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SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895.

THE DATE ON THE LABEL ON YOUR PAPER SHOWS THE TIME TO WHICH YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS PAID.

Local Items.

On Monday last Mr. David M. Shorb cut from his pond, near Frizellburg, ice 9 inches thick.

Mr. Andrew P. Frizzell, of Bloom, slaughtered seven hogs January 2d, weighing 1,655 pounds.

Notwithstanding the hard times the SENTINEL begins its Sixty-fourth volume this week with the largest subscription list in its history.

Editorials are omitted this week to give place to the reports of Christmas entertainments sent by a number of our correspondents.

Mr. David M. Shorb, near Frizellburg, had 40 acres in corn the last season, from which he realized 451 barrels, a trifle over 11¼ barrels to the acre.

We have a unique, heart-shaped, handsomely lithographed calendar for 1895, from C. I. Hood & Co., proprietors of Hood's Sarsaparilla, Lowell, Mass.

Ice cutting commenced in this vicinity on Monday last and a large quantity of excellent ice from five to seven inches thick has been housed during the week.

One day last week Miss Fannie Fringer, daughter of Ex Sheriff Fringer, fell down a high stairway, at her home near this city, and sustained severe and painful injuries.

During the month of December 48 deeds, 18 mortgages and 18 bills of sale were received for record at the county clerk's office, and 41 marriage licenses were issued.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Walkling entertained the ladies of the sewing society of Grace Lutheron Church and otherservery handsomely, at their home near this city, on Thursday night.

President Lewis, of Western Maryland College, has sent us a very convenient calendar for 1895, bearing a handsome lithograph of the Main building and Smith and Hering Halls.

Mr Samuel K. Yingling, of East Main street, this city, killed a hog last week that weighed 586½ pounds. Mr. Calvin Myerly, of this city, killed two which weighed 319 and 374 pounds, respectively.

Mr. Ferdinand D. Schaeffer has purchased from Mr. F. Thomas Babylon the dwelling at present occupied by the latter, on Pennsylvania avenue, this city, for $2,550 cash and will make it his residence in the spring.

Masquerading was a prominent feature of the observance of the Christmas holidays in this city. On Wednesday evening a large party, after visiting the homes of several citizens, wound up with a dance at the City Hotel.

Mr. H. C. Keefer has purchased the stock and fixtures of Mr. Stewart Cook's grocery store, in the storeroom owned by the former, on East Main street, this city, and his son, Mr. Wm. N. Keefer, will conduct the business hereafter.

The Christmas exercises of Centenary M. E. Sunday School, of this city, and distribution of gifts took place on Friday evening of last week. The program was entertaining and well rendered and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

A correspondent at Bixler P. O. sends us an account of a New Year's eve surprise party at Bachman's Mills, but fails to append his name to his communication, and under our rule we are obliged to omit it. A responsible name, not for publication but to assure the validity of the matter reported, must always accompany such items.

John M. Magill died suddenly, on Tuesday morning, at his residence on Hopking avenue, Baltimore, from paralysis, aged sixty-three years. Mr. Magill was a native of Uniontown, this county, but had been a resident of Baltimore for fifty-four years. He was a machinist and was in the emyloy of the Western Maryland Railroad.

The SENTINEL acknowledges the receipt of a handsome calendar for 1895 from Mr. R. H. Pollock, manufacturer of high grade fertilizers, No. 51 S. Gay street, Baltimore. We also have calendars from the Baltimore *American*, *The Sun* and *The Morning Herald*, that of the first being handsomely lithographed in colors.

On New Year's night the congregation of Benjamin's Reformed Church gave the pastor, Rev. H. J. Macalister, of this city, a pleasant surprise by visiting the parsonage in a body with substantial tokens of their regard. We have a full report of the affair, received too late for publication this week, which will appear in the next issue.

Interesting Christmas exercises were held by the Sunday School of the M. P. Church of this city on Sunday evening. An immense audience was present and thoroughly enjoyed the program, which was admirably rendered. On Tuesday evening the officers and teachers of the school were installed with interesting ceremonies and the annual distribution of gifts took place.

We regret very much to learn that Mr. Joseph Bollinger, of this city, who, with his daughter, Miss Hattie Bollinger, is spending the winter in Taneytown, was stricken with paralysis at the Franklin House in that place on Thursday of last week. While from the latest information received concerning him he was somewhat improved, there is no doubt that he is seriously ill.

Mr. Jesse Clary, a well known farmer and most estimable gentleman, died at his home near Unionville, Frederick county, on Friday evening of last week at an advanced age. His remains were interred in Mountain View Cemetery, Union Bridge, on Monday morning, after funeral services at the M. E. Church, Unionville.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of Centenary M. E. Church, this city, will be celebrated to-morrow, 16th inst., and the services of the day will have special reference to that event. An outline of those services, which will be very interesting, will be found among the religious notices in this week's issue. Among the addresses announced that of Mr. George R. Gehr will be of an historical character.

Mr. Lawrence Zepp, of this city, was notified by telegram of the death of his daughter, Mrs. Ella V. Foutz, wife of ex-Mayor John E. Foutz, of Leadville, Col., at her home in that place, on Wednesday, 2nd inst. Mrs. Foutz was in her 37th year, and leaves her husband and one child surviving her. She had many friends and acquaintances in this, her native place, who will be saddened by her early death.

Edward Zeigler, formerly of this city, was taken to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, on Monday night, suffering with severe burns. He had gone to sleep in Perott's brick-yard, Biddle street and Loney's lane, while smoking a cigar which dropped on his breast. His vest, which was of some soft, inflammable material, caught fire from the cigar and was soon in a blaze. The unfortunate man was horribly burned about the back, neck and arms before his cries brought assistance.

Dr. D. F. Shipley, of this city, has been prospecting for gold on the farm of his father, Mr. Larkin Shipley, at Daniel, with very gratifying success. Gold is found in the walls of an iron mine, worked twenty years or more ago by the Tysons, and Dr. Shipley is endeavoring to locate the vein, of the existence of which the deposits found are an indication. An assay of specimens from the shaft, made by Dr. P. B. Wilson, of Baltimore, yielded at the rate of $49.58 per ton, showing the presence of the precious metal in far more than paying quantities.

In the closing hour of the old year a number of young ladies and gentlemen enjoyed a very pleasant sled straw ride from this city to Sandyville. On their return they stopped at the home of Mr. Vernon Reese, at Reese, where they spent a delightful evening, and reached Westminster just as the bells were ringing out the old and ringing in the New Year. Those comprising the party were: Miss Estella M. Gebauer, of Baltimore; Misses Beckie McGirr, Florence Zepp, Margie Shugh, Gussie Friss, Maude Miller, Messrs. Harry Gorsuch, Frank H. Miller, Wm. E. Miller, George L. Brown, and Frank Diffendal.

The New Year was ushered in with such a clanging of bells as has rarely, if ever before, been heard in this city. All the church bells, the college and the firemen's bells were rung for ten minutes and the steam whistle of the Electric Light Company blew an accompaniment to the concert, which was supplemented by a loud and long continued blast from the engine of the midnight freight train on the Western Maryland Railroad. The first day of the year, greeted in this effusive manner, was more generally observed as a holiday than has usually been the case. Many business houses were closed and sleighs were at a premium, the merry bells constantly filling the air with their music.

The twenty-fourth annual statement of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Carroll County, Md., shows the payment of the following losses by fire and lightning: E. Boller, $750; H. N. Devries, $200; Geo. C. Crass, $375; School Board, $52.15; Western Md. College, (lightning) $18.38; Lynch & Orendorff, (lightning) $7.98; Babylon & Gilbert, $1.80; R. F. Zentz, (lightning) $25.00; John C. Shreeve, $37.50; George W. Albaugh, $2.00; W. S. Houghton, $250. The number of policies issued was 3,549; the amount of property insured by the company is $3,465,506, and the premium notes $242,464. The losses reported were $3,900; and the amount received from interest on premium notes $7,152.60; from interest on invested funds, $704.23, and from agents, due, $54.49. The company has $22,359.50 of invested funds.

Hon. and Mrs. Daniel E. Buckey, of Frederick county, gave their son, Mr. Elmer D. Buckey and his bride, who was Miss Mattie M. Miller, daughter of Mr. Lewis F. Miller, of Union Bridge, a reception, at their home, about one mile from the latter place, on Thursday evening, 27th ult. It was a very pleasant affair and was much enjoyed by the guests, who were handsomely entertained. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Buckey, parents of the groom; Mrs. Margaret Englar, Mr. Joseph Englar, of New Windsor; Mr. Fred. Englar, of Linwood; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barrick; Miss Annie L. Weant, Messrs. Edw. O. Weant, Harvey E. Weant, of Double Pipe Creek; Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Cash, Misses Grace Wilson, Mamie Koons, Mr. Clarence Koons, of Middleburg; Mr. Wm. Buckey, of Frederick; Messrs. Maurice Duttera, Wm. Duttera, of Taneytown; Mr. Chas. Duttera, of Littlestown, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Morningstar, Mrs. J. Furney, Misses Ella Tregallas, Lois Tregallas, Amy Myers, Bessie Shaw, Della Wagner, Minnie Miller, Minerva Miller, Ella Forrest, Bettie McKinney, Rev. K. Otis Spessard, Messrs. Maurice Miller, Frank Pearre, Clarence Clemson, Scott Clemson, Walter Clemson, John Forrest, Samuel Fleagle, of Union Bridge.

Pleasant Valley Items.

The Week of Prayer will be observed in St. Mathew's Church here, commencing on Sunday next. The services will be conducted by the members of the church.

Christmas and New Year's day were unusually dull in our village. A watch meeting on Monday night, conducted by the Christian Endeavor Society, was largely attended.

Mr. Jessie Myers killed the largest hog in this vicinity this season, its weight having been 507½ pounds.

Interments in Westminster Cemetery.

Following is a list of interments in Westminster Cemetery during the year 1894:

JANUARY.

1st, Henry Rinehart, aged 84 years, 6 months, 25 days; 5th, Mrs. Fanny Stouffer, of New Windsor, 57 years; 6th, Mrs. Charlotte Spalding, 65 years; 16th, Philip E., son of Henry and Annie Arbaugh, of Harrisburg, Pa., 8 years, 9 months, 25 days; 25th, Israel Zelber, 67 years.

FEBRUARY.

7th, Daniel H. Leister, of Baltimore, 60 years, 11 months, 24 days.

MARCH.

8th, Roszell Gore, 2 years, 1 month, 4 days; 11th, Eliza A. Zile, of Uniontown, 63 years; 14th, George Arbaugh, 73 years, 4 months, 10 days; 25th, Dr. John P. Sheahan, of Dennysville, Maine, 52 years; Mary E. Sheahan, 55 years.

MAY.

2nd, Wm. Oursler, 68 years.

JULY.

4th, Robert E., son of Edward and Barbara Bell, 1 year, 10 months, 22 days; W. W. Frizzell, 22 years, 26 days; 20th, 22nd, Robert, son of Andrew and Jean Rupp, 9 years, 21 days; 31st, Conrad Nicholl, 72 years, 6 months, 15 days.

AUGUST.

5th, Infant of J. Herbert and Mollie Shugh, 4 months; 13th, Wm. A. Wampler, 73 years; 14th, Eltinge Ferree Reifsnider, 14 years; 30th, Mrs. Mary A. Leister, 62 years.

SEPTEMBER.

22nd, Mrs. Martha Kneller, of Baltimore, 58 years; Ella, daughter of John G. and Hester Stitcher, 16 months; 29th, Infant of Lula Bower, of Baltimore, 2 months.

OCTOBER.

14th, Solomon Zepp, 84 years, 2 months, 5 days; 15th, Rev. John B. Whaley, of Whaleyville, 27 years.

NOVEMBER.

15th, Elizabeth Mobley, 56 years; 23rd Margaret E., wife of B. F. Crouse, 43 years.

DECEMBER.

1st, Henry Monathan, 82 years, 1 month, 15 days; 23rd, Nelson Brown, of Reisterstown, 78 years, 8 months, 14 days.

The clergymen officiating at the interments were as follows: Rev. A. D. Melvin, 4; Rev. Dr. J. T. Ward, 4; Rev. J. L. Walsh, 7; Rev. P. H. Miller, 4; Rev. C. S. Slagle, 2; Rev. S. A. Diehl, 1; Rev. Jesse Higgins, 2; Rev. J. T. Lassell, of Uniontown, 1; Rev. S. B. Craft, of Sandyville, 1; Rev. Mr. Light, of Reisterstown, 1.

Election of Officers.

On Friday evening, 20th ult., Charity Lodge No. 58, K. of P., of this city, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: C. C., John C. Anders; V. C., Louis M. Sellman; P., Jas. M. Stoner; M. at A., Wm. E. Shugh; M., John H. Mitten; M. of E., John Bernstein; M. of F., Geo. A. Miller; K. of R. and S., Wm. H. Bell, Jr.; M. of W., Geo. H. Myers; Trustees, E. J. Lawyer, Jno. H. Mitten, John W. Baldwin, J. Milton Reifsnider, Geo. L. Stocksdale; R. to G. L., John W. Baldwin; P. C., Geo. C. Eichelberger.

On Monday night Carroll Division No. 42, Sons of Temperance, of this city, elected the following officers: W. P., Harry E. Haines; W. A., Austin H. Geiselman; R. S., Chas. B. Hunter; F. S., A. W. Buckingham; T., Jesse F. Shreeve; Chap., Wilbur E. Buckingham; C., Geo. W. Mather; I. S., Thos. H. Bankard; O. S., Clarence Orndorff; P. W. P., John H. Mitten.

On Monday night Washington Camp No. 5, P. O. S. of A., elected the following officers: President, J. Huffman Fuss; V. P., James M. Stoner; M. of F., Chas. H. Mackley; Con., Geo. E. Lippy; R. S., Simon P. Weaver; F. S., John E. Deeds; Treas., Wm. H. Bell, Jr.; Insp., James D. Mitchell; O. G., George G. Little; P. P., Thos. Zepp; Trustees, J. H. Fuss, A. W. Buckingham, Milton Schaeffer; Janitor, Chas. A. Gernand.

St. John's Catholic Benevolent Society of this city has elected the following officers for the year 1895: Martin J. Leahy, president; C. H. Fowler, vice-president; Amos W. Hahn, secretary; M. E. Walsh, treasurer; C. E. Fink, orator; Frank Case, messenger.

Western Maryland Council, No. 79, Jr. O. U. A. M., of this city, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: P. C., Eli Butler; C. Thos. Zepp; V. C., Jno. D. Crawford; W., Wm. Baer, Jr.; Con., George Selpp; I. S., Daniel Yingling; O. S., Martin Minter; R. S., J. W. Yingling; A. R. S., Grant Franklin; F. S., Saml. P. Bair; T., Eli Butler; Chap., D. H. Frizzell; Reps., C. E. Jerome, W. R. Lease; Trustees, George Six, W. R. Lease, C. E. Jerome; Delegate to Funeral Association, W. R. Lease; Alternate, S. P. Bair.

At the regular meeting of Thaddeus Stevens Post No. 40, G. A. R., of New Windsor, on the 15th ult., the post was inspected by Quartermaster W. S. Drach of Burns Post, Westminster, Assistant Inspector of the department, who complimented the officers on the manner of conducting business and on the condition of the books. The annual election of officers was then held, resulting as follows: Commander, S. P. Murdock; S. V. C., Isaiah Murdock; J. V. C., Saml. Bowens; Chap., Allen J. Franklin; Qr. M., Asbury Sappington; O. D., James H. Key; O. G., Wm. Jones; delegate to department encampment, Saml. Bowens; alternate, James H. Key. The post will meet again January 19th, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

A Pastor's Christmas.

Our Lutheran pastor, Rev. C. M. Eyster, was most kindly remembered this Christmas season by the parishioners of Emmanuel congregation, this place, and those of Bachman's Church, Bachman's Valley, who came in a body to pay him their respects. In a neat little speech Mr. Jeremiah Mathias presented Mr. Eyster with a new buggy, new harness, new horse-blanket, new buggy whip, and in addition $15.00 in gold. The Bachman's Church, separately presented Mrs. Eyster with $10.00 cash. The pastor responded to Mr. Mathias' speech, heartily thanking the donors for this most substantial manifestation of their esteem and regard for himself and wife. The money to make the above purchases was collected by Misses Carrie and Edna LaMotte, Joe and Kate Wareheim and Annie Hunt of the Manchester Church, and Messers. Samuel Wine, Jeremiah Mathias and Calvin Wentz, of Bachman's Church. —*Manchester Telephone.*

Baust Church Sunday School.

As previously announced, the Christmas services by the Sunday School at Baust Church were held on Monday night, 31st ult. Before the appointed time the church, which has a seating capacity of about 500, was filled and by the time the service began every available seat was occupied, not omitting both stairways to the gallery. The decorations were not profuse but were neatly arranged by the committee appointed for that purpose. The usual boxes of candies and oranges were distributed by a Santa Claus, who was personated by Mr. E. Copenhaver. The following program was admirably rendered, and all who participated reflected credit upon themselves: Singing, Anthem, by school, "Judah Thy Vales are Sleeping;" (the singing, as well as the entire program was under the direction of Geo. C. Harmon, superintendent of the school, with Miss Maggie Foglesong at the organ, Mr. Robert Bankert violin, Pete Warehime and Jas. Smith cornets;) invocation by Rev. Mr. Spessard; anthem, by school, "Ye Merry Bells;" responsive Bible reading; recitation, 4 boys and 4 girls, "Hail! the Heaven-born Prince of Peace;" singing, "When Marshaled On the Nightly Plain;" recitation, "Down Blackberry-lane," by Lillie Formwalt; singing, "All That Merry Christmas Means;" recitation, "Sunbeams," interspersed with music, "To Us a Child of Hope is Born;" singing, "On Bright Wings;" recitation, "The Joyful Message;" singing, "Peaceful Night;" recitation, "Morning Glory;" singing, "Carol, Carol Christians;" recitation, Under the Mistletoe," Annie B. Nusbaum; responsive Bible reading and recitation, "If," by Maude Marker and Mollie Gilbert; singing, "Glory Be to God;" recitation, "Jesus is Born," by Kate Jones and Nettie Babylon; singing, "As With Gladness Men of Old Did the Guiding Star Behold," address, by Rev. Mr. Spessard; Gathering of Alms; singing, by the Choir, "While Shepherds watched their flocks;" singing, "The Children of Kriss Kringle." During the singing of this selection a company of children marched on to the platform, Santa Claus made his advent, the children countermarching and singing Trippity Trip &c. This was well rendered by all who participated. Rev. K. O. Spessard received from the congregation a beautiful silk muffler and a pair of Arctic over-shoes; Mr. Geo. C. Harmon, a beautiful silk muffler, and a pair of fur gloves, from the congregation, for his services as director of the choir of the Reformed congregation and superintendent of the Sunday School; Miss Maggie Foglesong received an Anthem Book, presented by G. C. Harmon, and a beautiful water set, from congregation; Mr. W. U. Marker was the recipient of a beautiful satin neck-tie, presented by a friend; Mrs. G. C. Harmon a pair of mittens and a paper of needles by a friend. The exercises closed with the doxology and benediction.

Wakefield School Entertainment.

On December 21st, by invitation of the esteemed teacher, Mrs. L. S. Sellman, we visited the Wakefield brick school, where we were most pleasantly entertained. Entering the school room we were surprised to see how beautifully it was decorated. In one corner of the room stood a handsome Christmas tree, and in an opposite corner was an elegant Packard organ, furnished by J. T. Michael, of Westminster, the music of which added much to the entertainment. The program was as follows: Opening address, by Master Carroll Zile; singing, by school, Welcome Song; recitation, by Blanche Royer; dialogue, "Mistletoe," by Mollie Snader, Carrie Nicodemus, and Bertha Fritz; instrumental music, Bertha Roberts; recitations, by Walter Fritz, Bessie Nicodemus, Grace Royer; dialogue, A world of Trouble, Bessie Snider, Carrie Koontz, Blanche Royer, Lilly Baker; instrumental music; recitations, by Laura and Anna Robertson, visitors; recitation, Christmas Wishes, Murray Waltman, Raymond Fritz, Guy Babylon, Harry Haines, and Carroll Haines; singing, by the school; dialogue, How to Lead a Child to God, Linnie Zile, Elsie and Murray Waltman; duet, Question and Answer, Bessie Nicodemus and Jessie Bowers; dialogue, by Paul and Beulah Robertson, visitors; dialogue, What to Give, Mollie Snader, Carrie Nicodemus, Bessie Roberts; recitation, Christmas Eve Lark," Linnie Zile; solo, Jesus Only, Bessie Roberts; dialogue, The Old Folks at Home, Jessie Bowers, Elsie Waltman, Charles Roberts, Bessie Roberts; recitation, Christmas a Blessing, Bertha Fritz; solo and chorus, by Elsie Waltman and the school; dialogue, four girls—Love, Peace, Joy, Good Will, and four boys—Japan, Africa, Esquimaux, and American Indian, by Elsie Waltman, Emma Haines, Jessie Bowers, Ella Haines, Charles Roberts, Willie Sellman, Carroll Zile, Clinton Waltman; singing, Motion Song; closing address, C. Waltman. During the exercises Santa Claus made his appearance. He did admirably well and his songs and speeches amused those present very much. He gave each scholar a very nice treat. The teacher was the recipient of a handsome work box, from her scholars. All left much pleased.

A Pleasant Party.

A very pleasant and enjoyable taffy party was given at the residence of Mr. E. Bowman, near Silver Run, New Year's evening. The evening was spent in the enjoyment of games and other amusements. About 10 o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room where refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Sallie, Amie, Estella and Carrie Lawyer, Emma Roof, Kate Bowman, Mattie Dutterer, Kate Frock, Miraud Nusbaum, Elizabeth Byers, Gertrude Bankert, Mollie Leppo, Flora Mesenger, Laura Parr, Messrs. George and Allen Bankert, Archer Burgoon, Harry Parr, Calvin Kellenberger, Elmer Sterner, Willie Frock, George Leppo, Willie Zacharias, Augustus, Milton, Jacob and Harry Bowman, Ed. Formwalt, Elmer Halter, Harry Boose, Milton Humbert, and Jacob Frock.

List of Unclaimed Matter

Remaining in the Postoffice at Westminster, Md., December 29th, 1894.

Bankard, Howard.
Becker, Edmund W.
Benton, R. H.
Charms, Miss Harven
Crawford, Dora
Doyle, Mrs. Florence
Fritz, Harry
Gould, Mrs. S. D. (2)
Wilcox, Joseph
Hull, D. Frank
Haines, Joe
Nelson, Mrs. R. A.
Ritz, Morris
Rosenstock, Harry
Sides, Mrs. Rachel (2)
Shaffer, Elias.
Wade, John B.

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

JOSEPH B. BOYLE, P. M.

For the SENTINEL.
A Wedding Reception.

Mr. William N. Beaver, of this city, and his bride, who were married by Rev. Dr. J. T. Ward on Wednesday, 26th ult., were given a charming and delightful reception at the pleasant home of the bride's parents. The bride was Miss Mary Hook, daughter of Mr. Frederick N. Hook, a well known citizen residing near this city. An occasion of unalloyed pleasure was experienced by the guests, who were treated with the royal hospitality, by the generous host and hostess, which has always characterized them in the past. The hours from 2 till 4 o'clock, P. M., were spent in pleasant social conversation and then the dining-room doors were thrown open and an abundant, elegant and tempting repast was served, the seats at the table being occupied again and again without any apparent diminution in the supplies. When all had partaken of the feast and returned to the parlor social conversation was renewed and continued until another invitation to the dining-room was given and refreshments of cake, pastry, confectionery and fruits were served in profusion. The bride looked very pretty in her wedding dres of garnet satin with trimmings of cream lace and white brocaded silk, the effect of the beautiful costume having been heightened by the bride roses worn. The wedding presents were numerous and valuable. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred. N. Hook, parents of the bride; Col. and Mrs. James W. Hook, her venerable grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson and family, Mr. I. E. Gardner and son, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gist, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. George Leas, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beaver, Mr. James W. Hook, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Beaver, Mrs. Lizzie Zahn, Misses Martha Beaver, Laura Beaver, Jennie Beaver, Julia Hook, Dora Holmes, Messrs. Lyman Arnold, Lewis Barnes; Mrs. Mary Shockney, of Union Bridge; Miss Mary Stively, Mr. Charles Hook, of Adams county, Pa.

Masqurade Surprise Party.

The residence of Mr. Geo. P. B. Englar, adjacent to New Windsor, was taken possession of by a merry crowd of masked friends Thursday evening, 27th ult. The occasion was a surprise party given to Mr. and Mrs. Englar. Early in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Nusbaum, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bankerd visited Mr. and Mrs. Englar, as the latter supposed to spend the evening, but later it was found their visit had a different purpose. A ring at the door, and a tap at the window revealed the fact that masqueraders had arrived. Before the host and hostess could compose themselves about twenty-five masked friends had entered and taken possession of their quiet home. Immediately Miss Elsie Smelser announced the following program, with assumed names: Recitation, Miss Leah Ensor as Pocahontas; reading, Miss Florence Englar as Topsy; instrumental duet, organ and violin, Mrs. Grant Heltibridle as Flostina, Prof. R. Brown as Dick; reading, Miss Maggie Englar as Bridget; reading, Miss Florence Nusbaum as Sophia; reading, Miss A. C. Engle as Aunt Dinah; vocal solo, Howard Englar as Uncle Bill; duet Flostina and Dick. A larger program had been prepared, but owing to the inclement weather some failed to appear. This was received and enjoyed by all, and after a great amount of guessing, "Who is it?" the visitors laid aside their outer garments and were soon invited to the dining room, where a table laden with refreshments had been hurridly prepared for them. It was then found that the following, previously unrecognized, were: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sellman, Mrs. Grant Heltibridle, Misses Amelia and Maggie Englar, Fannie and Gussie Starr, Mollie Manahan, Florence Nusbaum, Minnie Chilcoate, Elsie Smelser, Florence Barnes, Florence Englar, Messrs. Edgar Nusbaum, Ed. Barnes, Ed. Cross, Howard Englar, Prof. R. Brown, Grant Devilbiss, Walter Bankard, New Windsor; Mr. Lou Sellman, Warfieldsburg; Miss Etta Sander, Medford; Miss Beulah Hoffman, Union Bridge.

Melrose Items.

Mr. Harry N. Gelman, of Chase, Benton county, Ind., came home to spend the holidays with his parents. In Chicago he had quite an adventure. He and another gentleman were walking along the street near Lincoln Park, when a man put a lighted cigarette into his, Mr. Geiman's, pantaloons pocket, no doubt to burn a hole in his pocket in order to have the purse drop out. The only damage was to the pocket as Mr. Geiman is an experienced traveler and saved his pocketbook, no doubt to the chagrin of the pickpocket.

The Shut In Friend, the first paper ever published in Melrose, is 7 months old, and rapidly gaining favor everywhere.

Mr. Chas. W. Nace, the efficient assistant teacher of Slate Hill school, near here, is on the sick list.

Mr. Henry Yingling slaughtered four hogs weighing 250, 230, 270 and 351.

On Friday of last week it required two mail carriers, Elick and Albert, and accidentally and unfortunately, both were dumped into the snow.

A certain person remarked before the snow fell, that "I'd rather be many persons' bibles than their horses, should there be sleighing during the holidays."

There is so much visiting done now that it is impossible to attempt to chronicle the personals.

For the SENTINEL.
A Pleasant Reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Mathias gave a very pleasant reception on Sunday, 30th ult., at their residence in Cranberry Valley, in honor of their son, Mr. J. Grant Mathias and his bride, who was Miss Lizzie M. Armacost, youngest daughter of Mr. Augustus Armacost, of Baltimore county, and who were married on December 25th, 1894.

The parlors were beautifully decorated for the occasion and quite a number of relatives and friends participated. The bride received many useful and ornamental presents. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Mathias, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Armacost, Mr. Jacob M. Mathias and family, Mr. George K. Brown and family, Mr. John Baile and family, Mrs. Mary Shaffer and children, Mrs. Hester Witter, Mr. Noah Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Martin, Misses Jennie Mathias, Lillie Palmer, Effie Palmer, Gertrude Lippy, Messrs. Richard Martin, Harry Lippy, George Snyder, Charles Lippy, Chas. Herr and William Herr, of Baltimore.

For the SENTINEL.
Franklinville Items.

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Patapsco Items

The holidays were kept very quietly in this vicinity. The young folks are now enjoying the coasting which is a pleasant attendant of the snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chew, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leppo, and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Sprenkel spent their holidays visiting in Baltimore.

Rev. S. B. Craft, pastor of the Carrollton Circuit, Church of God, received a generous donation, which completely filled the larder, from the Warfieldsburg congregation. His faithful horse was also supplied with oats and corn. The value of the articles aggregated $25.00, in addition to which a plush lap robe, which cost $10.00, was presented to the good pastor. The Winfield congregation some time ago presented him with a nice Jersey cow, and Mrs. Susan Pickett, of this place, and her daughter, Mrs. Jacob L. Arbaugh, of Carrollton Station, presented his good wife with a nice fancy quilt. These exhibitions of affection and esteem, on the part of his people, are highly appreciated by the reverend gentleman and his family.

The pupils at Miller's school, near Sandyville, presented their teacher, Mr. Switzer, of near Snydersburg, with a nice parlor lamp, on the 26th ult. Miss Myrle Caple made the presentation speech, to which Mr. Switzer responded very happily, making a neat little speech of thanks for their kind remembrance, after which he treated the pupils to confectionery, cakes, nuts and oranges.

The protracted meeting at Sandy Mount M. P. Church, Rev. Mr. Coe pastor, has closed after a very successful season. There were fifty-seven conversions. Forty-five were added to the church, ten to Pleasant Grove M. E. Church, and two to the Union Bethel, Church of God.

Some persons here are filling their ice houses with a very nice quality of ice. Sleighing is fine and the jingle of the bells is heard in every direction.

Mr. Wm. H. Westaway has a cow that dropped twin calves.

Spring Mills Items.

Mrs. Caroline Gladhill, of Frederick, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Stoner.

Miss Blanche Stoner is visiting friends in Hanover, Pa.

Miss Maggie Roop is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Andrew Brown is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. Clark.

Elder and Mrs. Emanuel Babylon gave their son and his bride a dinner on Thursday last. Quite a number of persons were present and had a very pleasant time. At night an old fashioned serenade was given.

Messrs. James Robertson, Herbert Myers and Thomas Stevenson spent several days in Baltimore last week.

Miss Satilla Yantis, of Hotel Albion, this city, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. F. Rittase, of Littlestown, Pa.

Miss Jane Clark, of St. Paul, Minnesota, returned to Baltimore on last Friday after a week's visit to Miss Janie B. Thomas, of this city.

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