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LOCAL ITEMS.

THE DATE ON THE LABEL ON YOUR PAPER SHOWS THE TIME TO WHICH YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS PAID

The school commissioners of this county will be in session on Monday, 22nd inst.

School Examiner D. L. Farrar paid official visits to the schools of Myers' district this week.

Mr. John E. Black, of this county, has been appointed one of the engrossing clerks of the Maryland Senate.

The members of Westminster Lodge No. 41, I. O. M., will banquet at the Hotel Westminster on Tuesday evening next.

Several Westminster young men went to Pittsburg, Pa., this week, to work on a railroad. They were furnished free transportation.

The officers of Burns Post No. 12, G. A. R. of this city, recently elected, will be installed at a meeting of the Post, at Post Hall, to-day.

The annual election of officers and accompanying banquet of the Westminster Fire Department will take place, at the firemen's building, on Wednesday evening next, 17th inst.

Rev. Jos. H. Cassidy, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church, this city, was given a donation party by a large number of the members of his congregation, on Tuesday evening.

The County Commissioners transacted principally general business at their meeting this week. Special pensions of $10 each were granted to Alice Airing, of district No 1 and Annie Baublits, of district No 2.

The handsome bed room set not disposed of at the recent fair of St. John's Catholic Church, this city, was raffled off on Tuesday evening and won by Mr. Carroll Albaugh. The winning ticket was number 133.

Mrs. Sarah Heagy, of this city, while walking along the Washington road, between Main and Green streets, on Thursday, trod on a stone which turned under her foot and she fell, breaking one of her limbs.

The week of prayer is being observed at Centenary M. E. Church, this city. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Brown, has been assisted in conducting the services by Rev. Dr. Graham, Rev. P. H. Miller and others.

The annuel banquet of Westminster Ruling No. 131, Fraternal Mystic Circle, which will be attended by the members and their wives or other lady friends, will be given at the Hotel Westminster, on Monday evening next.

Mr. John W. Weant, mortgagee, E. O. Weant, solicitor, sold at public sale, on Tuesday, the farm of 67 acres, 1 rood and 31 square perches, belonging to the estate of the late Chas. F. Welenovsky, a mile and a half from this city, to Mr. Henry Himler, for $1,925.

Gov. Lowndes, before his retirement from office, pardoned Frank Ibex, of this county, who was serving a sentence in the Maryland penitentiary for an alleged attempt to commit a felonious assault. Many persons have entertained doubts of the man's culpability in the case, and many favorable comments upon his pardon have been expressed.

The *Sun Almanac*, issued annually by the *Baltimore Sun*, has been received for the year 1900. The almanac is not sold but is sent gratuitously to subscribers of the *Sun*. The issue for 1900 is, we think, from a cursory examination, the best of the series. It is a compendium of valuable information and a desirable book of reference.

The Electric Light and Power Company, at its annual meeting on the 3rd inst., elected H. S. Roberts. Jos. W. Smith, Chas. E. Fink, Geo. W. Albaugh, B. F. Crouse, Theo. F. Englar and M. Schaeffer directors for the current year. The board elected H. S. Roberts president; M. Schaeffer, vice-president and [illegible] manager, and A. H. Huber, secretary and treasurer.

While Mr. Lewis Myers, of the village of Mexico, was cutting wood for Mr. Jacob Brehm, on Saturday last, a falling tree struck him upon the left shoulder and head, knocking him down and rendering him unconscious for some time. His shoulder joint was quite seriously injured. Dr. M. L. Bott, of this city, rendered the necessary surgical aid.

A missionary conference of the Y. P. S. C. E. Union, of Carroll county, will be held in the lecture room of the M. P. Church, this city, at 1 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, 16th inst. Rev. Edgar Read, State superintendent of missions, will be present and deliver an address. We have been requested to say that members of the missionary committee of each society, and all C. E. workers are invited to be present.

Mrs. Margaret Easton, wife of Mr. A. J. Easton, died on Thursday morning, at her home at Shipley, after a long illness, of heart trouble, in her sixty-eighth year. Mrs. Easton was a sister of Mr. Grove A. Shipley, of this city. She was a member of Zion M. P. Church, at which funeral services will be held this, Saturday, afternoon at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Easton leaves one son, Mr. Grove Easton, and three daughters, two of whom are Mrs. Henry Himler and Miss Lou Easton of this city.

Western Maryland Council No. 70, Jr. O. U. A. M., of this city, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Jr. P. C., C. C. Henry; C., Eli Butler; V. C., H. R. Thomson; Con., Grant Franklin; War., H. H. Brown; O. S., I. J. Vanfossen; I. S., M. L. Minters; R. S., J. Wesley Yingling; A. R. S., F. L. Yingling; F. S., C. C. Henry; T., George A. Six; Chap., W. Stanton; trustees, Grant Franklin, J. W. Yingling, M. L. Minters; Rep., Eli Butler; alternate, C. C. Henry.

On Monday last David, the little two-year-old son of Mr. David Cowan, of this city, got hold of a cup of concentrated lye and put it to his lips, burning his mouth very severely. The child dropped the cup, screaming with the pain of his injuries, and some of the liquid fell on his person badly burning the flesh. Fortunately it is almost certain none of the liquid was swallowed. Dr. J. H. Billingslea attended the little sufferer and by the administration of the proper remedies the pain was mitigated and the child is recovering.

Miss Ruth Weybright, younger daughter of P. H. Weybright, and granddaughter of Mrs. Margaret Royer, of Meadow Branch, this county, died at the residence of her parents at Trotwood, Ohio, on Wednesday, 10th ult. She was in her 13th year. The complaint which caused her decease was hip disease, caused by a fall some months ago, from which she suffered intense pain until death relieved her sufferings. She was an extremely interesting child and was well known among the relationship and acquaintances of her mother, who was the youngest daughter of Mrs. Margaret Royer. The funeral took place yesterday.

Miss Jane Miller, of this city, died of disease of the heart, at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. Thomas Turfle, East Main street, this city, about 2 o'clock, Thursday afternoon. Miss Miller had been ill for ten days, but her death was not apprehended and five minutes before it occurred she was sitting up. She was a daughter of the late John Q. Miller and a sister of Mrs. Thomas Turfle and Mr. George W. Miller, of this city, and Mr. Wm. Miller, of Sandyville. She had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Turfle for the last forty years. She was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. Funeral services will be held at the house at 2 o'clock, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. Joseph Gray died Saturday at his home, "The Elms," in this county, near Glen Falls Station, on the Western Maryland Railroad. He was in the seventy-fourth year of his age and was a son of William Gray, who was one of the best-known citizens in East Baltimore in his day. Mr. Gray had been in the sailmaking business for years with his father under the firm name of William Gray & Son. They made sails for many of the fastest sailing vessels in the country. Mr. Gray retired from business about 27 years ago, and since then lived a very quiet life at his place in the country. His wife died years ago. Four daughters and one son survive him.

The stockholders of the Westminster Water Company held their annual meeting at the company's office in the "Hotel Westminster," on Tuesday last at 10 A. M., when Geo. W. Albaugh, Wm. H. Thomas, A. H. Huber, M. Schaeffer, Saml. Roop, B. F. Crouse, Geo. R. Gehr, Jno. M. Reifsnider and Chas. E. Fink were elected directors. The board elected Geo. W. Albaugh, president; Saml. Roop, vice president, and A. H. Huber, secretary and treasurer of the company. An order was passed by the board requiring water rents hereafter to be paid by the owner of the premises, and the use of water to be discontinued should the rent not be paid before June 1st.

At the election for directors of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Baltimore County, held at the office of the company, No. 304 E. Lexington street, Baltimore, on Monday, 8th inst., the following were elected directors for the ensuing year: James W. Ayers, Ed. S. W. Choate, Granville Matthews, C. Ross Mace, J. A. Sheridan, Reister Russell, James Kane, of Baltimore county; Gerhard Butke, of Howard county; Joseph M. Street, of Harford county; Wm. L. Richards, John J. Reese, Thomas J. Kolb, of Carroll county; Charles H. Miller, of Frederick county. After the election the directors met and organized by electing Mr. George H. Merryman, of Baltimore county, president, and Mr. Joseph A. Waesche, of this city, secretary and treasurer.

The Milk Shippers' Association, on the Western Maryland Railroad and its Branches, held a meeting at Firemen's Hall, this city, on Tuesday, at which several hundred persons were present. The president, Ex-Sheriff Ephraim Haines, presided, with Mr. Charles C. Engel as secretary. Sixteen new members were added, making a membership of about 160, and including all except a few of the shippers on the Western Maryland Railroad and its branches. A few shippers have contracts to fill, but arrangements have been made for their reception into the association. Between $55,000 and $60,000 of the stock of the United Milk Producers' Association of Baltimore was subscribed, showing a daily shipment by members of the Western Maryland Associatien of about 6,000 gallons.

Mr. Eli Hiltabidle, a prominent citizen of Union Bridge, died on the street in that place, very suddenly, on Tuesday afternoon. He had been attending a service at the German Baptist Church, of which he was a member, and was returning homeward when, within half a square of his residence, he suddenly fell and expired immediately. Death was caused by apoplexy and heart failure. Mr. Hiltabidle was about seventy-four years old and had been a resident of Union Bridge for forty years. He was formerly employed in the car shops of the Western Maryland Railroad, but about eleven years ago was run over by a car and suffered the loss of both legs. He got about on artificial limbs, with the use of crutches. For some time past he had been notary public at Union Bridge. He was a man of fine character, a sturdy and decided Republican and an excellent citizen. He leaves a widow, and the following children: Mr. John C. Hiltabidle, train master, and Mr. Wm. O. Hiltabidle, train dispatcher at Hillen Station, Baltimore; Mr. Charles Hiltabidle, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Thos. Hoover, Mrs. Samuel Eppley, Mrs. Wm. Lightner, Mrs. Charles Little, of this county. His remains were interred at Pipe Creek German Baptist Cemetery on Thursday.

Mr. Amos Harris, of Carrollton, met with quite a serious injury on Monday, while assisting Mr. John Brehm to fill a lime kiln. In throwing a large stone into the kiln he lost his balance and fell a distance of ten feet, fortunately lighting on his feet, or he might have been killed. As it was he sustained a fracture of the right heel bone, which caused intense pain until the fracture was adjusted by Dr. M. L. Bott, of this city, who was summoned to attend him.

Lincoln Willis Not the Man.

Mrs. Laura Cashman says that Lincoln Willis, who was arrested at Hagerstown and brought to the jail of this county last week, upon suspicion that he was the colored man who assaulted her at her home near Trevanion, several weeks ago, but was beaten off by her brave use of a flatiron, is not the man. Mrs. Cashman came to this city on Monday and saw Willis at the jail. He was placed in a line with four or five other colored men, by State's Attorney Weant and Sheriff Motter, and then Mrs. Cashman was permitted to scan the group to see if she could designate any one of the men as her assailant. Willis attracted her attention more decidedly than any of the other men and she said he was about the height of the man against whose strength her wit was more than a match in the terrible contest she waged to protect herself from his violence, but that he was not as stout nor as black as her assailant. She was considerably agitated and quite nervous, but was calmed by the efforts of the State's Attorney and Sheriff, and, at the urgent request of the former, went close to Willis and looked at him searchingly. Then she came to the decided conclusion that he was not the man wanted and so stated to the officers. Of course, that ends any prosecution of Willis for the crime, and his entire innocense of the heinous offence must be conceded.

Willis, however, is held in default of bail on another charge—that of carrying concealed weapons. A warrant for his arrest on that charge was issued about eighteen months ago, by Justice J. W. Crabbs, of Union Bridge, but up to the time of his arrest upon the more serious charge he had managed to evade its service. He was taken to Union Bridge on Saturday morning and, after a hearing before Justice Crabbs, remanded for the action of the grand jury at the May term of court.

Union Bridge Items.

Mrs. Eliza Engleman entertained her Sunday school class very pleasantly, at her home in this place, on Saturday evening. Those present were: Mrs. Eliza Engleman, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Engleman, Misses Anna Ruth Eppley, Grace Baseman, Gertrude and Mabel Straw, Cora Fogle, Lucy Gray, Emma and Fannie Lynn, Carrie Shunk, Florence Shriner, Mrs. Chas. Gray, and Rev. Mr. Slagle.

The German Baptist congregation of this place is holding a two-weeks' series of Bible study meetings which are largely attended and very interesting, some fine lectures being given.

The Collegiate Institute recently established here under the auspices of the German Baptist Church is gaining rapidly in public favor and the number of students has largely increased since the holidays.

News has been received here from Missouri of the death of Mr. Ephraim Repp, of that State. Mr. John H. Repp, of this place, is a son of the deceased.

The C. E. Society of St. James' Lutheran Church of this place has elected the following officers: President, J. Harry Stein; vice-president, J. Elsie Miller; recording secretary, C. C. Little; corresponding secretary, Charles Minnich; treasurer, Miss Mary Watt; organist, Miss Ora Derr; assistant organist, Miss Pearl Minnich; chorister, W. O. Little; assistant chorister, J. E. Lambert. The society is in a flourishing condition, twelve new members having been added on the occasion of the election of officers.

Miss Linnie Wright, who had been visiting friends in Philadelphia, has returned home.

Election of Bank Directors.

The several National Banks of this county elected directors on Tuesday, as follows: First National Bank of Westminster, Granville S. Haines, William Lawyer, John L. Reifsnider, David J. Roop, Samuel Roop, Frederick Mehring, Dr. J. J. Weaver, Jr., Ferdinand D. Schaeffer and Greenbury T. Palmer.

Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank of Westminster, H. Wirt Shriver, David Stoner, William A. Cunningham, J. Wesley Biggs, George P. Panebaker, Frank C. Sharrer, Luther H. Hoffacker, Wm. Y. Frizzell.

Union National Bank of Westminster, James H. Billingslea, Lawrence Zepp, Hon. Frank T. Shaw, Charles V. Wantz, Harry F. Cover, Hon. James A. C. Bond, Charles E. Stewart, J. H. Hoffacker, Jeremiah Geiman and B. F. Crouse.

First National Bank of New Windsor, Job Hibberd, Samuel Hoffman, Joseph A. Stouffer, David E. Stem, Nathan H. Baile, J. Hamilton Singer and Dr. B. G. Franklin.

The board of the Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank organized immediately after the election by choosing H. Wirt Shriver, president, and David Stoner, vice-president. John H. Cunningham was elected cashier.

Union Mills Items.

Mr. Daniel Shull, the oldest resident of the neighboring village of Cherrytown, died on Sunday, 7th inst., aged seventy-six years. Mr. Shull was a quiet, unobtrusive gentleman and was highly esteemed by his friends and neighbors. He was a carpenter and farmer. Years ago, when the old time custom of New Year shooting was in vogue, Mr. Shull would accompany the shooting parties and deliver an address in German just before the volley was fired, at each house visited. Deceased is survived by a widow and by one sister, Mrs. Josiah Dutrer. His only daughter, Mrs. Jonas Myers, died about nine months ago. Mr. Shull was a member of the Lutheran church and his remains were interred in Silver Run cemetery on Tuesday last.

Mr. Edward Stonesifer is afflicted with heart disease and has been confined to the house for about a week.

Rev. Joseph Gray is conducting a revival at Moorhead M. E. Church.

The new bell has been placed in a neat belfry on the school house and is rung at stated intervals to indicate the hour of the opening and closing of school. It has a strong and musical tone and can be distinctly heard for several miles.

The Other Side.

It is understood that now that the opponents of free rural mail delivery in this county have inaugurated an organized movement to collect data showing the cause upon which their opposition is based, and to ascertain by submitting petitions for signatures praying its abolition the extent of this opposition, the whole to be laid before the proper authorities at Washington, the friends of the new system will take steps to present their side of the case. Whether the proceeding will take the shape of a public meeting, or the circulation of a petition setting forth the advantages of the new service, we are not advised, but probably the latter method will be adopted. In the meantime the postal authorities are endeavoring to develop the system and to supply deficiencies in the service as they become apparent. Five new routes have been projected and will be in operation in a few days. Route No. 29 will cover territory lying chiefly in Myers' district, No. 30 will extend over portions of Franklin and Mt. Airy districts, and Nos. 31 and 32 will start at New Windsor and cover routes in several directions from that point. No. 33 will start at Snydersburg, and Henry Snyder has been appointed carrier on that route.

The following shows several of the additional routes in detail: No. 30 starts at Mt. Airy, thence to West Falls, to Gosnell, to Hinkle, to M. E. Church, (West Falls) to Cover, thence along the Roop and Gilliss road to Gilliss Falls, thence to Gosnell and to Mt. Airy.

No. 31 will start at New Windsor and run past the College, turning off near Westminster road, thence to Pipe Creek Church, thence to Stone Chapel, thence along road to Bailes, Dennings and Marston, thence to New Windsor, giving return mail to Bailes, Dennings, and Marston.

No. 32 will go from New Windsor to Englar, Oak Orchard, Weldon, Sams Creek, back to Oak Orchard, McKinstry and New Windsor.

No. 33 receives mail from Wagon C near Cranberry, at about 8 a. m., proceeds to Snydersburg, thence to "Sam's Delight" and return to Snydersburg; collects mail, and goes direct to Greenmount, via Brilhart's Mill, to despatch mail for Baltimore on 10.20 a m. train; thence to Hood's Mill, to Hampstead, to Shiloh, to Brilhart's Mill and to Snydersburg, via Westminster road; thence to Baltimore pike at Daniel Stansbury's, thence along the pike to first road to left, and thence to the Westminster road and from there to the starting point, giving Snydersburg three visits of carrier daily.

A route is being laid out in the neighborhood of Bruceville and covering the territory between there and Taneytown not now reached by the service.

Route 24, from Hampstead through Houcksville, to Shiloh, is being rearranged to cover residents along the Houcksville and Hampstead road and others.

Mr. Machen, Supt. of Free Delivery, is in Uniontown arranging for the sub-postal station to be established there. It is understood a number of these sub-stations are to be put in at prominent points.

Service will start on the five routes mentioned above, on Monday next. John H. Brown has been appointed carrier on one of the new routes starting at New Windsor. The other carriers have not yet been named, but will be appointed at once.

Presentation to Mr. George W. Albaugh.

A very interesting event and an enjoyable function occurred at the Hotel Westminster, in this city, on Tuesday evening last, in honor of Mr. George W. Albaugh, through whose enterprise that magnificent hostelry was erected, bringing Westminster to a level with the leading cities of the State in the character of its hotel accommodations. The hotel enterprise was not the only public spirited act of Mr. Albaugh which the projectors of the presentation in his honor had in view in the matter. It was intended as a recognition of the improvements which have been made in this city, through various enterprises in which he has been the leading spirit. The purpose to thus honor Mr. Albaugh was conceived by Mr. A. H. Huber, and it took the form of a half-length portrait, in pastel, by Mr. L. P. Dieterich, of Baltimore, a very skillful artist, painted from a photograph in a most beautiful manner and preserving a wonderfully lifelike picture of its subject. This portrait, in a massive and beautiful gilt frame, was presented to Mr. Albaugh in the parlors of the Westminster, on the occasion stated, Guy W. Steele, Esq., making the presentation address in an eloquent and appropriate manner, and B. F. Crouse, Esq., responding in an equally appropriate manner on behalf of Mr. Albaugh, who also made some remarks exhibiting his deep feeling and in appreciation of the gift. The wish of the contributors, as expressed by Mr. Steele, was that the portrait should be hung in some prominent place in the Westminster, to connect Mr. Albaugh's memory with that fine structure, when he shall have passed away, as he was too modest to call it the "Albaugh." The portrait and frame were prepared at a cost of $100. The contributers to the fund were: Messrs. A. H. Huber, D. Cowan, Jr., John R. Martin, George E. Lippy, Dr. Jos. T. Hering, Chas. C. Gorsuch, Fred. D. Miller, Frank Z. Miller, H. S. Roberts, Samuel Roop, Theo. F. Englar, Wm. H. Thomas, E. O. Weant, Jno. M. Roberts, Wm. H. Vanderford, Chas. H. Vanderford, Jos. W. Smith, Jno. L. Reifsnider, Jr., F. T. Babylon, Guy W. Steele, Benj. F. Crouse, Dr. George E. Baughman, Geo. M. Parke, F. A. Myers, N. H. Baumgartner, Harry E. Crout, N. W. Steele, Jno. E. Masenhimer, and George Batson.

After the presentation nearly all of these gentlemen, with an invited guest or two, sat down to as elegant a banquet, in the superb dining room of the Westminster, as has ever been served in this city. The menu was extensive and the service most attractive and satisfactory. Altogether it was a very pleasant affair.

List of Unclaimed Matter

Remaining in the Postoffice at Westminster, Md., Jan. 6th, 1900.

Barnes, Mrs. S. Tildie
Barnes, Mrs. Geo.
Bish, S. R.
Clary, Mrs. John D.
Clary, Miss Maggie
Heisterman, Mrs.
Krager, Milton
Little, Charles
Smith, Dr. G.C. D.D.S.
Wilson, Mrs. Susan
Wright, Miss Lug.

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

MILTON SCHAEFFER, P. M.

Anti-Free Rural Delivery Meeting.

The hostility which has been manifested against the system of Free Rural Mail Delivery, recently introduced in this county, and which has had frequent expression in the SENTINEL's correspondence from all parts of the county, had further proclamation by the action of a meeting held at Odd Fellows' Hall, this city, on Thursday. The meeting was called to protest against the system and to take steps, in an organized way, to lay the objections of the protestants before the Postoffice Department in a united and intelligent manner. The weather was very threatening in the morning and a freezing rain began to fall at an early hour, but notwithstanding this fact, several hundred persons were present at the meeting, nearly all of them from the rural districts of the county and numbers of them from its remotest limits. Not all of them, however, were inimical to the system, but those who held other views on the subject did not assume any part in the proceedings, further than to vote against the resolutions submitted, and which will be found in this report.

The meeting was conducted in a quiet, orderly and perfectly respectful manner. No loud denunciation of the system or harsh criticism of the postal authorities was indulged, though the opposition to the service was marked and emphatic. Those who had charge of the meeting and the opponents of the new order of things bore themselves with the dignity of free American citizens who, feeling themselves aggrieved by the action of the government in the matter, realized their right to object, in a respectful manner, to the continuance of their grievance. On the other hand, those who were not in sympathy with the object of the meeting forebore to make themselves disagreeable by injecting discord into the counsels of the assemblage. The proceedings were, in this respect, highly creditable to all concerned and it is a matter of just pride to residents of Carroll county, that a meeting involving issues calcualted to excite more or less rancorous feeling should have been conducted with so much intelligence and decorum.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Howard M. Zile, of Winfield, a well known and decided opponent of the new system, and a leading spirit in the steps taken to bring about concerted action against it. Dr. Luther Kemp was elected chairman, and, upon assuming that station, briefly stated the object of the convention. Mr. George A. Leister, of Manchester district, was elected secretary.

After organizing the first business transacted was the adoption of a motion to appoint a committee on resolutions of two persons from each election district represented. The districts were called and the following were named as that committee, with the addition of one from each postoffice abolished in adjacent counties, outside of Carroll.

Taneytown.—Dr. C. Birnie, D. J. Hesson.

Uniontown.—Rev. G. W. Baughman, Edward P. Zepp.

Freedom.—George Pickett, G. H. Bevard.

Manchester.—John E. Masenheimer, Charles Keck.

Westminster.—Grove A. Shipley, Jno. C. Bowers.

Franklin.—Howard M. Zile, J. Albert Crawford.

Middleburg.—Edward Sharretts, Edward Shorb.

New Windsor.—E. E. Lovell, Dr. Benj. G. Franklin.

Mt. Airy.—J. C. Gosnell.

Ridgeville P. O.—Jesse B. King.

Long Corner, Howard County.—Robert Burdette.

Oak Orchard, Frederick County—Isaac L. Nusbaum.

Myers', Woolery's, Hampstead and Union Bridge districts were not represented.

The committee, after some time spent in deliberation, reported the following resolutions, which were put to vote and adopted, a number of the friends of the system voting in the negative:

WHEREAS, The Free Rural Mail delivery as inaugurated in Carroll county has seriously impaired our mail service, and by the closing of our postoffices has imposed great inconveniences and exposure of mail, and a general curtailment of privileges, and

WHEREAS, We believe the system cannot be made practicable even at an enormous expenditure of public money, over and above that of the old system, and

WHEREAS, The inauguration of this system in Carroll county is in direct violation with the principles governing Free Delivery as given in Code of Rules, June 30th, 1899, page 81, therefore,

Resolved, That we, citizens of Carroll county, in meeting assembled, do hereby most earnestly but most respectfully protest against the continuance of the system, and pray the restoration of the former service.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the chairman of this meeting to present this action to the P. O. Dep't. at Washington, and the Congressman representing the Second Congressional District of Maryland.

A motion was also adopted to have the resolutions incorporated in a petition, copies of which shall be submitted to the patrons of the various postoffices abolished in the county, for their signatures, these petitions, when signed, to be laid before the proper authorities by the committee provided for in the resolutions. That committee was constituted as follows: Dr. C. Birnie, Taneytown, chairman; D. H. Englar, New Windsor; H. M. Zile, Winfield; Grove A. Shipley, Westminster; Jno. E. Masenhimer, Manchester.

Rev. G. W. Baughman addressed the convention, reciting facts in connection with the inconvenience to which numbers of persons have been subjected by the new system. Dr. Kemp and Mr. H. M. Zile also made brief speeches. There was, however, no general or detailed account of such grievances in the proceedings, although many persons in attendance at the meeting talked freely to each other about their experiences in the matter.

Patapsco Items.

Dr. H. M. Drach has sold a house and lot in this place, to Mr. Garnett Spencer, for $325.

Mr. Columbus Elseroad has sold a house and lot in this village, to Mr. Grant Chew, for $200 cash.

Mr. Warren Shamer is building a dwelling house in this place.

Mr. Wm. H. Westaway is building an addition to the house owned by him and occupied by his son, Mr. John Westaway.

Mr. Wm. Uhler, an old and much respected citizen near Tank Station has been confined to the house about three weeks with a complication of diseases. Mr. Uhler is nearly four score years old.

Mr. J. D. Crowl is running his shingle mill with an engine.

Our icehouses have all been filled with first-class ice

Melrose Items.

Last week our ice men stored away tons of ice measuring from 5 to 8 inches thick. The creamery ice house was filled by contract by Mr. George Thiret. It contains more than a hundred tons.

On Saturday of last week a large number of friends congregated at Mr. Nathaniel Shaffer's, near here, to spend a pleasant evening in honor of Miss Hattie, their eldest daughter's, 20th birthday. Although the weather was very cold, all found a warm house awaiting them and a hearty welcome from the Shaffer family who are known for their hospitality. After interesting games and social conversation, the merry company repaired to tables loaded with delicacies and did justice to the good things set before them. At a late hour all repaired to their homes, wishing Miss Hattie many more pleasant birthdays. She received many pretty and useful gifts. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Shaffer, Spencer, Frony, Hattie and Lester Shaffer, Addie Houck, Kate Feeser, Sarah Stormer, Kate Eisenhuth, Nora Thieret, Esther Hann, Clara Shaffer, Hattie Masemore, Docie Masemore, Sarah Hann, Beulah Bailey, Mabel Myers, Lewis Stuffle, Charles Sullivan, Elmer Lippy, Jacob Miller, Harry Black, Curvin Simpson, Clayton Black, Halten Sullivan, John Geiman, Frank Bailey, Parker Wentz, Charles Bailey, Samuel Thieret, Bertram Bailey, Harvey Burgoon, Harry Myers, Thomas Hann, William Miller, William Stormer, Theo. Myers, Noah Richard, Oscar Bachman, Edward Stormer, John Shaffer, Harvey James.

We congratulate Mr. Geo. M. Zepp, and Miss Leanna Krumrine, who were recently united in marriage, and wish them happiness and prosperity through life.

Snydersburg Items.

We don't hear so much about the road commissioners this year as we did last. The roads have certainly been fine this winter, not because the commissioners or the supervisors have done so much work on them, but simply because there has not been much rain this winter.

Ice was frozen to a thickness of about 9 inches by the cold weather last week, which permitted the farmers and all users of ice to fill their houses with an excellent quality of the article. Last week there were about 60 hands working on Mr. M. S. Brilhart's mill pond, which made things lively for a few days.

Mr. Chas. Webster, of this place, has purchased a fine driving horse. He will now, without a doubt, bring out some of our fast horses around here.

We are informed that our music teacher, Miss Rose Leister, near this place, has upwards of 55 scholars to whom she gives her entire attention.

We have a very good mail system through this section. Some persons get their mail at their doors, while others have to go half a mile for it and some of them get no mail at all. Who can help but say that it is nice. We formerly got our mail in the morning. Now we can wait till evening, which is much nicer than to get it in the morning. We hope the postal authorities will bring the system to their own doors and see how they will like it. Let them think of doing unto others as they would like to have them do unto them. If we do business today, or the last of the week, or some other time, why it is all right. We kindly ask for early mails as before.

Mr. G. M. Brilhart, who had been spending his holiday vacation at home, has returned to Lancaster, Pa., to take up his studies in Franklin and Marshall College.

The cigar manufacturing company which was organized here some time ago will soon be ready to start and will bring business to the place. We sincerely hope that the enterprise will meet with success.

Mr. Chas. Sharrer, who had been spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. W. L. Sharrer, has returned to Wilmington, Del., where he is working in a machine shop.

Winfield Items.

Within the past week considerable opposition has been developed in this district, to the "postoffice on wheels". If all the reports we hear are true the system, for this county, is a thing not to be desired.

Mr. Richard Pickett has been seriously ill with pneumonia for the past ten days.

We have been informed that Mr. Howard Pickett will continue the business of his father, the late Wm. H. Pickett. Howard served under his father a number of years, often as foreman, and we are sure that the business will lose nothing in his hands.

On Sunday last Mr. H. M. Zile and family visited the Asylum at Springfield. Several of our peosle have visited the institution in the past and all speak in the highest terms of the plan and management.

Miss Debbie Zile is visiting in Uniontown.

At the creamery Mr. H. M. Zile took in from the farmers of the district, 57,616 lbs. of milk for the month of December, for which he paid $517.54.

Mr. Arthur Ingle, formerly of this place, but now of Virginia, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Barnes, mother of Mr. T. A. Barnes, of Taylorsville, is seriously ill at this writing.

Mr. Theodore Hoffman killed three pigs which weighed respectively 339, 410 and 543 lbs. He also killed five "roasters," with a total weight of 599 lbs.

Mr. Charles Barnes, of W., returned early in the week to his home in Baltimore, for the winter.

Double Pipe Creek Items.

Mr. Henry Dodson, a repair hand on the W. M. Railroad, has gone to Hagerstown to make his home there, where he will be employed by the same Company as brakeman, on the road from Hagerstown between Cherry Run, and Shippensburg, Pa.

On Tuesday, January 2d, a quiet wedding took place at the home of Elder T. J. Kolb, the contracting parties having been Mr. John Frock, of Keysville, and Miss Bessie Miller, near Harney. Best congratulations.

On last Sunday, Mr. Roy Sundergill, accompanied by his wife, visited the home of Mrs. Clara A. Young. He had formerly been employed as a teacher in this place and his many friends were glad once more to see his smiling face.

Mr. Chas. Frieze, of Ohio, has been in this village paying a short visit to friends. He also spent a short while with friends in Graceham and Thurmont.

Cranberry Valley Items.

A very enjoyable day was spent at the residence of Mr. Wm. M. Harris, near Hampstead, on the 1st inst., the happy time having been the celebration of the 26th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Harris. As the sands of the old year were running low the guests began to arrive and as the new year began to dawn the guests still came in single and double file, so that by noon the old stone mansion was filled to overflowing with relatives and friends. The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. Harris in their usual welcome and hospitable manner. The party then retired to the large parlors and sitting rooms where they were entertained with music by skillful performers. Melchor James, Zachariah and Wm. Harris rendered some very fine selections. The day was spent in dancing, singing, plays and music. Between the hours of 11 and 3 a sumptuous repast awaited the guests to which all did ample justice. Those who served as waiters were: Mrs. Mary J. Harris, Mrs. Ellen M. Yingling, Mrs. Virgie I. Harris and Misses Jane Martin and Gertie Harris. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harris, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Yingling, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Utz, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Leppo, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harris, Jr., Mrs. Josephine Harris, Mrs. Louisa Blizzard, Messrs. Melchor Harris, James Harris, Fuller Lebrun, Emory Abbott, Charles Harris, Will Lebrun, Amos Myers, Arthur Harris, Harry Lebrun, John Harris, Zachariah Harris, Daniel Sypes and many others.

The Cranberry Valley singing choir held a very pleasant surprise party, in honor of their former leading singing teacher, Mr Henry M. Snyder, of this place, but formerly of Illinois. Mr. Snyder left this place in the month of March, 1898, nearly two years ego. During his absence he had the misfortune of having his hand and arm torn off in a fodder crusher, but at present is in a healthy condition, and his many friends are glad to see him home again.

People in this locality have filled their ice houses with very fine ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Yingling, son Arthur Dewey and daughter Viola recently visited Mrs. Vergie Harris.

Miss Mary Ebaugh and friend, from near Shiloh, visited the family of Mr. A. R. Ebaugh.

Mrs. Iona Warehime and Mrs. Harchenhorn, of Manchester, visited Mrs. Lewis.

A new store has been started in Cranberry Valley.

Great complaint is being heard hourly and daily about people not receiving their mails. Some parties have not received any mail since the new method began, who got it before at the postoffice daily. They are now entirely cut off from it.

Shiloh Items.

We have had very cold weather for the past weeks, but your correspondent did not freeze, although Shiloh has not been heard from for some time. Those who have ice houses have been very busy storing away ice, of which there is an abundant supply and the best we have had for a number of years.

Communion services were held at Shiloh M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon, by Rev. H. R. Savage. Quite a large crowd was present.

Mrs. Florence Abell, of Baltimore, spent a few days recently with Mr. Jacob Lynch and family.

Mrs. Lucinda Lovell, of this place, spent the holidays in Baltimore visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Ada Fowble, of this place, is visiting friends and relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. Elizabeth Green, of Roseville, spent a day recently with Mrs. Noah Houck.

Miss Maggie Ebaugh, of Baltimore, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ebaugh.

Master Nevite B. Houck spent a day recently with Master Albert Houck, near this place.

The free mail delivery, which went into effect some time ago, does not seem to prove satisfactory. While it is very convenient for some people it is inconvenient for others.

For the Sentinel.

Surprise Party.

A very enjoyable surprise party was given Mr. Chas. E. Bachman, son of Mr. George F. Bachman, near Silver Run, on Friday evening, by his friends from Silver Run and vicinity. The guests arrived about 8 o'clock, and rushed into the house, where they found Mr. Bachman sleeping by the side of the stove. After he had recovered from the surprise he joined the merry party in social games and conversation which were continued until 11 o'clock, when all were invited to the dining room, where a table was set and loaded with all the delicacies of the season. About 12.30 the crowd departed well pleased with the evening's entertainment. Those present were: Mr. Geo. F. Bachman and wife, Mrs. Susan Feeser, Misses Annie and Sallie Lawyer, Birdie V. Mark, Celie Burgoon, Eva Baukerd, Irene Bachman, Emma Haines, Lizzie and Lillie Dutterer, Elva Slifer, Grace Morelock, Ella and Annie Study, Myrtle Koontz, Annie Beachtel, Minnie Boose, Messrs. Reuben S. Weller, Harvey Formwalt, Chas. and John Hull, Samuel Hull, Charles E. Bachman, Luther Slifer, Charles Myers, Claude Myers, Chas. Frock, Harvey, Elmer and Wm. Halter, Frank and Herbert Beachtel, Elmer Starner, Irvin Dutterer, John Brown, Jesse Halter, Wm. Lemon, Thos. Koontz, Herbert Koontz.

Reported for the Sentinel.

Donation to Rev. Livingston.

The members of Brandenburg M. P. Church, located at Berrett, this county, and belonging to Deer Park circuit, showed their appreciation of their pastor and wife, in a very practical way, on Wednesday last, by taking them an abundant donation of foodstuffs, a supply sufficient to insure the recipients against famine for some time to come. Larder, cellar, and corn crib groan with their burdens, and if the characteristic temerity of the parson continues, it cannot be attributed to lack of physical nourishment. The company was received by Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Wardenfelt, Mrs. Lockard, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Smith. Dinner was served at 1 p. m., and the happy company, having safely delivered their charge, departed in peace, leaving in their wake pleasant memories and plenteous viands. No people could show more sympathy, or greater love for their pastor than the members of Brandenburg M. P. Church.

Uniontown Items.

Sunday last was the 81st birthday of Mrs. Lavina Senseney, who is in excellent health and has her home with her daughter, Mrs. Hannah Dotterer, at Woodside, near town. Her children gave her a birthday surprise and dinner at her home, including a few invited guests—Mr. and Mrs. Silas Senseney, of Union Bridge; Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Senseney, Marshall, Raymond, Earle and Edna Senseney, Mr. and Mrs. John Roop and Miss Amy Roop, of Westminster; Mrs. Hannah Dotterer, Miss Clara Dotterer, Mrs. Phoeba Repp, Edna and Walter Repp, Miss Jane Crouse, Mr. Morrison D. Smith, Miss Mollie Haifley, Mr. and Mrs. David Grossnickle, of Ladiesburg.

Rev. B. W. Kindley received as a New Year's gift from his congregation, at Pipe Creek Methodist Protestant Church, a heavy oak revolving chair, for his study, which is highly appreciated.

Mr. Arthur Sittig has again returned to Baltimore, where he has been employed.

Miss Ella Beame spent several days in Baltimore, where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wailes.

Mrs. Penelope Martin and Miss Jennie Martin, of Westminster, are guests of Mr. Harry Weaver's family.

Miss Cora Hamburg, of Baltimore, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hamburg.

Miss Anna Harbaugh has returned from a visit to her brother and family, Mr. F. Parvin Harbaugh, New York City.

Rev. Jesse Shreeve preached at Pipe Creek M. P. Church, on Sunday morning, filling the pulpit for Pastor Kindley.

We get the following bit of information from a clipping from a Westmoreland county, Pa., paper: The marriage of Mr. T. F. Armburst, of Weaver's Old Stand, Pa., to Miss Nellie Brown, of Youngwood, Pa. Mrs. Armburst was the daughter of the late John A. (Doc) Brown, formerly of our town and well known here. Her friends extend to her their best wishes and hearty congratulations.

Mrs. David Bloom has had quite a severe attack of grip. Miss Eva E. Gilbert, Mrs. E. G. Gilbert and Miss Louisa Eckard, also, are on the sick list and Elder S. B. Craft.

Mrs. Howard Anders, of St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. William Anders, of New Windsor, and Mr. Raymond Anders, who spent two weeks on a visit to his brother, Mr. Howard Anders, in St. Louis, Mo., were guests of Mr. Harrison Weaver's family the past week.

Miss Deborah Zile, of Winfield, is the guest of her Uncle's family, Mr. William Segafoose.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Glenvale, of Baltimore, visited Mrs. Glenvale's father, Mr. Frederick Taney, and Mrs. Sally Selby, during the past week.

Mr. William Robinson, of Belair, spent several days during the week, with his sister's family, Mrs. B. W. Kindley, at the M. P. Pargonage.

Services at Uniontown M. P. Church, Sunday. Sunday School 7.15. Preaching at 10.30 A. M.; also in the evening at 7.30. Junior C. E. Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

For the Sentinel.

Epworth League Social.

A very enjoyable Epworth League social was held by the members of Pleasant Grove M. E. Church, at the home of Mr. Frank Magee, at Reese, on the 5th inst. The literary program consisted of the following: Music; prayer, by Rev. Vernon N. Ridgely, followed by a chorus; reading, Miss Bertha E. Matthews; duet, Mr. and Mrs. F. Magee; recitation, Rev. V. N. Ridgely; chorus; recitation, Charles Magee; chorus. This was followed by the presentation of a lap robe to Rev. V. N. Ridgely, from the members of his church; a phonographic entertainment, given by Mr. Jas. S. Baer, and an "Apple Social," in which every guest took part. Quite an unexpected display of poetic talent presented itself to secure the "Big Apple Pie," and not the "Little Apple Pie." Other games and refreshments completed the program. One of the features of the evening was a brownie souvenir for each guest. There were about sixty present, and the festivities ran into the "Wee Sma' hours" of the night. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Magee, Charles and John Magee, Mrs. Amanda Magee, Mrs. Mancha, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Conaway, Mrs. Dora Leister, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Devilbiss, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Shipley, Mr. and Mrs. Butler Gorsuch, Mr. Charles Devilbiss, Rev. Vernon Ridgely, Misses Fannie Caple, Mollie Flater, Fannie Buckingham, Annie Arnold, Maggie Leister, Lela Hill, Viola Blizzard, Gertrude Shipley, Winnie Hoff, Olive Caple, Jessie and Bertha Matthews, Emma and Mollie Read, Emma and Mamie Eckenrode, Ida Green, Pansy Magee, Bertie and Florence Shipley, Ada Conaway, Lillie Lockard, Messrs. Jas. Baer, Ulysses Shipley, Harvey Caple, Wm. Arnold, Claude Buckingham, Jesse Heagy, P. Taylor, Warner Conaway, Walter Coppersmith, Orville Bowersox, Harry Bush, Willie Eckenrode, Joseph and Willie Devilbiss, Walter Lockard, Wilbur and George Arnold, Joseph Barber, Walter Shipley and Tolley Reese.

Personal.

Miss Lilian Erb, of this city, is visiting friends in New York, Philadelphia and Millville.

Miss Betty Shriver, of this city, has gone to Washington, D. C., to spend the winter.

Mrs. Duncan Ensor, of Baltimore, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Annie R. Mitten, of this city.

Mr. George B. Shriner, of this city, visited Frederick on Wednesday.

Rev. W. O. Livingston and Mr. Ellsworth Gardner were in Baltimore, this week, to purchase a large lamp for Deer Park Church.

Mr. George Smith, of Smallwood, has gone to Coatesville, Pa., to work in an Iron Mill at that place.

Miss Amelia Brown, of this city, is visiting friends and relatives in the vicinity of Taylorsville.

Fountain Valley Items.

Miss Dollie Cross, of Hagerstown, who had been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Lawrence R. Babylon, of this place, returned to her home last week.

Miss Fannie Babylon, who had been on a visit to Frederick city, returned home a few days ago.

Mrs. Amos Koontz, who dislocated her hip some time ago, is improving slowly.

Taylorsville Items.

We are sorry to learn that our neighbor, Mr. Frantum, is going to have sale of his property and move to Baltimore. We wish him success.

Mr. Bushey is busy hauling ties.

Mr. C. L. Grosnickle is busy in his woods chopping wood. He wants to cut about 200 cords this winter.

The Misses Chase will start for their school in Michigan, Saturday, where they have been teaching. They have had a very pleasant time during the holidays.

The free delivery postal system is the principal topic of conversation among our citizens. We can't see why we should not be enterprising, (and a good thing always takes time.) Give Uncle Sam a little time and he will get there just the same. We can't all live by the roadside but provision will be made for those who do not, we trust. Now, I want to say to the farmer, by the free delivery you can get your daily paper right at your door or box, if you have one, and that is not all. Those 26 or 30 postal wagons require at least 60 horses to run them. These horses must be raised by the farmer; and that is not all; they must be fed, and where does that feed come from but from the farmer. So that gives the farmer a market for his horses and for his feed. This looks like a small matter, but those horses will cost at least 80 dollars apiece, which is $4,800. They must be bought of the farmer by some one. Their feed will cost at least $40 per year, which will make $2,400 more. When you add cost of horses and feed you have $7,200 to spend with the farmer. Can't some of us be inconvenienced a little while. And now we go to the coachmaker. Their carriers must have wagons or vehicles of some kind suitable for the business, (I don't mean buggies or carts as some now have.) These wagons will cost at least $50 each which will make $1,500 to be spent with the coachmaker. Now we come to the harness-makers. Harness must be had that will cost at least $10 a set, which is $600. Then comes the blacksmith's bill, which will cost at least 50 cents per month for each horse, which is $360 a year. Is this all? No. These men must have extra suits, so the merchant (or retired postmaster) will not be left out entirely. They will get a pull too, and that is not all. The carriers are exposed to all kinds of weather. The doctors may have an extra call now and then, and their horses are also exposed to all kinds of weather, so the veterinarian has a chance for a call or two; so he too may be benefited by free delivery. Thus while some of us may not be benefited by it as our neighbors are, when you look at the matter it is not a small one. We think it will come all right when you look at the amount of money it puts in circulation. I have only given a rough estimate of it, which makes more or over $10,000 distributed through the country.

Carroll County in the Legislature.

On Tuesday last Mr. Walsh, of Carroll county, was granted leave to introduce the following bills in the House of Delegates:

To limit transfers by trustees under certain conditions.

To provide for the payment of half the road tax of the town of Hampstead to the town authorities.

To provide guide posts at county roads in Carroll coudty.

On Wednesday the following leaves were granted to introduce bills in the House of Delegates:

By Mr. Norris, of Carroll county—To authorize the town of Union Bridge to issue improvement bonds to redeem those now outstanding; to Carroll county delegation.

By Mr. Walsh, of Carroll—To amend the laws relative to State's Attorney of Carroll county; to permit the sale of liquors in Carroll county under certain conditions; to punish minors who purchase intoxicating liquors in Carroll county; to amend the charter of Westminster; to amend the road laws of Carroll county; all referred to Carroll county delegation. To make valid deeds and other instruments when acknowledgment is defective; to Judiciary Committee.

In the Senate, on Thursday, Mr. Beasman obtained leave to introduce a bill to make valid all transactions which would be rendered invalid by a failure to file a bond; to made valid all legal instruments which would otherwise be invalid by reason of defective acknowledgement; both to Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Sykesville Items.

The second group of hospital buildings, at Springfield, for ladies, is near completion, and will be filled with inmates in the early summer. The range and cooking apparatus is being put in by Sexton & Co.

Mr. R. S. Barnes is once more on duty at the depot, after a two-weeks' visit to friends in Virginia.

Mr. J. P. Phillinger, superintendent of the hospital farm, fell on the ice and fractured his nose, but is much improved at this writing.

Mr. J. McDonald and family have moved to Baltimore for the winter.

Mrs. Vorheese and daughter have gone to Williamsport to spend the winter.

Mr. J. Henson, a former resident of our village, died Tuesday, the 9th inst., of consumption, at his home in Reisterstown. He leaves a widow and six children.

An Epworth League social will be given at St. Paul's M. E. Church, Thursday, 18th inst., from 8 to 10 o'clock, P. M. A lecture by the Rev. Graflin will be given; subject, "The End of the Rainbow."

Miss Mamie Gist, of Lamotte, is visiting the Misses Phillinger.

Skating for the past two weeks has been fine and the young folks, from 10 to 25 years old, have been indulging in the cold pleasure both night and day. So far all have been fortunate and no accidents are reported.

Dr. Sprecher has sold his residence, "The Knoll," to Mr. E. M. Mellor.

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