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Tuesday, March 8, at 12 m.—2 horses, 1 colt, 9 horned cattle, 1 bull, 15 shoats, 4 brood sows, 2 wagons, farm implements, 25 barrels of corn, etc., by Geo. R. Staub, residing near Roop's Mill, on the road leading to Westminster. J. Thos. Roop, auct. D. M. Shorb, clerk.

Tuesday, March 1, at 10 a. m.—2 horses, 1 mule, 2 cows, 1 heifer, 1 McCormick binder, 1 threshing machine, wagons, farm implements, harness, furniture, &c., by Willoughby E. F. Rhodes, 1 mile from Melrose, 1 mile from Manchester and near the Baltimore turnpike.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. Alfred Stevenson, of Spring Mills, killed a hog last week that weighed 515 lbs.

Revival services were begun in the Presbyterian Church at New Windsor on Sunday last, by Rev. D. B. Greigg, of Franklin street Church, Baltimore.

Mr. R. H. Reininger, who is engaged in the merchant tailoring department of Messrs. Miller Bros.' stores, has removed his family from Gettysburg, Pa., his former residence, to this city.

During he month of January 63 deeds, 18 mortgages and 6 bills of sale were received for record at the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, and during the same period 24 marriage licenses were issued.

Capt. Peter A. Sheads, of Gettysburg, Pa., a very popular passenger conductor on the Baltimore and Harrisburg Branch of the Western Md. Railroad, has been ill, but is improving. Capt. Sheads' wife is a native of this city and he is well known here.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Zepp, formerly of this city, died at her home, No 539 Fulton avenue, Baltimore, on Saturday last, in the seventy-ninth year of her age. Her remains were taken to Johnsville, Frederick county, where they were interred, on Monday morning.

Mrs. Louisa Savington, widow of Perry Savington, who served in Co. H, Fourth Regiment U. S. Colored Vol. Infantry, has been granted a pension of $12 per month, with $2,288 accumulation. Mrs. Savington lives at what is known as Keefersville or "Black Ankle," adjoining this city.

Mr. Ephraim Bowersox, an aged citizen of New Windsor, died at his home in New Windsor, on Sunday last. He had been an invalid for several years, but his death, which was caused by paralysis, was unexpected. He was in his seventy-ninth year. His remains were interred in Greenwood's burial ground on Thursday.

At the meeting of the County Commissioners, on Monday, Mr. Edward Berwager, of Manchester district, was reappointed steward at the alms house for one year, from March 1, 1898, at a salary of $400. Catharine Smith, of district No. 7, was granted a special pension of $5.00. Other business transacted by the board was of a routine character.

One of the show windows in the stores of Messrs. J. T. Orndorff's Sons, of this city, has proved quite an attraction during the past week. The object producing this effect is a railroad engine in miniature, every portion of which is covered with white goods, such as table linen and napery, toweling, &c. The machine is so constructed that the wheels revolve and the exact motion of an engine running on the tracks is produced. It is quite a curiosity and has attracted much attention.

On Monday last Mr. Levi Noel, while at work on an extension to the large store occupied by the Albaugh & Babylon Grocery Company of this city, fell from the upper part of the building to the cellar, striking his face against one of the joints upon which the first floor is laid, and sustaining considerable injury. Some of his teeth were knocked out entirely and others were loosened. Dr. Jno. S. Mathias gave the necessary surgical attention to Mr. Noel's wounds.

Rev. Joel Brown, pastor of Centenary M. E. Church, this city, is prominently mentioned in connection with the presiding eldership of the Frederick district, Baltimore Conference, now filled by Rev. J. R. Wheeler, whose term will expire at the meeting of the Conference next month. Mr. Brown has many friends in this city who will be gratified if he shall be preferred for the important station referred to, yet will be sorry to lose him as a minister and citizen. His high character and worth are recognized by everybody in this community.

Register of Wills Joseph D. Brooks has appointed Mr. Edward H. Manning, of this city, his clerk and deputy, the appointment to take effect March 7th. Mr. Manning was strongly recommended for the position by leading Republicans. He is well equipped for the discharge of the duties of the office. He was educated at Western Maryland College and posesses the ability and intelligence requisite in a place of such importance and will, without doubt, make an efficient and capable officer. He is a son of Mr. Louis P. Manning, near this city, a veteran of the Union Army, and is, himself, an active and enthusiastic young Republican.

Ice 6 to 8 inches thick is being harvested in this county.

We are indebted to Mr. Milton Snowden, of Boston, Mass., for copies of the Morning *Journal*, of that city, containing full accounts of the great blizzard of the 1st inst., in the New England States.

A revival meeting has been in progress at Centenary M. E. Church, this city, during the last two weeks and is being attended by large and interested congregations. Several persons have professed conversion.

Mr. Lynn R. Meekins, of the editorial staff of the Baltimore *American*, delivered his lecture, "The Poor Boy of the Nineteenth Century," before the public school teachers of Carroll county, to their great delight, at Central Hall schoolhouse, this city, yesterday.

The case of Mrs. Josephine A. Taylor against the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, action on a policy of life insurance, in the Superior Court of Baltimore, has been settled. Ex-Governor Whyte and F. Neal Parke, Esq., of this city, represented the plaintiff.

Persons who believe in the infallibility of Hicks' weather forecasts are respectfully advised to compare his January predictions with the weather record kept during the month by Mr. John M. Myers, voluntary observer, in Bachman's Valley, which will be found in this week's SENTINEL.

Indications point to a modification of the extreme low temperature which has prevailed during most of this week, in this locality, and over most of the country. In the New England States the cold wave was accompanied by a blizzard, which wrought great damage and entailed much misery and suffering upon the inhabitants. Many localities were snow bound and traffic and travel entirely suspended.

Rev. Wm. A. Crouse, of this city, was recently the surprised but pleased recipient of a gift which he will carefully cherish to the end of life. It was a handsome flexible back Bible, presented to him by Door to Virtue Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of this city, on the occasion of his installation as chaplain of that organization. The presentation was made, on behalf of the lodge, by Rev. J. W. Reese, Ph. D., in the chaste, beautiful and eloquent style of which he is a recognized master, and the recipent responded in a voice that trembled and with emotion that almost prevented utterance.

Rev. Geo. W. Honey, of Smallwood, this county, who formerly held a position in the General Land Office at Washington, D. C., but was removed to give place to a Democrat, has been reinstated. Mr. Honey was a soldier in the Union army and afterwards a chaplain. He served with honor in both stations and after the war filled several important positions in Texas during the reconstruction period and subsequently. He is a gentleman of ability, intelligence and worth, and deserves something better than the small office to which, as a veteran soldier, he has been reinstated. He is rated as a messenger, but has been assigned to clerical duty, which he performed while previously holding the position.

Col. J. Fenner Lee, formerly of this county, which he at one time represented in the State Senate, died at his home in St. Mary's county, on Monday, in the fifty-fifth year of his age. Col. Lee was a great-grandson of Governor James Fenner, of Rhode Island and was a native of that State. In 1885 President Cleveland appointed him charge d'affaires to Austria, and he also held a similar position in Brazil, by appointment of President Harrison. During most of the period of his service in Austria he was at the head of the American Legation, the Minister Plenipotentiary having been absent. He leaves a son and two daughters. His remains were interred in Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore.

On Friday evening of last week Rev Dr. W. R. Graham, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church of this city, and his family were very pleasantly surprised by a visit from a large number of the members of the congregation, who went not empty-handed but bearing gifts innumerable and of very considerable value as tokens of their regard and appreciation of the services of their spiritual instructor. A presentation speech was made by Dr. J. W. Hering, who echoed the sentiments of the congregation in his earnest expression of confidence in and love for the faithful pastor. Dr. Graham made a fitting and fervid response, after which an hour or more was spent very pleasantly in social conversation, before the visitors returned to their homes.

The school house at Deer Park, near Smallwood, about four miles from this city, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning. The school was in session at the time, but the fire, which originated from a defective flue, was not discovered until the roof and upper portion of the building were in a blaze. The flames, fanned by the high winds prevailing at the time, spread over the building with great rapidity, and the pupils, who are of both sexes and some of them of tender years, were panic-stricken, and some trouble was experienced in getting them out of the building, but all escaped or were rescued without injury. The building, school furniture and books were totally destroyed. Loss supposed to be about $800; insurance not known. The school is connected with the German Lutheran Church at Smallwood, the pastor of which, Rev. S. S. Henry, is the teacher. It is partially under the patronage of the county school authorities.

Mr. Henry Hann and his wife, Mrs. Mary Ann Hann, of this city, were married January 31st, 1848, at Mt. St. Mary's College, near Emmittsburg, Rev. Father Lightner performing the ceremony. The fiftieth anniversary of the event occurred on Monday last, and was appropriately celebrated, at their home on West Main street, by the aged couple. A number of Westminster people, including their children residing here, were present, and also their daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Martin, and her son, of Hagerstown; their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kretzer, and three children, of Emmittsburg, and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Hann, of Roanoke, Va. The guests were handsomely entertained. Mr. Hann was born April 26th, 1819, and Mrs. Hann December 5th, 1826. Mr. and Mrs. Hann received a number of presents of gold and other valuable articles and rare flowers. Numbers of citizens called during the day to tender their congratulations.

Death of Mr. Wm D. Slack.

Mr. Wm. D. Slack, superintendent of the Maryland House of Correction, died at that institution, very unexpectedly, on Sunday afternoon. He had been ill from Tuesday preceding, with an ailment which his physician, Dr. H. C. Gant, diagnosed as indigestion. On Saturday he was so much better that Dr. Gant deemed it safe to discontinue his visits, but a sudden relapse occurred on Saturday night and death ensued shortly after the noon hour on Sunday, and was caused, it is said, by perforation of the bowels and internal hemorrhage. Mr. Slack was very ill last summer with typhoid fever, and, though no allusion has been made to the fact in any of the reports of his death coming under our notice, it is very probable that, notwithstanding he had apparently recovered from the attack, a weakness of the stomach and bowels still remained and led to his death in the manner stated.

Mr. Slack was a man of fine physique, robust and vigorous. He was forty four years old and appeared to have the promise of a long life. He leaves a widow and one daughter, the latter being married to Mr. Devries, of Freedom district. Neither of them were with him when he died, a fatal termination of the attack not having been anticipated. He was a son of Mr. Joseph Slack, of North Branch, who survives him. He was born in Baltimore county, but was a resident of Freedom district, this county, from his childhood, and spent most of the years of his maturity in farming. He was an ardent and active Republican and in 1895 was the Republican candidate for sheriff of Carroll county, but was defeated by a small plurality.

Subsequently he was appointed superintendent of the House of Correction by Governor Lowndes and in the year and a half or more of his service in that station fully demonstrated his fitness and fidelity as an officer. He made many improvements in the methods of conducting the affairs of the institution, provided employment for nearly all the inmates, and put everything about the buildings and grounds in excellent order and condition. He maintained discipline without exercising undue harshness towards the prisoners and was in all respects worthy of the important trust committed to his charge. His remains were interred from his late residence, near Eldersburg, on Wednesday morning.

Death of Mrs. Gilliss.

Mrs. Emeline L. Gilliss, widow of Joseph A. Gilliss, of Kentuckey, died very suddenly, of heart failure, at her home on West Green street, this city, on Sunday morning last. While she had been somewhat feeble of late, she was well enough on the previous day to visit several friends in this city, and did not return to her home until about nightfall. She did not exhibit any signs of illness during the night, but appeared restless in the early morning and rose about 6 o'clock and went down to the parlor. Half an hour later her daughter was in the dining room and the two conversed with each other through the open door between the rooms. In a short time the daughter called the mother to breakfast, but receiving no response went into the parlor where she found the latter sitting in an easy chair with her feet on the fender of the heater and her head drooping over on her shoulder. Finding her mother unable to lift her head Miss Gilliss became alarmed and called assistance, when it was at once discovered that death had taken place without a struggle and so quietly that it was impossible to tell the exact moment of its occurrence.

Mrs. Gilliss was a Miss Geyer, of Frederick county, and a sister of the late Dr. John W. Geyer, of Frederick; the late Dr. J. Milton Geyer, of Thurmont, and the late Mrs. Eliza A. Hammond, of New Market, who was the mother of Mrs. E. O. Grimes, of this city. Her husband was a brother of the late James Gilliss, of Washington, D. C., and was a native of that city, but resided for a time at Cincinnati, Ohio, and Covington, and Louisville, Ky. She leaves an only daugher, Miss Lutie Gilliss, who resided with her on Green street, this city. Her remains were taken to Louisville, Ky., for interment, in charge of Mr. E. O. Grimes, Jr., who left here on Monday morning for that place. Since the death of Mr. Gilliss, some years ago, Mrs. Gilliss and her daughter had made their home in this city. She was the last member of her family.

A Baptismal Party.

A numerous company assembled, by invitation, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Keefer, East Main street, this city, on Thursday evening, to witness the baptism of their grandson, Francis Clay Keefer, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. N. Keefer. The event was made of special interest by the use of water from the River Jordan in the holy ceremony, which was performed in a most impressive manner by Rev. P. H. Miller, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church. The house was decorated profusely and with great taste for the occasion, and the guests spent a very pleasant evening in social conversation. They were also entertained with vocal and instrumental music and served with elegant refreshments provided in profusion and in great and attractive variety. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Keefer, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. N. Keefer and their infant son, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Derr and family, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Derr, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schaeffer, Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Reaver, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Miller, Mr. George A. Six and daughter Nettie, Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Baughman, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Crouse and family, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Grumbine, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. W. Seabrook, Misses Louise Bixler, Cora Pfeffer, Annie Schaeffer, Ada Schaeffer, Messrs Charles C. Gorsuch, Earnest Martin, Milton Sullivan, Mr. Harwood, Master Eddie Keefer, of Westminster; Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Zecher, of Littlestown, Pa.; Mrs. Sallie Demorest, of Philadelphia, and others.

List of Unclaimed Matter

Remaining in the Postoffice at Westminster, Md., January 29th, 1898.

Arnold, Ellis	McAroy, Mrs. E. L.
Burgess, F. F.	McKinnon, W. S.
Harris, Henry S.	Stansberry, W. S.
Hulbert, John	Ward, Jno. T.
Lambert, Jacob H.	Whaley, Irvine

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

JOSEPH B. BOYLE, P. M.

Westminster Cemetery.

The regular annual meeting of the president and managers of the Westminster Cemetery Company was held at the First National Bank of Westminster, on Tuesday evening, at which time President Reifsnider and Secretary and Treasurer Reese submitted their annual reports. The secretary and treasurer's report was submitted to Messrs. George R. Gehr, Frank K. Herr and Richard Manning, finance committee, for examination, who reported the accounts as correct and added the following just and well deserved tribute to the efficiency and fidelity of the officer referred to: "Your committee takes this occasion to express their gratification that this company is so fortunate as to have in their employment a secretary and treasurer who discharges the duties of his position with so much discretion as to give entire satisfaction to the management and lot-holders."

President Reifsnider's report gives a clear and lucid statement of the finances of the company and the general condition of the cemetery. Of the 22 interments he reports during the year, it is interesting to note that 13 were non-residents. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

OFFICE OF THE WESTMINSTER CEMETERY COMPANY, WESTMINSTER, MD., FEBRUARY 1ST, 1898.

To the Lotowners of The Westminster Cemetery Company:

We are brought to the close of another fiscal year of our Company, and it is proper that I should state for the information of Lotowners and others who may be interested, the condition of the Company at the present time.

The superintendent reports that there have been 22 interments during the year, which, I may remark, is the smallest number occurring in any one year since the cemetery has been under its present management.

The report of the treasurer shows that $80.31 were in his hands at the close of the last fiscal year, and that $454.00 have been the receipts, from all sources, during the present year, making a total of $544.31. The disbursements covering the same period have been $331.90, leaving a balance in the treasury, at date, of $213.01.

There is not now, nor has there been for some years, any outstanding indebtedness against the company. So that with the unincumbered balance of cash in hand, and the average prospective receipts in the future, I feel it quite safe to say, that with proper and economical management, improvements which are much needed and in every respect desirable can be made.

Prominent among these, will be a continuation of the macadam upon the principal driveways, and, indeed, until all the roads upon which carriages and other vehicles travel shall be thus treated. This ought to be done just as rapidly as the money in hand will justify. Nothing will add more to the good appearance of the grounds than well kept roads. Besides which, when the roads are properly macadamized, the cost of keeping them in condition is reduced to the minimum.

Most of the walks are now sodded, and being kept clean and well clipped, greatly improve the appearance of the lots, and prevent unsightly washings.

A number of trees which were improperly placed and of illshape, have been removed, and some others will have to be removed also.

The grounds have been kept in a cleanly condition during the summer, and have not at any former time presented so attractive an appearance. The superintendent has faithfully discharged his duties, and no complaint, whatever, has reached the board, concerning his services.

Believing that, with judicious management, our Cemetery can each year be brought nearer to our ideal of a resting place for our treasured dead, I respectfully submit this, my annual report.

JOHN L. REIFSNIDER, President.

After the adjournment of the board the annual meeting of the lotowners for election of officers and managers for the ensuing year was held at the same place. Mr. E. O. Grimes was called to the chair and Mr John J. Reese elected secretary. Messrs. Denton S. Gehr, U. L. Reaver and Harry C. Keefer were appointed judges. Thirty-one lotowners were present and voted and the election resulted as follows: President, John L. Reifsnider; managers, Dr. J. W. Hering, Richard Manning, George R. Gehr, John Bernstein, F. K. Herr, John J. Reese.

For the Sentinel.

Delightful Birthday Surprise Party.

A very delightful birthday surprise party was given Mr. Peter C. Wertz, at his residence, Spring Valley Brook, on Monday evening, 31st ult., in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of his birth. The guests arrived about 7.30 o'clock and were cordially received by Mr. and Mrs. W. The evening was spent very pleasantly in the enjoyment of parlor games social conversation, vocal and instrumental music, which were participated in until about 11 o'clock, after which all were invited to the dining-room to partake of the refreshments, consisting of substantials and delicacies. All enjoyed themselves and the young folks stayed until a late hour and retired wishing Mr. W. the return of many birthday anniversaries. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Wertz, Clinton Thomas, Harvey C. and Denton J. Wertz, Wm. H. Stansbury and wife, Geo. Merkle and wife, Wm. Everhart and wife, Lawrence Snyder and wife, John Ebaugh and wife, James Strevig and wife, Joseph G. Yingling and wife, Mrs. David J. Brown, Mrs. J. Wesley Snyder, Mr. Samuel Miller, Misses Mary E. Yingling, Ida M. Everhart; Cora Powder, of Baltimore; Lilly Gunther, Sarah E. Null, Melvinia Frock, Annie Merkle, Sarah E. Yingling, Minnie Strevig, Stellie Merkle, Clara Ebaugh, Lizzie Eichman, Agnes Utz, Cora E. Leese, Messrs. J. Thomas Yingling, Jr., Jos. D. Wimert, John H. Barnhart, Jr., Geo. Gunther, Edward Baker, John Strevig, Geo. Kaltrider, Walter Wimert, Geo. Wentz, Geo. Ebaugh, Horace Reese, Howard Merkle, E. Wesley Null, Reno N. P. Stansbury, Clarence Bashinger, Herbert Stoner.

Meeting of the School Board.

The School Board met on Tuesday, 1st inst., Messrs. Grimes, Slingluff, Shaeffer and Landis being present. The teachers' reports for the winter term of school being all correct, the pay roll made thereon was approved.

A petition from the patrons of Jordan's Retreat school, in the 11th district, asking for the erection of a school house in that neighborhood, was read, discussed and filed.

On notion of Mr. Schaeffer it was ordered: That the annual examination of schools for the promotion of pupils be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 8th, 9th and 10th, under such regulations as the examiner shall adopt; and that the teachers be required to report the results of said examination, on blanks furnished for the purpose, within ten days after its conclusion.

Various bills for fuel and repairs were passed and ordered paid.

The Board adjourned to the first Monday in March.

Wedding Bells.

MICHAEL—CHENOWITH.

A wedding of interest to numerous readers of the SENTINEL took place in the parlor of the newly erected and handsomely furnished home of the bridal couple, on Franklin street, Hanover, Pa., at 6 o'clock, Wednesday evening, 12th ult. The bride and groom are both residents of Hanover, the former being a granddaughter of Mr. Lewis N. Baile, of the vicinity of Stone Chapel, near Warfieldsburg, this county. She was Miss S. Melvin Chenowith, the groom being Mr. Heber Michael. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Emory Buhrman, of Hampstead, an uncle of the bride. The couple stood beneath a beautiful arch of evergreen and flowers. The bride wore a gown of blue novelty cloth, with duchess silk trimmings. Miss Bess Chenowith and Miss Emma Michael were bridesmaids. Only the immediate families of the bride and groom were present. After the ceremony an elegant wedding supper was served. A *Hanover* paper says: "The couple went at once to housekeeping in their new and handsomely furnished residence. They are among Hanover's most estimable young people and have the sincere wishes of a large circle of friends for a long, prosperous and happy married life.

FOX—WEAVER.

Miss Florence Eyster Weaver, only daughter of Dr. J. J. Weaver, of Uniontown, and Mr. Edmund K. Fox, of Washington, D. C., who is a son of Mr. Albert S. Fox, president of the Columbia National Bank, of that city, were married at noon on Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents. It was a very quiet and private affair, but the event had been anticipated with great interest, not only at Union town, but throughout the county, on account of the high social standing of the parties. There were no attendants. The bride was attired in a gown of white satin, and carried a beautifully bound copy of the Bible. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. George W. Baughman, of the Lutheran Church, the bride's pastor. An elegant wedding luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Fox left by an afternoon train for a bridal trip to New York, Boston and other points in the North. Besides the immediate families of the bride and groom there were present: Mrs. Beulah Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Haines, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haines, Mrs. Rebecca Darby and Mrs. G. W. Baughman. Mr. and Mrs. Fox will be at home to their many friends, after the 15th inst., in Washington, D. C., where the groom is a rising young attorney.

For the SENTINEL.

A Pleasant Social Hop.

Misses Gracie and Maggie Easton, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. C Easton, of Porters, entertained their many friends with one of the most enjoyable social hops of the season, on Wednesday night, the 31st ult. Soon after nightfall the young and also the middle aged began to pour in from all parts of the community, filling the house to overflowing. When it was announced that the music had arrived all was excitement. Soon the cry of "fill up the floor! take your partners for a quadrille" was heard, and the mazy whirl of the merry dance began, and was kept up, with but slight intermission until the we sma' hours of the morning, when refreshments were served, and all retired to their homes, feeling that they had enjoyed a very pleasant time. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Easton, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Barnes, Mr. I. G. Rinehart, Misses Emma Porter, Custis Rawlings, Clara Barnes, Josephine Clark, Florence Clark, Lena Hintzman, Celeste Barnes, Grace, Maggie and Fanny Easton, Messrs. Emory G. Barnes, Walter Condon, Bud Allen, Charles Allen, Wm. Trenwith and Harry Buckingham, of Porters; Albert Creswell, Wm. Creswell, Allie Gorsuch and Emory Gorsuch, of Mechanicsville; Miss Mary Smith, Mr. Burt Smith, Misses Lizzie Linton, Lula Linton, Mr. Cody Bellison, of Gist; Messrs. Columbus Barnes, Howard Barnes, Charles Barnes, Geo. Horton, Chas. Horton, of Winfield; Thomas Koontz, Miss Mattie Williams, of Taylorsville; Messrs. John Mumford, Guy Mumford of Woodbine; Howard Pickett, Calvin Pickett, and Herbert Richardson, of Daniel.

Mr. S. C. Stoner Surprised.

Mr. S. C. Stoner, of West Main street, this city, enjoyed a delightful birthday surprise on Wednesday evening last, in the shape of a party, gotten up by Mrs. Stoner, in honor of the occasion and without the slightest knowledge on his part that the important anniversary was to be celebrated in an unusual manner. An elegant supper was served, the menu consisting of oysters in every style, turkey, chicken, ham, salads, fruits, cake, ices and coffee. Music and social conversation were features of the occasion, solos by Dr. Charles R. Foutz and Miss Carrie Brown giving much pleasure to the company. Those present were: Mrs. C. E. Klein, of Frederick; Miss Ida B. Hull, of New Windsor; Mr. Weldon B. Wooden, of Hampstead; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Stoner, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Stoner, Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wantz, Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Stoner, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mobley, Miss Carrie E. Brown, Miss Fay Stoner, Messrs. F. T. Babylon, Ferd. D. Schaeffer, Dr. Chas. R. Foutz, Chas. T. Reifsnider, Jr., John T. Derr, Frank R. Cassell, Frank Grumbine, Geo. H. Mittea, Harry Albaugh, George Grumbine, Wm. R. Anders, Austin H. Geiselman, Thos. E. Reese, Jos. D. Zepp, Masters David G. and Reginald Stoner.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, January 31st, 1898.—Last will and testament of Absalom Anderson admitted to probate.

Letters testamentary on the estate of William H. Dunson, granted to Eliza C. Dunson.

Marion J. Leister, administrator of Abraham Leister, returned list of sales of personal property.

Tuesday, February 1st, 1898.—Letters testamentary on the estate of Andrew Woodyard, granted to Martin L. Woodyard.

Philip W. Dietz, executor of Mary Elizabeth Dietz, returned inventories of goods and chattels and money, and received orders to sell goods and chattels and to notify creditors.

Dr. John B. Boyle, executor of John B. Boyle, settled first account.

Manchester Items.

The condition of Mr. Chas. A. Houck continued to weaken day after day and on Friday night, at 10 o'clock, the last spark flitted away and he peacefully passed into the spirit world, at the age of 71 years and 2 months. Services were held at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. C. Miller, by the Rev. S. M. Roeder, on Monday morning, after which the remains were taken to the home of his son, Mr. Samuel Houck, Druid Hill avenue, Baltimore, from whence they were buried on Tuesday, in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Cornelius Miller, of this place, and two sons, Samuel and Frank Houck, of Baltimore. Mr. Houck was a native of this place, where he spent his boyhood and grew to manhood, though for many years he was a resident of Baltimore and ranked among the master carpenters. He was a member of Mechanics Lodge No. 15, I. O. O. F., Baltimore, but during his sickness was in the care of Daniel and Jacob Lodge No. 23, and was accompanied by representatives of this lodge, as pallbearers, to Greenmount.

The tolling of the bell on the Reformed Church on Monday announced to the citizens the death of a native of this district and a former resident of this town, in the person of Mr. John Gettier, at his home in Woodberry, at the age of 66 years. His remains were brought here by the morning train on Tuesday and interred in a family lot, Rev. S. M. Roeder officiating.

The daughters of Mrs. Oliver Lippy arranged a surprise for her on Thursday evening last, at her home on North Main street. At 7.30 the guests began to arrive and were pleasantly received, with but little suspicion on the part of the hostess until the main body put in its appearance and captured the house, even to the kitchen, when the drift of the matter was fully realized and the surprise proved a pleasant affair to all. Ere long fun and amusements were at their height and from the roars of laughter must have remained at a premiun during the evening. At 9.30 an invitation to refreshments was responded too and a pleasant enjoyment of the abundance of good things was heartily participated in by all. Only at a late hour were the good-nights said. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lippy, daughter Grace and granddaughter Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin D. Lippy and children, Eva and Olive, Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Oursler and son Malcom, Mr and Mrs. Geo. L. Maurath and daughter Hazel, Mrs. Samuel Miller, Mrs. Jacob Hoffman, Mrs. Andrew E. B. Myers, Mrs. David W. Young, Mrs. James Greenholiz, Mrs. Rudisill, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Geo. Bixler, Mrs. Edward Albaugh, Mrs. Edward Gummel, Mrs. Jacob Musselman, Mrs. Chas. Hively, Mrs. Howard Loats and daughter Myrtle, Mrs. Wm. N. Gettier, Mrs. Horatio Rohrbaugh, Mrs. David H. Hoffacker, Mrs. Wm. Kahn, Mrs. Kate Ginter, Misses Rose and Nan Stonesifer, Amanda Shaffer, Irene Sherman, Mary and Sue Bixler, Lela Albaugh, Miss Fern, Messrs. Isaac and Glen Kahn.

On the same evening the home of Mrs. Wm. Masenheimer was brilliantly lighted in honor of a number of friends who were present to spend a pleasant social evening with the family, which was fully realized by all. Refreshments were furnished and much enjoyed, so that the midnight hour was fast approaching ere the parting words were said.

This contagion of social pleasure fastened upon another company on Saturday night and they surprised Mr. Wm. Fuhrman, upon the anniversary of his birth, at his sister's home, Mrs. Howard Stump, on South Main street, where they extended their best congratulations and enjoyed a good time amid games and parlor amusements till a late hour, being only interrupted in the same while enjoying abundant refreshments. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Fuhrman, of Hampstead; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stump, Misses Jennie Oursler, Mary Hoffacker, Edna Wink, Celia Kexel, Messrs. Geo. S. Motter, Martin Baltozer, Wm. L. Hoffman, Geo. Hoffman, Chas. Stump.

Mr. J. M. Motter attended the funeral of Mr. Houck.

Uniontown Items.

The M. P. Church C. E. Society will observe Endeavor day, on Sunday night, at 7.30. The entertainment is expected to be unusually interesting.

Word has been received here, by friends, of the death of the twin children (their demise was one hour apart) in their 4th year, of Mr. and Mrs. Nixon, of St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. N. will be remembered by many as Miss Sallie Sponsler, granddaughter of Mr. Harrison Weaver.

Mr. Philip Englar has returned from Bridgewater College, Va., where he has been taking a Biblical course.

The I. O. Mechanics' oyster supper and bazar opened on Wednesday night and will continue during the week and close this, Saturday, evening.

Mrs. Mary A. Ilesson, of Fountain Valley, has taken the place of Miss Mabel LeFever, resigned, as assistant teacher at Laurene Academy.

Mr. McClellan Brown, of Brunswick, Georgia, visited his mother last week and also attended the funeral of his uncle, Mr. John H. Jordan.

Our postmaster has been presented with an assistant who will hardly be sworn in under the present administration.

Mr. Milton Zollickoffer is on the sick list, with grip.

Mr. Frank Bowersox attended the funeral of his father, at New Windsor, on Thursday last.

Roads are in a rough condition.

In the Haight items of the *Advocate* of last week I noticed the success of the Oakland Mills of Carroll county, which I copy in full, as follows:

"The Oakland Mills have purchased about 35,000 pounds of wool and as the warehouse is filled with other stock another addition has been built. The mills shut down for two weeks for repairs this month, but are now running day and night to their utmost capacity."

The above is one of the "McKinley Prosperities" which the *Advocate* overlooked to have in its own column. It has not been so long since we heard of some big speeches about the scarcity of gold dollars, and that if "Bill McKinley" was elected the above mill would have to be closed. Well, we are glad that the major was elected, because we can see prosperities all around, and to our great delight this Carroll county enterprise is booming under the care of its skillful manager, instead of being closed up.

Porters Items.

Mr. Morley R. Farver, a much esteemed young man of "Gobbler Hollow," has broken ground preparatory to the erection of a dwelling house in the West End; at least, Morley says that such is his intention; but some of his friends say that he is going to construct a cage in which to incarcerate a tame "painter."

Our old friend, the oyster and fish peddler from Randallstown, contemplates the purchase of "Flat Iron Point" in the West End, on which to erect a general store room, dwelling, stable and other necessary outbuildings, he says at a cost of a thousand dollars or more.

[The above items are from an occasional correspondent, who sends with them a detailed account of the doings of a young man from Winfield, recently, under the influence of hard cider, procured in the neighborhood of Porters. We have not space to give the statement in full. The gist of the matter, however, is contained in the first paragraph of the communication, which is as follows:

There are about a half-dozen farmers and a few others in this immediate neighborhood who are in the habit of selling and disposing of "hard cider" and occasional "stone fences," to various persons of both sexes.

Evidently the purpose of our correspondent is to call attention to and correct this evil. This can only be accomplished partially. There is no law prohibiting the giving away of hard cider or other intoxicating drinks, except, we believe, on election day. But hard cider, which is undoubtedly an intoxicating beverage, cannot be sold without a license and such sales would probably be in contravention of national as well as State laws. The way, therefore, to stop such sales is to bring the matter to the attention of the grand jury or the Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue.—Ed.]

Gamber Items.

Miss Annie Murray entertained the L. A. S. of Providence Church, on Thursday, 27th ult., at her residence near town. The day was spent in carpet rag sewing and social conversation, until dinner was announced, when the large company assembled repaired to the dining-room and did ample justice to the inner man (and woman) by partaking of the many good things which were provided in abundant measure. After dinner the regular business of the society was transacted and then it adjourned to meet one month hence at Mrs. John Brauning's.

Mr. John Arnold, of Woodberry, is visiting friends here this week.

Messrs. James L. Arnold and Horace Shipley are on the sick list.

While adjusting some spouting on his barn, one day last week, Mr. Talbot Buckingham had the misfortune to fall and dislocate his shoulder.

Mr. B. F. Pool has moved his steam saw-mill to his farm, recently purchased, where he is engaged in sawing timber for the erection of new buildings, in the near future.

Members of the family of Mr. B. Peyton Pool are still suffering with scarlet rash.

Mr. A. T. Buckingham lost a fine cow, with calf by her side, a few days ago.

Sorry indeed are we to learn of the death of Mr. William D. Slack, the able and efficient superintendent of the Maryland House of Correction. In his death Carroll county has lost one of her best citizens and his many friends can scarce forbear to shed tears at his sudden demise.

Gist Items.

As the many correspondents and readers of your valuable paper seem to enjoy the so called controversy which has been raging over the route of the proposed railroad we will again reply to Taylorsville, not that we feel sore or distressed over his remarks but because we are wide awake, and while he quotes us as being forced to assume the crawfish position and look mad, it is very evident that he is the one who has been "pinched." When we read his reference to the subject in question he reminds us of one who just pulls himself up by both straps of his boots.

Mrs. Francis W. Shipley is very ill with a complication of diseases.

Mr. Wm. Grimes, who had his eyes badly burned by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge two weeks ago, is getting along very well, and his friends will be glad to learn that he will not lose his eyesight. He was in the employ of Mr. Geo. A. Shipley, and was pulling stumps at Mr. Joseph Niner's, near Smallwood, when the accident happened. He was warming a cartridge by the fire when it exploded as a small fire cracker would when it blows out the end and does not burst the wrapper. The cartridge was not capped or the supposition is that it would have blown him to pieces.

Mr. D. E. McQuay has purchased a lot from Francis W. Shipley, on Main street, and will build thereon in the spring.

Washington Camp No. 20, P. O. S. of A., will go to Zion M. P. Church on Sunday, 13th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M., at which time Rev. Hill, the pastor in charge, will deliver a sermon especially adapted to the occasion.

Mr. D. E. McQuay is getting out ties preparatory to furnishing them on the new road when it comes through.

Harney Items.

We are just passing through a siege of arctic weather which has put a stop to outdoor work.

Paul, the oldest son of Mr. James Reaver, near here, had his right arm caught in a chopping mill last week and so badly crushed that it had to be amputated an inch below the elbow. The boy is aged about twelve years.

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