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LOCAL ITEMS.

A copious and refreshing rain fell here yesterday morning.

Miss Margaret E. Crass has resigned as a teacher of Westminster High School.

The canning of peas this season was begun by the factories of this city on Tuesday.

Children's day services will be held at Providence M. P. Church, near Gamber, Sunday afternoon, 18th inst., at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Wm L. Seabrook, of Winchester, Va., formerly of this city, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., on Sunday, 18th inst.

Some of the most prominent and intelligent of the visiting firemen expressed surprise at the numerous fine buildings which adorn this city, and all agreed that it is a very pretty and attractive place.

Messrs. Smith & Reifsnider furnished the horses which drew the apparatus of the Westminster Fire Department in Wednesday's parade and Messrs. Bennett & Co. supplied the teams for the Frederick companies.

The County Commissioners transacted general business only, at their meeting on Monday, only passing an order directing the decoration of the Court House for the firemen's demonstration, outside of the ordinary routine of proceedings.

Walter C. Wimert, son of Mr. Samuel E. Wimert, caught a carp in the stream at Bish's mill, Cranberry Station, on Saturday last, which measured 25 inches in length and 15½ inches around the body and weighed 7 lbs.

Mr. Jacob E. Stitely, a highly esteemed Frederick county farmer, died at his home near Liberty on Tuesday afternoon, in his sixty-second year. Mr. Horace H. Stitely, of Union Bridge, is one of his sons. He was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church.

The Manchester Fire Department has fixed upon Saturday, September 2nd, as the day upon which its hall and engine house will be formally dedicated. The event will be made the occasion of a demonstration in which a number of fire companies have promised to participate.

Mr. Jno. Baumgardner, of Carrollton, aged seventy six years, while grazing cattle on Monday last was overcome by the heat and fell with such force against a box that one of his ribs on the left side was fractured. Dr. M. L. Bott, of this city, adjusted the fracture.

Last Monday morning numbers of tombstones and monuments in St. Peter's Cemetery, Baltimore, were found thrown down and broken, and since then the keeper of the cemetery, a man named William Miller, has confessed that he was the perpetrator of this piece of vandalism.

Carroll county will have one of nine scholarships at the Maryland Agricultural College, beginning with the opening of the collegiate year in September and good for four years. The scholarship becomes vacant by the graduation of Mr. Matthew H. Galt, of Taneytown, who held it for the previous four years.

A banquet and reception was given by Calanthe Lodge No. 113, Knights of Pythias, of Union Bridge, Friday night. J. Edward Richardson, grand vice chancellor, and others of the State Lodge were present. Members of Charity Lodge no 58, of this city, were also guests on the occasion and all enjoyed a pleasant evening, returning home at a late hour, by special train.

The SENTINEL is indebted to Mr. John W. Cook, chief machinist of the U. S. Steamer Helena, for copies of *Freedom*, a newspaper printed at Manila, P. I., where the Helena is now in service. The papers came to hand in good condition and are full of information concerning the condition of affairs in the Philippines.

The municipal authorities of this city have had a neat steel railing erected around the fountain in Belle Grove square. The work was done by Mr. George W. Smith, of Waynesboro, Pa., formerly of this city. Mr. Smith has also erected a similar railing on the front of the grounds adjoining the residence of Mrs. Wm. P. Maulsby, on East Main street.

At the twenty-ninth annual commencement of the University of Maryland, School of Law, held at the Academy of Music, Baltimore, on Monday evening last, E. O. Grimes, Jr., Esq., of this city, was among the graduates and is now an Attorney at Law. We are indebted to Mr. Grimes for an invitation to the commencement exercises. We tender him our congratulations and best wishes for ample success in his chosen profession.

The State Council of Maryland, Order of United American Mechanics, held its fifty first annual session at Havre de Grace this week. About 150 delegates were present. They were welcomed by Mayor Robert K. Vanneman, to whose pleasing address an earnest response was made on behalf of the State Council by Mr. C. Harry Stein, of Union Bridge, where the only council of the order in this county is located. The council elected officers for the ensuing year.

Bishop Curtis, of Baltimore, rode from that city to Union Mills, on his wheel, on Saturday last and was the guest of Hon. T. Herbert Shriver until the following Monday. Bishop Curtis is over 66 years old.

A torrid wave of unusual severity prevailed in this section of the country from Sunday until yesterday. The mercury rose as high as 97° and kept steadily above 90° during most of the period named.

Mayor Fred. D. Miller, of this city, has received a letter from Wm. H. Oursler, of Greenville, Miss., making inquiry in relation to the heirs of David K. Oursler. Persons having information on the subject are requested to communicate it to Mayor Miller.

Messrs. Miller Bros. and Messrs. T. W. Mather & Sons, of this city, announce that, beginning on Wednesday, next they will close their stores at 7 o'clock, P. M., every day except Saturday. Mr. Wm. F. Derr announces that his closing hour will be 6 P. M., except Saturday.

A high and well deserved compliment was paid Mr. Chas. V. Wantz, of this city, by his unanimous re-election as Secretary of the Maryland State Volunteer Firemen's Association. Mr. Wantz has been an exceedingly efficient officer and his brethren of the association were not slow to recognize his merit.

Notwithstanding the immense crowds of people who visited this city during the firemen's demonstration there was probably not an individual who went away hungry. Food supplies were abundant, and booths, at which refreshments were obtainable, were numerous along the streets. Most of them did a thriving business.

John G. Spriggs, colored, became engaged in a quarrel with Marcella Brown, colored, in the vicinity of the railroad on Main street, this city, on Wednesday, and the pair was arrested by Bailiff Beaver and taken before Justice J. Hoffman Fuss and fined $2 00 each and in default of payment committed to jail. The woman paid her fine on Friday morning and was discharged. Spriggs is held for a hearing on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. Both claim to be citizens of Frederick.

Three men, whose names and residences are unknown, had a hearing before Justice J. Hoffman Fuss yesterday morning, on a charge of using a device for gambling on the streets of this city on Thursday. The device was a slot machine worked with marbles. Justice Fuss gave the men the names of John Doe, Samuel Hill and Charles Jones. The evidence against Doe and Jones was insufficient to hold them and they were discharged. Hill was committed for court. Later he said his name was Charles Gray.

Harris Brown, aged nineteen years, was seriously injured on Sunday night by running off a bridge while riding a bicycle. Brown lived at Sykesville, but had been working on the farm of James M. Galther, near Gorsuch Switch, using the bicycle to go to and from his work. He left his employer's about nine o'clock, and, while going home, left the road in the extreme darkness. Dr. Wm. Frank Lucas, under whose care he was placed, considered his injuries serious.

The children's day exercises of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church at Sykesville were held last Sunday night. The program consisted of literary and vocal and instrumental numbers. The opening address was made by Rev. Mr. Smith, the junior pastor. Following this was a selection by the Harmonie Orchestra of Sykesville, entitled "Schergo Fantastique." The closing address was delivered by Mr. Louis Harpel, superintendent. The decorations were beautiful; the attendance large.

Mrs. Angeline Bowers, widow of the late David Bowers, died at her home near Uniontown, on Thursday morning, after a long illness, in her 65th year. Mrs. Bowers was Miss Angeline Gouker, of Littlestown, Pa. She was an estimable lady and greatly respected by her neighbors. She leaves three sons, Messrs. William, Samuel and Joseph Bowers. Her husband died suddenly three years ago. Her remains will be interred in the burial ground of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Taneytown, this morning after funeral services in the church. The funeral cortege will leave the house at 8.30 o'clock.

Mr. Ursa Milner Diller, of Double Pipe Creek, has received notice from the War Department at Washington, D. C., of his appointment as a cadet at the Military Academy at West Point. Mr. Diller was named by Congressman Baker for the Second Congressional District of Maryland. He is a son of Dr. C. H. Diller, of Double Pipe Creek, and has been for several years a student at Western Maryland College, where he has just past through the Sophomore year and would, if he had remained, entered the Junior class at the opening session in September. He is a promising young man—morally, mentally and physically.

Services in memory of deceased members of Charity Lodge No 58, Knights of Pythias, of this city, were held at the hall of the order in the Odd Fellows' building, on Sunday afternoon, and were attended by members of the lodge and others invited to be present. An address on Pythianism was delivered by Chas. T. Reifsnider, Jr., Esq., Past Chancellor, which was full of instruction and was heard with much pleasure by his brother Knights. Appropriate selections were sung in an attractive manner by the choir of Grace Lutheran Church. At the conclusion of the services in the hall the knights marched to Westminster Cemetery, where the graves of their deceased brethren were decorated with beautiful flowers.

Memorial services were held on Sunday morning last at Baust's Church, near Tyrone, under the auspices of Burns Post, G. A. R., of this city, with the assistance of Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., of Mayberry. Rev. K. O. Spessard, the pastor of the Reformed congregation, delivered a very appropriate discourse on the occasion, and the choir, under the direction of Mr. George C. Harman, rendered a number of selections suitable to the character of the services. The address of the martyred Lincoln, delivered at the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, was read by Mr. George C. Crass, of this city. The graves of deceased soldiers in the church burial ground were then profusely decorated with beautiful flowers. A large congregation was present.

Westminster's Greatest Event.

The firemen's convention and accompanying events, this week, gave Westminster the greatest demonstration in its history. Elaborate preparations were made by the firemen of this place for the enthusiastic welcome and entertainment of their visiting brethren, and citizens generally joined with them in these efforts to make the occasion enjoyable and pleasant to all comers. During the latter part of last week the city began to put on festive garb and numbers of business places and residences were handsomely decorated. By Tuesday the decorations had become general and few houses were left unembellished. In these decorations the national colors predominated and "Old Glory" was never more in evidence. The decorations in many instances were profuse and beautiful.

An arch, erected in front of the firemen's building, was particularly noticeable for its beauty and appropriateness.

One of the prettiest features of this arch was a star formed of red, white and blue electric lights, which at night presented a beautiful and attractive appearance. Within the span of the arch a minature hook and ladder truck gave it distinctive character and made its design fully apparent to all beholders.

The executive and sub committees of the Westminster Fire Department, by whose unflagging efforts preparations were made to render the convention and attending demonstrations a success, were as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

John H. Cunningham, chairman; John M. Roberts, Charles E. Goodwin, Amos Hahn, Denton S. Gehr.

SUB COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee.—John M. Roberts, chairman; Charles H. Fowler, Harry Cootes, Wm. N. Keefer, S. C. Stoner, Wm. R. Anders, Harry Turtle.

Committee on Music.—Oscar Gilbert, chairman; J. C. Mobley, Frederick M. Eckenrode, George A. Bell, Filmore Gigard, John E. Eckenrode, Wm. E. Frizzell, Charles E. Hering.

Committee on Printing.—John H. Cunningham, chairman; John H. Mitten, Edward A. Diffendal, Harry K. Schaeffer.

Committee on Public Comfort.—Denton S. Gehr, chairman; Dr. Joseph T. Hering, Frank K. Herr, Harry Cootes, M. John Lynch, Henry Himler, Edward Christ, Edwin J. Lawyer, Harry C. Keefer, Leonard Schaeffer, John Biehl, H. A. Morgan.

Committee on Parade.—John M. Reifsnider, chairman; John M. Roberts, John T. Derr.

Committee on Decorations—Frank K. Schaeffer, chairman; Robert Myerly, Charles Harman, William Helm, Joseph Haines, John Breigner, George F. Eckenrode, Florence Little, Wm. F. Long, George E. Eckenrode.

Committee on Transportation.—Chas. E. Goodwin, chairman; Charles V. Wantz, Amos Hahn, Wm. H. Wilson.

The following teachers' contracts were confirmed: J. A. Zepp at Ebbvale, Hanna Shunk at Franklin, Nettie Miller at Leister, and Benj. P. Leister at Cranberry.

A number of miscellaneous bills was passed and ordered paid, and the Board then adjourned to July 10th.

The officers of the State Association for the past year were: President, John J. Stump, Cumberland; senior vice-president, Samuel Hanna, Baltimore; vice-presidents, Thomas McCamman, Baltimore; Joseph G. Matt, Cumberland; W. B. Clark, Cumberland; Thomas Morris, Cumberland; A. P. Ricker, Cumberland; E. A. Shjourdan, Annapolis; Henry Fisher, Frostburg; John C. Motter, Frederick; Charles E. Alexander, Elkton; C. M. Newkirk, Westport; James Laird, Lonaconing; William H. Marshall, Union Bridge; S. A. Vannort, Port Deposit; Martin Brady, Annapolis; Dr Lloyd T. MacGill, Jr., Frederick; William W. Moore, Cambridge; John L. Graf, Manchester; M. B. Sayre, Roland Park; A. R. Lohner, Salisbury; Jo. F. Morgan, Leonardtown; John H. Mitten, Westminster; E. S. Eichelberger, Frederick; Theodore Hudnett, East Brooklyn; Frank A. Munroe, Annapolis; secretary, Charles V. Wantz, Westminster; treasurer, Hiram R. Heck, Frederick; executive committee, W. W. Moore, chairman, Cambridge; Frank Spates, Frostburg; J. H. Cunnighanm, Westminster; E. A. Shjourdan, Annapolis; William H. Marshall, Union Bridge; auditing committee, Roger B. Wood, chairman, Frederick; Charles J. H. Ganter, Manchester; B. A. Johnson, Cumberland.

A pleasant incident of the occasion occurred at the Firemen's Hall, on Tuesday evening. This was the presentation, in a handsome frame, of photographs of the following officers of Frostburg Fire Department No. 1, to Westminster Department: President, Maxwell Hamilton; secretary, William Kirbey; chief, Henry Fisher; assistant chiefs, John H. Bath, Alfred Jeffries, Frank Spates, Owen Dando, J. B. Carson, Charles H. Hamill and Chief Plugsman Alexander Smith. The presentation speech was made by President Hamilton, and the response by President John H. Mitten, of the Westminster Department. Later Mr. Charles C. Gorsuch gave the members of the Frostburg Department and band a reception at his residence, on West Main street, and entertained them in a royal manner.

Several of the visiting companies arrived Tuesday afternoon and during the night special trains came in with others, including the Frostburg company, which had the largest number of men in the parade on Wednesday. All the companies were greeted with enthusiasm and given a rousing welcome and marched to their quarters with the stirring music of accompanying bands. Wednesday morning the firemen came pouring in rapidly and there was a jam at the railroad. The marching and countermarching of the several companies during the morning kept up the excitement and there was no diminution in the warmth of the greeting which had been extended to the early comers.

The Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association of Baltimore, headed by President Augustus Albert, 40 strong, got here at 10 o'clock. It was the task of the venerable laddies of Baltimore to show that there was "life in the old man yet," and they did. Although not as young as they used to be, the "Vets" looked rugged. They wore their characteristic uniform of buff and red, with the modern firemen's helmet. The old boys were subjected to a severe test, a test that made many a younger man almost wilt. While their dress was hardly seasonable to all outward appearance, the men as a unit made a picturesque appearance. They marched as well as did any in line, and well merited the applause showered upon them. Chief McAfee, of the Baltimore City Fire Department, was a conspicuous figure. The Chief arrived with Engine Company 13 and No. 6 Truck Company. The former was under the direct command of Captain Todd, and the latter Captain O'Keefe. Each company had its apparatus, with which an exhibition drill was given.

The parade was formed in accordance with a well arranged plan and moved without confusion and in admirable order. Two mounted policemen preceded the line clearing the way.

Then came the chief marshal, Joseph D. Brooks, with several aides, the Carroll County Band and Westminster Fire Department, 80 men, with hook and ladder truck, hose reel, &c.; presidents, ex-presidents and officers of the Firemen's Association; Mayor and Common Councilmen and invited guests in carriages; Troop A, M. N. G., 50 men; Fourth Regiment Band and Veteran Volunteer Firemen of Baltimore, 80 men, with reel and truck; Independent Eng. Company No. 1. of Frederick, with band and 80 men; Hagerstown Drum Corps and First Hose Company, of Hagerstown, 50 men; detachment of Baltimore Fire Department, with horses and apparatus, 24 men, forming the first division, marshaled by Robert Gist, James Lynch, Nevin Royer, Paul Royer and Percy Shriver.

The second division, marshaled by J. W. Shunk, George Galt, Grove Lawyer, Jacob Shafer and Walter Grumbine, was made up of the Union Bridge Fire Company and band, 60 men; Junior Hose Company No. 3, of Hagerstown, 30 men; United Fire Company and band, of Frederick, 75 men; Frostburg Fire Company and band, 100 men; Taneytown Fire Company and band, 60 men; Cumberland Hose Company No 1, and band, 75 men; No. 2 Junior Engine Company of Frederick, 25 men; Rescue Hose Company, of Annapolis, 30 men; Water-Witch Company, of Annapolis, 30 men; Lonaconing Fire Company, 40 men.

The third division, marshaled by William E. Rinehart, George Hunter, Carroll Lockard, Eugene Reese and C. E. Bish, was made up of the Mesherrystown (Pa.) Hook and Ladder Company and band, 50 men; Manchester Fire Company and band, 50 men; Salisbury Fire Company and band, 60 men.

The fourth division, with W. Frank Thomas, E. O. Grimes, Jr., Daniel Roberts, Charles Hesson, Edward Regester and Frank H. Cunningham as marshals, was made up of the Pioneer Hose Company, of Cumberland, and band, 75 men; Junior Pioneer Hose Company, of Cumberland, 15 boys; Westport Volunteer Fire Company and band, 50 men, and a cavalcade of 50 young men from New Windsor district, with Sheriff Ephraim Haines as marshal. These young men wore drab hats, black coats, white trousers and black leggings, and rode bay horses with white bridles, blue saddle cloths, trimmed with white. They made a very handsome appearance, as did also Troop A, the members of which were splendidly mounted.

The members of the different fire organizations in the parade were all handsomely uniformed, and nearly every company had some handsome apparatus in the line. The companies marched with precision, and evinced admirable drill. The parade was an unqualified success.

Following the parade came one of the most notable features of the occasion, an exhibition of the methods of fire-fighting and life saving in large cities by the detachment of the Baltimore companies. Mr. Theo. Derr's large building was selected as the scene of this exhibition. The apparatus was stationed in the vicinity of the SENTINEL office, and, when the pre-arranged alarm was sounded, was driven on the run to the Derr building, which was supposed to be the locality of a fire. Arriving at the scene ladders were placed in position, and in less than three minutes from sounding of the alarm a line of hose had been run to the roof. The performance astonished the crowd, many of whom had never seen a big fire department in operation.

No. 6 Truck Company, which is probably the most expert in Baltimore in the fire drill, gave a further demonstration with the Hayes ladder and the rescue by rope. Men were tossed from windows and caught in nets, and others were taken from the roof by a fireman, with the assistance of a rope. An exhibition was likewise given with the chemical pipe line. Both Captains O'Keefe and Todd were warmly applauded by the crowd after the performance.

The town was given over to the firemen for the remainder of the evening and the air literally throbbed with the music of the bands, while hilarious groups rode or marched back and forth, blowing tin horns, shouting and chaffing each other and citizens who bore the badinage with great good humor.

The convention, which was the occasion of the assemblage of so many of the firemen, held its first session in the Westminster High School Hall on Wednesday evening. Mayor Miller welcomed the firemen at the opening of the convention. Ex-President W. Irvin Nace, of Cambridge, and others spoke. The president introduced to the Convention Chief McAfee, of the Baltimore Fire Department. The Chief's remarks were mainly in the direction of impressing the members of the State Association with the importance of thorough organization, the benefits to be derived from a discussion of matters pertaining to the Volunteer Fire Service, and the necessity for thoroughly qualifying themselves for the work they had undertaken. The Chief's remarks were enthusiastically received.

P. Elwood Porter, of Annapolis, was nominated for the presidency of the association. Samuel Hanna, of Baltimore, was the nominee for vice-president. The other nominees were: Secretary, C. V. Wantz; treasurer, H. P. Head, Baltimore. Baltimore was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The color line was drawn by the convention at its first session. A colored company from Rockville, Montgomery county, was refused recognition. It had applied some time ago for a seat in the convention and four members put in an appearance to-day. The matter was referred to the committee on credentials which unanimously declined to accept the colored company's credentials. One of the members of the colored organization essayed to take the floor, but was informed that he could not be recognized. He asked that the application of the Rockville Company be withdrawn and finally the four left. The whole proceeding was orderly. The ruling will have a most important bearing on future action.

THURSDAY'S EVENTS.

At the closing session of the convention, on Thursday, officers were elected for the ensuing year, as follows:

President, P. E. Porter, Annapolis, Md.; senior vice-president, Samuel Hanna, Baltimore, Md.; vice-presidents, John W. Heck, Cumberland Md.; J. Frank Baker, Union Bridge, Md.; John M. Roberts, Westminster, Md.; John Baurline, Westport, Md.; Wm. H. Crump, Frostburg, Md.; J. W. Avirett, Cumberland, Md.; George T. Basil, Annapolis, Md.; Dr. C. Birnie, Taneytown, Md.; S. Howeth Reid, Cambridge, Md.; Dr. Luther Trump, Manchester, Md.; Frederick C. Ludwic, Elkton, Md.; Augustus Albert, Baltimore, Md; Wm. Keller, Sr., East Brooklyn, Md.; Winter Owen, Salisbury, Md.; T. J. Linthicum, Jr., Annapolis, Md.; Harry Tally, Cumberland, Md.; Lloyd T. MacGill, Jr., Frederick, Md.; Dr. S. J. Wishard, Hagerstown, Md.; secretary, Charles V. Wantz, Westminster, Md.; treasurer, H. R. Heck, Frederick, Md.

After the election President Porter was serenaded by the Knights of Pythias Band, of Annapolis, Md. The excellent work of Secretary Wantz, who was active in arranging for the meeting, is greatly appreciated by all the members of the association, and he was unanimously re-elected.

The new president, Philip E. Porter, is a native of Annapolis. President Porter is a lieutenant in Company G, First Maryland Regiment. He joined the regiment years ago as a private. At the outbreak of the American-Spanish war he was publisher of the Maryland Gazette, of Annapolis, Md., the publication of which he suspended, and resigning his position as city clerk of Annapolis he joined his regiment and remained with it until it was mustered out of the service in Georgia, some few months ago. President Porter is unmarried, and is forty years old.

C. Hespick, Walter B. Clark and W. F. Varley, all of Cumberland, Md., were appointed a committee to purchase a suitable testimonial for the retiring president, Mr. Stump, who is to be married next week. Twenty-five dollars was appropriated for the purpose.

The interest of the great crowds of people in the city during the day was centered in the contests planned for the various companies. Several tests were arranged, and rivalry most intense was exhibited, not only by the firemen themselves, but by the residents from various localities who had accompanied the laddies to Westminster. In some instances not a little feeling was evident. "Rooting" for this company or that very often approached the danger line. To one not accustomed to enthuse over volunteer fire organizations the conditions were, to say the least, surprising. The competitors themselves entered into the contests with the spirit of those who appreciated that a weighty responsibility rested upon them. They worked desperately to win, and the vanquished were much distressed at their non-success. The victors and their friends were correspondingly elated, and by no means took pains to conceal their state of exultation. In fact, they gloried in victory. They heralded it to the world by clashing of cymbals and blowing of horns. Then they went home to be patted on the backs by their fellow-townsmen.

The steam-engine contest, which was to have inaugurated the competitive events, was declared off, and the hook-and ladder contest was the first feature. The rules governing this event stipulated that the "run" should be 300 yards; a 30-foot ladder should be placed in position; a man to ascend, time being called when he grasped the top rung. The judges were: Chief McAfee, of the Baltimore Fire Department; Joseph W. Smith, and D. Cowan, Jr., of Westminster. Dr. George E. Baughman was starter. It seemed as if every man, woman and child lined Main street to witness the race.

The contest came off at 11.30 A. M., just as the sun was beaming down its fiercest. The prospect of dashing along a macadamized road dragging a truck was by no means inspiring, yet those who had keyed themselves for the ordeal seemed eager for the performance to begin. The companies which participated were: United, of Frederick; Independent, of Frederick; Water-Wich, of Annapolis, and the Waynesboro (Pa) Company. After each had made the rush in the sizzling sun it was found that the United, of Frederick, had won in 54½ seconds; second, Waynesboro, 55 1-5 seconds; Independent, of Frederick, 58 1-5 seconds; Water-Witch, of Annapolis, 61 3-5 seconds. The prizes were $50 and $25.

DRILL CONTEST.

The entries for the drill contest were: United No. 3, of Frederick; McSherrystown, Union Bridge, Friendship and Chambersburg; prizes $75 and $25. It was stipulated that each company should drill at least 24 men, exclusive of officers. The United, of Frederick, carried off first prize and McSherrystown second. All the companies showed excellent training, and it was with some difficulty that the judges selected the winner. To the on-lookers their decision was just, as the evolutions of the Frederick laddies were splendidly conducted.

The crowd more or less interfered with every contest of the day, and this was particularly the case in the hose race, which began at 2.30 P. M., on Pennsylvania avenue. There was a human jam at the finish, which could not be broken for more than an hour. In one instance the spectators, in their eagerness to make a close inspection of the proceeding, closed in and actually knocked the hose out of the hands of a man who was trying to make a connection of the sections. In consequence the race had to be run over a second time. It was finally won by the Independent Hose Company, of Frederick, in 40 2-5 seconds. Hagerstown No. 1 was second. Following are the conditions under which the contest was waged: Not less than 15 nor more than 17 men to each company; dry run, standing start, each team to be allowed one trial; cart to carry 250 feet of hose, in 50-foot lengths; distance 200 yards to hydrant; attach and lay one line of hose 150 feet from hydrant, break coupling and put on pipe, with at least three full threads to couple, ready for water, time to be taken from start till the pipe drops on the ground, and within 25 feet to the finish line; if the pipe drops more than 25 feet from the finish line, a penalty of one-quarter second for each three feet in excess shall be added to the time. If the couplers touch the pipe or coupling after dropping the same, it shall be declared foul and no time shall be allowed.

THE PROUD WINNERS.

The men who hauled the reel earned their victory if ever men did. All the "boys" wore their arctic clothing, and it made one burst into a sweat to look at their costume of flannel. Very few would have galloped over the road in the broiling sun for pay as they did on Thursday for "fun." But, as a big man with a palm-leaf fan, an umbrella and a linen suit remarked: "Its all right if you like your job." But the big man was a spectator.

Outgoing trains carried the visiting firemen homeward during Thursday evening and the great event was at an end. They were enthusiastic in their expressions of regard for Westminster and her people and declared that they have not received more hospitable treatment on any previous occasion. Many pleasant incidents occurred during their presence here and columns might be written in relating them.

The Westminster Firemen are entitled to unstinted praise for the skill and energy displayed in their efforts to make the affair a success. The executive and sub committees were unceasing and apparently untiring in laboring to perfect the arrangements. It is due to them that their names should be fully known to the people of this community and hence they are republished in another part of this report.

Proceedings of the School Board.

At the meeting of the School Board held June 5th all members were present.

Mr. Gehr was continued in charge of the purchase of a bell for Patapsco school. The placing of a belfry on Reese school was deferred.

Messrs. Gehr and Grimes were appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of securing a building for Pipe Creek school.

A number of patrons from Eberg school appeared before the Board to urge the erection of a new building at that place. Mr. J. J. Basler was also before the Board offering to donate a lot of land on which to build a schoolhouse near Bethel Church in the 4th district. Messrs. Shaw, Grimes, and Landis were appointed to visit both localities and investigate the several propositions, with power to act.

The patrons of Miller school proposed to erect a belfry on their building free of cost if the School Board would pay for the necessary lumber. The Board agreed to appropriate a sum sufficient to pay for this provided it shall not exceed $5.00.

The following trustees were appointed: Theophilus Hahn at Franklin, vice Geo. Smith, resigned; D. E. Myerly at Bear Mount, vice Levi Myers, resigned; Edw. Hively at Frizellburg, vice Henry Snader, resigned. Brandenburg school was left in charge of Mr. Nicodemus.

The repairs at Greenmount were placed in charge of Mr. Landis, and Mr. Shaw was requested to report at next meeting as to the temporary repairs necessary at Retreat school.

The Treasurer was directed to pay maturing notes as far as possible.

The Board instructed the Examiner to hold the annual teachers' examination strictly in accordance with the published notice.

The resignation of W. L. Armacost, D. A. Ebaugh, Wm. J. Crabbs, Jr., and F. M. Hymiller were accepted.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, June 5th.—George W. Slonaker, executor of Mary Slonaker, returned inventory of money and settled first and final account.

Last will and testament of Wesley Myers admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted unto Howard E. Myers and Charles T. Repp.

Theodore H. Troyer and Walter L. Martin, executors of Miriam Houck, settled first and final account.

Last will and testament of Broder Wilhelm Broderson, deceased, admitted to probate.

Jesse F. Lambert, executor of Jesse Lambert, returned list sales of personal property and list of advancements and received order to sell real estate.

Last will and testament of Eliza Woods admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted unto Rufus Woods.

Tuesday, June 6th—Mary C. Shivers, executrix of Cornelius Shivers, returned inventory of personal property, debts and money, and settled first and final account.

Final ratification of the sale of real estate of Peter Hollenberger.

Last will and testament of Anna L. Johnson admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted unto Ella Beam, who received order to notify creditors.

Eliza Feeser, executrix of John Feeser, returned inventories of personal property and recived order to notify creditors.

Howard E. Myers and Chas. T. Repp, executors of Wesley Myers, returned inventories of debts and money.

For the Sentinel.

The Closing Session.

The Carroll County Epworth League convention held its last session on Thursday evening. The evening session was begun with devotional exercises, after which the secretary called the roll and the delegates from the different societies gave in their reports of work for the year. These were followed by an address, "The significance of Our Colors," by Rev. Lamar, of Arlington. The program was interspersed with bright music. After the address a hymn was sung and the benediction was pronounced. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was not very good but all returned to their homes feeling that it was good to have met together to discuss plans of work for the Master, and hoping that some seeds had fallen on good ground.

List of Unclaimed Matter

Remaining in the Postoffice at Westminster, Md., June 3rd, 1899.

Beaver, Laura	McKinstry, J. L.
Banner, Chas. Jr.	Miller, Master Geo.
Bucher, Mrs. Catharine	Purnell, Col. Wm. H.
Eaibaugh, G. F.	Rawlings, Charles
Gabrill, Mrs. Benna (2)	Royer, Jacob
Haines, Harvey	Stone, Miss Jennie
Lease, Edward	

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

MILTON SCHAEFFER, P. M.

For the Norment Medals.

The elocutionary contests at Western Maryland College, though not strictly a part of the exercises connected with the commencement, are nevertheless events of great interest to the students and others. This year the freshman contest was set for Friday evening of last week, but the death of Mrs. Ward necessitated its postponment and it will now take place this afternoon.

The sophomore contest occurred last night. The programs of these events, with the subjects and the names of the contestants are as follows:

SOPHOMORE CONTEST.

1. Parrhasius and the Captive, *N. P. Willis.*
   Clayborne Phillips, Kent Island, Md.
2. The Wayside Inn, *Adelaide Procter.*
   Covington Mackall May, Elkton, Md.
3. Virginia, *Macaulay.*
   Edward Barber, Conway's, Md.
   Piano Duet:-Massanielio Overture, *Auber.*
   Miss Crockett, Miss Carlia Harris.
4. The 'Eathen, *Rudyard Kipling.*
   Frances Bagwell Woodall, Georgetown, Md.
5. College Oil Cans,
   George H. Myers, Hagerstown, Md.
6. Jamie, *R. C. V. Meyers.*
   Bessie Katherine Armacost, Westminster, Md.
   Vocal Duet:-Hark to the Mandolin, *Parker.*
   Miss Weigand, Mr. Poisal.
7. The Woodhaven Goat, *H. S. Edwards.*
   James Randall Caton, Alexandria, Va.
8. Absolution, *Nesbit.*
   Virginia Murray Weigand, Westminster, Md.
9. The Fearless DeCourcy,
   Elwood Alexander Cobey, Grayton, Md.
   Hunting Song, *Mendelssohn.*
   Miss Myrtle Harris.
10. When Jack Comes Late, *Helen C. Bergen.*
    Marion Clark, Cecilton, Md.
11. The Diver, *Schiller.*
    Harry Gilligan, Baltimore, Md.
12. The Reformation of Uncle Billy.
    Ellen Parker Butler.
    Margaret Fuller Reese.

FRESHMAN CONTEST.

1. Tobe's Monument, Mr. Humphreys.
2. Mammy Lindy's Visit to Washington.
   Miss Kimmell.
3. The Life Boat, Mr. Parsons.
   Song: Barcarole, *Tosti.*
   Miss Schaeffer.
4. Jacqueminot Rose Sunday, Miss Gambrill.
5. Forest King's Victory, Mr. Williams.
6. Abel Perry's Funeral, Miss DeBerry.
   Duet: William Tell, *Rossini.*
   Misses Mullinix and Veasey.
7. The Runaway Cannon, Mr. Legg.
8. The Whistling Regiment, Miss Hall.
9. Knee Deep in June, Mr. Lewis.
   Song: Sing On, *Denza.*
   Miss Myers.
10. Mice at Play, Miss Garrison.
11. Death of Benedict Arnold, Mr. Litsinger.
12. The Angels of Buena Vista, Miss Lingo.

A Pleasant Evening.

A pleasant evening was spent by the members of the Benevolent and Aid Association of St. Paul's Reformed Church and others, at Mr. O. D. Gilbert's, this city, on Thursday evening of last week. The attendance was quite large and a pleasing literary program was rendered. Among the events was a play, entitled "Single Life," in which the cast of characters was as follows:

BACHELORS.

Mr. John Niggles (A Fascinating Bachelor), Walter M. Graham.
Mr. D Damper (A Woman-Hating Bachelor), Edgar Sexsmith.
Mr. Peter Pinkey (A Bashful Bachelor), Ralph Royer.
Mr. Narcissus Boss (A Self-Loving Bachelor), Frank Thomas.
Mr. Charles Chester (A Mysterious Bachelor), Will Mather.

SPINSTERS.

Miss Caroline Coy (A Vilified Spinster), Miss Sarah Weeks.
Miss Maria MaCaw (A Man-Hating Spinster), Miss Edna Erb.
Miss Kitty Skylark (A Singing Spinster), Miss Carrie Gehr.
Miss Sarah Snare (An Insinuating Spinster), Miss Carrie Shriver.
Miss Jessy Meadows (A Romantic Spinster), Miss Florence H. Mitten.

Baseball.

The Smallwood boys defeated the Mechanicsville boys last Saturday, on the grounds of the former, by a score of 27 to 4, making eight straight games this season. The Smallwood boys found Barnes, curves good cherry pie and pounded him all over the lot, making 24 hits, of which ten were two baggers. The features of the game was the heavy slugging of P. Bitzel, the fine pitching of Ditman and the noble head work of Catcher Cushing who caught an excellent game.

Smallwood.	R	H	E	Mechanicsville.	R	H	E
Cushing, c.	2	1	1	Stricker, r. f.	2	1	0
Williams, 3b.	5	2	0	Barnes, p.	1	1	1
P. Bitzel, 1b.	6	7	0	Spencer, 2b.	1	2	2
Summers, s. s.	3	3	1	Gamber, 3b.	0	0	2
Logue, 2b.	3	3	0	Gorsuch, 1b.	0	1	0
H. Bitzel, r. f.	1	1	0	Warehime, c. f.	0	0	0
Brown, l. f.	2	2	0	Jordan, l. f.	0	0	0
Hoffman, c. f.	2	2	1	Warehime, c.	0	0	2
Ditman, p.	3	3	1	Craft, s. s.	0	0	1
Total	27	24	4	Total	4	5	8

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tl.
Smallwood,	2	0	4	4	3	1	1	12	27
Mechanicsville,	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4

Two base hits, Brown, Ditman 2, Summers 2, Logue, P. Bitzel 4; base on balls off Ditman 3, off Barnes 1; struck out by Ditman 11, by Barnes 5. Attendance 200.

For the Sentinel.

Notes of Ebenezer Church—New Windsor Circuit.

Ebenezer Sunday School is in very good condition, and the average attendance is as well as could be expected.

We regret that no regular Children's Day will be observed this