potato planting in this section this year has been more extensive than on any previous year. In some instances 20, 30, 40 and even 50 bushels are planted on a single farm. Corn planting too has commenced.

Mr. Wm. F. Lucabaugh, representative, and Mr. E. A. Ganter attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in Baltimore this week.

Mr. Chas. Hively has rearranged his store room and added a full line of notions to his grocery and cigar stock.

Mr. Elmer Bailey is improving the front of his home on North Main street by enlarging the windows, &c.

The Mayor and Common Council of the corporation have posted proposal notices for a contract with lamplighter, collector and bailiff.

A Visit to Kansas.

Mr. Charles C. Currens, of Taneytown, has recently returned from a visit to Kansas, whither he was called by the illness of his father-in-law, Mr. Joshua Shaffer, who died before his arrival. The Wilson *Echo*, whose editor met Mr. Currens during his stay in Kansas, says: "We had quite a conversation with Mr. Currens and found him to be quite a genial gentleman, an old veteran of the late war, having served his country four years during the war, and in return the government gave the soldier a lease on Taneytown postoffice for a term of 18 years. The comrade speaks well of Kansas, but repeats the same old story that we hear from nearly all eastern visitors, which is, that, "the people of our state form no correct ideas concerning the greatness and advantages of this powerful western country."

Sam's Creek Items.

Hon. P. J. Bennett on last Sunday paid our neighborhood a visit.

Dock Franklin shipped, during the winter, to the Washington and Baltimore markets, 20,532 pounds of poultry.

Mr. George Kiler lately built an addition to his barn; George Bair carpenter. Mr. Charles H. Roop is hauling timber to the saw mill to be sawed for the purpose of building a large hog house.

At this time we do not hear much said about muddy roads and bad weather. We will say to the credit of our people that when the time comes for work and the ground is in proper condition they never fail to embrace their opportunity. At this time in our section there is a fine prospect for a heavy crop of fruit if nothing injures it yet.

On Thursday of last week, 14th inst., Corilla Dotson died and on Thursday her remains were interred in the colored people's burying ground at Fairview M. E. Church, of which the deceased was a faithful member. She was in the 28th year of her age. Miss Dotson was the daughter of Wesley and Lizzie Dotson and was one of the most intelligent young colored women in our section, and much respected by all who knew her, both white and colored. She had taught school for a number of years and was an earnest worker in the Sunday school. Her sister Alice died last fall. We very much sympathize with this bereaved family, the members of which are very much respected by all who know them.

Peterson's Magazine for May is received and is a really splendid number, with admirable stories, beautiful pictures and much excellent information for the ladies, whose magazine it justly claims to be. It is only $2.00 per annum. Address *Peterson's Magazine*, Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Lola Shuey, of this county and Mr. Noble Peacock, of Loudoun county, Va., were married by Rev. J. W. Rogan, at the manse of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, No. 642 West Franklin street, Baltimore, at 4 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon. Only relatives of the bride and groom were present.

Dr. THOS. J. COONAN
has associated himself with Dr. Edward D. Wells for the practice of Medicine, in Westminster and the surrounding country. Office No. 39 East main street, opposite the Catholic Church. Residence No. 150 E. Main street, Westminster. apl-11-tf

Notice to Those Having Land for Sale.
THE undersigned offers his services to those having land for sale, and believes, from experience had, he can be of service in dividing up and putting in shape for sale to advantage of parties wishing to dispose of lands, especially frams near towns or cities.
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eb-2-tf JAMES SHRIVER

Dividend Notice.
The President and Directors of The Westminster Savings' Institution have, this 4th day of April, 1891, declared a semi-annual dividend of
FOUR PER CENT.
on Capital Stock, and Two and a Half per cent. on Weekly and Monthly deposits, free of all taxes, payable on and after April 15th, 1891.
apl-11-3t WM. H. STARR, Treasurer.

For Sale.
SOW AND PIGS AND SHOATS.
The subscriber has a lot of nice Chester White Shoats, and a Chester White Sow and Pigs, all in good and thriving condition. Also, a lot of Prime Timothy Hay. Call on or address,
M. CHEW,
apl-11-3t Carrollton, Carroll Co., Md.

An Open Letter.
WESTMINSTER, April 10, 1890.
Mr. Jos. B. Boyle:
Dear Sir:—For many years I have suffered intensely, on taking cold, from a very troublesome cough, for which I have used a great number of various remedies, and obtained but temporary relief. During the past Spring I was again troubled with the same cough, and through a friend was induced to try your Pectoral Syrup, which not only gave almost instant relief, but a permanent cure. It gives me great pleasure to say that I believe it to be the best remedy I ever used for the purpose for which it is recommended. Hoping that any person afflicted as I was may be fortunate enough to give it a trial, I am,
Truly yours,
EDWARD LYNCH.
For sale by all Druggists and Merchants in the County. Price 25 Cents a Bottle. Use no other. Dec-5-tf

Private Sale.
THE subscriber offers at private sale his property, about 2¼ miles from Westminster, on the road leading from the Manchester to the Gorsuch road, containing 35 ACRES, fifteen of which are in growing Timber. The improvements are a good Frame Dwelling, bank barn, smoke and hog house, and other outbuildings. The land is in a good state of cultivation, under good fencing, has a young orchard, water, &c.
Also 16 ACRES OF LAND, adjoining the above property, improved by a two-story Log Dwelling House, &c. For particulars apply to
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Md. Flour—Extra	$4.00@ $4.75
" " Family	4.85@ 5.25
" " High Grade Family	6.00@ 6.00
" " First Grade Extra	5.75@ 6.00
" " Rye Flour	4.50@ 5.25
Wheat	1.13@ 1.16
Corn	74@ 84
Oats	60@ 64
Rye	85@ 98
Potatoes	75@ 1.30
Hay	8.00@ 17.50
Straw	8.00@ 17.50
Dry Salt Shoulders	5¾@ 6¼
Bulk Clear Rib Sides	7¼@ 7½
Hams	10½@ 11½
Lard	7¼@ 7½
Butter	15@ 30
Eggs	13@ 13

Westminster Markets.

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Flour—Crown (extra)	$5.00@ $5.25
Flour—Cook's Delight (clear)	4.85@ 5.75
Flour—Gorsuch's Best (straight)	5.50@ 6.00
Flour—Sea Foam (patent)	6.50@ 6.50
Wheat	1.17@ 1.20
Damp Wheat	80@ 90
Rye	80@ 80
Barley	50@ 50
Oats	55@ 60
Corn	70@ 70
Corn	75@ 75
Bran per ton	31.00@ 31.00
Brown Middlings per ton	31.00@ 31.00
Corn, per bbl	4.00@ 4.00
Hungarian Seed	50@ 50
Timothy Seed	1.25@ 2.00
Clover Seed per lb	7@ 7½
Timothy Hay per ton	6.50@ 7.50
Clover Hay per ton	4.00@ 6.00
Mixed Hay per ton	5.00@ 6.00
Rye Straw	12.00@ 13.00
Flax Seed	1.50@ 1.50
Buckwheat Meal	2.25@ 2.50
Corn Meal per 100lb	1.50@ 1.50
Dressed Hogs	4.00@ 4.50
Lard	6@ 6
Bacon Shoulders	06@ 07
Bacon Sides	06@ 07
Hams	10@ 10
Butter	15@ 20
Potatoes	75@ 80
Onions	50@ 60
Eggs	10@ 10

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