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

LOCAL ITEMS.

One clear day in seven and upward of four days of copious rains is the weather record for the past week.

Mrs. Dr. Woodward is having a porch erected across the entire front of her handsome residence on West Main street, near the railroad, this city.

During the month of April 115 deeds, 82 mortages and 14 bills of sale were received at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, for record, and 28 marriage licenses were issued.

At the regular meeting of Washington Camp No. 7, P. O. S. of A., Pleasant Valley, on Monday evening, 29th ult., four applications for membership were received.

The Westminster Fire Department will hold an ice cream and strawberry festival, at Firemen's Hall, commencing Monday night, 27th inst., and continuing every night during the week.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. List, of Baltimore county, has purchased at private sale, of George L. Stocksdale, Esq., trustee, the farm at present occupied by Mr. John Baumgartner, near Sandyville, containing 55 5 16 acres, for $3,000.

Dr. Horace L. Fair, son of Dr. H. W. Fair, of Seitzland, Pa. will locate in Westminster about the 7th inst., and will occupy the office of the late Dr. Woodward. Dr. Fair is a graduate of the Southern Homeopathic Medical College' Baltimore, and has been resident physician in the Maryland Homeopathic Hospital in that city

Dr. J. W. Hering has purchased the property belonging to the estate of the late Wm. A. Wampler, at the corner of East Main and Church streets, this city, for $1,800, consising of lots fronting, in the aggregate, 160 feet on Main street, improved with a large brick dwelling house and outbuildings.

At a meeting of the Carroll County Electric Light and Power Company on Tuesday evening, 30th ult., Mr. M. Schaeffer tendered his resignation as president and director of the company. The resignation was accepted and State Senator Bennett was elected president and Mr. B. F. Crouse was chosen to fill the vacancy in the directorship.

We are very much pleased to learn that Mr. Joseph Bollinger, who suffered an attack of paralysis shortly after he went to Taneytown, with his daughter, Miss Hattie Bollinger, to spend the winter, is very much improved and able to walk quite well again—so well indeed that one not aware of his affliction could scarcely discover which side is affected. His speech is also improving.

Mr. Jesse Durbin, of Carroll street, this city, has a hen which has been laying eggs of remarkable size—not an occasional one, but half a dozen in succession. Three of these eggs were exhibted in the SENTINEL office on Thursday. They measured about 7¼ by 6¼ inches in circumference, and weighed, in the aggegate, ten ounces. A hen producing eggs of this size is worth having.

Mr. E. J. Lawyer, president of the Westminster Fire Department, visited Frostsburg the early days of this week and made arrangements for the entertainment of the members of the department, during the meeting of the State Firemen's Association, in that place, June 12th and 13th. He was accompanied by Mr. Charles Heltebridle, chief of the Union Bridge Fire Department, who went to Frostsburg on a similar errand.

By order of the Circuit Court for Washington county, notice has been given by Martin L. Keedy, trustee, to the members of the Maryland Beneficial Association of Washington County, to file their contracts with said Association, with George B. Oswald, clerk of said court, at Hagerstown, on or before the first day of June, proximo. The members are also requested to forward with the policies or contracts, their books showing payments made to said Association. There are 5,000 members and the trustee has $3,000 for distribution.

A special meeting of the members of the Westminster Fire Department will be held at Firemen's Hall, at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening next, at which photographs of the nine surviving veteran members of the department will be presented to the company. The pictures will be contained in a frame beautifully embelished with appropriate devices and emblems and resting on a handsome easel. It will be a gift that will be appreciated and treasured by the department, which is so greatly indebted to the prudence, good judgment and earnest labers of the surviving founders and their associates in the work of inaugurating the enterprise, and for its uniform, constant and abiding success.

List of Unclaimed Matter

Remaining in the Postoffice at Westminster, Md., April 27th, 1895.

Elder, Miss Rebecca	Gunkle, R. W.
Little, Fannie J.	Miller, Charles N.
Nace, G. R. & Son	Williams, Miss Lillie
Wagner, W. H.	Weigert, S. E.
Zile, Wm. H.	

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

JOSEPH B. ROYLE, P. M.

The Municipal Election.

The approaching municipal election in this city is occasioning unusual interest among its citizens, the special question at issue being the method of lighting the streets.

In response to the call to which reference was made in the SENTINEL last week, a well attended public meeting was held at Odd Fellows' Hall on Monday night. Dr. J. Howell Billingslea was elected chairman and Mr. John J. Baumgartner appointed secretary. A committee on resolutions, consisting of Messrs. Charles T. Reifsnider, George W. Miller, S. K. Herr, George E. Sharrer and James E. Smith, was appointed and reported the following through its chairman:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting, that no person shall be nominated for the office of Mayor and for members of the City Council, who may be pledged to the support of either the Gas, Electric Light or Water Companies, and such persons, only, shall receive its endorsement, as will, in its judgment, most economically and faithfully manage the municipal affairs of the city and best promote its interests, without regard to politics, or either of said corporations.

Mr. Reifsnider, chairman of the committee, addressed the meeting in support of the resolution, which was submitted to vote and unanimously adopted.

The meeting then proceeded to the nomination of candidates for mayor and members of the common council, with the following result:

For Mayor, Edwin J. Lawyer.

For Common Councilmen, Jesse F. Shreeve, Gershom Huff, John M. Roberts, J. Hoffman Fuss and Ed. J. Awalt.

The Carroll County Electric Light and Power Company, claiming that the meeting was held in the interest of the Gas Light Company, determined to put another ticket in the field, and on Tuesday night held a meeting in the chamber of the city council and agreed upon the following:

For Mayor, Ex-Mayor Milton Schaeffer.

For Common Councilmen, Emanuel Mackley, Abraham C. Strasburger, Martin J. Leahy, John B. Saylor, Charles Hesson.

In an address to the citizens, under the caption, "Arc Lights, All Night, Every night in the Year.—No increased Taxation," which will be found in another column, the backers of this ticket set forth their side of the controversy and present the grounds alleged by them as the basis of their action.

Michael E. Walsh, Esq., who had announced himself as an unpledged candidate, at the solicitation of a number of citizens, has withdrawn and the contest will probably be directly between the tickets above named, although rumors have been current that an effort may be made to put a third one in the field.

The election will be one of the most exciting in the history of the town, and will probably bring out the largest vote ever cast for mayor and councilmen.

Cassell-Albaugh.

A social event which had been anticipated with more than ordinary interest in this city, for several weeks preceding its occurrence, took place on Tuesday afternoon at St. Paul's Reformed Church, in the marriage of Mr. James H. Cassell, a well known young jeweler, and Miss Clara L. Albaugh, daughter of Mr. Henry B. Albaugh, all of this city. The attendance on the occasion was very large, the church having been crowded with relatives and friends of the parties and other interested citizens. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers, potted plants and ferns for the occasion. The ushers, who were the only attendants of the bridal couple, were: Messrs. Charles E. Hering, Frank R. Cassell, brother of the groom; Howard F. Schaeffer, and Harry C. Albaugh, cousin of the bride, of this city. They wore full dress, white gloves and four-in-hand ties. The bride's gown, which was very tasteful and becoming, was an imported mode, made over old rose silk, and she wore a hat to match and white gloves, and carried bride roses. The hour appointed for the ceremony was 4 o'clock, and promptly at the time named the bridal party approached the altar to the strains of the wedding march in Lohengrin, rendered by the church organist, Mr. Harry Benson, of Western Maryland College. After the ceremony Mendlessohn's march was rendered as the bridal party retired. The marriage ceremony was performed by the pastor of the church, Rev. C. S. Slagle, assisted by Rev. P. H. Miller, of Grace Lutheran Church. Returning to the home of the bride on East Main street an hour or more was spent in extending congratulations to the newly married pair, after which the bride donned a becoming traveling suit and with a merry company of friends Mr. and Mrs. Cassell repaired to the railroad waiting room, where they were liberally showered with rice and from which they started by the fast mail train for a bridal trip to Philadelphia and elsewhere. Preceding the ceremony a luuch was served at the home of the bride, at which the ushers and a number of intimate friends and relatives of the parties were present.

Compliment to a Clergyman.

The Lutheran *Observer* of last week contains a note from members of Zion Lutheran Church, Lebanon, Pa., of which Rev. Wm. L. Seabrook, formerly of this city, has been acting pastor for several months, which is highly complimentary to that gentleman. The communication is as follows, under the head of

NOTE FROM ZION CHURCH, LEBANON, PA.:

The congregation of Zion Lutheran Church of Lebanon, Pa., has, during the absence of its pastor, Rev. W. E. Stahler, abroad, been singularly fortunate in securing the services of Rev. W. L. Seabrook to take the pastor's place. Brother Seabrook came with but few acquaintances among us, but he will close his work here with hosts of warm friends. He has taken up the rather trying work of an acting pastor with most excellent tact, and his preaching has been such as to draw large congregations. His fresh, vigorous and earnest presentation of the Word of God has been received with most appreciative gratitude, and in every way he has greatly endeared himself to our people.

Rev. Seabrook has not yet been called to any regular pastorate, and at the close of his work here will be ready to assume the duties of a charge. The congregation that calls him will have great reason to congratulate itself upon securing so able and efficient a pastor. He is sure to prove a power for good to any church or community to which he may go. We may add that the above faint expression of our appreciation is given entirely without his knowledge

H. H. ROEDELL,
S. G. VALENTINE,
JAMES M. GOSSLER.

Arrested for Robbery.

Sometime during Tuesday last Mayor Brooks, of this city, received a telegram from Detective Joseph Carter, of Washington, D. C., requesting him to procure the arrest of a young man named John Q. Eyler, who, in company with his brother, had come here on Saturday on a visit. Officer Buckingham was notified, took the young man into custody and kept him under surveillance during the afternoon. At 6 o'clock P. M., of the same day, two detectives, Messrs. Carter and Gallaher, of Washington, D. C., arrived here by the fast mail, coming by the way of Frederick, armed with a warrant issued by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, for the arrest of Eyler on the charge of burglary and robbery. They consulted Justice Wm. Moore, who issued a warrant for Eyler's arrest and introduced the detectives to Sheriff Arnold. They found their man in Officer Buckingham's charge at the Marsh House, took him into custody and haled him before Justice Moore, who, after hearing the circumstances, sent him to jail for the authorities of the District of Columbia. The crime alleged against the accused is that on Tuesday night, April 23rd, he broke into the house of Nicholas Holcer, a shoemaker, at No. 1212 4½ street S. W., Washington, D. C., and stole the sum of $1651, of which upwards of $1200 was in gold, among which were twenty twenty-dollar pieces. Holcer, the man from whom the money was stolen, is eighty-one years old, and his wife seventy-seven. The money, which Eyler had been recklessly squandering, represented the savings of the aged couple for twenty-five years, and had been accumulated little by little, with economy amounting to penuriousness.

Eyler, whose home is in Frederick, made his appearance in that city one day last week and was arrested for obtaining a sum of money from an orphan girl whom he had courted and promised to marry. Bail was fixed at $200 and he promptly furnished the amount in cash. The young woman is said to be the step-daughter of Nicholas Holcer, and it was through his acquaintance with her that Eyler learned of Holcer's possession of the money stolen.

When the young man was arrested in Frederick he made a great display of cash in gold and notes and spent the money with great prodigality. Suspicion was excited that he had not obtained the money in a legitimate manner, but nothing was known further about it until his arrest here, when the detectives made known the cause of the proceeding.

It is said that Eyler is wanted at Newville, Pa., for an offence against the laws of that State, and that he avoided arrest after committing it, by enlisting in the United States Army, from which he was subsequently discharged for another crooked transaction. During the few days he was in this city he spent money freely. Small sums were recovered from several parties to whom he had given it, but he had very little in his own possession. He was taken to Washington by the detectives on Wednesday morning.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, April 29th.—David M. Buffington, administrator of Ephraim Buffington, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, inventory of money and received orders to sell goods and chattels and notify creditors.

Ephraim Williams and David D. Byers, executors of Burgess N. Williams, deceased, returned list sales of goods and chattels.

Wm. H. Shubkagel and Anna Jane Shubkagel, executors of Wm. Shubkagel, deceased, settled fourth and final account.

Edward D. Wells, surviving executor of Thomas W. Wells, deceased, settled first and final account.

Charlotte Stansbury, executrix of Noah L. Stansbury, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels and reported sale of real estate.

Tuesday, April 30th.—John J. Reese and Joshua W. Hering, executors of Wm. Reese, deceased, reported sale of real estate.

Joshua M. Patterson, executor of Samuel H. Patterson, deceased, returned list sales of grain, &c., and settled first account.

Lydia C. Brummel, executrix of Elisha Brummel, deceased, settled first account.

The Safe Deposit and Trust Co., of Baltimore, guardian of James B. George, settled fourth and final account.

Memorial Day.

We are informed that Gen. Jos. C. Breckinridge, of Washington D. C., will deliver one of the Memorial Day addresses in this city on the 30th inst. Gen. Breckinridge has a fine military record and comes from a distinguished Presbyterian family. His father was Rev. Dr. Robert J. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, one of the most eminent Presbyterian clergymen in this country and a devoted patriot and unionist in the great civil war. Dr. Breckinridge was a delegate from Kentucky to the Republican National convention, which met in Baltimore in 1864 and renominated Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency. He was temporary chairman of the convention and made a stirring speech in favor of maintaining the war until the union arms should be everywhere victorious. His son, Gen. Breckinridge, who will speak here on Memorial Day, was born in Baltimore, January 14th, 1842, and was appointed from civil life in Kentucky, August 30th 1861, First Lieut. and A. D. C. of Volunteers; August 30th, 1863, Second Lieut. U. S. 2nd Artillery, and First Lieut.; Captain, June 17, 1874; Major and Inspector Gen., January 19th, 1881; Lieut. Col. and Ins. Gen., February 5th, 1885; Col. and Ins. Gen., September 20th, 1885, and Brig. and Ins. Gen. U. S. A., at a later date. He was brevetted for gallant and meritorious services at Atlanta and in other battles of the war.

Shiloh Items.

The farmers in this vicinity have been behind with their work owing to the inclemency of the weather. Potatoes were generally planted during the past week. There has been a larger acreage of potatoes planted this season than formerly. The warm days of last week reminded those who had their ground in condition to plant corn to begin operations on the 27th ult. A few made a commencement but the rain interrupted their progress and at this writing the ground is not in condition for farming. Wheat passed through the winter in good condition and is making a fine appearance. Rye is doing well, and grass also. Fruit trees have made great advancement in putting forth buds and blossoms within the past ten days.

C. E. Convention Program at Taneytown.

The following is a condensed program of the exercises for the eighth semi-annual convention of the Carroll County C. E. Union, which will be held in the Lutheran Church, Taneytown, on May 10th, 11th, and 12th:

Friday evening, opening session, address of Welcome, Miss A. H. Birnie; response by Mr. T. Clyde Routson. Convention Sermon, "Christian Fellowship," by Rev. Hugh K. Walker, Baltimore.

Saturday morning, President's address, by Mr. Geo. H. Birnie; address, "Y. P. S. C. E.. from the teacher's point of view," by Prof. S. Simpson, of Western Maryland College.

Afternoon session, address, "Jesus Christ the central and vital element of the C. E. Motto and Pledge," by Rev. Aug. R. Steck, of Gettysburg. Open parliament on "The duty of the Church to the Christian Endeavor Society," led by Rev. A. Bateman, Taneytown.

Evening session, address, "Missionary Extension," by Rev. Thos. Marshall, D. D., of Chicago.

Sunday Morning. Prayer Meeting, topic, "The Fruit of the Spirit." Attendance at regular church services.

Afternoon session, address to Juniors, "Ligh. House," by Rev. R. L. Patterson, Union Bridge. Open parliament on "The best methods of the Junior C. E. Work, and their value," led by Mr. B. F. Crouse, Westminster. Open parliament on Temperance, led by Rev. J. A. Weigand, Westminster.

Evening session, prayer and praise service, H. C. Sperbeck, New Windsor. Address, "Self-denial in consecration; its object and reward," by Rev. J. T. Lassell, Uniontown.

The complete program will contain other praise services, reports of various kinds, open parliament, singing, and all the usual features of such occasions. It is thought that the full program for this occasion will excel that of any previous convention.

Robbery In Wakefield Valley.

A bold robbery was perpetuated at the residence of Mr. Edward L. Bachman, in Wakefield Valley, on Wednesday morning. Mr. Bachman had in his employ a young man named Samuel Sauble, from West Virginia, who has been living in the neighborhood about a year. The young man has been suffering with grip, and on Wednesday morning said he was unable to perform any work. He was left in the house alone while the other members of the household were milking and performing other outdoor farm work. When they returned to the dwelling he had disappeared and it was discovered that a number of articles of value were missing. We are informed that the list of articles comprised two gold watches, a revolver, a suit of clothes, a purse containing a small sum of money belonging to a domestic, another sum of money belonging to Mrs. Bachman, and a gold ring, which belonged to the latter and was highly prized because it was her mother's wedding ring. The purse belonging to the domestic, emptied of its contents, was subsequently found on the road between this city and Wakefield. Sauble, who is said to be about seventeen years old, is still missing. He is described as being about 5 feet, 7 inches high, with dark comnlexion, eyes and hair and smooth face, and had on a black coat and vest and light pantaloons.

Freedom District Items.

Mrs. Florence T. C. Brown, wife of Mr. Isaiah Brown, and daughter of Mr. Wm. H. and Mrs. Eliza Hughes, died at her home near Eldersburg, a few days ago, aged 28 years, 4 months, 17 days. She leaves a husband and five children.

Mr. George Anthony died at his home near Berret on Friday of last week. He had been an invalid for the past year. His remains were buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Howard county, on Monday.

Mr. Joseph K. P. Brandenberg has his new house nearly ready for the plasterers.

Mr. Frank Keefer is making preparations to build a barn this summer. He has the frame already sawed and the masons have the wall nearly finished.

Mr. Wm. H. Hughes, of this county, has rented and taken charge of the Roxbury mills, in Howard county. Mr. Hughes had the misfortune to have his left hand badly mashed, by accident, on Monday.

Farmers are busy planting potatoes and endeavoring to get their ground ready for planting corn. We have had a prolonged and sometimes very copious rain since Saturday last.

Mrs. Hannah Dougherty has improved the appearedce of her premises very much by having a neat paling fence put around her garden.

A Successful Surprise Party.

An interesting and very pleasant surprise party was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Frock, near Bachman's Valley, on Tuesday evening, 23rd inst. The evening was spent in games, plays and social conversation. After 10 o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room where the table was laden with cakes, lemonade, confectionery, etc., to which all did ample justice. At a late hour all returned to their homes feeling that they had had a good time. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Frock, Mrs. Rachel Frock, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver J. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. D. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Darius Feeser, Mrs. Jeremiah Leese, Mrs. Polly Garrett, Misses Addie J. and Carrie R. Hoover, Lillie M. and Effie M. Palmer, Gertie and Susie Feeser, Minnie Hoover, Mellie Frock, Lizzie Masenheimer, Ada James, Messrs. Frank and Elmer Bachman, J. D. Simmons, John Walker, Wm. Leppo, Milton Leese, Howard Feeser, G. Curtis and Renus S. Garrett, James Martin, Jeremiah Sterner, Milton Sweank, Leander Smith, Masters Jeue, Grover and Oscar Frock.

Daniel Items.

At the recent election of officers in Enterprise Lodge, I. O. G. T., the following were chosen: C. T., M. H. Penn; V. T., Mrs. M. H. Penn; S. J. T., W. L. Brandenburg; Sec., Wm. Aldridge; F. S., Mrs. Ella Conaway; Treas., Mrs. H. L. Shipley; C., Charles Conaway; M., Wm. Brandenburg; G., J. A. Snider; S., Ernest Brandenburg; D. M., Etta M. Brandenburg.

Mrs. Rachel Ruth Pickett, who had been ill for some time, died last Sunday. The interment took place at Bethel, Elder Wm. H. Franklin officiating.

Union Bridge Items.

On Saturday afternoon last the members of St Paul's Reformed Church, of this city, tendered their pastor, Rev. K. Otis Spessard, and his bride, an elegant reception on the occasion of their reaching here from their bridal trip. They came by the 6.12 P. M. train and on their arrival were received by a committee, at the station, and escorted to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Morningstar, where a tempting supper was served. Then, with the members of the committee, they repaired to the parsonage, where about sixty members of the congregation had assembled to receive them. Elegant refreshments were served during the evening, and several hours of pleasant intercourse were enjoyed. A handsome tea set was presented to the pastor and his bride, and they also received a generous supply of the necessaries of life. At a late hour the company retired leaving their heartfelt wishes for the long life and happiness of the new occupants of the parsonage.

A baseball team, composed of first class amateur players, has been organized in this city, and has secured a fine ball ground on the farm of Mr. George P. Buckey, Jr., on the West side of the town. The team is now open to engagements with other amateur teams of the State. It will play the first Westminster team on the grounds here on Saturday afternoon, 11th inst., the game to be called promptly at 2 o'clock. Ladies are cordially invited, and the managers have promised strict order and will allow no improper language on the ground. All communications should be addressed to Mr. George H. Mitten, Union Bridge, Md.

The Union Bridge Band will give a musical entertainment in the rink on Thursday evening, 9th inst., commencing at 8 o'clock, which should be patronized by our citizens, as the band wishes to procure new uniforms. The band will also have an excursion to Baltimore, May 15th. A special train will leave here at 7.15 A. M., and arrive in Baltimore in time to witness the parade of the P. T. Barnum circus. Fare for the round trip $1.00.

Taneytown Items.

Mr. George E. Koutz, of this place, who has been a sufferer with rheumatism for about four years, left on Tuesday for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will take a course of treatment for the disease.

On Saturday last the workmen employed in locating the points for the erection of poles of the Western Maryland Telephone Company of Carroll County, reached this place in the discharge of that duty.

Mr. Charles Kohler left last Monday for Boston, Mass., where he has accepted a position as telegrapher.

Last Tuesday afternoon an alarm of fire brought out our citizens, and if it had not been for the hard work done by them Mr. Samuel Reindollar's barn would have been burned. Mr. T. H. Eckenrode, road supervisor, had a gang of hands employed blasting a rocky knob on the Littlestown road near the barn, and in discharging a blast the fuse was blown into the barn-yard and set fire to the loose straw lying about, which communicated it to the fodder stack. Hard work saved the barn.

A large gathering of the relatives and friends of the bride and groom assembled in Trinity Lutheran Church of this place on Wednesday, 1st inst., at 1.30 P. M., to witness a very brilliant wedding. The contracting parties were Mr. Harry Arthur, of York, Pa., and Miss Sarah Snyder, only daughter of Mr. Josiah Snyder, of this place. Miss Maud Elderdice, of McKnightstown, Pa., was bridesmaid, and Mr. Wm. H. Arthur, brother of the groom, was groomsman. The ushers were Messrs. Jesse Haugh, John Koons, Milton Angel and Philip Hawn. Mrs. Vinnie Kohler played the wedding march. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Geo. W. McSherry, pastor of the church. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, where Mr. and Mrs. Arthur received many warm and heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for long life and prosperity. They will remain here until next week, when they will leave for their future home in York, Pa.

Harney Items.

The temperance meeting held last Monday evening week, by the W. C. T. U., was largely attended. Addresses were delivered by Revs. T. Wagner, pastor of the U. B. Church here; H. W. Gilchrist and D. W. Sollenberger, of Gettysburg. Rev. Minnick, pastor of the Lutheran Church here, pronounced the benediction.

Mr. Geo. Shriver's new barn will be ready to raise next week.

Prof. J. W. Slaugenhaupt has the largest patch of strawberries in this neighborhood.

Our farmers are well on with their corn ground plowing, but no corn has been planted in this immediate neighborhood.

The fruit trees are loaded with bloom this spring. We hope there will be an abundant crop of fruit.

Mr. Stonesifer is at work with a force of hands putting in a new dam at his mill.

Mr. W. E. Myers will soon commence work on his new house.

We have had a very fine rain lasting from Saturday and Sunday up to this writing. It will be very beneficial to the growing grass and grain.

A Birthday Family Reunion.

The beautiful residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Haines, of Dennings, was the scene of great rejoicing on Tuesday, 30th ult., the occasion having been the reunion of the family to celebrate Mr. Haines' 70th birthday and his recovery from a serious sickness. Thirty-six sat down, with joyful hearts, to a substantial repast. Among those present were: Mr. Haines' sisters, Mrs. Ellen M. Crowl and Mrs. Mary E. Crowl, of Carroll county, Ohio, and Mrs. Margaret Haines, of Jewsburg; his brother, Mr. Wm. H. Haines, of Dennings; the children, Mrs. Harry Wagoner, Mr. Jacob A. Haines, Mrs. Levi T. Lee, Mr. Nathan H. Haines, Mr. Geo. W. Haines, Mr. Chas. E. Haines, Mrs. Columbus Wilson, and Mr. David V. Haines; grandchildren, Miss Rosie Wagoner, Mr. Guy W. Haines, Miss Lillian Haines, Miss Hildie Haines, Mr. Carl C. Haines, Miss Ethel Haines, Mr. Wm. Haines, Mr. Samuel A. C. Haines, Mr. Earnest N. Haines, Mr. Pearcie S. Haines, Miss Minnie A. Lee, Mr. Clarence L. Lee, Miss Elmira May Lee, Miss Ella L. May.

Melrose Items.

On Saturday morning Mrs. Phanuel Wentz, an aged and respected lady, died at her home near this place. Her husband and five children survive her. Her remains were laid to rest at Bachman's Church on Tuesday, where a large concourse of people assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to her memory.

On Monday, April 22nd, a summer term of subscription school, of 10 weeks, was started by Mr. Tilton J. W. James. He has 14 pupils.

On Monday morning the Melrose creamery was put in operation, an event that was witnessed by many people.

Mr. Daniel Fuhrman, of near Black Rock, Pa., was in town one day last week.

Mr. J. Albert Zepp and Mr. Ed. M. Harchenhorn spent Friday last in Glen Rock, Pa., on business.

Miss Emma S. Shaffer, of Bachman's Valley, spent several days in this vicinity recently.

April 23rd was Mr. Granville Leese's birthday. He was sitting on the wood box in the evening, not thinking of the 31st milestone of his life's journey, when Mr. George Zepp, Sr., came to the door and asked whether he would permit his children to come in. The reply was "Yes," and Mr. Zepp said, "Come in." About 40 people responded to the invitation and loaded Mr. Leese with presents. A sack of corn was placed at his feet. To say he was surprised is expressing it mildly. Among those present were: Mr. Granville Leese, Almeda, Macie, William, Ida, Lillie, Robert, Girdie, Rebecca, Saranda K. and Charles Leese, Geo. Kaltrider, Geo. Zepp, Sr., John Baumgartner, Reuben Garrett, Ellen Garrett, Paul, Edward, and Lizzie Garrett, Nelson Starner, wife and son Murray, Milton Rosh, Ed. Monath, Miles Starner, Saranda and Irene Lauver, Maria Geiman, Levi Lauver. Refreshments were served at a late hour, and the happy company returned to their homes, no doubt to dream of the pleasant evening they had spent.

Mr. Edward M. Harchenhorn spent Saturday last in York, Pa., on business.

Mrs. Annie M. Bachman spent several days last week in Hanover and Gettysburg, Pa.

Union Mills Items.

Mr. John Beachtel, a much esteemed resident of Myers' district, died on Saturday last, aged nearly eighty-five years. About seventeen years ago Mr. Beachtel was paralyzed and has since been practically helpless, and was compelled to spend most of the time indoors. Yet he bore his affliction with great patience and resignation, and during the long years of his confinement derived much comfort from the Holy Scriptures, in which, through constant reading and study, he became remarkably well versed. He was a faithful member of the Reformed Church and throughout the period that he was unable to attend church had the communion regularly administered to him at his home by his pastor. His funeral took place on Tuesday, 30th ult., at Silver Run cemetery, Rev. Dr. Dreisbach officiating. A wife and eight children, four sons and four daughters, survive him. Two of the sons, George and John, reside at Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. John T. Duttera has been elected delegate and Mr. Jonas Frock alternate to represent St. Mary's Reformed church-Silver Run, at the annual meeting of Maryland Classis at Adamstown, Md., on May 15th.

Samuel Stonesifer, cooper at B. F. Shriver & Co's. mill, says that when he was on the way to dinner one day last week the handle of the axe which he carried was struck by a horned snake and a good sized chip cut out of it. The snake escaped before he could kill it.

Miss Katharine Shriver is spending a few days with Miss Helen Stevenson, of Baltimore.

Fountain Valley Items.

Miss Jennie Reese has opened a summer school at Meadow Branch Schoolhouse, and has at present 29 Scholars. She is a good teacher and we wish her success.

Mrs. Upton Decker, who was on a visit to her daughter in Littlestown, Pa., came home sick. Dr. Jacob Rinehart was called in to see her. She is very ill at this time.

Mr. Jesse F. Babylon, of Baltimore, was on a visit to her mother, Mrs. W. H. Heagy, on Saturday and Sunday last.

Mr. Uriah Babylon has had a very sick horse for some time which at the present writing is getting better.

Mrs. Null, wife of Jacob Null, of Frizellburg, died on Wednesday afternoon, after a lingering illness, of typhoid fever. She was the mother of seventeen children of whom twelve are living, the youngest being about six years old. Her husband survives her. Her remains were interred at Benjamin's Cemetery, near this city, after funeral services at the Lutheran Church, yesterday afternoon.

For the SENTINEL.

A Pleasant Children's Party.

A very pleasant children's party was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. David Lippy, on Pennsylvania avenue, this city, Friday evening, April 26th, in honor of their little guest, Miss Gracie Lee Hoppe. The evening was spent in games and amusements of various kinds, and at a late hour all were summoned to the dining room to partake of refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake, lemonade, fruit, confections, etc. Among those present were: Mrs. Howard Geiman, Mrs. John Boylan, Mrs. M. Luther Weimert, Mrs. David Lippy, Misses Emma, Nora, and Nannie Lippy, Ella and Carrie Haines, Elsie Albert, Grace Stonesifer, Anna Miller, Bessie Weimert, Edna Lindsay, Mabel Everhart, Gracie, Jennie, and Flossie Handley, Emma and Lizzie Schaeffer, Maggie Boylan, Mamie and Maggie Babylon, Florence Miller, Masters Willie F. Sharrer, Johnie Lindsay, Chas. Boylan, Edward Boylan, Clarence Stout.

Personal.

Miss Nettie L. Buffington, who spent the winter with Miss Florence Huff Mitten, Liberty street, this city, has returned to her home in Middleburg District.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Buckey, of New Windsor, left on Tuesday for an extended trip in the South and West. They will stop en route at Atlanta, New Orleans, El Paso, Los Angelos and San Fransisco, returning via Colorado Springs, Denver and Chicago, about June 10th.

Manchester Items.

With five days of rain the farmers are lying on their oars and outside operations are at rest. We are quietly moving along with now and then a little ripple of something unusual to awake us from the lethargy attendant upon the everyday life of an inland town.

The inclement weather on Sunday last interfered very much with the communion services in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, by Rev. C. M. Eyster, who administered the sacrament to 150 communicants, 12 of whom were a class of catechumens, whom he confirmed on Saturday previous. He will hold both German and English Communion on Sunday next.

As announced in our last the members of Daniel and Jacob Lodge No. 23, I. O. O. F., with their families and friends to the number of 80 persons, celebrated the 76th anniversary of American Odd-Fellowship, in their Hall, on Friday evening, 26th ult., with the following program: Music, by orchestra; singing, opening ode; recitation, Entertaining Big Sister's Beau, by Miss Neta Oursler; solo, Miss Kate Wareheim; music, orchestra; address, by B. F. Crouse, Esq. of Westminster; singing, "America;" recitation, An order for a picture, Miss Lizzie Trupp; solo, Scanlan's Swing Song, Prof. Jacob Hoffman; music, orchestra. The ushers and guests were then dismissed to general amusements which were soon at their height, amid the music, singing and several quadrilles. It was a late hour ere the good nights were said, every one retiring with best wishes for D. and J., that is now in its 61st year.

A ripple of interest was excited among the friends of Mr. Augustus Brummel, of Washington, D. C., who arrived here on Saturday evening, rumor said to be married. On Sunday two ladies arrived by the noon train, one of whom proved to be the betrothed bride, and shortly after the couple were met in the parlor of the Lutheran parsonage by Rev. C. M. Eyster, who made them man and wife. They remained here, among friends, until Monday evening when they took the train for Baltimore, where the bride will remain until Mr. B. settles some land purchase, he having recently sold his Washington property for $30,000.

The old board of councilmen met on Wednesday evening for final settlement, and arranging to adjourn sine die, so that the new mayor and councilmen can organize on Friday evening next in regular quarterly meeting.

Mrs. Henry Dice was taken suddenly ill on Friday last at her house south of town. For a year or more she has had slight occasional attacks but this prostrated her completely at once, and for four or five days she suffered the most excruciating pain. At this writing she is slightly improved.

Mr. C. A. Houck, who was so ill at last writing, is now convalescing and able to sit up.

While Mr. Jno. Sandrack, east of town, was returning from Glen Rock one day last week with a new horse he had just traded for, the animal became unmanageable and threw Mr. S. from the buggy breaking a boae of the left leg. He received surgical attention and was in town on Tuesday with crutches.

Mrs. M. L. Morelock and Miss Fannie Ross, the former a teacher of young ladies and the latter of young gentlemen in Trinity Reformed Sabbath School, have combined their classes for an entertainment to be given in the I. O. O. F. Hall, on Saturday evening, 18th inst., to increase their talents. From their selection of the operatic recitations, &c., it promises to give an interesting evening's amusement. They should be well patronized.

Mrs. Oliver Lippy visited her sister, Mrs. Harman, at Woodberry, on Saturday last, and found her condition quite critical from paralysis.

Mrs. Wm. N. Gettier spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Baltimore.

Mr. W. C. Stick has accepted a position with the Buckeye Reaper Co., as general agent for this section, with Mr. Jacob Hoffman local agent.

Mr. Harry Wareh me and family have occupied their home on N. Main street.

The class of Mr. Jno. E. Masenheimer report $36 as the net gain from their festival.

Medford Items.

Medford Sunday School will be organized Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Jesse Snider is now training his fine colt "Mary," for the track this summer. He has just received from England, one of the finest equipped carts ever seen in this country.

Miss Bessye Rinehart, of Linwood, has been visiting Miss Lillye Wampler.

Misses Carrye McCaffrey, the milliner, and Lula Essig are just getting over the measles.

Miss Louise Baile, who has been spending the winter in Baltimore, will return home Saturday.

Misses Mollie Snader, Bessie Roberts and Carrie Nicodemus spent several days with friends in Westminster last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Royer Bish entertained a number of friends on Sunday. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Nace Albert, of Westminster.

Gamber Items.

In last week's issue of the *Advocate* mention was made of an egg which measured 6¼ by 8¼ inches in circumference. We have one, brought here by Mr. Clinton Shipley, which measured 8¼ inches one way by 7 inches the other, and weighed 5 ounces, strong. This beats the B. C. Ireland egg, of Glen Falls.

Do Overhead Wires Ward off Lightning?

From the Literary Digest.

Have our cities been altogether wise in burying their electric wires? Unsightly they were, no doubt, when they interlaced above our heads like the threads of a great spider-web, and aesthetic considerations seem to have occupied a large place among those that finally determined their removal. But recent observations in Germany seem to show that the overhead wire, although not pretty, has something to recommend it. With a view to finding out whether a network of such wires has any influence upon atmospheric electricity, and, if so, what influence, the German government telegraph department has been conducting some investigations, with highly interesting results. We translate an account of these investigations from Gaea, Leipsic, February:

"To answer this question, observations were first made in all the cities having telephone installations, and in a large number of places without such installations; and their result has been to demonstrate the fact that the network of telephone wires has diminished the violence of thunderstorms and lessened the danger from lightning. As the first statistics obtained were not free from objections, the observations were continued according to definitely limited rules. Thus there were examined 900 places of which 340 had city telephone systems and 560 had none. The results were favorable to the first; the ratio of injury to buildings in them to that in places without telephone systems was as 1 to 4.5. It may be objected that places without telephone systems are usually smaller than those that possess them, and that experience has shown that danger from lightning is