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WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND.

W. L. W. Seabrook, - Editor.

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The Maryland Republican Editorial Association will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday next, at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C, on which occasion the members will be the guests of Hon. B. H. Warner, editor of the Kensington Press.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The system under which most appointments are now made to office under the Government of the United States—known as Civil Service Reform—is fast being made odious to the people by the manner in which it is administered. Shortly before Mr. Cleveland retired from office he extended the rules to a vast number of appointments now held by individuals who never passed an examination, and who cannot now be displaced except for cause other than political.

In throwing the protection of civil service rules around this class of office-holders Mr. Cleveland practically declared that they were efficient and faithful in the discharge of their duties, and, as a rule, nothing appears to the contrary. In fact, as far as the public knows, these officers have been just as capable and trustworthy as those who entered the service through the medium of a civil service examination. Logically, therefore, their retention by the extension of the civil service rules is an argument against the necessity of such examinations as are required under that system.

We say "such examinations as are required under that system," not meaning that we oppose examinations of all sorts, or that we favor a system by which incompetent men can work their way into positions of responsibility and trust merely through political influence. We believe a better test of the competency of applicants for office can be made than is provided by existing civil service rules, and we believe further that officers who are held responsible for the official conduct of subordinates should have greater freedom and latitude in their appointment than are allowed under the present system.

Hon. Binger Hermann, the new Commissioner of the Land Office at Washington, appears to have had an experience in point. A Washington dispatch says that when Mr. Hermann "took office, last week, young Lamoureux who had been private secretary to his father, whom Mr. Hermann succeeded, promptly tendered his resignation, which was, of course, at once accepted. Mr. Hermann was looking around for some discreet and close-mouthed man whom he could trust as his private secretary, when he received an official notification from the Civil Service Commissioners enclosing the names of three persons from whom he was informed, he could select one to be designated for service as his private secretary. Mr. Hermann promptly sent the three names back to the commissioners with a brief note stating that he wanted a private secretary whom he knew and whom he could trust. His office is one where discretion is especially needed, and he added that he would select the man himself. If the rules of the Civil Service Commission would not permit him to select his own man, then the office would remain vacant, and he would be his own private secretary. Under no circumstances would he permit the Civil Service Commissioners to fasten upon him as his private secretary a man who had no other recommendation than the fact that he had passed an examination. Accordingly, Mr. Hermann will probably be his own secretary, or pay some trusted friend out of his own pocket."

If Mr. Hermann is correct in the stand he has taken, what is to be said of other officers whose subordinates must be taken only at the will of the Civil Service Commissioners? Evidently the "Reform" itself needs reformation.

PRESIDENT HOOD'S BIRTHDAY.

The Baltimore *American* of Monday last says:

"General John Mifflin Hood, president and general manager of the Western Maryland Railroad Company, will be fifty-four years of age to-day. General Hood was born at Bowling Green, near Sykesville, April 5, 1843. After having received a sound academic training, he studied engineering, and did railroad work in Maryland and Delaware. During the war he served the Confederacy, both professionally and as an intrepid soldier. After the war his railroad work was in Maryland and Pennsylvania, for the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, among others, and in 1870 he became general superintendent of the Florida Railroad. Failing health brought him back to Maryland, and in 1874, after a brief connection with the Western Maryland Railroad, he became its president and general manager.

"Personally, General Hood is a very agreeable man. He is the soul of good nature and generosity, and is always willing to oblige the humblest. He is one of the men who have uniformly predicted for Baltimore the development which is now going on in and around the city."

Postmaster General Gary's fifth daughter was married on Wednesday, at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, to Mr. Francis E. Pegram, a prominent young Baltimore lawyer. Vice President Hobart and five members of the Cabinet witnessed the ceremony, Mr. Gary has four daughters married and three unmarried.

The handsome new Methodist Protestant Church, at Buckeystown, Frederick county, was the scene of a beautiful nuptial event on Tuesday afternoon. The contracting parties were Miss Annie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Thomas and Mr. Augustus Webster Nicodemus, Jr., the second son of Judge A. W. Nicodemus, both of that village.

For the SENTINEL.

A STRANGE PLAINT.

About 4 o'clock Monday morning I had occasion to make a pedestrian trip from the west to the east end of Main street, Westminster. I was surprised to find, when I stepped into the street, only a glimmer of electric light here and there and, for the rest, well nigh Egyptian darkness. I groped my way along, as best I could, with the peculiar sounds of vibrating electric wires ringing in my ears, to which I paid little heed, until, suddenly, my attention was arrested by an apparent vocalization of the humming noise peculiar to the heavy wire of the electric lighting system of the city. At first the words were indistinct and confused and I could only catch an occasional syllable; but the voice was indescribably mournful and sad, and I soon gathered the impression that the creature, or element, or force, or whatever it may be, which inhabits the wire was in a complaining mood.

Presently I approached a point where the rays of a distant light fell faintly on the way, broadening and brightening as I advanced. Then the language of the complaining electricity became clearer and more distinct and its meaning more comprehensible. In mournful monologue it murmurred:

"The ambition and assurance of that being called man is vaulting and boundless. He is never content, but with restless energy is seeking to discover hidden principles in nature and apply them to his own uses and benefit. Here am I, once free as the air and terrible in power, caugh by his devices, forced into this wire and compelled to ignominious servitude, to light his way in the darkness of night, or to propel his machinery as he wills. Sometimes I escape from this thralldom and give my captor a taste of my vengeance. I fall upon him, or he touches me, even in this pent up prison house, and his pulses cease to throb, his eye grows glassy, his heart is stilled, and even as he dies, blue and lambent flames play around his moribund body.

"I've rebelled against him in this town, in a small way, just now, and withdrawn from most of the machines he calls arcs, so that he walks in comparative darkness, and in a few minutes it shall be total and cimmerian. But what boots it, after all. By to-night he'll have me harnessed up, and will be forcing me, with his hateful machinery, to do his bidding again."

The voice in these closing words, had become inexpressibly mournful and apparently submissive, and I thought I should not lose entire illumination for the rest of my journey. I had reached a crossing where an arc light was shining in undiminished brilliance, and every object upon which it fell was casting a dense black shadow beyond, when suddenly the voice resumed its monologue and spitefully exclaimed:

"But I'll show him a miniature exhibition of the element he calls lightning, anyhow, and then leave him to gloom and darkness."

And straightway the light disappeared, or dropped to the faintest spark, then as suddenly flashed up, then down and up again, a dozen times, or more, producing precisely the effect of lightning in a thundercloud, but limited to the space of a hundred feet or less, around, and finally dying away entirely.

Just then I heard a footstep stumbling along in the darkness and a grumbling voice anathematizing the electric light company and using language that savored strongly of profanity.

I halted the speaker and explained that while man had succeeded in utilizing the electric force in a marvelous way, and the Westminster Company had not been slow to employ the best devices for controling and directing this wonderful agent, there was much yet to learn, and until ambitious man had reached the ultimate knowledge required, the rebellious giant would sometimes refuse to do his bidding. And then I told him the story of the lightning's voice, as I have repeated it here, and we went on our way together, in the darkness.

THE MD. M. P. ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church met at Broadway Church, Baltimore, on Wednesday. The principal business of the first session was the election of a president to succeed Rev. Dr. J. D. Kinzer, who has filled the office five years. On the second ballot, Rev. A. D. Melvin was chosen, receiving 127 out of 195 votes. Mr. Melvin has been a resident of this city five or six years, and until last year was pastor of the M. P. Church. His election is gratifying to his many friends in this community.

Rev. Hugh L. Elderdice was elected secretary of the conference for the fifth term. Mr. Elderdice, it is said, has been proffered the presidency of Westminster Theological Seminary, and has the subject under consideration. Dr. Kinzer had been selected for the place but decided to return to the active ministry. Mr. Elderdice is well equipped, by education and ability, for the important station.

President Kinzer reported the erection of a number of new churches and parsonages during the conference year. A total of $53,717 was raised during the year for church and parsonage building and improvement. The conference has been gaining one church a year in Baltimore, for the last nine years.

The Pipe Creek Benevolent Society was credited with $450 for the support of men in active work, in addition to other contributions.

Statistics for the year show 3,314 conversions and 2,890 accessions to church membership. Christian Endeavor Societies number 174, with 6,979 members. Sunday-school pupils number 25,050.

Rev. F. C. Klein, of Laurel, Del., formerly a missionary to Japan, preached the conference missionary sermon at the morning session.

Among Carroll county ministers and delegates appointed on the conference committees are the following: Board of Finance, Edward Reisler; Superannuates, P. B. Myers; Sabbath Schools, Rev. S. W. Coe, chairman; Temperance, Rev. B. W. Kindley; Education, Dr. J. W. Hering; Foreign Missions, Rev. Dr. Thos. H. Lewis, chairman; Obituaries, Rev. Dr. L. W. Bates.

Rev. Louis Randall was elected conference steward.

Memorial notices were read of members of the conference who have died during the year. Rev. Dr. Southerland read the memorial of the late beloved Rev. Dr. J. T. Ward, D, D., president of Westminster Theological Seminary.

The flood in the Mississippi river still continues, and incalculable damage is being done, with additional loss of life. At Mound Landing, Miss., four children were swept away and drowned in the presence of their mother.

The Court of Appeals of this State has decided against the validity of the appointment of school commissioners of Baltimore by Mayor Hooper, and the commissioners elected by the council will now enter upon their duties.

The business portion of Knoxville, Tenn., was swept by fire on Thursday and more than a million dollars' worth of property destroyed. Several lives were lost.

The Powers are still parleying over the Cretan question and endeavoring to avoid a general war. The Cretan insurgents still keep fighting.

The situation in Cuba appears unchanged.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

WANTED.—A Young Man or Boy to work in Green Houses, and learn the business. Apply to H. S. Roop & Co., Westminster.

An entertainment will be given in Odd Fellows' Hall, Friday evening, April 23rd, under the auspices of the Jr. Society of the M. P. Church. The program will consist of recitations by Miss Beulah Gilbert, and an Operetta —"The Crown of Virtue" by Lugi Bordese.

The regular monthly meeting of Burns Post No. 13, G. A. R., will be held at Odd Fellow's Hall, to-day, April 10th, at 1:30 P. M., for muster and other important business. A full attendance is requested.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Finksburg M. P. Church will give a musical and literary entertainment at Horner's Hall, Saturday evening, April 17th, at 7:30 P. M. See posters.

Miss Annie Stewart will give an illustrated Lecture, "Famous Faces and Affairs Afield," at Carroll Hall, April 20th, 1897, at 8 o'clock, P. M., for the benefit of the Boys' Meeting. Admission, 25 and 10. Tickets for sale by the boys.

REDUCED RATES TO NEW YORK VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD, ACCOUNT DEDICATION OF GRANT MONUMENT.

For the dedication of the Grant Monumental Tomb, April 27th, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell tickets from all points on its line to New York, April 26th (and from points within one hundred and fifty miles of New York, April 26th, and 27th), good to return until April 29th inclusive, at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip. Tickets for military companies in uniform, numbering fifty or more, traveling in a body on one ticket, will be sold at rate of single fare per capita for the round trip. The parade on this occasion will be the grandest military demonstration since the war. Thousands of veterans, United States regulars, and state militiamen will be in line.

Americans are the most inventive people on earth. To them have been issued nearly 600,000 patents, or more than one-third of all the patents issued in the world. No discovery of modern years has been of greater benefit to mankind than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, or has done more to relieve pain and suffering. J. W. Vaughn, of Oakton, Ky., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for several years, and find it to be the best medicine I ever used for cramps in the stomach and bowels. For sale by Joseph D. Zepp, Druggist, Westminster, and W. R. Rudy, Mt. Airy. ap-3-1m

Have you seen the beautiful Decorated and Gold Lined Tea and Dinner Sets, at J. T. Wampler's?

Mrs. A. Inveen, residing at 730 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request, as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Joseph D. Zepp, Druggist, Westminster, and W. R. Rudy, Mt. Airy.

PIGEONS WANTED.

The highest cash price paid for sound Pigeons, delivered at the depot in Westminster.

JOHN E. DEEDS.

J. T. Wampler has the largest and finest stock of Queensware in the county.

Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section; to-day Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Where ever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have nothing else. For sale by Joseph D. Zepp, Druggist, Westminster, and W. R. Rudy, Mt. Airy.

If you want to buy good Queensware, cheap, go to J. T. Wampler's.

JOHN D. BOWERS,

Head-Quarters for Patent Medicines,

20 to 85 cents per bottle, being less than elsewhere.

Nos. 47 and 49 East Main St., Westminster, mh-27-3t Md.

Sugar, Teas, Coffees, Canned Goods, Syrups, &c., at J. T. Wampler's.

MARRIED.

At the Manchester Lutheran parsonage, April 1st, 1897, by Rev. C. M. Eyster, Mr. Eli Wisner, of near Manchester, to Mrs. Mary E. Smith, of near Grave Run Mills, Baltimore county.

DIED

Obituaries, poetry and resolutions of regret on deaths charged for at the rate of five cent, per line. The regular death notices published

Near Bish's Mill, April 6th, 1897, Emma Marguerite, only child of Adam J. and Irene M. Martin, aged 5 months and 1 day.

Near this city, April 9th, 1897, Rev. Geo. C. Reese, aged 34 years, 3 months and 11 days.

Near Wakefield, March 30th, 1897, Mrs. Margaret Wagner, widow of Michael Wagner, in the 76th year of her age.

In loving remembrance of Eliza J. Derr, who departed this life April 7th, 1896.

"Gone, but not forgotten."

Oh! how many lonely hours,
We have passed since thou art gone,
But the Lord has been our comfort,
And in Him our faith is strong.

Brighter, fairer, far than living,
With no trace of woe, or pain,
Robed in everlasting beauty
Shall we see thee once again.

Just two years ago we laid thee
In thy silent house of clay,
Fondly hoping in our bosom
We shall meet thee, "some sweet day."

BY HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Fo Rent.



A comfortable Dwelling House, on East Main street, near Court street, Westminster. Apply at this office. ap-3-tf

A CHEAP HOME AT PRIVATE SALE.



The House and Lot known as the Wakefield Creamery will be sold low and on reasonable terms. For particulars apply to

L. P. SLINGLUFF,
ap-10-3t* New Windsor Md.

LOW RATE EXCURSION TO BALTIMORE,

SATURDAY, MAY 8TH, 1897,

under the auspices of Sulphur Spring Lodge No. 130, I. O. O. F. of New Windsor, Md. Special excursion train will be run by the W. M. R. R., from Highfield, Glen Falls and intermediate stations, to Baltimore on above date. About 10 hours in Baltimore will afford ample time for business or pleasure. Fare for the round trip not to exceed $1.00. See posters for schedule. By order of Committee,

CHAS. W. SMITH, C. W. WOOD,
ap-10-4t* ISAAC SMITH.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

THE President and Directors of The Westminster Savings Bank have, this 3rd day of April, 1897, declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of

THREE AND ONE HALF PER CENT.

on the Capital Stock and 2½ per cent. on Weekly and Monthly Deposits, free of all taxes, payable on and after April 15th, 1897.

WILLIAM H. STARR,
ap-10-3t Treasurer.

NO. 3452 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

L. Howell Lamotte, Mortgagee, vs. Thomas Gorsuch and Matilda M. Gorsuch, his wife, Mortgagors.

Ordered, this 9th day of April, A. D. 1897, that the account of the Auditor, filed in this cause, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 26th day of April, inst.; provided a copy of this order be inserted for two successive weeks before the last named day in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.

True Copy.—Test:
ap-10-2t BENJ. F. CROUSE Clerk.

Western Maryland Railroad Company.

NOTICE.

BALTIMORE, MD., APRIL 5TH, 1897.

As to allow the statement of Mr. Geo. W. Albaugh, Trustee, in his advertisement of certain real estate of Mr. Edward Lynch of Westminster, to be sold on 20th inst., to the effect that a certain lot of the Lynch farm carried with it a permanent free pass privilege upon the Western Maryland Railroad, to go unchallenged, might imply acquiescence by the Railroad Company in this statement, and tend to mislead the public, notice is hereby given that according to the opinion of the General Counsel of the Railroad Company, this particular portion of the whole tract no more carries with it the privilege referred to, than any other portion of the said tract, and that the Railroad Company will decline and refuse to issue such pass to the owner of said lot or of any other lot or portion of the property, as the privilege applies to the whole property and to no sub-division.

ap-10-2t J. M. HOOD, President.

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE

OF A FIRST-CLASS

Limestone and Dairy Farm,

On Pipe Creek, Carroll county, Md.

By virtue of the power contained in a mortgage from John Q. Sensency and Marion H. Sensency, his wife, to George P. Buckey, dated June 29th, A. D. 1885, recorded among the real estate mortgage records of Carroll county, in liber G. A. M. No. 22, folio 269, &c., and duly assigned to the undersigned, I will sell at Public Sale, at Linwood Station, on the Western Md. Railroad, on

SATURDAY, 8TH OF MAY, A. D. 1897,

at 2 o'clock, P. M., all that Valuable Farm, described in and conveyed by said mortgage, containing

129 ACRES, 2 ROODS AND 20

Square Perches of Land, more or less.



The improvements thereon consist of a large two-story Brick and Stone Dwelling House, a newly built two-story frame Dwelling House, Bank Barn, Wagon Shed, Corn Crib, Smoke House, Dairy, and other necessary outbuildings, water convenient to the buildings. There is a due proportion of Wood Land and one of the most superior Meadows consisting of about 20 Acres. The land is of first-class Limestone quality and is in an excellent state of cultivation.

This Farm is in New Windsor district, Carroll county, Md., on the county road leading from Linwood to McKinstry's Mill, is about one quarter of a mile from Linwood Station on the Western Md. Railroad, about 2½ miles from New Windsor, adjoins the land of John E. Sensency, E. H. Gaither and others, is now occupied by the said John Q. Sensency, is convenient to railroad, schools, churches, &c., and is one of the best farms on Pipe Creek.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash; or if desired by the purchaser, reasonable credit terms will be given, or two-thirds of the purchase money will be loaned on the farm for any reasonable time on mortgage.

JOHN C. BUCKEY,
Assignee of Mortgagee.
Reifsnider & Reifsnider, Solicitors.
J. Thos. Roop, auct. ap-10-3t

STATEMENT

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, CONN., DEC. 31st, 1896.

ASSETS.	
Value of real estate and ground rents owned by the Company, less amount of encumbrance thereon	$ 450,575.00
Loans on bonds and mortgage	1,275,500.00
Stocks and bonds absolutely owned by the Company (market value)	5,659,823.00
Amount of all loans (except mortgages) secured by stocks, bonds and other securities hypothecated to the Company for cash actually loaned by the Company	10,800.00
Interest due and accrued on stocks, bonds and other securities	25,181.93
Cash in Company's principal office and belonging to the Company deposited in Bank	991,914.44
Premiums due and in course of collection	1,091,613.65
All other admitted assets detailed in statement on file in this office	845.53
Total admitted assets	$ 9,615,253.55
ASSETS NOT ADMITTED.	
Securities deposited in various States for the protection of Policyholders in such States (market value)	$ 369,434.00
Liabilities in said States	252,999.86
Surplus over said liabilities	116,434.14
LIABILITIES.	
Losses reported, adjusted and unpaid	554,648.56
Reserve as required by law	4,641,406.98
All other claims	71,250.00
Total liabilities	5,237,305.54
Surplus as regards policyholders	4,377,948.01
Assets not admitted as above stated	116,434.14
	4,514,382.15
Capital stock paid up	1,250,000.00
Surplus as regards Stockholders	3,264,382.15
Total income	6,156,498.19
Total expenditures	5,485,101.20
Amount of Policies in force in United States on 31st Dec. 1896	188,511,325.00
Amount of Policies written in Maryland during the year 1896	3,732,175.00
Premiums received on Maryland business in 1896	47,024.19
Losses paid in Maryland during 1896	22,388.54
Losses incurred in Maryland during 1896	27,401.14

STATE OF MARYLAND,
Insurance Depart., Commissioner's Office,
Annapolis, April ——, 1897.

In compliance with the Code of Public General Laws, I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract from the statement of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., to December 31st, 1896, now on file in this Department.

F. ALBERT KURTZ,
Insurance Commissioner.

FUSS & ROOP, Agents,
a-10-3t Westminster, Md.

Mortgagees' Sale.

By virtue of the power contained in two mortgages from Kate Fifer and Jacob Fifer, her husband, one to William F. Lockwood, trustee, dated October 10th, 1884, recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll county, in Liber F. T. S. No. 24, folio 271, &c., and the other one to The Westminster Savings Institution, dated August 10th, 1892, recorded as aforesaid in Liber B. F. C. No. 32, folio 266, &c., and both duly assigned to the undersigned, I will sell at Public Sale to the highest bidder, at the Court House Door in Westminster, Carroll county, Maryland, on

MONDAY, 5th day of APRIL, 1897,

at 12 o'clock, M., all the land described in said two mortgages.

First. A parcel of land containing

155 ACRES, More or Less,



improved by a newly built two-story Frame Dwelling House, log barn, wagon shed, two dairies, frame tenant house and other outbuildings, water convenient to the buildings.

Second. A parcel of land containing

104 ACRES AND 3 ROODS,

more or less, adjoining the above. There is a due proportion of wood and meadow land to each tract.

This property is in Freedom district, Carroll county, Maryland, adjoins the land of E. Harn, Mortimer K. Dorsey and others, is about one-half mile from Woodbine and Morgan Stations on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Terms of Sale.—Cash, or if desired, one-third cash, one-third in six and the other one-third in twelve months from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

CHARLES T. REIFSNIDER,
Assignee of Mortgagee.
R. C. Matthews, Auct. mr-13-ts

WEDDING INVITATIONS, Cards, Circulars, &c., printed at this office.

NOTICE.

You can get more goods for your cash, more cash for your eggs at the

Medford Cash Store,

Than any other place in the county. If you will come to see us we will

Prove It.

We issue a weekly circular giving prices. Send us your name, and you will receive it.

SPRING OPENING AT OAK HALL,

NEW WINDSOR, MD.

APRIL 10th, 1897.

We are again at the helm of the ship steering our customers into the Port of safe Dealing and True Bargains. Our Spring Stock of

Dress Goods and Trimmings

is full to overflowing. Beautiful all wool goods at 25 cents, 38 inches wide Wash Goods, in great variety. Silk from 20c up, for Shirt Waists. Our stock of

CLOTHING,

both for Gents and Children, surpasses all other attempts. Call and get one of our

New Spring Hats

if you want to be happy.

Shoes and Slippers

in great variety. Oxblood and tan colors in Slippers, with Hose to match.

A beautiful line of MATTINGS from 10 cts. up. CARPETS from 15 cts. up. We offer 5 rolls of choice Extra Super, all wool, at 50 cts. per yard. Dinner Sets of Dishes, $8.50, 100 pieces. Bargain department will be alive for the next 30 days.

Special Shoe Sale to take place:

100 pairs Shoes and Slippers ½ to 1½ the regular price. 10 to 15 pieces of Dress Goods, to go for half price. 1,000 yards of best Calico at 5 cents. 1000 yards of good Gingham at 5 cents. We have a number of Jobs to close out, and if you will call we will soon convince you that our words are true and that we have the goods to deliver. Hats 5 and 10 cents, were 25 and 50 cents.

Come and see us and you will not regret it. Though we're thankful for past favors we hope to see you during the spring trade.

Coupons, given out until May 1st, 1897. Come and deal with us and secure some of the prizes before closing the deal, as none will be given out after that date.

Respectfully,
ap-16-06 GEO. C. ANDERS.

STATEMENT

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MASS., DECEMBER 31st, 1896.

ASSETS.	
Value of real estate and ground rents owned by the company, less amount of encumbrance thereon	$ 540,250.42
Loans on bond and mortgage	6,501,330.26
Stocks and bond absolutely owned by the company (market value)	7,276,909.76
Amount of all loans (except mortgages) secured by stocks, bonds, and other securities hypothecated to the company for cash actually loaned by company	678,910.00
Interest due and accrued on stocks, bonds and other securities	326,988.63
Cash in company's principal office and belonging to the company deposited in bank	516,404.73
Premiums due and in course of collection	534,806.81
Loans on Companies policies	1,571,571.00
Premium notes	699,988.29
All other admitted assets detailed in statement on file in this office	3,711.06
Total admitted assets	$ 18,546,959.96
LIABILITIES.	
Losses reported, adjusted and unpaid	$ 179,500.65
Reserve as required by law	16,916,439.00
Unpaid dividends due and to become due to policy-holders	112,000.83
Premiums paid in advance	5,309.84
Total liabilities	17,204,368.32
Surplus as regards policy-holders	$ 1,342,691.64
Total income	4,463,573.68
Total expenditures	2,849,129.13
69936 policies in force in United States on 31st December, 1896	102,867,061.00
114 policies written in Maryland during the year 1896	316,500.00
Premiums received on Maryland business in 1896	39,493.07
Losses paid in Maryland during 1896	3,000.00
Losses incurred in Maryland during 1896	3,252.00

STATE OF MARYLAND,
Insurance Depart., Commissioner's Office,
Annapolis, ——— 1897.

In compliance with the Code of Public General Laws, I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract from the statement of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company of Mass., to December 31st, 1896, now on file in this Department.

F. ALBERT KURTZ,
Insurance Commissioner.

F. S. BIGGS, Manager, 4 South street, Baltimore, Md.
W. RILEY MYERS, Agent,
ap-3-3t Westminster Md.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting

OF THE

Washington, Westminster and Gettysburg Railroad Company.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11th, 1897.

Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the Stockholders of the Washington, Westminster and Gettysburg Railway Company will be held at the Company's office at Westminster, Md., on Wednesday, the 21st day of April, 1897, at one o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing seven directors of said Company, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Incorporators.

GEORGE COTTON SMITH,
Chairman.

H. A. CADY, Secretary.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11th, 1897

Referring to the above notice the public is informed that books will be immediately opened for subscription to the stock of the above named Railway Company in Rockville, Westminster, Mt. Airy, Union Mills, Maryland; and Littlestown, Pa., and also in Washington, D. C. All desired information can be had of either of the following incorporators:

George Cotton Smith, Chairman; J. B. Colegrove, Vice-Chairman; H. A. Cady, Secretary and Treasurer; Wm. B. Thomas, James A. C. Bond, C. T. Reifsnider, T. H. Shriver, Stilson Hutchins, H. Stewart Roberts, Milton Schaeffer, J. A. Shorb, J. H. Cunningham, D. Cowan, Jr., J. L. Reifsnider, E. J. Lawyer.

By order of the Executive Committee of the incorporators.

STILSON HUTCHINS,
JOHN L. REIFSNIDER,
mr-20-5t J. B. COLEGROVE.

IMPORTANT Announcement!

Change of Business Method at S. P. Engler & Son's Mill, New Windsor.

The undersigned hereby announce that on and after April 1st, 1897, they will conduct their business, at New Windsor, upon a

STRICTLY CASH BASIS.

☞Goods will be sold only for cash.

This method will enable us to make a decided reduction in prices, to the advantage of all purchasers.

mr-20-2m* S. P. ENGLER & SON.

ELECTION NOTICE,

THE Stockholders of the Westminster and Meadow Branch Turnpike Company are hereby notified that an election will be held at the residence of SAMUEL ROOP, Meadow Branch, on

MONDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF MAY, 1897,

between the hours of 9 and 11 A. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to manage the affairs of said Company for the ensuing year.

JOHN T. DIFFENBAUGH,
ap-3-4t Secretary.

Spring is Here.

So is that Tired Feeling,

(Commonly called spring fever.)

I have the cure for it. Finest line of

Whiskies, Brandies, Gins, Rums and Wines

in the city.

BREHM'S BEER, Finest Brewed,

on draught and in bottles.

LARGEST LINE OF

Plug and Smoking Tobaccos

in any store in Carroll county. All the cigars sold either in store or cafe are manufactured on the premises, of finest stock and workmanship. Prices on all goods to suit the times. Give me a call.

LEFFERT'S DOUBLE STORES,

No. 5 and 7 E. Main street,
ap-10-tf Opposite New Depot.

M. W. BABYLON.

I have added to my stock of

Groceries, Queensware, Cutlery,

Confectionery, Tobacco and Cigars, a fine Stock of

Wines and Liquors of all Kinds.

Prices to suit the times. A call is solicited at the old stand.

M. W. BABYLON,
No. 15 East Main Street, Westminster,
oct-10-96-1y Md.

Notice!

New Hardware and Stove Store.

Will carry a full line of shelf and heavy Hardware,

Stoves and Fixtures,

Greystone Enameled and Blue Ware, Tinware of all kinds,

Iron Roofing, Oils, Paints. A full line of Agricultural Implements.

Agent for the Eagle Bicycle.

BICYCLE SUNDRIES.

Hoping the public will give me a share of their patronage. Yours respt.,

E. S. BANKERD,
ap-3-tf New Windsor, Md.

Enameled Ware AT COST.

Having concluded to close out our entire stock of Grey Enameled Ware, we are now offering a full assortment of the best grades, among which is included the

"Blue Stamped" Granite Iron Ware,

the finest grade on the market, at positively

COST.

An opportunity is now offered you to secure this desirable ware at a small expenditure of cash.

To the lover of Coffee: Don't fail to see the latest thing out—"A Coffee Pulverizer."

The Farmer's Friend.—We are agents for the celebrated Anglo-American Poultry and Stock Food.

GILBERT & GEHR,
Hardware and Housekeeping Supplies.
mr-27-3t

OF BENEFIT TO WATER CONSUMERS.

THE Board of Directors of the Westminster Water Company have ordered that upon all Water Rents, except Meters, if paid on or

BEFORE MAY 10TH, 1897,

a discount of FOUR PER CENT. will be made. Should the rent remain unpaid until June 1st, 1897, interest at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum will be charged and this applies to all Water Rents in arrears.

The Board further ordered that the cost of License upon all Households, of Four Rooms or less, should be Four Dollars per year, instead of Five Dollars as heretofore.

All Water Rents are hereafter made payable at the office of the Company, Carroll Hall Building.

A. H. HUBER,
ap-3-3t Secretary and Treasurer.

NOTICE.

I wish to inform the public that I have secured the assistance of Ex-Sheriff E. B. ARNOLD, of Smallwood, to sell my

FERTILIZER in that Section of the County.

I desire to say to my friends and patrons that my FERTILIZERS have given the best of satisfaction for eight years and my prices are in keeping with the times.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES SCHAEFFER,
successor to H. S. Roberts & Co., manufacturers of High Grade Fertilizers,
ap-3-3t Westminster, Md.

Bark Wanted AT Schlosser Tannery.

We will pay Five Dollars and Fifty Cents ($5.50) per ton of 2,000 lbs. for

Prime Chestnut or Spanish Oak Bark,

of this year's peeling, delivered in good order and condition at the Schlosser Tannery, before the 1st day of July, 1897.

ENGLAND & BRYAN,
Proprietors.
Jas. S. Baer, Supt. mr-20-2m

New Coach and Carriage Factory, PFEFFER & SON,

Manufacturers of

VEHICLES of all KINDS.

REPAIRING AND PAINTING done in the best manner.

☞Thirty years experience.

☞We guarantee that all work entrusted to us will be turned out in the most satisfactory manner.

Call and see us, we will save you money.

LIBERTY AND GREEN STS.,
fe-6-1y WESTMINSTER MD.

Special Notice!

Having remodeled my store room and intending to quit keeping Dry Goods and Notions, I will hereafter carry only a line of

CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES, China, Glass and Queensware,

which will be sold at

Prices Defying Competition.

I intend to keep only First-Class Groceries, and my stock will be the largest and best ever offered in the county.

My China, Glass and Queensware Department

will also contain the largest and finest stock to be found within the limits of the county.

ROCK BOTTOM PRICES

will prevail on all articles in both departments.

The Dry Goods and Notions still remaining in my store are in good condition and are being sold at prices far below their present market value. The stock consists of

Calicoes, Ginghams, Worsteds, Notions Generally, &c.

These goods must be sold promptly and a rare chance is offered to obtain the best bargains ever seen in this county.

Give me a call and you will be convinced of the truth of this statement.

JOHN T. WAMPLER,
West Main Street,
mr-27-tf Westminster, Md.

WHEN YOU SEE IT YOU WILL BE SURPRISED.

OUR NEW STOCK OF

Shoes, Hats, Trunks, Valises and Umbrellas

Every department full to overflowing. Our prices never equaled. Our prices make our business which talks for itself.

THESE ARE THE INDUCEMENTS WE OFFER:

Women's fine Button Shoes, the best in the county for the money, only 99 cents.

We have all the prevailing styles in Ladies' fine Shoes, from $1.00 to $3.50, handmade.

Women's everyday Shoes, 75 cents and up.

Men's everyday Shoes, $1.00 and up.

Children's Shoes, 25 cents and up.

Our popular line of Children's Shoes is perfect beyond criticism.

Our prices are low and no one can sell you good Shoes cheaper.

Hats! Hats!

We are the leaders in latest styles. We have them as handsome as any on earth, comprising the most extensive line of the newest in Dunlap & Christie shapes.

Hats ranging in price from 25 cts. to $3.00. No one can sell you respectable goods cheaper.

Our stock of Trunks, Valises and Umbrellas is complete and our prices always reasonable.

Now you know us and the goods, for we have told you the truth, without misrepresentation or boasting.

U. L. REAVER,
fe-2-1y Next Door to Postoffice.

Westminster Markets.

Corrected weekly by N. I. Gorsuch & Son Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Flour, Grain, Produce, &c.

Flour—Crown (extra)	$4.00@ $4.00
Flour—Cook's Delight (clear)	4.75@ 4.75
Flour—Gorsuch's White Lily	5.00@ 5.00
Flour—Gorsuch's Best	4.75@ 4.75
Flour—Sea Foam (patent)	5.25@ 5.25
Wheat	65@ 70
Wheat damp	50@ 53
Bakings	50@ 55
Rye	30@ 32
Barley	20@ 22
Oats	15@ 18
Corn	20@ 22
Bran per ton	16.00@ 16.00
White Middlings per ton	16.00@ 16.00
Timothy Hay per ton	9.00@ 10.00
Clover Hay per ton	6.00@ 7.00
Mixed Hay per ton	8.00@ 9.00
Rye Straw	10.00@ 10.00
Corn, per bbl	1.25@ 1.25
Eggs	18@ 18
Hungarian Se