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Reports of Christmas rural free delivery com correspondence, &c., have so crowded the columns of the SENTINEL this week that the editor is only given space to wish all its readers and patrons a very Happy New Year and abundant success throughout the last year of the Nineteenth Century.

PROPOSED SCHOOL LEGISLATION.

The Baltimore *American* says there is already "considerable talk among the Democratic leaders of amending the law conferring upon the Governor the power to appoint school commissioners." These leaders repudiate the presumption that the suggested legislation is for the purpose of displacing Republican school commissioners by Democrats, the object being, as they state, to restore the appointments to the judges of the courts, being the best method of securing non-partisan commissioners. Presumably, however, nobody will be deceived or hoodwinked by such a pretence. The history of Democratic school legislation shows that every school law heretofore passed, when Democrats were in power in Maryland, was for the purpose of maintaining Democratic supremacy in all the school boards in the State. The power to elect school commissioners by the people was withdrawn, and authority to appoint given to the judges, when it became apparent that some of the school boards, under the elective system, would become Republican. The appointing power was taken from the judges and given to the Governor when Republican judges were elected for some of the courts. No school board in the State, we believe, ever had as many Republican as Democratic commissioners upon it, in circuits in which the Democrats had a majority of the judges, and in three-fourths of the counties the Republicans had no representation at all upon those boards. It is natural to suppose that, in view of this experience, any proposal to change the existing method of appointment and place the authority with Democratic officials, will be but the baldest pretext to legislate Republican school commissioners and examiners out of office and supersede them by Democrats. The Ethiopian cannot change his skin, the leopard his spots, nor Democratic politicians their partisanship, even in the matter of the public schools.

For the Sentinel.

FREE RURAL DELIVERY.

MR. EDITOR.—This is Free Rural Delivery we are having is it? We are very much like Artemus Ward when invited to become a Mormon: "it was on account of the muchness that he declined." Just now we are having a superfluity of free delivery, almost hourly in Uniontown, and our friends out of town—well, they can wait, until the service becomes established.

What is this Free Rural Delivery? If we are to believe the agents of the Department, and they are all of them truthful men, we are to have whole armsful of good things for nothing, a better seevice, more than we would desire. Mail at your door—oh, no, that's not contemplated, anywhere within half a mile of your place, and in a box that any one so inclined can rifle at their leisure, is all they will promise.

They tell us too, and we know it must be so, that in Uniontown our regular two mails from Linwood shall always continue, and then proceed to bond the carrier for one trip daily, according to the latter's statement.

They tell us, too, and we know of course that it is impossible to be otherwise, that this is only an experiment, and if at the end of the year we are dissatisfied we can appeal to somebody—perhaps to our good and wise Congressman, the Hon. Wm. B. Baker, and have the old regime restored; and in the same breath proceed to prophesy that the youngest citizen in swaddling clothes will not see the day on which the people might celebrate the reopening of a postoffice.

Of course it is to be expected that this new scheme at mail delivery will take care of favorites, and it would be an injury to the service if influential men were not won over by taking care to place mailing boxes within easy reach of them and give them other conveniences not experienced by the rabble, or commoner set, and as this sort of favoritism is anticipated we must not be surprised, when it happens to occur.

Celerity, one of the cardinal principals of the Postoffice Department, has been apparently discarded, and I might enumerate numerous instances as proof. So, likewise, the other principle, "security."

Uniontown has been a town for one hundred years and has had a postoffice for more than seventy-five years, and in the closing year of the Nineteenth Century it was of the utmost importance that our Congressman at Washington do something for his constituents. Having done very little for Carroll county during his previous terms, he was willing to have his own county of Harford forego the priceless boon of Free Rural Delivery, that we might be happy and, in our praise him for the mighty work he has formed. Accordingly, on the fifteenth December, A. D. 1899, he did give his t and did recommend that Uniontown ty-two other postoffices should be r the good of the service and for the nt of our physical and moral condi-

ple may be skeptical as to the good benefits of this new arrangement, the numerous falsified statements from those in authority; but of are certain, we know and speak fifteen hundred people who desire their gratitude to the Hon. Wm. member of Congress from the 2nd Maryland, for his intense interest in nsion of the mail service in Carroll and if he will kindly give us one more chance at him, he will, in a substantial way, learn to know that we are free people, and hat man, be he rich or poor, has a right to some consideration.

So we say to the Free Rural Delivery people this is a government of the people, for by the people, and they are the people rs, &c., in the saddle.

REPUBLICAN.

Md., December 27th, 1899.

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RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Since the Rural Delivery service has been instituted in Carroll county there have been several Postoffice Special Agents here occupied in adjusting the various matters connected with the service which has been necessarily somewhat disarranged by the change in systems.

These men are Special Agents A. B. Smith, one of the oldest men in the service of Rural Delivery and who has worked at it in almost every State of the Union; another is E. H. Hathaway who has had wide experience in various parts of the country, and who is lately from the Western Division, which has its headquarters in Indianapoliss, Ind. Special Agent M. S. Plummer is also detailed to this locality and is one of the old and experienced employees of the Department, and a Maryland man.

These men are here to perfect the Rural Mail delivery system, and will likely be occupied at it for some time. In conversation them we have learned some things with ce to Rural service which will doubt terest to our readers. They say repeatedly called to re many of the impression that this is the first experiment and that delivery of mails to the country people has not heretofore been tried to any extent in other parts of our country. This is an error and only those who are not regular readers of the daily papers could be in ignorance of the facts.

The Rural mail delivery system is in operation successfully, in almost every State—only three or four have no routes. It is working in about 4400 different cities and towns, in connection with their postoffices, and more than 850 different routes are in operation.

Wherever the system has had a fair trial it has become exceedingly popular, so much so that in Indiana and Ohio and other western states the call is so urgent that people cannot be supplied.

Wherever the system is introduced it almost immediately becomes popular, and opposition, which at the commencement sometimes shows itself, soon completely disappears and turns to favoring it.

The only essential difference between the service as established in other parts of the country, and that now in operation here is, that here wagons are being used for centers of distribution and as postoffices, traveling over given routes daily, whereas in other places certain postoffices are used for main distributing points. It is also true that in no other entire county has the free delivery been attempted on the scale and magnitude proposed in Carroll county. This is not to be construed as indicating that broad schemes are not being operated in other localities.

In San Jose, California, and from that postoffice, 12 routes with their respective carriers are delivering mail to several thousand people to their great delight and profit.

In Washington, Pennsylvania, 14 routes operating and petitions for 12 more on file, ready to begin operations when ordered to do so. Petitions in for service throughout the county also.

Moorstown, New Jersey, 9 routes. Concord, New Hampshire, 12 carriers working and making daily delivery, with the greatest success and entire sympathy of patrons. Those people not served in the neighborhood of Concord have sent in numerous petitions for other routes to be laid out covering additional territory. In Dubuque, Iowa, last October the Granges in State convention endorsed Rural Delivery and passed a resolution unanimously, calling on Congressmen to vote for the appropriations of funds necessary to make the system universal, so that residents in rural communities may be no longer isolated from and consequently out of touch with the world at large, as has been too much the case heretofore.

The State Grange of New Hampshire, a few days since passed a similar resolution, and referred specifically to the Concord, N. H., service. The resolution was the first one in their platform as adopted by the convention.

As just remarked, the Grange is unalterably in favor of this service. All or nearly all the agricultural and farmers' papers are working for its extension, and illustrated articles have been recently published in the most influential among them, setting forth its advantages for farmers, over the old method of going to the postoffice once or twice a week.

The advocates of rural mail delivery are working for its adoption because they see in it almost the first attempt to bring the farmer up to the level of advantages in regard to his mail facilities, now, and for years enjoyed by patrons who live close to the postoffices. For a long time it has been charged that cities and large communities, where there is an aggregation of capital and of moneyed interests, have monopolized all the privileges, to the injury of the agricultural or basic element of our population. Rural Free Delivery of mails is an effort to do away with a portion of this well founded feeling on the part of one of the most important classes going to make up the nation's power and strength.

As this just now is a question, local as well as national, and one of vital interest to this county, we asked Messrs. Smith, Hathaway and Plummer what is being done to remedy and correct deficiencies in the delivery of mail, now being experienced in various parts of the county.

As has been said, these gentlemen are here to take up this matter and to personally investigate cases and propose remedies for faults; to look into the details and follow up the matter till every person in the county is satisfied with the system, as far as it is possible or reasonable to expect such a state of things. In the first place we have been assured by them that they are glad to hear of any difficulty patrons may have, and hope and expect to be informed promptly and frankly what faults there are and where they are located, no matter what may be the causes contributing to them.

Congressman in all parts of the country report there is an enormous demand for the rural mail service from their respective districts, such a universal call as cannot be ignored, and will make it comparatively easy to obtain a favorable and immediate consideration of any measure calculated to satisfy constituencies. Hundreds of petitions are on file in the Department, and they have been investigated and reported on favorably by Special Agents. The petitioners are impatiently awaiting the time when their desires may be granted; this cannot be done till Congress appropriates funds for the balance of the year; the $300,000 set aside for the work, having been apportioned within three months after the commencement of the fiscal year.

Only in this way can they be apprised of and attend to the proper correction of errors and the remedying of irregularities.

Parties and communitiies who are apparently left without service or who are not served as well as may be possible are invited to send in a description of the difficulties encountered. Only make the letters as brief and as much to the point as possible. They may be directed to either of them in care of the Postmaster at Westminster, Md.

Investigations are daily being made, and new routes are being laid out to extend the service to people now neglected. Routes were yesterday mapped out for what is known as "Backwoods," north of Bachman's Mills, and between there and Wentz postoffice. This route will supply 100 families.

One has been laid out around Louisville which will give the service to a large number of parties not now served. This work will continue till the county is as nearly covered with the delivery as may be reasonably expected.

The postal agents say they are highly pleased with the manner they have been received and treated. They have never been more courteously received anywhere, nor have they been in a country where they have found more evidences of thrift and frugality and more evidences of progress.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

dding Reception at Union Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Frock, who were married by Elder Brown, at New Windsor, on the 14th inst., were given a reception by Mr. Daniel Frock, father of the groom, at Union Mills, on the evening of the 15th inst. It was an occasion of much pleasure, and refreshments were served in abundance. Those attending the reception were: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Frock, Mrs. Rachel Wolf, Mrs. Eliza Frock, Mr. and Mrs. D. Masenheimer, Mrs. Lewis Haifley, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. T. Earhart, Mr. and Mrs. John Burgoon, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Groft, Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim J. Yingling, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Bemiller, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Huff, Mrs. Sue Bowers, Mrs. Rinehart Hesson, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Harner, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ecker, Mr. and Mrs. Cosmos Bankard, Mrs. Sarah Byers, Mrs. Sarah Koontz, Mr. and Mrs. George Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Koontz, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Schaeffer, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Rusher, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bankert, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bemiller, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byers, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cretin, Misses Mollie Tagg, Edna Frock, Clara Frock, Debbie Rote, Effie Groft, Laura Yingling, Elda Byers, Estella Burgoon, Statia Mathias, Carrie Myers, Clara Humbert, Helen Frock, Leola Burgoon, Esta Stewart, Emma Burgoon, Marjorie Masenheimer, Annie Cratin, Esta Jones, Evelyn Earhart, Marguerite Bemiller, Vivie Jones, Annie Dutrow, Florence Harner, Lillie Koontz, Esta Koontz, Messrs. Harry Tagg, Harry Groft, Wesley Yingling, Ernest Byers, Theodore Bish, Harry Cratin, Frank Haifley, Herbert Essich, Philip Smeach, Harry Crumbacker, Milton Humbert, Elmer Sterner, William Zacharias, Arthur Bloom, Edmund Frock, Dr. J. J. Stewart, Raymond Crumbacker, Paul Jones, Louis E. Shriver, Harry W. Shriver, Paul Masenheimer, Harold Byers, Amidee Ecker, Norman Yingling, Charley Jones, Howard Rusher, John Beemiller, Jr.

Mayberry Items.

The entertainment held here on last Saturday night was said to have been the best ever held at this place. The crowd was immense and the exercises well rendered.

There will be a clay pigeon and target shooting match here on New Year's day.

The usual night watching exercises will be observed here on New Year's eve, after which nightly protracted services will be continued.

The present postal changes caused more comment and dissatisfaction than anything that has ever been forced upon the people in this community. We are always slow to criticise and have patience, but as they claim it is only an experiment, we have about enough of the so-called Free Rural Delivery, which is only free to those who reside along the roadside and a great inconvenience to those who do not. To convince your readers that it is not or cannot prove as satisfactory as the old system was we will give them both sides and let them exercise their judgment. Under the former system our schedule called for the departure at 4 o'clock arriving at 10.30 o'clock, A. M., daily, except Sunday, thereby reaching Baltimore, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, New York and many other points the same day. Under the present system our mail arrives at from 11.20 to 1.30 o'clock each day, leaving at nearly the same time, and our mail not delivered at any of the above named places until the next day, taking about 4 days for a reply. A great many persons have not received any mail since this is in existence—many not receiving their papers last week at all, a very rare occurrence. They say they are going to discontinue their papers. Some people say it is their fault for not going after them. Go where? Stand along the roadside and wait for three or four hours for the wagon. Others say put up a box at the nearest point. Some of them reside almost two miles from here and also the same distance from the nearest point. To put up a box in some isolated part of the wayside, people do not consider valuable mail safe at such a place. Some self-interested persons, who are getting well compensated for their labor and are benefited by the change, advocate that the discontinued postmasters and store-keepers should distribute mail to the people, thereby doing the work and they receiving the pay. I do not suppose there is one that would refuse, as they always have heretofore been used to accommodate their patrons and customers; but the so-called Free Rural Delivery relieved them of their duty and they instead are getting paid for the distribution of the mails. Now to those who are fortunate enough to reside along the roadside and do not have any sympathy for their neighbors who do not, and say: I get my mail, let others get theirs the best they can, reminds us of the Rural Delivery going along the roadside. I think we have substantiated facts and not exaggerated in the least and will say give us Free Rural Delivery to every home or the old way. The old way was good enough for us.

Personal.

Miss Edna Erb, of this city, is visiting relatives in Fairfield, Pa.

Miss Jean Mackintosh, of Baltimore, is visiting Misses Annie and Ada Schaeffer, Pennsylvania avenue, this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. P. Allgire, formerly residents of this city, are spending the holidays here, with relatives.

Mr. Jesse C. Reese, of Baltimore, is spending the holidays with his father, Mr. A. J. Reese, of this city.

Mr. Albertus Somers, of Millville, N. J., has been visiting the family of Mr. A. W. Buckingham, of this city.

Mr. Wm. E. Miller, of Baltimore, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Miller, of this city.

Mr. George A. Crass, of Cumberland, is home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Crass, near this city.

Mr. Louis E. Winters, of Washington, D. C., spent a day or two with friends in this city, this week.

Mr. M. John Lynch, of this city, has connected himself with an agricultural implement house in Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Mollie Albaugh, of Westminster, is spending a few weeks in Baltimore visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. W. Coleman.

Mr. R. C. Matthews, who makes Carlisle, Pa., his headquarters in the business in which he is engaged, is home spending the holidays with his family.

Mr. James M. Stoner, of this city, is visiting his son, James L. Stoner, of the Fourth U. S. Artillery, at Fort Hamilton, New York.

Mr. Edw. H. Manning, of the Register of Wills' office, has been spending the holidays visiting friends at Covington, Kentucky.

Miss Florence Mitten, Miss Myrle Malehorn and Mr. J. Albert Mitten, of this city, are visiting friends and relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Keefer, of this city, are visiting relatives and friends in Pittsburg, Pa., and will be absent for three weeks.

Mrs. C. E. Klein and son Cyril, of Frederick, are visiting Mrs. C's. parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Stoner, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Baughman, of Baltimore, spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. George E. Baughman and others in this city.

Mr. Wilbur E. Buckingham, of Baltimore, spent part of the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Buckingham, of this city.

Master Carroll Gorsuch, of the vicinity of Westminster, is spending his Christmas in Baltimore with his cousin, Mrs. J. W. Coleman.

Miss Bertie Dudderer, near Somers' Point, Va., spent part of the Christmas holidays with the family of Mr. George K. Schaeffer, of this city.

Miss Martha I. Schaeffer, of this city, a student at the Woman's College, Frederick, is visiting Miss Nell Fooks, Laurel, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Gorsuch, of Thurmont, spent Christmas with Mr. Gorsuch's father, Mr. Charles C. Gorsuch, of this city.

Mr. John Thompson and Miss Sallie Fleager, of Feagaville, Frederick county, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George E. Stoner and other friends in this city.

Mr. John G. Shunk spent a day or two with Mrs. Shunk and relatives in this city, last week, but could not remain over Christmas on account of the pressing demand upon his services.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua B. Barnes, Messrs. Stewart and Edward Barnes, Miss Mamie Biemiller, of Baltimore; Mr. Wm. Breckinridge and Miss Flora Renfrew, of Fayetteville, Pa., were the guests of Mr. Wm. H. Formwalt and family, of Wakefield, this week.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

THAT THROBBING HEADACHE

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. S Huber and Boyle, Druggists.

The Military Company, at Frizellbu hold a bazar and oyster supper eac commencing Wednesday, 27th inst., ing Saturday, 30th inst.

The holiday entertainment of t School of Providence M. P. Ch Gamber, which was to have been hel Monday evening, has been postponed Tuesday evening next.

A SURE CURE FOR CROUP.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' CONSTAN WITHOUT A FAILURE.

The first indication of croup is hoa and in a child subject to that diseas be taken as a sure sign of the approa attack. Following this hoarseness is liar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Remedy is given as soon as the child b hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this broad land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effectual. No other preparation can show such a record —twenty-five years' constant use without a failure. For sale by W. Scott Zepp, Druggist, Westminster.

A FRIGHTFUL BLUNDER

Will often cause a horrible Burn, Scald, Cut or Bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Old Sores, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, all Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Huber and Boyle, Druggists.

A THOUSAND TONGUES

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"it soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at Huber's and Boyle's Drug Stores; every bottle guaranteed.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by W. Scott Zepp, Druggist, Westminster.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited. —Thomas C. Bower, Glencoe, O. For sale by W. Scott Zepp, Druggist, Westminster.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters;' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts., guaranteed, at Huber's and Boyle's Drug Stores.

The Maryland Collegiate Institute, Union Bridge, will hold a Bible term, commencing Jan. 1st, 1900, and continuing two weeks. There will be the best instructors to give life to those who wish to take a course in Bible studies, non-sectarian. Tuition, $1.00 per week.

YOUR FACE

Shows the state of your feelings and the state of your health as well. Impure blood makes itself apparent in a pale and sallow complexion, Pimples and Skin Eruptions. If you are feeling weak and worn out and do not have a healthy appearance you should try Acker's Blood Elixir. It cures all blood diseases where cheap Sarsaparillas and so called purifiers fail; knowing this we sell every bottle on a positive guarantee. Sold by the Shaw Drug Co., Westminster, Md.

Acker's English Remedy will stop a Cough at any time, and will cure the worst cold in twelve hours, or money refunded. 25 cts. and 50 cts. Sold by Shaw Drug Co., Westminster, Md.

Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets are sold on a positive guarantee. Cures heart-burn, raising of the food, distress after eating or any form of dyspepsia. One little tablet gives immediate relief. 25 cts. and 50 cts. Sold by Shaw Drug Co., Westminster.

Moki Tea positively cures Sick Headache, indigestion and constipation. A delightful herb drink. Removes all eruptions of the skin, producing a perfect complexion or money refunded. 25 cts. and 50 cts. Sold by Shaw Drug Co., Westminster, Md. may-6-99 1y

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

The Christian Endeavor Societies of Grace Lutheran and the Methodist Protestant Churches will hold a union watch meeting from 10.30 to 12.00 on New Year's eve, at Grace Lutheran Church, Westminster. All are cordially invited to be present and take some part in the meeting.

Ascension Church.—Holy Communion at 10 a. m. Second Celebration and Sermon at 7.30 a. m. Evening service at 7.30.

E. B. TAYLOR, Rector.

Methodist Protestant Church.—Sabbath School Sunday at 9.15 a. m. Midweek service on Wednesday evening at 7.30. C. E. Service at 6.30 p. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

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

Centenary M. E. Church.—Sabbath School Sunday at 9.15 a. m. Junior League 2.30 p. m. Epworth League at 6.45 p. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Temperance meeting addresses.

JOEL BROWN, Pastor.

St. Paul's Ref. Church.—Sunday School at 9.15 a. m. Divine services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.00 p. m.

CALVIN S. SLAGLE, Pastor.

Carroll Charge, Reformed Church.—Benjamin's Church.—Sunday School at 1.30 p. m. Divine service at 2.30 p. m.

St. Matthew's Church.—Sunday School at 9 a. m. Divine service at 10 a m.

Holy Communion as follows: Jerusalem Church Jan. 7; Benjamin's Church Jan. 14; St. Matthew's Church, Jan. 28.

H. J. MACALISTER, Pastor.

Salem Charge, Lutheran Church.—Benjamin's Church.—Preaching at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 1 p. m.

St. John's Church.—Preaching at 10 a m.

S. A. DIEHL, Pastor.

Grace Lutheran Church.—Sabbath School Sunday at 9 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6.45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30. Preaching at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning subject, "Our Busines Here." Evening, "Sowing and Reaping."

P. H. MILLER, Pastor.

MARRIED.

At Bethel M. E. Church, near Sams Creek, December 26th, 1899, by Rev. John T. Ensor, Mr. James T. Trayer, of Westminster, to Miss Delia Ensor, of Sams Creek.

In New Windsor, December 26th, 1899, by Rev. Reuben Kolb, Mr. Charles W. Otto to Miss M. Virginia Paine, both of New Windsor.

At the Manchester Lutheran parsonage, December 21st, 1899, by Rev. C. M. Eyster, Mr. Curvey F. Ament to Miss Elizabeth Helfrich, both near Manchester.

In Union Bridge, December 25th, 1899, by Elder E. W. Stoner, Mr. Theo. J. Cook, to Miss Rosa Easton, both of Winfield.

On December 24th, 1899, by Rev. Solomon Stoner, Mr. John Harvey Barber to Miss Rosa Harris, both of Union Bridge.

On December 21st, 1899, at Carroll Reformed parsonage, by Rev. H. J. Macalister, Mr. Frank E. Hoffman, of Baltimore county, to Miss Annie M. Flickinger, of this conuty.

On December 28th, 1899, at Carroll Reformed parsonage, by Rev. H. J. Macalister, Mr Chas. Manger to Miss Carrie Wagoner, both of this district.

At the Lutheran parsonage, in Silver Run, December 21st, 1899, by Rev. W. H. Ehrhart, Mr. Harry P. Wantz to Miss Annie F. Kester, both of Pleasant Valley.

At the residence of the bride's parents, this city, December 24th, 1899, by Rev. S. A. Diehl, Mr. George Starner, of Manchester, to Miss Ada, daughter of Jeremiah Shafer, of Westminster.

At the parsonage in Manchester, December 21st, 1899, by Rev. S. M. Roeder, Mr. Clinton S. Rhodes, near Manchester, to Miss Robelia M. Myers, of York county, Pa.

Near Morgan Chapel, December 24tn, 1899, by Elder Wm. H. Franklin, Mr. Andrew Guy Monofort to Miss Iva Z. Mills, both of this county.

Near Franklinville, December 26th, 1899, by Elder Wm. H. Franklin, Mr. Jesse W. Haines, of Frederick county, to Miss Ella W. Reaver, of this county.

DIED.

In Marston, December 11th, 1899, Amon Miller, aged 86 years, 6 months and 7 days.

Near Clemsonville, December 24th, 1899, Jacob Wilson, aged 74 years, 3 months and 25 days.

In Baltimore, December 25th, 1889, George W. Franklin, eldest son of John T. and the late Margaret Franklin.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

In the Circuit Court for Howard County, in Equity.

Ex-Parte in the Trust Estate of the Woodbine Paper Company of Howard County.

Ordered this 27th day of December, 1899, by the Circuit Court for Howard County, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by George Dobbin Penniman, trustee, authorized and directed by an order of this Court to make said sale, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 27th day of January, 1900, next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Howard County, and also some newspaper printed in Carroll County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 27th day of January, 1900, next. The report states the amount of sale to be Five Thousand Dollars.

J. H. OWINGS, Clerk.

True copy—Test: J. H. Owings, Clerk.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE WESTMINSTER SAVINGS BANK, AT WESTMINSTER, IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 2nd, 1899.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$ 157,939 71
Stocks, securities, etc	239,940 00
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	6,000 00
Other real estate and mortgages owned	246,878 25
Due from National Banks	2,779 54
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	133 71
Money in bank, viz:	
Specie	2,543 00
Legal-tender notes	975 00
Total	$ 657,189 21

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund	30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,968 39
Interest due on Special Deposits	7,000 00
Dividends unpaid and accrued	3,700 00
Weekly and Monthly Deposits	164,885,47
Special Deposits	433,635 35
Total	$ 657,189 21

State of Maryland, County of Carroll, ss:

I, William H. Starr, Treasurer of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM H. STARR, Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of December, 1899.

Frank R. Cassell, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

E. O. GRIMES,
J. WESLEY MYERS,
CHAS. T. REIFSNIDER.
Directors.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF A SMALL FARM

In Franklin District, Carroll County, Md.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting in Equity, passed in cause No. 3772 Equity, in said Court, wherein Ellen C. Murray is plaintiff and John E. Murray and others are defendants, the undersigued, trustee appointed in said cause, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, on

MONDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 1900,

at 2 o'clock, P. M., all that Real Estate of which Samuel Murray, late of Carroll county, died seized and possessed, consisting of

44 ACRES, 1 ROOD AND 10 SQUARE

Perches of Land, more or less, situate in Franklin district, Carroll county, Md., on the public road connecting Sams Creek road with the Liberty road and adjoining the lands of Wm. Yohn, Jesse Stuller, Joseph T. Stoner, and J. Stephan Franklin and is now occupied by Mrs. Ellen C. Murray.

This property is about a half mile from Denning's and 5½ miles from New Windsor, and is improved by a three-story weatherboarded Dwelling House, Barn and other outbuildings. 40 acres are under cultivation and the rest in Timber.

Terms of Sale as prescribed by the decree are: One-third of the purchase money cash on the day of sale, or on the ratification thereof by the court; the residue in two equal payments of 6 months and 1 year, secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with approved security bearing interest from the day of sale, or all cash at the option of the purchaser.

FRANCIS NEAL PARKE,
Bond & Parke, Solicitors. Trustee.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

All unpaid creditors of Samuel Murray, late of Carroll county, deceased, are hereby notified to file their claims with vouchers thereof with the Celrk of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, within two mouths from the day of the above sale.

FRANCIS NEAL PARKE,
dec-30-ts Trustee.

Commissioners' Notice.

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

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

JOB PRINTING, such as Sale Bills, Posters, Pamphlets, Books, &c., printed at short notice and at modern prices. Call at this office before placeing orders elsewhere.

A SWEEPING REDUCTION

IN GRANITE WARE.

ANNUAL SPECIAL SALE OF HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS.

Our annual special sale of Granite Ware and House Furnishing Goods begins to-day. These annual sales have become a feature of this store and afford a splendid opportunity to secure goods that every housekeeper needs at much less than the regular price. The great advances in the price of this class of goods have made it almost impossible to offer anything very special, indeed it has been a constant struggle to keep the prices anywhere near the old mark. But for many months we have been searching the markets and watching closely manufacturers, for bargains of any desirable kind in these goods. As a result of this continued, persistent search, we have gotten together a very choice line of kitchen utensils at very low prices. There is no scaly or badly damaged goods among them either, but only such as we can recommend to give satisfactory service. We have of course some bad seconds in damaged goods, but these we have put by themselves and we shall sell them for what they are worth. This sale will only last two weeks and some of the items are in limited quantities, you had better come early.

Tea and Coffee Pots.

These are in the well known blue and white ware and are as good as anything made. No more can be had at this price when this lot is gone.

2-qt. Tea or Coffee Pots, 27 cents, worth 40 cents.
3-qt. Granite Tea Pots, grey ware, 20 cents, worth 30 cents.

Dresden Kettles.

These are seamless and have lids. They are very cheap at this price.

3-qt. Dresden Kettles,	31 cents.
4-qt. Dresden Kettles,	33 cents.
6-qt. Dresden Kettles,	37 cents.

Granite Cuspidores,	10 cents.
Granite Dippers,	8 cents.
10-qt. Granite Dish Pans,	25 cts.
3-qt. Granite Milk Pans,	10 cts.

Preserve Kettles.

These too are very cheap and cannot be had again at this price.

6-qt. Granite Preserve Kettles,	27c.
8-qt. Granite Preserve Kettles,	37c.
10-qt. Granite Preserve Kettles,	45c.

Bargain in CHILDREN'S UNION SU

We bought most too many these and to hurry them alon say 19 cents a suit. They a cheap at this price.

SPECIAL BARGA S IN BOOKS.

We have a few boo ft and do not care to pack them away so will close them out at half prices.

A very choice lot of cloth bound 12 mos., all good titles, at 15 cents each or 2 for 25 cents.

WE CLOSE AT SEVEN O'CLOCK.

NEW YORK BARGAIN HOUSE, Department Store,

31 East Main Street, Westminster, opposite Catholic Church.

T. W. MATHER & SONS. Telephone Call 24.

IF YOU HAVE PUT OFF BUYING YOUR OVERCOATS OR WINTER SUITS,

We have some news that must interest you.

SHARRER & GORSUCH,

opposite Catholic Church, Westminster, Md., will offer, during the first few weeks of the new year, positively the best values and the lowest prices that first-class Suits and Overcoats have ever been offered you.

Do not miss these bargains. See us before you buy; it means dollars saved for you. Boys' Suits and Overcoats reduced.

Big reduction on odd Pants. A few Boys' light colored Top Coats left.

About 25 CHOICE SUIT PATTERNS, to make to order, at from $3 to $5 reduction from our former low prices. Our $2.50 Cord Pants are special bargains.

Lots of good bargains in Gloves and Underwear.

SHARRER & GORSUCH, opposite Catholic Church, Westminster, Md.

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At Private Sale, A Valuable Farm,

NEAR SMALLWOOD, CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND.

We will sell at private sale a farm of 112 Acres, within a quarter of a mile of Smallwood, Carroll County, Md., fronting one-half mile upon the contemplated turnpike road and four miles south of Westminster. Ninety acres under cultivation and the residue in Oak and Chestnut Timber. The soil is of fine quality. The improvements consist of a comfortable Dwelling House and large Barn and other necessary buildings. It is desirably located with respect to schools, churches and stores. This property will be sold on easy terms.

BOND & PARKE,
Attorneys at Law, Westminster, Md.
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ELECTION NOTICE.

The First National Bank of Westminster, Westminster, Md., December 5th, 1899.

The Stockholders of this Bank are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting for the election of NINE DIRECTORS to manage the affairs of the Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1900, between the hours of 11 o'clock, A. M., and 1 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE R. GEHR,
dec-9-5t Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The Stockholders of the Farmers' Fertilizer Company of Carroll County are hereby notified that the annual election, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to manage the affairs of said Company for the ensuing year, will be held at the Company's office, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of JANUARY, 1900, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 o'clock, m. By order of the Board,

JOHN T. DIFFENBAUGH,
dec-16-te Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.

First National Bank of New Windsor, Md., New Windsor, Md., December 6th, 1899.

The annual election for SEVEN DIRECTORS of the above named Bank will be held at the Banking Rooms on TUESDAY, January 9th, 1900, from 1 to 3 o'clock, P. M.

NATHAN H. BAILE,
dec-9-5t Cashier.

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

OAK HALL,

NEW WINDSOR, MD.

A Letter Received:—Hearing of your great Reduction Sale of Winter Goods and of the Unprecedented Bargains offered, I have decided to make my Head-Quarters at your place during December. My prices must be LOW to meet yours. My Cargo will be loaded with

DOLLS, SLEDS, TOYS, GAMES, BOOKS, VASES, ALBUMS, SILVERWARE, CELLULOID SETS, CHINA TEA SETS AND PLATES, JEWELRY, CANDY, NUTS, GLOVES, HANDKERCHIEFS, &c.

Hastily, SANTA.

P. S.—In connection with the above, will continue our sale of Clothing, Ladies' Coats, Dress Goods, Blankets, Robes, Carpets, Boots, and Shoes. 75 Overcoats at one-third regular prices. 75 Suits at one-third reg. prices. 50 to 75 Ladies' Coats, the latest, 1-3 regular prices. 50 Ladies' Jackets to go at $1.00 to $2.00; former price $5 to $7. 75 pairs Boots 1-3 regular price. 150 pairs Shoes 1-3 to 1-2 regular price. Felt Boots $1.75 per pair. 75 Dress Patterns to be offered at 1-3 regular price.

A Premium will be given to any one buying $5.00 worth and upwards, during the month of December, value of premium in proportion to amount of purchase, at the rate of 5 to 7 per cent. A card will be furnished each customer to indicate amount of purchase.

P. S.—Our entire stock of Toys and Fancy Goods we intend to close out. Don't fail to visit us during this month. Our store is a complete Fairy Land. Bring your children with you. The finest display in the county. We have the Stock to select from. We have them at prices that cannot be lowered by competition. Come and see us. Thanks for past patronage. Respectfully Yours,

SANTA CLAUS, OAK HALL & CO.

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DIVIDEND NO. 1.

Westminster Deposit and Trust Company, Westminster, Md., December 7th, 1899.

The President and Directors of the Company have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of

THREE PER CENT.

upon the Capital Stock of the Company, clear of all Taxes, payable December 30th, 1899. Stock Books close December 15th, 1899, reopen January 2nd, 1900.

GEORGE M. PARKE,
dec-9-3t Treasurer.

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POPULAR CASH STORES, WESTMINSTER,

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WE TOLD YOU SO.

One year ago when prospective purchasers called to see us we urged them to place their orders, stating prices were advancing and to buy at once. The situation has not changed, the prospects are for strong prices this coming season. Drop in and see us, we can save you money on anything you want in

Building Material, Coal and Slate. A Complete Stock of Sash, Doors and Blinds.

SMITH & REIFSNIDER, WESTMINSTER, MD.

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If you are looking for bargains in the line of

SHOES, HATS AND GENTS' FURNISHINGS,

it will pay you to visit our store and get prices before buying. We carry a large stock of cold weather goods, such as

FELT, LEATHER and GUM BOOTS, RUBBERS, BUCKLED ARCTICS, WORKING COATS, PANTS, Overalls, Plush, Cord and Cloth Caps, Toboggans, Working Shirts, Underwear, Gloves, Mitts, Hosiery, etc.

We have a few Calendars left. Call and ask for one.

jan-7-99-1y WM. C. DEVILBISS, No. 22 W. MAIN ST., WESTMINSTER.

A VERY DESIRABLE FARM FOR SALE

in Freedom District, Carroll County, Md.

This property contains

65 ACRES OF LAND,

all in an excellent state of culttvation, except about 10 acres of Timber Land. The improvements thereon are a recently built Frame Dwelling House, two and one-half stories; a stable 24x24 feet, with an overshot of 6 feet; meat house, hennery and other necessary outbuildings; water convenient to the buildings.

This property is on the Washington and Gist P. O. Road, is about ½ of a mile west from Gist P. O., adjoins the lands of C. H. Shipley, F. W. Shipley and Margaret Shipley, and is convenient to markets, schools and churches. Possession of property will be given purchaser March 1st, 1900.

TERMS OF SALE will be reasonable.

For further information apply to

CHARLES T. REIFSNIDER, JR.,
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Headache and Neuralgia cured by Dr. MILES' PAIN PILLS. "One cent a dose."

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CANDIES, CAKES, CRACKERS, NUTS, ORANGES, LEMONS, Malaga Grapes, Citron, Raisins, Currants, Dates,

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