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Place is given elsewhere in the SENTINEL, this week, to a communication in relation to the office of fire marshal, which calls for a word of criticism. The author, whose initials, J. T. C., are appended to the communication, does not appear to consider the testimony of those whose interest in the fire marshal's office is greatest, and who have the best means of informing themselves of its value, worthy of confidence. We allude to the insurance men, who make fire statistics and other matters in relation to losses by fire a study. It is well known that these men regard the office of fire marshal, as administered by Mr. Lawyer, a valuable agency in limiting and restricting fire waste, and their attestation to that fact is worthy of acceptance by the public. That the office may be valueless when occupied by an indifferent or incompetent incumbent is certainly true; but the same thing may be said about any other office. The office of Comptroller of the Treasury Department had no existence prior to 1851, but it has been of value to the State, in spite of loss by defalcation since its creation, a catastrophe never known in the previous history of the State Treasury. Unfaithfulness on the part of the Comptroller and neglect of a constitutional obligation by the Governor, made the defalcation possible; but J. T. C. would scarcely argue, from this incident, that the offices referred to are of no value and should be abolished. It is true that the office of fire marshal is something of an experiment, and it may have been created to provide a place for some needy politician, but under Mr Lawyer's administration, according to the testimony of the well informed class above referred to, it has been the medium of excellent work for the benefit of the people. Should it decline from the standard to which Mr. Lawyer has elevated it, the question of its abolition may properly be considered.

The Johns Hopkins Relief Bill.

Most of our readers are aware that a bill has been introduced in the Maryland Legislature for the relief of the Johns Hopkins University, which, in consequence of the non-payment of interest by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, with the stock of which it was liberally endowed by its founder, is without means of continuing its work in the realm of higher education. The bill provides for an appropriation of $100,000 per year for the next two years for the maintenance of this great institution, which, it is said, cannot be sustained without this interposition of the State in its behalf.

The matter has had such consideration by the editor of the SENTINEL as he has been able to give it, amid the pressure of other multifarious duties, and he has refrained from its discussion because an opinion should not be hastily or carelessly formed upon a question of so much importance as this. Some journalists have treated it, both pro and con, as if it were wholly one sided; that is, as if either the appropriation should or should not be made, according as they have jumped to a conclusion. The subject has seemed to the writer too grave to be thus summarily disposed of. This university has grown to be one of the greatest in existence, measured, not by the number of its students, but by the excellence of its work, and its downfall would, in a certain respect, be a calamity, not to Baltimore alone or to the State of Maryland, but to the whole country, and perhaps to the world. The extent of its beneficial influence, in certain directions, cannot be estimated, but it has been great and, if the institution shall live and carry forward its work in the future with the same intelligence and effect, the good it will work will be incalculable. These are reasons calculated to prompt a ready acquiescence, on the part of many citizens, in the movement for State aid to the university.

But there is another side to the question, and, much as the writer would be pleased to see some means devised to prevent such a catastrophe as the failure of the institution, he is constrained to say that the weight of argument seems to be against its maintenance by State aid. The means to do this must be taken from the pockets of the people. The taxpayers must furnish the money. Every owner of property, whether his possessions be great or little, must yield something to the support of the institution without his consent.

It may be, and probably is, held that he will receive full consideration for his outlay by the very benefits to which allusion has been made. But, in a general sense, these benefits, to the taxpayers who would feel the increased burden most keenly, would be too remote to be estimated. If there were any assurance that the relief sought in this bill were only a temporary expedient to tide over an emergency which would not again arise, State pride in the magnificent institution for higher education threatened with financial collapse, might win the consent of citizens usually reluctant to approve such expenditures, to the legislation proposed. But the conditions are such that the future permanency of the university can only be maintained by making such appropriations permanent also. Such a burden would be too great to be saddled upon the tax payers of the State.

Without multiplying words, therefore, this paper is compelled, with extreme reluctance, to express an opinion in opposition to the relief bill in the case, and to proffer its advice accordingly, for whatever it may be worth, to the representatives of Carroll county in the General Assembly.

At a meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, held in Baltimore, Friday, March 10th, Miss Mary F. Van Leer, of Bridgeton, N. J., and Sister Augusta V. Schaeffer, head deaconess of the Mother House, Baltimore, were appointed and commissioned as missionaries to Muhlemberg, Africa. They expect to start for their new field of labor early in April.

Our Difficulty With Spain.

Will there be war? is the question most frequently upon the lips and in the thoughts of the American people to-day. It cannot be denied that the attitude of affairs is threatening, and that both America and Spain are making active preparations for the possible conflict.

Beyond an intimation from the Spanish government that the recall of Gen. Lee, as U. S. General Consul at Havana, was desirable, nothing specially tending to provoke an outbreak of war has occurred during the week. The President met the intimation firmly and notified Spain that Gen. Lee would not be recalled. This brought a declaimer of any purpose to insist upon that course.

The incident, however, was followed by the introduction and prompt passage of a bill by the House of Representatives and Senate placing fifty millions of dollars at the disposal of the President to be expended in preparing for aggressive and defensive action if war shall ensue. The passage of the act was a magnificent exhibition of American patriotism. Its introduction in the house was greeted with prolonged cheering in which the galleries united. Then every member present voted in its favor. North, South, East and West; Republicans, Democrats, Populists and Silverites united in its passage. It met a similar reception in the Senate, and became a law within twenty-four hours from its first appearance.

The Naval Court of Inquiry, it is said, has completed its investigation of the Maine disaster and is ready to report, but no intimation is made concerning its conclusions. If it shall be found that the destruction of our warship was by design, war could scarcely be avoided. On the other hand, if the theory of accident shall be clearly established, the danger of war will not be entirely averted. Apparently there is an almost unanimous sentiment that the United States must interfere to put an end to the horrible condition of affairs in Cuba, a course which would most likely lead to war.

Such a struggle is to be most sincerely deprecated; but, if in the interests of justice and humanity, this nation shall be forced to take up arms, she will have the united support of the people.

For the SENTINEL.

An Inquiry.

UNION BRIDGE, March 10th, 1898.

EDITOR SENTINEL.—Many years ago, perhaps 60 or 70, there was a school fund in Maryland. A *portion at least* of Carroll's share of said fund was invested in Taneytown ground rents, mortgages on farms, &c. The interest, or income, was used for the support of schools. The party in power 28 or 30 years ago took possession of the fund and applied it to the purpose of building school houses in Carroll county. Will you please inform us whether that was right and proper; or was it a violation of a sacred trust? If you will answer that question, and also tell where the fund came from, and what was the amount first secured by our county, you will confer a favor on an individual who has been a reader of your paper, ever since it was established in Westminster in 1833.

A reliable answer to our correspondent's inquiries can only be made upon careful inquiry into the circumstances presented. We will endeavor to make that inquiry at as early a date as possible.—ED.

For the SENTINEL.

The Useless Office of State Fire Marshal.

MR. EDITOR OF SENTINEL:

While there is a good deal of complimentary publication concerning Fire Marshal Lawyer and the office of fire marshal, seemingly of a superficial character, will it not be well to look a little deeper into that matter and make something like an itemized showing of what has been accomplished by the fire marshal, if anything at all. If it is mainly the business of the fire marshal to prevent the burning of buildings and to detect and punish incendiaries, what buildings did he save from the flames in Carroll county or elsewhere in the State? And what incendiaries were detected and punished by his doings, directly or indirectly, who would not have been detected and punished if there had been no fire marshal? Of what consequence is this one fire Marshal in comparison to the large number of State's attorneys, sheriffs, constables and police officers throughout the State, whose daily business is to keep close on the track of criminals, and on none more specially than that of the incendiary and the wouldbe incendiary? Is there anything in the incendiary's way that he fears less than the fire marshal? And does not the existence of such an office naturally cause the efforts of other officers who have knowledge of the people and of the localities in which they act, to be relaxed to some extent? What has the office cost the State per year in thousands of dollars, including salaries, detective service, traveling expenses, &c., &c.? It is not denied that the incumbent of the office can employ his time pretending to do something, but what does that pretending or trying amount to in comparison to the cost? And is it not very much like walking the street all day without accomplishing anything more than the wearing out of shoes.

There seems to be but one thing that can be truthfully said in favor of the office of fire marshal, and that is, that a man who would be incompetent to fill any other office can fill the office of fire marshal as fully as he could fill a rocking chair, and with somewhat the same comfort to himself and the same lack of benefit to other people.

J. T. C.

Baltimore Conference M. E. Church.

The sessions of the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church, which began at Waugh Church, Washington, D. C., on Wednesday of last week, were concluded on Wednesday of this week. Many matters of interest were considered, which cannot even be summarized in the limited space we are able to devote to the subject. The total conference collections, for the various benevolent objects of the Church, were $84,714 36, a decrease of $3,586. These collections included $42,518.93 for Missions, decrease $1,637; Church Extension $3,139, decrease $26; Sunday School Union $543, increase $12; Tract Society $484, decrease $18; Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society $2,312.37, decrease $30; Education $2,326.34, decrease $69; Bible Society $923.07, decrease $13; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society $10,540.36, increase $920; Woman's Home Missionary Society $9,166 93, decrease $2,786.

Statistics for the year, as reported by Rev. E. T. Mowbray, the statistical secretary are as follows:

Church Membership—Number of probationers, 4,168; decrease, 82; number of full members, 44,435; increase, 522; number of local preachers, 121; decrease, 6; number of deaths, 576; increase, 18

Baptisms—Number of children, 3,491; increase, 283; number of adults, 352 increase, 22.

Sunday Schools—Number of schools, 422; number of officers and teachers, 7,474; decrease, 83; number of scholars, 54,770; decrease, 361; number of conversions, 2,423, increase, 174.

Church Property—Number of churches, 409; increase, 6; probable value, $3,553,040; increase, $74,140; number of parsonages, 129; increase, 2; probable value, $477,700; increase, $19,150; paid for building and improving churches and parsonages, $127,133; increase, $56,092; paid on old indebtedness, $24,392; present indebtedness, $323,015; increase, $28,966.

Ministerial Support—Paid pastors and house rent, $195,541; increase, $2,990; deficiencies, $7,386; decrease, $1,119; paid presiding elders, $11,606; increase, $56; paid episcopal fund, $2,409; increase, $22; paid conference claimants, $6,738; increase, $56.

A strange theory was suggested in the Conference in relation the recommendation of Rev. Joel Brown, of Centenary M. E. Church, this city, for the presiding eldership of this district, the objection having been urged that this station was not of sufficient importance to make the appointment of its pastor to the position referred to desirable. Some of the leading members of this Church feel this suggestion as unworthy the great Methodist body and something in the nature of a reflection upon, if not an insult to, the whole congregation of loyal Methodists in this city, a sentiment that is not surprising, when it is considered that their pastor is eminently fitted to fill the office of presiding elder with ability, prudence and dignity.

Following are the appointments for the ensuing year:

BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder—W. M. Ferguson.
Annapolis, (First Church)—L. T. Widerman.
Maryland Avenue—John Edwards.
Baldwin Memorial—C. A. Jones.
Baltimore, Bennett Memorial—A. H. Thomson.
First Church—Hugh Johnston.
Twenty-fourth Street—J. L. McLain.
Guilford Avenue—Joseph Dawson.
Oxford—E. H. Smith.
Eutaw Street and Superintendent City Mission Church Extension Society—George C. Bacon, J. W. R. Sumwalt.
Eutaw Street Deaf-Mute Mission—D. E. Moylan.
Fort Avenue—Watson Case.
Grace, Woodberry—F. A. Kilmon.
Madison Avenue—O. A. Brown, John T. Ensor.
Mount Vernon—S. G. Miller.
Mount Vernon Place—Joseph T. Smith.
Roland Avenue—W. C. Brian.
Roland Park—L. E. Bennett.
South Baltimore—H. S. France.
Strawbridge—E. S. Todd.
Wesley Chapel—S. R. Murray.
Woodberry—B. F. Clarkson.
Baltimore Circuit—B. F. Devries, J. H. Hyatt.
Calvert—Solomon German.
Curtis Bay Mission—L. M. Chambers.
Glyndon—D. A. Foard.
Hunt's—J. W. Hammersley, Jr.
Magothy and Mount Carmel—J. R. Pardew.
Mount Washington—T. E. Peters.
Reisterstown—L. E. Dutton.
Smithville—R. S. Barnes.
Solomon's—W. D. Beall.
South River—G. R. Sanner.
Westport, Swindell Memorial—R. R. Murphy.
West River—O. C. Marriott, L. W. Gosnell.
Loaned to St. John's Independent Church—Charles E. Guthrie.
J. F. Goucher, president Woman's College.
J. B. Van Meter, professor in Woman's College.
F. J. Wagner, president Morgan College.
H. H. Clarke, chaplain United States Navy.

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder—W. S. Edwards.
Aberdeen—R. W. H. Weech.
Baltimore, Appold—W. A. Koontz.
Bohemian Mission—F. D. Chada.
Boundary Avenue—C. D. Taylor.
Broadway—W. L. McDowell.
Canton Street—W. W. Barnes.
Caroline Street—W. G. Herbert.
Chester Street—J. T. Hart.
East Baltimore—F. H. Havenner.
Exeter Street—James P. Wilson.
Greenmount Avenue—G. E. Maydwell.
Harford Avenue—J. St. Clair Neal.
Highland—J. R. Edwards.
Homestead—W. G. McNeil.
Jefferson Street—H. F. Downs.
Madison Square—E. L. Hubbard.
Montford Avenue—C. T. Weede.
North Avenue—W. C. Babcock.
North Baltimore—R. L. Wright.
Waverly—Frank G. Porter.
Belair—F. R. Isaac.
Darlington—W. D. Parry.
East Harford—W. D. Knight.
Govanstown—G. W. Evans.
Great Falls—Reuben Kolb, R. N. Edwards.
Harford—Osborne Belt.
Havre de Grace—W. E. Bird.
Hereford—E. T. Mowbray, J. T. Marsh, E. E. Marshall, K. G. Murray.
Long Green—Edward Hayes.
Lutherville—M. W. Bevington.
North Harford—J. H. Jeffries.
Parkton—P. C. Edwards, J. E. James.
Patapsco Station—W. F. Roberts.
Sparrows' Point—J. R. Wood.
Towson—E. C. Gallaher.
West Harford—W. W. Davis, D. H. Martin.
G. W. Heyde, chaplain Seamen's Bethel.

FREDERICK DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder—W. I. McKenney.
Barton—J. W. Fleming.
Berkeley Springs, W. Va.—J. N. Davis.
Berkeley Springs Circuit, W. Va.—G. W. Cecil.
Bloomington—E. C. Baker.
Brunswick—J. M. Gillam.
Buckeystown—J. W. Smith, A. H. McKinley.
Bunker Hill—Wm. Anthony.
Cumberland, Center Street—M. F. B. Rice.
Grace—C. S. Biggs.
Kingsley—A. R. Reiley.
Elk Garden—J. I. Winger.
Ellerslie—R. E. Benson.
Flintstone—C. J. Price.
Frederick—Page Milburn.
Frostburg—W. A. Carroll.
Frostburg Circuit—G. C. Harris, L. M. Ferguson.
Grant—M. F. Lowe.
Hagerstown, St. Paul's—R. M. Moore.
Washington Square—J. N. Wertz.
Hagerstown Circuit—To be supplied.
Hancock—C. M. Yost, Howard Davis.
Harper's Ferry, W. Va.—Louis Hench.
Hedgesville—W. R. Edwards.
Hyndman—H. C. Smith.
Keyser—J. O. Wrightson.
Lonaconing—J. L. Walsh.
Martinsburg—J. A. Price.
Mount Savage—A. H. Zimmerman.
Old Town—J. A. Gross.
Paw Paw—Milton Thomas.
Piedmont—T. M. West.
Rawlings—J. T. Gardner.
Romney—M. L. Beall.
Shepherdstown and Sharpsburg—W. McK. Hammack.
Union Grove—W. I. Dice.
Williamsport—O. M. Ruark.
Winchester—Joseph P. Wilson.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder—Luther B. Wilson.
Brookland and Langdon—C. O. Cook.
Congress Heights—J. R. Cannon.
Forestville—W. L. Orem.
Gaithersburg—John Hollins.
Kensington—T. C. Warner.
Langdon—T. J. Clark.
Lanham's—J. W. Steele.
Laytonsville—J. H. Marsh.
Leonardtown—H. E. R. Reck.
Little Falls—To be supplied.
Montgomery—William Harris.
Piney Grove—Solomon Carr.
St. Mary's—Henry Mann.
Spencerville—H. P. West.
Tennallytown and Concord—A. E. Spielman.
Washington, D. C., Anacostia—C. O. Isaac.
Douglas Memorial—S. M. Hartsock.
Dumbarton and West Georgetown—J. B. Stitt.
Foundry—Lucien Clark.
Gorsuch—W. H. Chapman.
Grace—E. L. Watson.
Hamline—W. R. Stricklen.
K Street Mission—S. S. Godfrey.
McKendree—H. R. Naylor.
Metropolitan—Frank M. Bristol.
New York Avenue—To be supplied.
North Capitol Street—B. G. W. Reed.
Ryland—A. J. Gill.
St. Paul—S. L. Bryant.
Trinity—E. D. Huntley.
Twelfth Street—C. T. House.
Union—Alex. Bielaski.
Waugh—C. O. Eldridge.
Wesley Chapel—J. F. Heisse.
A. H. Ames, superintendent Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home and National Training School, Washington.
W. G. Cassard, chaplain United States Navy.
G. H. Corey, lecturer Dickinson College.

WEST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder—C. W. Baldwin.
Arlington and Pimlico—E. H. Lamar.
Baltimore, Bethany—H. D. Mitchell.
Chatsworth—S. M. Alford.
Columbia Avenue—W. W. Van Arsdale.
David Rogers' Mission—Ezekiel Richardson.
Emory—D. M. Browning.
Fayette Street—C. Herbert Richardson.
Franklin Street—C. L. Pate.
Fulton Avenue—Henry Nice.
Garrett Parke—C. D. Smith.
Grace—George W. Miller.
Harlem Park—J. C. Nicholson.
Memorial—D. B. Winstead.
Monroe Street—C. W. Hobbs.
Summerfield—To be supplied.
Union Square—J. R. Wheeler.
Walbrook Park—Harry Boggs.
West Baltimore—J. M. Slanow.
Carrollton—C. E. Dudrear.
Catonsville—J. P. Wright.
Elkridge—A. F. Campbell.
Ellicott City—William Rogers.
Hampstead—H. R. Savage.
Laurel—J. McLaren.
Liberty—T. J. Cross.
Linganore and Union Bridge—Thomas Wood.
Middleburg—To be supplied.
Mount Airy—W. H. Dell.
New Windsor—T. S. Long, W. J. Meeks.
Patapsco—W. E. Hurley.
Relay—L. M. Bennett.
Savage and Guilford—J. E. Amos.
Summerfield Circuit—Emory Buhrman.
Thurmont—A. M. Courtney.
West Falls—T. E. Copes.
Westminster—Joel Brown.
L. A. Thirlkeld, editor Baltimore Methodist.
L. T. Townsend, associate editor Baltimore Methodist.
John Lanahan, agent Book Depository.

Thomas P. Barry, Harry Loy, Ott Sharrer and Samuel Newcomer, members of the Whooley-Ghooley gang, of Williamsport, were each sentenced by Judge Edward Stake to serve twelve years in the Maryland House of Correction on Tuesday. The crime for which these young men were found guilty was the desecration of Riverview Cemetery, at Williamsport, on the night of January 10th, when nearly one hundred monuments and tombstones were destroyed and broken in that resting place of the dead.

Following is the report of the Secretary of the Maryland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for the month of February: Number of investigations, 204; cases remedied without prosecution, 198; number of arrests, 5; convictions secured, 4; complaints without proper cause, 6; drivers dismounted from heavily laden carts, 84; drivers cautioned concerning treatment of animals, 66; animals examined, 18; animals ordered out unfit for work, 8; animals humanely killed, 2.

Personal.

Miss May C. Gardner, of this city, is visiting Baltimore and New York.

Miss Maggie Huber, of this city, has been spending the past two weeks visiting Miss Agnes Lowell, of Waynesboro, Pa.

Rev. George W. Cecil, of Berkeley Springs, W. Va., spent a day in this city, on his way from the meeting of the Baltimore Conference. He reports himself and family in good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sies and daughter, Helen, of No. 2636 Francis street, Baltimore, visited the family of Mr. David Lippy, of this city, this week.

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The members of Washington Camp No. 20, P. O. S. of A., of Gist, will hold an oyster supper in their new hall, at Gist, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, March 23rd and 24th, commencing at 7 o'clock. A good time is expected.

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There will be an Oyster Supper held at Wesley Chapel on the evenings of March 10, 11 and 12, under the auspices of the Epworth League. Proceeds for benefit of church.

For some time, I have suffered with rheumatism and tried every imaginable remedy, without effect. Mr. F. G. S. Wells advised me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, telling me that it had cured many cases of long standing like mine. I have used four bottles and feel sure that one more bottle will make my cure complete.—A. P. Kontz, Claremore, Ark. For sale by Joseph D. Zepp, Druggist, Westminster, and W. R. Rudy, Mt. Airy.

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An Oyster Supper will be held under the auspices of the M. E. Church at Patapsco, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, February 24th, 25th and 26th. The public are invited to participate.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

Centenary M. E. Church.—Sabbath School Sunday at 9.15 a. m. Epworth League 7.00 p. m. Junior League 2.30 p. m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m., by Rev. Samuel H. Cummings, of Baltimore.

JOEL BROWN, Pastor.

Methodist Protestant Church.—Sabbath School Sunday at 9.15 a. m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30. Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Junior C. E. 3 p. m. Sabbath Service: Preaching at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m.

W. R. GRAHAM, D. D. Pastor.

St. Paul's Ref. Church.—Sabbath School Sunday at 9.15 a. m. Divine services at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Catechism at 6.30 p. m. Mid-week service Wednesday evening at 7.30.

CALVIN S. SLAGLE, Pastor.

Grace Lutheran Church.—Sabbath School Sunday at 9 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6.45 p. m. Junior Endeavor 4 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7.30. Junior Catechise Saturday at 2.30 p. m. Senior 3 p. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning subject, "Death and Life." Evening subject, "Sin's Ripe Fruit."

P. H. MILLER, Pastor.

Ascension Church.—Holy Communion at 7 a. m. Second Celebration and Sermon at 10.30 a. m. Evening service at 7.30.

E. B. TAYLOR, Rector.

Carroll Charge, Reformed Church.—Benjamin's Church.—Divine service at 10 a. m. St. Matthew's Church.—Divine service at 2 p. m.

H. J. MACALISTER, Pastor.

Salem Charge, Lutheran Church.—Benjamin's Church.—Bible Class at 9.30 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. St. John's Church.—Preaching at 2 p. m. Catechise at 3 p. m.

S. A. DIEHL, Pastor.

Preaching at Uniontown Sabbath morning at 10.15 and in the evening at 7. Sabbath School at 9 o'clock. In Frizelburg at 2.30 p.m.

S. B. Craft, Pastor.

Rev. W. I. Dice will preach on Carrollton Circuit on next Sunday, March 13th, as follows: At Patapsco at 10.30 a. m.; Pleasant Grove at 3 p. m.; Thomas Chapel at 7.30 p. m.

C. E. Dudrear, Pastor.

The annual Lovefeast at Pipe Creek German Baptist Church, will be held (Lord willing) April 30th, at 1.30 p. m. All are cordially invited. The District meeting for the Eastern District of Maryland will convene this year at the Brick Church, Beaver Dam, April 19th, at 9.30 a. m. All members of the church invited to be present.

E. W. Stoner.

MARRIED.

In this city, March 10th, 1898, by Rev. Wm. A. Crouse, Mr. Edward H. Devilbiss, of Woolery's district, to Miss Emma Jane Caple, of Shipley.

On February 22nd, 1898, by Elder Isaac P. Stitely, Mr. Jas. L. Leakins, of Union Bridge, to Miss Emma J. Saylor, of Willow Grove.

In this city, March 8th, 1898, by Rev. W. R. Graham, D. D., Mr. Harry C. Baker to Miss Carrie Eck, both of Baltimore.

In Baltimore, March 8th, 1898, at the parsonage, by Rev. E. Felton, Mr. Charles M. Stouch to Miss Sarah C. Brothers, both of this city.

In Alexandria, Va., January 27th, 1898, by Rev. J. H. Butler, Mr. Wm. J. Coane, of Philadelphia, Pa., to Miss Sophia M., daughter of Mrs. Sarah R. Brown, of Westminster district.

At the Lutheran parsonage, Uniontown, March 10th, 1898, by Rev. G. W. Baughman, Mr. Isaac M. Smelser to Miss Fannie E. Lambert both of New Windsor.

At Grace Lutheran parsonage, Westminster, March 8th, 1898, by Rev. P. H. Miller, Mr. John Sincon to Miss Elizabeth Arnold, both of Woolery's district.

DIED.

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

In this city, March 10th, 1898, Louisa, wife of John Murray Yingling, aged 75 years, 11 months and 10 days.

In Uniontown, March 10th, 1898, Barbara E., wife of Thos. F. Myers, aged 51 years, 9 days.

In Baltimore, March 7th, 1898, Thomas P., son of Rev. J. D. and Bettie R. Still, formerly of Westminster, aged 32 years.

In this city, March 5th, 1898, Miss Matilda Magee, aged 65 years, 4 months and 2 days.

In Reese, March 6th, 1898, Miss Nellie A. Matthews, in the 22nd year of her age.

In this city, March 6th, 1898, Mrs. Julianna Hobbie, in the 91st year of her age.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MILLINERY OPENING.

THE public is invited to attend the opening of Spring and Summer Millinery on MARCH 30th and 31st. Will show a full line of New York and Baltimore Millinery. Toques and Large Hats a specialty.

MAY C. GARDNER,
57 East Main St., Westminster, Md.
mar-12-3t

HORSES AND MULES FOR SALE.

The undersigned will have a carload of Horses and Mules for sale, at their Livery and Exchange Stables, in HANOVER, PA., on MONDAY, MARCH 14th, 1898.

mar-12-1t SCHRIVER & SON.

REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF GAS.

Posted

ALWAYS desiring to give the most light for the least money the President and Directors of The Westminster Gas Light Company have reduced the price of gas from 10 per cent. to 30 per cent. upon a sliding scale of discount, from $2.00 to $1.40 per thousand cubic feet; said reduction to take effect after the 19th inst., but to apply only when bills are paid promptly.

By order of the Company,
JOHN L. REIFSNIDER,
mar-12-3t President.

PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

The undersigned will sell at Public Sale, at her residence on East Main street, Westminster, on SATURDAY, MARCH 26th, 1898, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following personal property, to-wit: 1 double corn sheller, 3 buggy running gears, 1 patent sausage cutter, 1 buffalo robe, 1 one-horse wagon, sleigh, lot of walnut and cherry lumber, carpenter's tools, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

MRS. G. W. LAMOTTE.
P. A. Gorsuch, Auct. mr-12-ts

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THIS is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Md., letters testamentary on the estate of

MIRIAM S. HOUCK,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscribers, on or before the 7th day of October, 1898; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 7th day of March, 1898.

THEODORE H. TROYER,
WALTER L. MARTIN,
mar-12-4t Executors.

Special Notice.

THE attention of patrons of the Westminster P. O. is respectfully called to the following official communication from the P. O. Department at Washington.

JOS. B. BOYLE, Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 8TH, 1898.
POSTMASTER, WESTMINSTER, MD.

SIR:—You are hereby instructed to collect Box Rents at your Postoffice at the following rates from April 1st, 1898:

Call Boxes 25 cents per quarter.
Lock Boxes (small) 35 cents per quarter.
Lock Boxes (medium) 50 cents per quarter.
Lock Drawers 60 cents per quarter.

Your careful attention is directed to Sections 445 and 446 Postal Laws and Regulations, Edition of 1893, and instructions to postmasters on pp. 992-994, inclusive, of Postal Guide for January, 1898.

Very respectfully,
PERRY S. HEATH.
First Assistant Postmaster General.
ma-12-3t

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
—OF THE—
First National Bank of New Windsor, Md., at New Windsor, in the State of Maryland, at the close of business, February 18th, 1898.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$77,039 85
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		2,343 60
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		55,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		3,300 00
Stocks, securities, etc		36,363 75
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures		6,600 00
Due from approved reserve agents		14,725 13
Checks and other cash items		108 93
Notes of other National Banks		869 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents		132 57
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$7,278 75	
Legal tender notes	2,780 00	
		10,058 75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)		2,475 00
Total		$209,016 58

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$55,000 00
Surplus fund	6,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,892 33
National Bank notes outstanding	47,000 00
Due to other National Banks	3,680 46
Dividends unpaid	360 00
Individual deposits subject to check	93,083 79
Total	$209,016 58

State of Maryland, County of Carroll, ss:

I, NATHAN H. BAILE, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

NATHAN H. BAILE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of February, 1898.

CHARLES P. BAILE, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
JOB HIBBERD,
SAMUEL HOFFMAN, } Directors.
JAMES ERHARD.

OAK HALL,
NEW WINDSOR, MD.

LAST
Reduction Sale
OF
WINTER GOODS.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY.

The remnants of Ladies' Coats and Capes go at half price. $8.50 to $10.00 Coats for $5.00. 15 to 18 left. $5.00 grade for $2.50.

Overcoats half price; probably 25 to 30 to to select from. $10.00 and $12.00 grade $5.00 to $6.50. Children's Overcoats half price.

10 pairs Blankets one-third less than regular price. 8 to 10 Comforts half price.

10 Lap Robes one-third less than price.

Fur Gloves and Collars one-third less.

THE FIRST HERALD OF SPRING.

We offer a beautiful line of Percals. The refinement of American taste is embodied in these stylish effects.

We invite you to inspect our Hamburgs, Laces, &c.

Our first arrival of Fancy Silks is before you. Many more will soon follow. Carpets and Queensware for new beginners.

Your opinion is valuable to us. We invite your early inspection. Our prices are as low as any one will offer you first-class goods for. Money refunded if not satisfactory.

50 to 75 pairs of Evitt Brothers Shoes, to go at half price, $3.00 grade for $1.50.

Respectfully,
ap-16-96 GEORGE C. ANDERS.

THE
WHITE PALACE!

John D. Bowers.

I am now reopened for business, as I am through with remodeling, and now can wait on the trade with a great deal more satisfaction. I have enlarged my stock and added other lines and now have the most complete stock I have ever carried. I have at all times

Special Bargains

which will interest you. It will also pay you to call before purchasing any

FANCY AND
STAPLE GROCERIES,
FRUITS, CANNED GOODS,
BOTTLE GOODS, &c.

Thanking my patrons for past favors and with renewed desire to please and accommodate the trade, I respectfully solicit a continuance of public patronage.

COUNTRY PRODUCE taken in exchange, or Cash paid for same.

JOHN D. BOWERS,
47 and 49 E. MAIN ST.,
Westminster.
Opp. Catholic Church.
nov-7-96-1y

EXECUTOR'S SALE
OF VALUABLE
REAL ESTATE.

The undersigned acting executor of the last will and testament of Henry Zimmerman, late of Carroll county, deceased, by virtue of the power and authority contained in said will and of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, will sell at public sale, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1898,

at 9 o'clock, A. M., on the premises, near Snydersburg, Carroll county, Maryland, the following real estate of the late Henry Zimmerman:

1st. A Farm, containing

168 ACRES, 1 ROOD AND 27 PERCHES

of land, more or less, about 75 acres of which is in timber and balance in good state of cultivation. The improvements are a large TWO-STORY Weatherboarded Dwelling, large bank barn, wagon and buggy shed, corn crib, hog house, dairy, orchard, good spring of water near dwelling, running stream through farm.

2nd. A Wood Lot, containing

4 ACRES AND 16 PERCHES,

near the above mentioned farm. All of the aforementioned real estate is conveniently located in relation to roads, schools, churches and postoffice.

At the same time will be offered the personal property of the late Henry Zimmerman.

Terms of Sale of Real Estate.—One-third of the purchase money cash on the day of sale or on the ratification thereof by the court; one-third in one year and the remaining one-third in two years from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the bonds or single bills of the purchaser or purchasers, with sufficient security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

DAVID H. ZIMMERMAN,
Acting Executor.
Wm. H. Blizzard, Auctioneer.
Michael E. Walsh Attorney. fe-26-ts

TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF A VALUABLE
Manufacturing Plant and Premises,
and Personal Property,
In Union Bridge, Carroll County, Maryland.

The undersigned, trustee, will sell at Public Sale, on

MONDAY, MARCH 14th, A. D. 1898,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., on the premises, all that Land and Premises, containing

10,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND,

more or less, consisting of a Manufacturer's Plant, improved by a building 75 feet by 56 feet, furnace and kiln, lately used by the Indian Garden Manufacturing Company in the manufacture of porcelain door knobs, dishes, insulators and emery wheels. There is a fine supply of water and ample roadways on the premises. This property fronts 100 feet on the south side of the Western Maryland Railroad, in the town of Union Bridge, Md., 45 miles from Baltimore, with a switch immediately in front of the said Manufacturing Plant, and is well adapted for the conducting of any manufacturing business.

The Personal Property consists of the following: About 75,000 R. O. K. porcelain door knobs, 100,000 third knobs, 10,000 insulators, 500 individual butter plates, (porcelain), 25 emery wheels, 250 fire brick, 4 door knob presses and dies, good as new, 1 pair small scales and weights, 1 pair Bingham new platform scales, 6 small coal stoves and pipe, 4 sewing machine frames, 5 scoop shovels, 575 dish saggers, 2 trimming machines, 1 hand saw, digging iron, desk, 4 seives, 5 chains, lamp, 2 axes, maul, ladder, baskets, stools, ½ cord wood, monkey wrench, brushes, hatchet, 5 ½-bbl. tubs, 1 bbl. paris white, ½ bbl. finishing lime, 4 bbls. A No. 1 English clay, 8 tons fire clay, 1,000 bats for saggers, 2 step ladders, 1 table, cast iron mould for saggers, 1 prop press.

Terms of sale.—On the real estate one-half cash upon the day of sale or on the ratification thereof, balance in 6 months, with interest from day of sale, to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with approved security; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. A deposit of $200 will be required upon the day of sale.

Terms for the Personal Property, cash upon the day of sale.

EDWARD O. WEANT,
T. J. Kolb, Auct. Trustee.
fe-12-ts

Westminster Markets.

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

Flour—Crown (extra)	$5.00@	$5.00
Flour—Cook's Delight (clear)	5.25@	5.25
Flour—Gorsuch's White Lily	5.50@	0.50
Flour—Gorsuch's Best	5.25@	55.5
Flour—Sea Foam (patent)	5.75@	5.75
Bran per ton	18.00@	18.00
White Middlings per ton	15.00@	15.09
Wheat	93@	95
Wheat damp	65@	55
Rakings	50@	22
Rye	45@	50
Barley	20@	52
Oats	20@	042
Corn	30@	352
Timothy Hay per ton	8.00@	9.00
Clover Hay per ton	5 00@	6.00
Mixed Hay per ton	6.00@	7.00
Rye Straw	4.00@	4.50
Wheat Straw	3.00@	4.00
Corn, per bbl	1.25@	1.25
Eggs	10@	10
Hungarian Seed	50@	50
Timothy Seed	1.25@	1.50
Clover Seed per lb	3@	5
Lard	4@	4
Potatoes	50@	60
Onions	30@	35
Dressed Hogs	4.00 @	4.50
Flax Seed	50@	1.50
Buckwheat Meal	1.25@	1.25
Corn Meal per 100lb	1.00@	1.00
Bacon Shoulders	4@	4
Bacon Sides	4@	5
Hams	6@	7
Butter	20@	24

ELECTION NOTICE.

MANCHESTER, MD., MARCH 1ST, 1898.
Office of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Dug Hill, Carroll Co., Md.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of the company will be held on SATURDAY, the 19th day of March, 1898, between 12 m. and 3 o'clock, P. M., at the company's office, in Manchester, Md., for the purpose of electing Twelve Directors for the ensuing year.

ma-5-3t JOHN R. STREVIG, Secretary.

FOR SALE.

The undersigned, owing to ill health, will sell his Store and Dwelling, with small stock of Goods, situated in the Village of Berret, Carroll county, Md., 4 miles from Sykesville and 12 miles from Westminster.

JAMES FRANCIS,
feb-26-3t Berret, Md.

MILLER BROS',
POPULAR STORES,
Leaders, Originators
AND
Promoters of Low Prices.

New Dress Goods and Silks.

Our early purchases of Spring Dress Stuffs and Silks are now open and the stock is superb. The ladies will find it decidedly to their interest to make early selections and get their work into the hands of the dressmaker.

A VOICE FROM OUR BLACK GOODS DEPARTMENT.

We wish to speak to the ladies of the magnificent stock of New Black Goods of recent importation and purchase just opened by us and now upon our counters for inspection and sale. This line of goods embraces the following weaves in many different qualities:

Wool Crepons, Silk and Wool Crepons, All Wool Etamines, Silk and Wool Etamines, Whip Cords, Diagonals, Cork-Screw, Almna, Empress, Granite, Birrilz, Satin, Soleil, Single and Double Twill Serges, Surah, Sicillian, Wool Henriettas, Silk Warp Henriettas, Boucle, Camels Hair, Brocades, Alpacas, Mohairs, and other weaves not mentioned.

Our window will contain some of the many new and choice fabrics. Our shelves are laden and our counters are filled. The privilege is yours to come and see the line. The opportunity is also here for every lady to become the possessor of a NEW BLACK DRESS at a price divested of the increased tariff now placed upon this class of goods.

OUR WORSTED DRESS FABRICS combine quality and beauty with low prices and must please everyone that will see them.

THE SILKS, in Black, Colors or Fancy Weaves, are beyond our description for beauty and excellence. The prices are such that none will complain. We are always pleased to wait upon those who will favor us with a call. You are invited and we hope you will respond to our invitation.

SPECIAL.—Another lot of 10,000 yards best Standard Calicoes at 3c a yard.

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Popular Stores, Leaders, Originators and Promoters of
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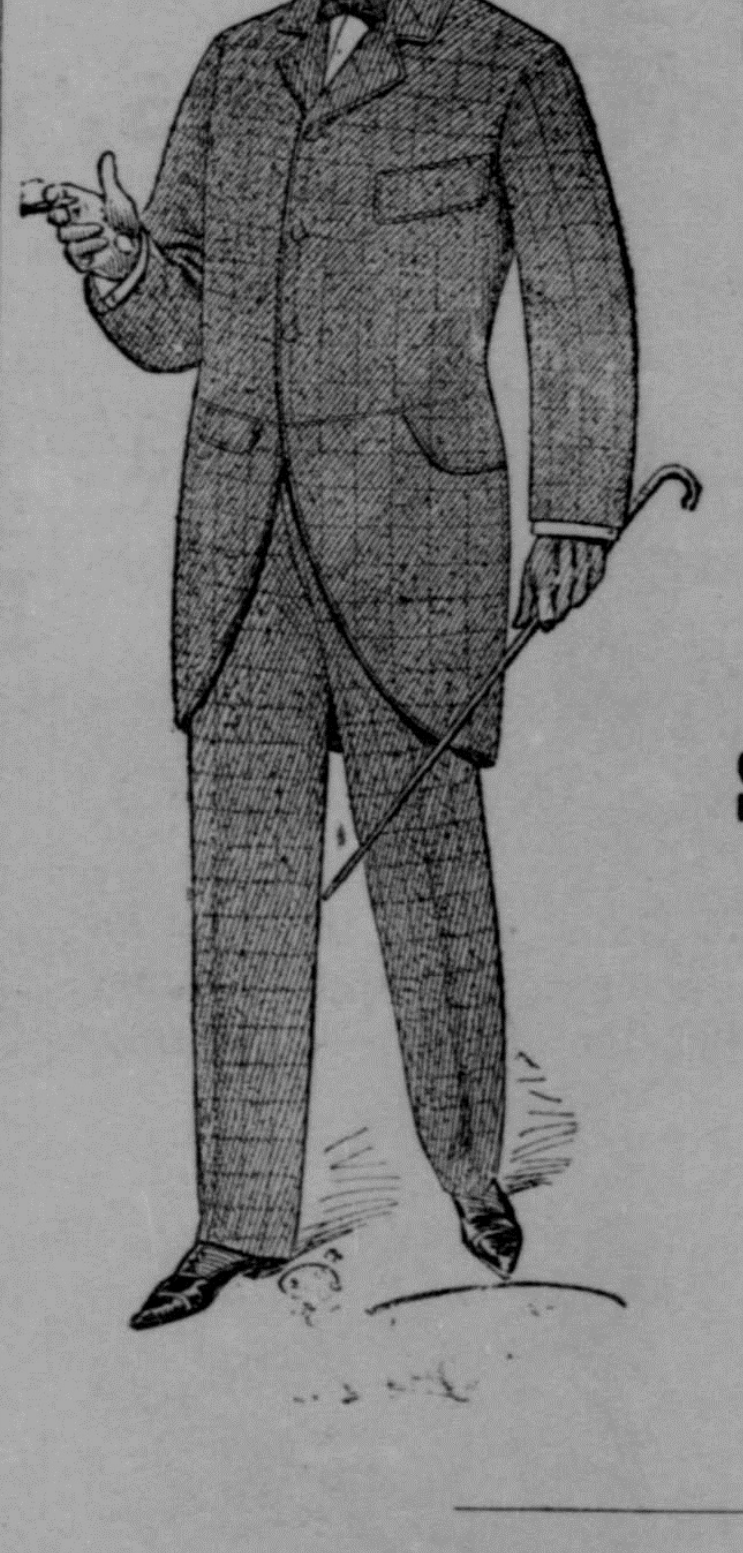
WESTMINSTER, MD. [Telephone No. 56.]



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The largest line, the newest styles, the best made and fitting clothing ever brought to Westminster. Place your order now for a fine suit to order. A beautiful line of imported

SUITINGS and TROUSERINGS.

Our fine ready-made suits are superior in quality, style, fit, finish and make to the so called cheap made to order suits.

A FEW LEFT.

Overcoats, Storm Coats, Boys' Reefers and Cape Coats.
Heavy Suits at great bargain prices.
About 10 of those all wool stylish Spring Overcoats left, at $6.00.
Will have a great line of Bicycle Suits and Pants.

SHARRER & GORSUCH, opposite Catholic Church.
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WILLIAM N. KEEFER,
No. 88 EAST MAIN STREET, WESTMINSTER, Md.

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Family Groceries, Flour, Provisions, Glassware, Queensware, Confectioneries, &c. Also a full line of Feed consisting of

Shorts, Bran, Corn, Oats,

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BAILED HAY and STRAW.

Salt by the Sack. Also White Wash Lime, by the bushel. All at the lowest current Prices. feb-27-1y.

SCHUTTLER WAGONS.

JUST RECEIVED A FULL CAR LOAD
OF ASSORTED SIZES OF
SCHUTTLER WAGONS.

BENNETT & CO.,
Sole Agents for Carroll county,
feb-26-4t Westminster, Md.

Commissioners' Notice.

HEREAFTER, and until further notice the County Commissioners of Carroll county will meet at their office in Westminster, EVERY MONDAY, for the transaction of business.

By order, JNO. E. MASENHIMER,
jan-2-1y Clerk.

Use Dr. Miles' NERVE PLASTERS for SPINAL WEAKNESS. All druggists sell 'em for 25c.

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Wind-Storm Insurance Policies Issued very low and losses promptly adjusted. No charges for Policy to persons who have their Fire Insurance in this Agency. Drop a postal card to or call on

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ap-28-tf Westminster, Md

DR. JOSEPH T. HERING. DR. THOS. J. COONAN.

DRS. HERING & COONAN

have this day formed a co-partnership for the practice of medicine. Office will be at the present office of Dr. Hering, opposite the Union National Bank, Westminster, Md. Office hours 7-9 A. M., 12-2 P. M., 6-8 P. M.

JOS. T. HERING,
THOS. J. COONAN.
July 16 1897. jy-17-tf

All druggists sell Dr. Miles' Nerve Plasters.