The American Sentinel

IS PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY
AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL.

MRS. EMILY J. RIPPARD PROPRIETRESS

JNO. H. MITTEN. - MANAGER.

TERMS.

$1.50 per year, to be paid in advance. If not paid in advance $2.00 will be charged. Single copies 5 cents.

ADVERTISING RATES.

One square, 8 lines, will be inserted 3 times or less for $1, and 25 cents for each subsequent insertion. One square three months $3.50; 6 months $5; 1 year $8. No advertisements inserted for less than $1. Business cards $8 per year when not exceeding 8 lines. When the number of insertions is not marked, advertisements will be continued until forbid and charged accordingly. Yearly advertisers must confine advertisements to their own business. Advertisements having a large number of figures are charged extra. Business Locals 10 cents per line. Marriages and deaths free. Obituaries 5 cents per line.

☞All correspondence intended for this office should be addressed to "THE SENTINEL."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1891.

LOCAL ITEMS.

The August non-jury term of the Circuit Court for Carroll county will commence on Monday next.

The SENTINEL is indebted to Mr. Samuel L. Myers, of Bachman's Valley, for a basket of choice early apples.

The editor of the SENTINEL was the recipient of a very handsome boquet of choice flowers from Mr. J. Grattan Doyle, on Thursday.

The thanks of the SENTINEL are due Mr. Harry Little, of the vicinity of Spring Mills, for a generous basketfull of very fine Bell pears.

Mr. Gershom Hoff, of this city, has contracted to plaster the new cottage being erected by Mr. Thomas C. Thomson, Takoma Park, D. C.

Mr. J. B. Barnes, of Baltimore, who is well known in this community, is building a flouring mill at Taylorsville, Montgomery county, for Messrs. B. F. Starr & Co.

Mr. Grafton E. Day, of Darlington, Harford county, a graduate of Western Maryland College, has been elected vice-principal of the Belair consolidated schools.

Messrs. Jesse C. Sharrer, Charles W. Moore, John L. Reifsnider, Jr., and Dr. Geo. E. Baughman, of this city, will go to Chincoteague Island on the 18th inst., and remain about two weeks.

Burns Post No. 13, G. A. R., of this city, will meet on Saturday night, 22nd inst., for the purpose of taking steps to organize a Camp of the Sons of Veterans. A full attendance of the members is desired on the occasion.

Several days ago Mr. James S. Baer's little daughter Blanche, of Tannery, while playing, fell and fractured her right arm between the wrist and elbow. The fracture was adjusted by Dr. Jos. T. Hering, of this city.

The Sunday School of St. Benjamin's (Kräder's) Lutheran Church, will hold a festival on Thursday and Saturday evenings of next week, 13th and 15th inst. If Thursday evening should be inclement it will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings.

We have received from Col. Wm. A. McKellip copies of Helena, Montana, papers, and of a descriptive work entitled "A Ramble in Wonderland," containing sketches of Yellowstone Park and scenery along the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Experience having demonstrated the insufficiency of the guttering on the southwest side of Main street, between the railroad and the Union National Bank, to carry off the water accumulated by heavy rains, the corporate authorities have had a force of workmen engaged in widening them.

Enterprise Lodge No 275, Good Templars, recently elected the following officers: C. T., F. J. Lewis; V. T., Miss Nellie Zile; Sec., Miss Ida Shipley; F. Sec., Miss Ina Conaway; M., B. Wilson; Guard, T. Fosset; Chap., H. M. Zile; Sentinel, Will Aldridge; Delegates to District Lodge, Miss Laura Shipley, J. B. Townshend, M. H. Penn, George Gist.

An excursion to Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, will be given under the auspices of the Mechanicstown Cornet Band, on Wednesday next, 12th inst., from Sabillasville, Westminster, and intermediate stations, and from Catoctin Furnaces, Emmitsburg and Motters. Fare on the main line will be $1, from all stations except Spring Mills and Westminster, from which it will be 95 cents for the round trip. Time at Double Pipe Creek, 7.07, Westminster, 7.52.

On Friday evening of last week two young gentlemen, sons of Mr. Wm. A. Gibson, of Freedom district, in company with their sister and Miss Parrish, of Woodberry, attended the Catholic fete in this city, and while returning home, the horse attached to the buggy in which one of the young men and Miss Parrish were driving took fright and ran away. The buggy was broken to splinters but, strange to say, neither of the occupants received any more serious injury than a scratch or two. The horse was so badly hurt that its recovery is even yet doubtful. The accident occurred on the Shauck's Mill road, about a mile from Mr. Gibson's.

Mr. J. Grattan Doyle, florist, of this city, has received a letter from Henry A. Dreer, of Philadelphia, informing him that the Horticultural Society of Philadelphia has awarded him the first prize of $30 for Dreer's Standard potatoes, grown by him at his place in this city. The remaining prizes were awarded as follows: A. Hinzel, Sewell, N. York., $20; Richard Dumphy, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, $15; Dr. Smith, Havre-de-Grace, $10. Mr. Doyle intends to compete for a prize for celery of the Joint Parkel, Heartwell and Golden self-bleaching varieties.

The Republican County Central Committee met in this city on Monday and was well attended. The secretary of the convention, Mr. William H. Bell, Jr., was elected chairman to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Isaac E. Pearson. Mr. Philip H. Myers was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Jos. D. Brooks, and was made secretary in place of Mr. Bell. A call for primary meetings and a county convention was made and will be found at the head of the editorial columns of the SENTINEL to-day. The primaries will be held on the 15th inst., and the convention on the 17th.

Mr. John G. Gruber, father of Mrs. John B. Saylor, of this city, died at his home in Hagerstown, on Tuesday, aged 72 years, 3 months and one day.

Mr. J. Grattan Doyle, florist, East Green street, this city, is having an additional hot-house erected, one hundred feet long, for violets, carnations and vegetables.

In consequence of the unfavorable weather on Saturday last the pic nic of the German Lutherans, at Deer Park, was deferred until Monday, when it was well attended and proved quite a pleasant event. A number of citizens of Westminster and elsewhere in the county were present.

Miss Mamie Irwin, of this city, gave a number of her friends a delightful excursion to Pen-Mar on Thursday. Among those in the party were: Misses Bettie and Gussie Shriver, of Avondale; Misses Mamie, Lizzie and Helen Irwin, May Bruce Smith, Messrs. N. H. Baumgartner, James H. Dugan, Chas. V. Dugan, Charles T. Reifsnider, Jr., John H. Cunningham, Dr. T. J. Coonan, of this city; Mr. Edgar Thomson, of Baltimore.

The first business meeting of the Westminster Club was held in its rooms in the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank building on Monday evening last. The occasion was made the formal opening of the room. Music was furnished by Joseph Mazzotte, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by the members. The club is in a flourishing condition, having a membership of about fifty. Its reading room is well supplied with choice literature as well as the local and daily newspapers.

The stable on the premises of Mr. John W. Nelson, West Main street, this city, was partially destroyed by fire, about 7 o'clock, Saturday morning last. It was filled with hay which was damaged by the fire and by water thrown upon it by the fire department. The loss on the building was about $100, covered by insurance in the North British and Mercantile Company of London and Edinburgh, Mr. James E. Smith agent. The contents of the stable were not insured, but the loss was small. The origin of the fire is unknown but was probably incendiary, the fire having started at the top of the building.

Frederick correspondence of the Baltimore *Sun*, under date of the 4th inst., says: "A decree has been filed in the Circuit Court for Frederick county divorcing a vinculo matrimonii Lillie F. Kimes from Clinton S. Kimes, and that he pay to her so long as she remains unmarried the sum of $40 per month as alimony. Mrs. Kimes and children live in Washington, D. C. The parties were married in June, 1884, in Pittsburg, Pa. Clinton S. Kimes came here several years ago and has been engaged in a number of enterprises in this State and Virginia." Mr. and Mrs. Kimes formerly boarded at the Westminster Hotel in this city and are well known here.

Mrs. Dr. H. C. Nelson, Mrs. Eli Buckingham, Mrs. A. H. Huber, Miss Jennie Reaver and the ladies of Winchester Place contributed fruit and flowers to the Flower Mission this week; Mrs. Charles E. Cassell, fruit; Mrs. Wm. A. Cunningham, Mrs. Joseph B. Boyle, Mrs. Jeremiah Rinehart, Mrs. G. W. Matthews, Mrs. Shunk, Mrs. Fowble, Mrs. B. F. Crouse, Mrs. Judge Bond, Misses Manning, Shellman, Florence Albaugh, Hilda Crass, Lilly Woodward, Maude Waesche, Kate Magee, Laura Mobley, Masters Grover Gist and Willie Utz, flowers. Misses Ada O'Donnell and Eloise Bond are the receivers for next week; packers, Misses Lottie Moore and Grace Barnitz.

Mr. Henry Cover, of Baltimore, while crossing the track of the B. & O. R. R., at Locust Point, about 9 o'clock on Wednesday evening, was struck by a regulating engine and instantly killed. The engine ran over part of his body which was horribly mangled. Mr. Cover was a native of Frederick county. He was seventy-six years old. His son, Mr. Wm. L. Cover, of Baltimore, had been visiting at Mr. Joseph A. Waesche's in this city, with whose family he is connected by marriage, and a telegram was sent here about midnight to inform him of the sad event, but he and Mr. Waesche were at Double Pipe Creek, where the news reached them Thursday morning.

Mr. Harvey F. Caylor, of Denver, Col., sends us a copy of the Denver *Republican*, containing an account of a collision on the Rio Grande Railroad, in which four persons were killed and a number seriously injured. Mr. Caylor also writes us, giving us a brief description of some of his experiences as a traveler. His letter is dated at Ouray, Col., and he says that in traveling by stage from Ironton to that place, he passed through a snow tunnel forty feet long, on July 26th, the snow in the gulch below the tunnel being 30 to 40 feet deep. He found an overcoat very comfortable. Although it is the dull season he writes that he is having a very successful trip. He received the SENTINEL on his journey and says it was a very welcome visitor.

An excursion from Westminster, Blue Ridge and intermediate stations will take place on the occasion of the second annual reunion of the Reformed Church, of Southern Pennsylvania, Maryland and Northern Virginia, next Thursday, 13th inst., at Pen-Mar. The train will leave stations in this county as follows: Westminster, 7.50; Spring Mills, 7.54; Avondale, 7.57; Medford, 7.59; Wakefield, 8.02; New Windsor, 8.11; Linwood, 8.17; Union Bridge, 8.22; Middleburg, 8.29; Frederick Junction, 8.32; York Road, 8.33; Double Pipe Creek, 8.37, A. M. The fare from these stations will be as follows: Westminster, Spring Mills and Avondale, $1.00; Medford and Wakefield, 95 cents; New Windsor, 90 cents; Linwood and Union Bridge, 80 cents; Middleburg, 70 cents; Frederick Junction and York Road 65 cents; Double Pipe Creek, 60 cents.

The County Commissioners were in session on Monday and Tuesday and engaged chiefly in general business, and in contracting for rebuilding bridges and repairing roads. A joint contract was made by the Commissioners of Carroll and Frederick counties with Mr. John Thomson, of Mt. Pleasant, for the erection of a low wooden bridge over Sams Creek, at McKinstry's Mills, for $215, he to furnish all the material except the stone for the abutments. Daniel J. Lyons was engaged to superintend the removal of the bridge over Beaver Run, on the Murray road in Woolery's district, the channel having been changed by the high waters caused by the recent heavy rains. A special pension of $5.00 was granted to Mrs. Anna Derr, of district No. 9.

The annual celebration of Harmony Grove Sunday School, at Gist P. O., will be held on Saturday, 15th inst., commencing at 10, A. M., in the grove adjoining the church. The Oak Orchard Band will be present and furnish the music, and addresses will be delivered by able speakers. Confectionery, ice cream &c., will be sold for the benefit of the school. All are invited.

Personal.

Miss Jennie Gist, of Baltimore, is visiting relatives in this city and vicinity.

Miss Mamie E. Long, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Wesley Steele, Cranberry.

Mrs. Grace E. Ganter, of Manchester, spent Sunday last visiting friends in this city.

Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Slagle, of this city have been spending a week at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Mary Wellham, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. John J. Reese, East Main street, this city.

Miss Louise Dugan, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Nancy Roberts, Court street, this city.

Miss Annie M. Mikesell, of this city, is visiting Mr. Wm. A. Mikesell and family, Wilmington, Del.

Miss Jennie O'Neal, of Washington, D. C., is visiting Mrs. Rev. G. W. Cooper, of this city.

Mrs. Ezra Reaver, of Taneytown, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Reaver, East Main street, this city.

Mrs. I. Scott Jordan, of this city, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Boring, Maple Grove.

Mrs. Garrison and daughter, Miss Grace Garrison, of Norfolk, Va., are at the City Hotel, this city.

Miss Nannie Dunn, of Baltimore, is visiting the family of Mr. James L. Dorsey, at the Eastern Hotel, this city.

Miss Blanche Smith, of Norfolk, Va., who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. H. Smith, of this city, has returned home.

Miss Belle Brady, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Miss Bessie Stewart, of Lancaster, Pa., who had been visiting Mrs. Charles E. Stewart, East Green street, this city, have returned home.

Rev. C. W. Levan, wife and children, of Easton, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Levan's mother, Mrs. Mary Bowers, East Main street, this city. They will remain here a week and then visit Niagara Falls.

Miss Stouch, Miss M. L. Stouch, Miss Carrie Stouch, of this city, Miss Katie German, Miss Nina Franklin, Miss Florence Leister and Mr. Clifton Helen, of Baltimore, are the guests of Miss Carrie Franklin, of Taylorsville.

Proceedings of Orphans' Court.

Sophia C., William, and Ludwig Miller, Administrators of William Miller, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels.

The last will and testament and codicil thereto of Rogers Birnie, deceased, was admitted to probate; and letters testamentary granted to Clotworthy Birnie, acting executor.

Jas. W. and Joshua Lockard, Executors of Joshua Lockard, deceased, returned invenory of goods and chattels and received order to sell same and order to notify creditors.

Letters of administration on the estate of Geo. H. Fair, deceased, were granted to Daniel H. Fair, who received order to notify creditors.

John W. Jones, administrator of John H. Jones, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels; and received order to sell same, and order to notify creditors.

Letters of administration on the estate of Ferdinand E. Cootes, deceased, were granted to Wm. H. Bell.

David Cover, guardian of Francis J. Grimes, settled 1st and final account.

Tuesday, August 4th, 1891.—Virginia C. Armacost, natural guardian of John D. Armacost, settled 1st and final account.

Wm. H. Bell, administrator of Ferdinand E. Cootes, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels and received orders to sell goods and chattels and notify creditors.

Declared Insane.

In the early days of last week John H. Appler, of Dennings, was brought before Justice G. W. Crapster, of this city, charged with the malicious destruction of property, and held for a further hearing. He had been acting strangely and there was little or no doubt that his conduct was due to mental derangement. Pending the hearing of the charge under which he was held a jury *de lunatico inquirendo* was summoned by Sheriff Wickert, on Friday of last week, and after hearing testimony in the case declared him an insane pauper. He was thereupon committed, by Judge Bond, to be confined in the Maryland Hospital for the Insane at Spring Grove, until his recovery, at the expense of Carroll county. The members of the jury in the case were: Messrs. John Marsh, Samuel Brown, William Carr, Charles Stonesifer, William H. Baer, Lewis C. Trumbo, John C. Frizell, Josephus Stonesifer, Washington L. Brown, Henry Himler, Charles H. Fowler, Charles L. Wampler.

Pleasant Valley Items.

On Monday last Miss Sarah Masenheimer, whose home is near this place, but who was employed at Mr. E. C. Yingling's near Union Mills, attempted to split some kindling wood, when a piece of it struck her in the eye and destroyed the sight. Dr. J. J. Stewart, of Union Mills, and subsequently Dr. Jos. T. Hering, of Westminster, were called to see her. The injury received has not only destroyed the sight but is exceedingly painful and may render the removal of the eye necessary.

Mrs. Hannah Reinaker, an aged lady, who resided with her son-in-law, Mr. Ezra Powell, died somewhat suddenly on Saturday morning last. She was 90 years, 4 months and 16 days old. Her husband died nearly twenty years ago. She leaves 3 daughters, 11 grand-children and 5 great-grand-children. She was a good, kind old lady and beloved by every body. Her remains were interred at Silver Run, Rev. J. U. Asper, of Westminster, conducting the funeral services. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Jos. Helwig, David D. Myerly, Jacob Study, Joshua Frownfelter, J. Michael Frock and John Myers.

Mrs. Kate Warehime, near this place, boasts of the possession of two lambs, 6 months old, which weigh, respectively, 110 and 112. She thinks they cannot be beaten and she is probably correct in that opinion.

Master Willie Sullivan, who fell while crossing a field, some time ago, and broke his hip bone, is now able to sit up and move about the house.

Harney Items.

The band at this place has engagements all through August and into September. Last Saturday they played for the Sunday School celebration at Keysville.

The Sunday School Convention which met at Taneytown last Saturday and Sunday was a good means to create an interest in Sunday School work. There are many who do not take an active part in this department of church work.

Owing to the continuance of the wet weather some of our farmers are not quite through with their oats harvest yet.

The friends of Prohibition in this neighborhood are much pleased with the State ticket.

This season the people have great reason to be thankful for the abundant fruit crop. Apples are very plentiful and very fine.

The health of the community is good. Farmers are busy plowing when the ground is dry enough.

Last Tuesday night we had the heaviest rain we have had for years. Rain commenced falling at 9 o'clock and at half past 10 the water in a branch near here was higher than was ever known before. Alloways creek was two feet higher than has ever been known heretofore. Everything is swept away along its banks. The iron bridge across Alloways on the Gettysburg road, near here is gone.

Last August the bridge across Monocacy was blown down and now another bridge is gone.

Patapsco Items.

In consequence of the frequent rains some of our farmers were delayed in haymaking and have just finished that part of their farm work. The growing corn looks very promising at this time. Fruit of all kinds is abundant.

Mr. John T. Stansbury has moved from Mr. J. Wesley Ricketts' house to the Van Deusen property at Carrollton Station and Mr. Wm. Caples, Jr., has occupied the vacated house.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Young, of the vicinity of Taylorsville, spent several days last week with Mrs. Young's brother, Mr. John C. Harman.

Mrs. Rachael Barnhart, of near Eden, is visiting at her son, Mr. George E. Barnhart's, near Sandyville. Mrs. Barnhart is 82 years old, but is still able to walk a few miles with ease.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Uhler and children, of Smithburg, Md., are at Mr. Jacob M. Hoff's, near Sandyville.

A small child, aged about ten months, of Mr. John T., and Mrs. Mary Westaway, died on Monday night, 3rd inst, and was buried at the M. E. Cemetery of this place on Wednesday 5th, Rev. J Tolly Marsh officiating.

Rev. J. St. Clair Neal, Presiding Elder of this circuit, preached at the M. E. Church of this place on Sunday, 2nd inst., at 2.30, P. M., after which he administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The ladies of the M. E. Sunday School of this place will hold a festival on Saturday afternoon and evening, 8th inst., for the benefit of the school. A good time is anticipated.

A Bean Auction.

A very pleasant entertainment was given on Tuesday evening to the children at Winchester Place and a few of their little friends from Westminster. The idea originated with Miss Hough, of Baltimore, who finds much pleasure herself in giving pleasure to the children. The entertainment consisted of a bean auction, Mr. F. W. Koch, of Baltimore, acting as auctioneer and Mr. Burtt as assistant. Miss Barnett, of Baltimore, assisted Miss Hough in distributing the "bean money," which was put up in packages of one hundred, each bean representing one dollar.

The articles sold were all tied up in paper so that the buyer was ignorant of his purchase until it was made. The bidding was spirited and good humored amongst the little folks, and much amusement was created by the opening of the packages. The auction lasted from seven until half-past eight, P. M., when all the packages were disposed of and the little people said "good night" to Miss Hough and the other ladies and gentlemen who had contributed so much to their enjoyment.

Notes from the Forest and Stream Club.

The club has been singularly unfortunate this year, muddy waters and rainy weather having prevailed during our first two weeks of camp life. The climax was reached on Wednesday morning, 5th inst., twenty minutes before three o'clock. We were awakened by a freight train crossing the bridge at the Monocay. The president was first at the tent entrance, as he thought he heard the swish of oars near the landing. John soon had his boots on and was at the river bank to behold, not some one trying to get away with the bait, but the mad river trying to get away with everything in its path. The rope across the river soon parted and we were relieved to find had broken on the Frederick county side and the boat was safe. We soon had things in shape preparatory to moving. How eagerly we wished for daylight. All the lamps and lanterns in camp were lighted and we began clearing out the cook's tent, the one nearest the river. This was soon accomplished, but before we could get the tent down and away the river had risen eight feet, and some of the guy-rope had to be cut as the water was too deep to get at the pegs. The tents were moved a hundred and fifty yards to high ground and the good work went on. There was the old reliable, big Charley; George, the President; Washington, the one always ready; John, the commissary; Winter, the medicine man, and Mitchell, of hedge fence fame, beside the cooks, Jade and Smith. By seven o'clock the river had risen fifteen feet but we were safe, with three tents up and ready for breakfast, to which all did full justice. After breakfast the camp was completed and ready for visitors. The river began falling about eight o'clock and by twelve had fallen ten feet, and at this writing is running in its usual channel. We have had quite a number of visitors, among them the Rev. Will Seabrook, of Kansas, once vice-president of the club.

Next week the King's Sons, fifteen in number, with their pastor, Rev. Wyllys Reid, will visit the camp and remain from the 10th to the 14th, inclusive.

The river is full of black bass and good fishing may be expected during the coming week. There is some talk among the members of continuing the camp another week, from the 17th to the 22nd.

Reported for the SENTINEL.

Carroll County Sunday School Convention.

The Carroll County Sunday School Convention, under the auspices of the Maryland Sunday School Union, was held at Taneytown, beginning Friday night, July 31st, and closing on the following Sunday night. A fine audience assembled at the first meeting and the interest then awakened increased with each session until the close on Sunday night, when fully 600 people were present, and only the threatening weather prevented an overflow.

The convention was formally organized on Saturday morning by the election of Rev. Pedro Rioscecco, president; Miss Grace Hochensmith, secretary, and Mr. G. H. Birnie, treasurer.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. G. H. Birnie. The following subjects were discussed during the convention: "The worth and work of Sunday School Conventions," by State Organizer, G. H. Nock; "The Cheerful Sunday School Teacher," by Miss Grace Hochensmith; "The Teacher's Life," by Miss Sarah Snyder; "The Model Teacher," by Dr. C. Birnie. Dr. Birnie also discussed the question, "How can we maintain a supply of teachers?" "How can we retain the young men in the Sunday School?" was discussed by Mr. Charles Culp. There was a number of themes from the question box which elicited much interesting and spicy discussion.

The Sunday services were largely attended. It was thought impracticable to hold a union service on Sunday morning as no one church would have held the audience; so services were held in both the Lutheran and Reformed churches. The children's mass meeting in the afternoon and the general meeting at night taxed the seating capacity of the large edifice.

Among the other speakers at the convention were the pastors of the town, Rev. H. Ditzler, of the Reformed Church; Rev. Geo. W. McSherry, of the Lutheran and Rev. Pedro Rioscecco, of the Presbyterian. Also Rev. Wm. C. Brian, of the Middleburg M. E. Church. These gentlemen did excellent service in the discussions.

A special feature of the convention was the organization of the "Carroll County Sunday School Association," auxiliary to the State Association. Though but few of the remote schools were represented it was thought advisable to make a beginning, with the hope that a general enthusiasm will be awakened in the work. It is proposed to follow the county convention with a series of district conventions and institutes.

A constitution was adopted and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. J. W. Hering; Secretary, Edward Reisler; Assistant Secretary, N. H. Baile; Treasurer, G. H. Birnie; Executive Committee, Dr. J. J. Weaver, E. O. Grimes, and Calvin L. Fringer.

Resolutions were adopted as the sense of the convention that schools should keep open the entire year; that every member of the Church should be a member of the Sunday School, either as teacher or pupil, or at least, if prevented from attending, should give helpful sympathy and prayers to the movement.

In point of attendance, interest and enthusiasm the convention was a success, and the convention next year will doubtless have a large representation.

Melrose Items.

The oats crop is being housed now.

Fruits and vegetables of all kinds are abundant in this section.

On Friday evening the blind girls, Misses Denny and Burgoon, gave an entertainment at Slate Hill schoolhouse, near this place. The program was in the main similar to that at the entertainment previously given at Bachman's schoolhouse. Nearly a hundred persons were present and were much pleased with the performance. It was very enjoyable.

We are glad to state that Mr. George Garrett, whose illness has heretofore been reported, is rapidly improving.

Mr. Wm. Haines, of this vicinity, shot a crane last week that measured 6 feet, 1 inch across the wings.

Mr. Wm. Kreitzer contemplates the erection of a new barn in the near future.

Work on Mr. Henry Black's new house is progressing rapidly.

The Carroll County Reed Band spent Saturday evening in our town and delighted the citizens by playing a number of excellent selections. They would be cordially greeted again with their excellent music.

The Bachman's Valley Railroad has been very much improved in appearance by the removal of the grass along the line.

Miss Emma Lorrenger is about to have a henhouse added to her outbuildings.

Linwood Camp.

It is expected that the Linwood campmeeting, which commenced yesterday, will be largely attended on Sunday. Abundant facilities for reaching the scene by rail will be afforded by the Western Maryland Railroad, which will run several excursion trains, in addition to the regular trains. The time of trains from stations in this county, from Double Pipe Creek east and Tank west, will be as follows: Double Pipe Creek, 8.53; York Road, 8.58; Middleburg, 9.02, A. M.; Union Bridge, 6.32, 9.10, A. M., 12.25, 3.58, 8.50, P. M.; Linwood, 6.38, 9.15, A. M., 12.31, 4.03, 8.56, P. M.; Tank 8.25, 10.48, A. M., 3.50, P. M.; Patapsco, 8.27, 10.49, A. M., 3.53, P. M.; Carrollton, 8.34, 10.55, A. M., 3.59, P. M.; Tannery, 8.41, 11.00, A. M., 4.04, P. M.; Westminster, 8.56, 11.12, A. M., 1.45, 4.17, P. M.; Spring Mills, 9.02, 11.16, A. M., 1.49, 4.24, P. M.; Avondale, 9.07, 11.20, A. M., 1.53, 4.27, P. M.; Medford, 9.11, 11.23, A. M., 1.55, 4.30, P. M.; Wakefield, 9.15, 11.26, A. M., 1.59, 4.33, P. M.; New Windsor, 9.25, [illegible] A. M., 2.06, 4.39, P. M.

List of Unclaimed Matter

Remaining in the Postoffice at Westminster Md., August 1, 1891.

Arnold, Miss Anna	Lambert, Jacob H.
Bailey, Mrs. W. H.	Markus, Miss Rosa
Brown Miss Sarah Eliz-abe	Miller, Charles S.
Campbell, Mrs. Minnie	Myers, T. L.
Devilbiss, F. J.	Myers, Mrs. S. P.
Emery, Summerfield	Myers, Mrs. Annie M.
Grabenhorst, John A.	Powell, Mrs. Agnes
Harris, John T.	Roop, Geo. M.
Harman, Miss Jennie	Robertson, J. C.
Hess, Miss Mary	Rose, Charles
Kelly, Miss Rosie	Shaffer, John
Keice, Mary E.	Shafer, I. H.
Knott, Miss Ella	Smith, Frank
Lanier, Miss Roberta (3)	Tilghman, Mrs. Susan
	Wise, S. E.

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

GEO. E. SHARRER, P. M.

Entertainment at Winchester Place.

The Rev. Wyllys Rede, Rector of Ascension Church, this city, will give an illustrated lecture at Winchester Place on Saturday evening of this week, at 8 o'clock. His subject will be the Cathedral Churches of England, and the lecture, which has been heard before by some of our people, will no doubt attract a goodly number of our residents and summer visitors. The beautiful views of the cathedrals illuminated by a stereoptican are always admired. The lecture is given for the benefit of the surpliced choir of Ascension Church and its proceeds will be applied towards the expenses of the first annual Summer Camp of the Choristers, which is to be held at the well-known fishing grounds upon the Monocacy river next week. The prices of admission will be as usual.

Taneytown Items.

The grasshoppers have destroyed, a great deal of oats in this section. Some farmers say their oats is not worth threshing. The rainy weather operated against housing it and the grasshoppers continued their work even after it was in shocks, so that there is now very little of the grain in the straw. These insects have now commenced destroying garden vegetables and also the corn.

St. Joseph's (Catholic) pic nic will be held in the grove of Mr. H. M. Clabaugh, next Wednesday, 12th.

Mr. A. N. Hess sowed last spring some spring wheat and rye. The wheat proved to be a failure but the rye has matured in three months and is well filled.

Rev. H. Ditzler, pastor of Grace Reformed Church, has successfully introduced the new Hymnal adopted by the General Synod.

Washington Camp No. 2, P. O. S. of A., has accepted an invitation to attend the parade at Gettysburg, Pa., on the 12th inst., on the occasion of the meeting of the State Camp of Pennsylvania. The Cornet Band will accompany the order from this place.

The remains of Mrs. Sarah Keefer, of Freedom, widow of William Keefer, were brought here and interred in the Reformed cemetery Sunday last. Rev. H. Ditzler officiated.

The game of base ball played last Thursday by the Rocky Ridge Club and the Eclipse Club of this place stood 6 to 12 in favor of the home club, the latter not playing in the last inning.

Messrs. John Nau and Nicholas Huff, of Littlestown, Pa., were in town last Tuesday making arrangements for a Red Men's pic nic, to be held here on the 29th of August, by the Tribes of Littlestown, Pa., Emmittsburg and Uniontown, Md. They intend to give a street parade in connection with the pic nic and to have other secret orders participate in the procession.

Manchester Items.

The beautiful weather on Friday so encouraged those interested in the musical festival and pic nic that extensive preparations were made for the same. The grove was cleared of undergrowth and fitted up with a stand and seats to accommodate a large crowd of people, while the preparations for the event among the many families were quite generous, all expecting to have a nice time in the woods. But the gray dawn of Saturday morning was anything but pleasant. As the morning advanced old Sol, after many efforts, put in his appearance through the sombre clouds, and for a time the prospects were more cheerful. The Carroll County Reed Band arrived about 9, A. M., and was received by the members of the home band at the square. About 9.30 the procession of the Sunday Schools was formed, headed by the visiting band, and marched to the grove on the York Hill. Soon after the Eberg choir, in a large neatly trimmed wagon, arrived and about the same time the Lineboro choir also drove into the grove. The exercises were then opened with prayer by Rev. C. M. Eyster. Music, by the band, was followed by singing by the Lutheran and then by the Reformed Sunday Schools. Rev. N. J. Miller was then introduced and delivered an interesting address upon the subject of music. Singing by the schools and music by the bands concluded the morning exercises, and soon the woods was dotted with white cloths laden with good things for the inner man, which were heartily enjoyed by all. About this time the gathering clouds and a light sprinkling of rain somewhat disturbed the serenity of the diners and brought umbrellas into requisition and created apprehensions of heavier showers later on. Notwithstanding the threatening clouds, however, those who had retired to their homes for dinner began to return and the crowd in the grove was being rapidly augmented by new arrivals, when, suddenly, rain commenced falling and gradually increased in volume until it had attained a perfect downpour. A general stampede ensued, and York Hill was like a second Bull Run in the confusion of vehicles dashing to and fro with their living freight, with whom they were filled beyond their capacity; people with umbrellas wading through the mud, and others still more unfortunate, without protection of any kind, facing the driving rain, drenched and dripping, yet in the best humor, while still others stood their ground and waited an hour or more until the storm abated. Among these were the members of the Eberg choir, who took shelter in a large covered wagon and, when the rain ceased, entertained others who remained, by singing four of their finest selections in a most admirable manner. They were led by Prof. Grimm, of Beckleysville, and deserved and received much praise for their excellent performance, which was perfect in time and charming in melody.

The committee which had charge of the festival found themselves with a lot of perishable refreshments on hand, which they promptly transferred to the Odd Fellows' Hall in this place and disposed of during the evening, so that little or no loss was incurred by the enterprise.

On Sunday evening another heavy rain visited us and continued several hours. We doubt whether the rainfall at any time during the summer was heavier than this shower. The streets, fields and roads were badly washed in many places.

Mr. Charles Grove, of Germantown, has been suffering for a week or more from the effect of a disease of the kidneys that has kept him confined to the house.

Kirby Ament, who was very ill with heart trouble, is again able to get about and take light exercise.

Dr. R. L. Hoffweier and wife have again returned to town and are the guests of Dr. Jno. F. B. Weaver. The Dr. has improved very much in health. He informs us that his home is quite near to the part of St. Joseph threatened by the overflow of the Missouri river, which gives them trouble during freshets from its peculiar course in and about the city.

Mr. Richard L. Simpers, who has been quite a sufferer from kidney disease for some months, is still quite ill and gradually growing weaker. Dr. Newton Simpers, his son, who is located in Harford county, was home recently and is much encouraged by his success in building up a large practice.

The infant child of Mr. John Wentz, of Melrose, was laid away to rest in a family lot here on Thursday, Rev. C. M. Eyster officiating.

Mr. Richard Nelson is suffering with an attack of malaria.

Policeman William Hoffman, of Baltimore, spent a few days here and returned to the city on Monday, accompanied by his family. Mr. Ed. Hoffman and family, of Emmitsburg, were here among friends on Sunday. Miss Bessie Otto, of Baltimore; Miss Stocksdale, of Arcadia, are also among friends here. Miss Celia Shower and Miss Maggie Clingan are visiting in Baltimore. Misses Flora and Millie Lippy, and Miss Mary Masenheimer are home from their visit to Philadelphia, Long Branch and Cape May. Miss Jennie Oursler and Josie Warehime are visiting friends in Gettysburg.

The mechanics have finished the fine residence of Mr. B. F. Bosley, at Greenmount, which he will occupy on the 13th inst. It is built on the latest cottage style, and furnished in many parts in hard wood, making it one of the finest buildings in this section.

Messrs. D. H. Hoffacker and Geo. A. Shower attended the Carroll County S. S. convention, at Taneytown, on Sunday.

Mr. M. L. Morelock caught about 40 fine fish alone Pipe Creek on Tuesday last, some measuring 14 inches in length.

Misses Sarah and Lizzie Trump and Mrs. Lizzie Ober left on the afternoon train, Wednesday, to meet Rev. C. S. Trump, of Martinsburg, W. Va., and Miss Lizzie Herr, of Westminster, in Baltimore, from which point they have taken a trip to Watkins Glen, Niagara Falls and Chautauqua. They will be at the latter place on the 18th inst., graduation day.

Mr. Calvin Lippy slipped and fell while entering his huckster wagon, on Wednesday last, striking his left knee against an iron, dislocating the knee cap and causing great pain. Mr. Loats being present aided him in putting it in place and he proceeded to Greenmount and the thence by train to Baltimore to attend to selling his load of produce. Since then he has been unable to get about without the aid of crutch and cane.

Mrs. J. H. LaMotte is still unable to make any use of her foot and ankle, sprained some weeks ago.

Harry, the 5-year-old son of Dr. J. H. Preston, has been quite ill during the last week with dysentery and inflammation of the stomach. At this writing he is slightly improved.

Sketch of Prof. James A. Diffenbaugh.

The efforts of Prof. James A. Diffenbaugh, the Examiner of the public schools of this county, in behalf of public education, have given him an enviable reputation in his own State and gained him many friends among the leading educators of the country. The estimation in which he is held among his co-laborers in this great work is very happily shown by a sketch of his life, published in the August number of *The American School Board Journal*, a periodical of large circulation and wide influence, published in New York, Chicago and Milwaukee. The sketch, which is as follows, is illustrated with an excellent likeness of its subject:

County Examiner (Superintendent) of public schools, member of the State Board of Education, Trustee of the State Normal School, and President of the State Teachers' Association, Prof. James A. Diffenbaugh, of Carroll county, Maryland, is well known and highly esteemed by the school people of many States, not a few of whom have most pleasant recollections of his elegant bachelor home, with its fine library, wealth of creature comforts and bounteous hospitality, at Westminster, the county seat, where he was born February 3, 1854.

He was educated in the public schools and at Western Maryland College in his native city, having graduated a Bachelor of Arts in 1874, receiving the Master's degree three years later.

While teaching in the public schools of the county he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1878.

He was clerk of the Committee on Accounts of the U. S. House of Representatives during the 44th, 45th, and 46th Congresses. Upon retiring from that position in 1881, he was appointed deputy clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County, and so continued until he was elected County School Examiner in January, 1886. He was re-elected in '86, '88, and '90, his superior fitness for the place and the value of his services being so generally conceded that he has never had a competitor.

During his tenure he has superintended the erection of some thirty-six school houses, embracing forty four rooms. In Maryland the County Superintendent is at the same time the financial and executive officer of the School Board, a condition which does not obtain in any other State. Besides visiting and supervising the schools, directing the course of study, examining teachers, and performing such other duties as usually devolve upon county superintendents, he is obliged to conduct all the correspondence and financial operations of the board, pay the teachers' salaries, superintend the erection and furnishing of school-houses and distribute the text books to all the schools in the county.

In May, 1888, Prof. Diffenbaugh was appointed by the Governor one of the five members of the State Board of Education, and trustee of the State Normal School. At the request of the State Board he prepared