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LOCAL ITEMS.

Apricot, plumb and some other fruit trees in this city are blossoming.

Mrs. Margaret Stoner is having her house on Liberty street, this city, repainted.

The corporate authorities of this city are having a sewer constructed at the intersection of East Main and Church streets.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows met in Baltimore on Monday and continued its session until Thursday night last. Mr. Harry E. Turfle represented Salem Lodge No. 60, of this city.

Mr. Wm. Coon, of this city, has sold a lot fronting fifty feet on Green street, to Mr. Grant Franklin, for $150, upon which Mr. Franklin contemplates erecting a dwelling during the coming summer.

Mr. R. Charles Matthews, of this city, has gone to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, for treatment. By a fall sometime ago Mr. Matthews sustained injuries which render a surgical operation necessary.

Mayor Fred. D. Miller has called a citizens' meeting at the City Council Chamber, Firemen's Building, this city, Tuesday evening, May 1st, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating candidates for mayor and city councilmen for the ensuing year.

The burning of a chimney at the residence of Mr. Thomas H. Bankard, Bond street, opposite Belle Grove Park, this city, yesterday morning, caused an alarm of fire, to which the firemen responded with their usual promptness.

In consequence of the malarious and unhealthful condition of the neighborhood in which it is located Rev. W. O. Livingston has declined the appointment given him at the recent meeting of the M. P. Annual Conference, and has returned with his family to this city.

At the meeting of the Medical and Chirurgical Society of Maryland, held in Baltimore this week, Dr. Clotworthy Birnie, of Taneytown, presided. At the election of officers for the ensuing year he was elected a member of the executive committee and also of the board of trustees.

Mr. Ezra J. Poole, of Alabama, is visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. N. Zile, of [illegible]rston. Mr. Poole is a native of this county and a son of the late Albinus Poole, of Warfieldsburg. He went from here to Pullman, Ills., where he resided until the condition of his health made a change of climate necessary, and he went to Alabama a year or two ago.

The Glee Club and Orchestra, two admirable musical organizations at Western Maryland College will, after the SENTINEL reaches many of its readers this week, give a concert in Alumni Hall, for which a splendid program has been arranged, under the management of Mr. Harry Gilligan. Prof. W. Roger Revelle is leader of the glee club and Prof. Leon Sampaix of the orchestra, Miss Mary E. Lewis being the musical director. Citizens of Westminster who desire to enjoy a first class musical entertainment are afforded an excellent opportunity to gratify that desire through this concert. The date is Friday evening, 27th inst.

A grain barrack on the farm of Mr. Nathan H. Franklin, near Taylorsville, was destroyed by fire about midnight of Wednesday night. The structure contained the wheat in the straw from twenty-five acres of land, and a binder and mower, all of which were entirely consumed. The straw from which a thousand bushels of wheat was threshed lay near the barrack and was burned also. The loss is about $700, upon which Mr. Franklin has insurance to the amount of $500 in the Dug Hill Company. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been incendiary.

For sometime past parties from Harford county have been in conference with citizens of Hampstead in relation to the establishment of a canning factory at that place. Certain concessions and privileges were required by the projectors of the enterprise, and it was necessary to have the assurance that the surrounding country would furnish the product to be canned in sufficient quantity to keep the factory in operation during the canning season. The matter has now been satisfactorily arranged and the factory is to be built and put in operation without delay.

The Leavenworth, Kansas, *Evening Star*, of the 12th inst., contains an account of the death of Mr. J. E. Lightner, which occurred at his home in that city, on the date mentioned. Mr. Lightner was a native of Union Bridge. He went to Leavenworth in the early days of its existence and resided there until the close of his life. He was born in 1834 and was in his 66th year. He married Miss Anna Fulks, of York county, Pa. One son, Mr. E. H. Lightner, survives him, and he also leaves an adopted daughter. His remains were buried at Leeton, Mo. Mr. Lightner was an uncle of Mr. Theo. F. Englar and Mrs. Charles Schaeffer, of this city.

The eighteenth anniversary and the commencement of Westminster Theological Seminary will take place May 6th-8th, proximo. The exercises connected with the occasion will be held in the Methodist Protestant Church. President Elderdice will preach the annual sermon on Sunday morning, May 6th, and in the evening Rev. J. H. T. Ewell, of the class of '89, will preach the alumni sermon. The anniversary of the Alumni Association will be held on Monday evening, and the commencement on Tuesday evening. The evening exercises will all begin at 8 o'clock. The graduates and their themes at commencement are: James Lawrence Nichols, Wilmington, Del., "Is the Power of the Pulpit Waning?" Frederick James Phillips, Lawsonia, Md., "The Book of Books;" Edgar Adgate Sexsmith, Antioch, Mo., "Paul, the Model Preacher;" Roby Franklin Day, B. A., B. D., Holder, Ills., "The Relation of the Church to the Kingdom of God."

Mrs. Margaret W. Hoffman and Mr. Samuel Wolfe, executors of the late Samuel Hoffman, of New Windsor, sold a portion of the real estate, and the stocks and bonds belonging to the estate, at public sale, on Wednesday, 25th inst. The store property now occupied by Messrs. Stouffer & Ensor was purchased by the council of the Jr. O. U. A. M., of New Windsor, for $2050. The residence was withdrawn on a bid of $2525. A meadow containing about 6 acres was purchased by Mr. John Roop, at $100 per acre, and another containing about 11 acres, by Mr. Marshall Lambert at $85 per acre. Mr. John W. Hawk bought a lot containing about an acre for $112. Twenty shares of the capital stock of the First National Bank of New Windsor sold for $149.50, par value $100, and thirty shares of the capital stock of the Geiser Manufacturing Company of Waynesboro, Pa., brought $111 and twenty shares $112, par value $100.

Stem-Cook.

A very pretty and quite an interesting wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rezin Cook, Liberty street, this city, on Thursday afternoon. It was an event anticipated with more than usual interest by friends of the contracting parties. The bride was Mrs. Liilian E. Cook, of this city, and the groom Mr. J. Ezra Stem, until recently a member of the firm of D. E. Stem & Son, merchants, of Sams Creek. The bride wore a handsome going-away gown of mode broadcloth, with hat and gloves to match, and carried Bride roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Blanche H. Frist, of Baltimore. The wedding march was rendered by the bride's cousin, Mrs. W. E. Marshall, of Baltimore. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Joel Brown, D. D., of Frederick, until recently pastor of Centenary M. E. Church, this city. Mr. and Mrs. Stem left immediately after the ceremony, by the 4.26 train, for a bridal trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City. Those present at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Beam, Master Allen Beam, Jr., Mrs. Wm. E. Marshall, Miss Blanche Frist, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. David E. Stem, Miss Marguerite Stem, Miss Maggie Eisenhart, of Sams Creek; Miss Grace Frizzell, of Bloom; Mr. Aubrey J. Stem, of Dennings; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Helwig, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Rezin Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook, of Westminster.

Attempted Suicide.

Mr. E. H. Fox, of Waterville, Me., who has been engaged in soliciting life insurance in this county for a year and a half, or longer, first as agent for the New York Life, and subsequently for the The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, attempted to commit suicide in his room at the Hotel Albion, this city, on Sunday last. The attempt, however, was not discovered until the following day about 11 A. M., when Mr. Charles Huff, of Manchester, who called to see him, was shown to his room and found him bathed in his own blood. He had slashed both arms with a razor below the elbows and across the wrists and had cut one or both of his legs at the ankles. Fortunately no arteries were severed, and though he lost much blood the flow was finally arrested by coagulation before fatal depletion. The cut in the left arm below the elbow penetrated to the bone and made a fearful wound. As death did not follow this attempt Mr. Fox says he turned on the gas in his room at 4 o'clock, Monday morning, but subsequently, when he discovered that it did not produce asphyxiation, turned it off again because he did not want to annoy the people about the hotel with the odor. Drs. Jos T. Hering and Thos. J. Coonan, who were summoned when Mr. Fox's condition was discovered, found that his injuries were not fatal. They dressed his wounds and he was removed to the Eastern Hotel, where he is recovering. Financial troubles are supposed to have prompted Mr. Fox's attempt upon his life. He is an affable and pleasant gentleman and has made numbers of friends in this locality. He is about fifty-two years old. He has a wife at Waterville, Me.

For the Sentinel.

A Birthday Party.

A birthday party was tendered Mrs. David Lippy at her home on Pennsylvania avenue, this city, on April 25th, by her sisters, nieces, and nephews, of Baltimore. Those present were: Mrs. Ephraim Yingling, Walbrook; Mrs. Mary Dahoff, Mrs. John Baltzley, Mrs. C. J. Willet, Mrs. C. W. Willet and son Howard, Mrs. Harry Rawn, Mrs. Chas. Gervig, Mrs. Fousman, Miss Edna Rawn, Mr. Frank Baltzley, Mr. Roy Gervig, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. David Lippy, Messrs. John Lippy, Noah Lippy, William Lippy, Misses Alice Lippy, Emma Lippy, Nannie Lippy, Mrs. Laura Woods, Mrs. Florence Morgan, Flossie Handley, Webber Lippy, Alice Baker, Ella Yingling, Messrs. Geo. E. Lippy and Chas. E. Yingling. Mrs. Lippy was the recipient of many useful presents on the occasion.

Roseville Items.

Mr. Hezekiah Morrow and wife attended the funeral of Mr. Morrow's brother Joseph, at Pleasant Hill, Baltimore county, on the 17th inst.

Miss Katie B. Heird paid a visit to her friends in Baltimore and at Owings Mills last week.

Mr. Wm. B. Morrow, of Hagerstown, attended the funeral of his uncle Joseph, at Pleasant Hill.

Master Howard Heird, who is employed as a fireman in a mill at Hampstead, paid a flying visit to his mother on Sunday last.

Mortuary.

Mrs. Fowble, wife of Mr. Samuel Fowble, of Fowblesburg, died at her home in that place on Monday night, aged about sixty-three years. Her husband and several children survive her.

Mrs. Bertha Hebbel, wife of Mr. Julius Hebbel, formerly of this city, died at her home, Franklin Terrace, Old York road, Baltimore, at 7.30, A. M., on Tuesday morning, in her thirty-fifth year. Funeral services were held at her late residence on Thursday.

Mr. Edward Sykes died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sykes, near Houcksville, on Monday, of consumption, aged about fifty years. He was unmarried. His remains were interred in the burial ground of Wesley Chapel, M. E. Church.

Miss Helen Reed, a relative of Mrs. E. J. Rippard, of this city, whom she occasionally visited, died at her home in Middletown, Ohio, on Thursday night. Miss Reed was a sister of Mrs. Ruth Reed Robbins, who is well known here. Her mother was Mrs. Sarah Reed, who died at the residence of Mrs. Rippard about nine years ago

Miss R. Annie Gardner, a native and former resident of this county, died suddenly, at her home in Reisterstown, on Sunday morning last. Deceased was a daughter of the late Nimrod Gardner, of this county, and a sister of Mrs. J. B. Allison, of this city. Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock, this morning, at her late residence; interment in the burial ground of Pleasant Grove M. E. Church, Sandyville.

Mrs. Louisa Geiger, wife of Mr. John geiger, a well known retired farmer, died at her home in New Windsor, on Sunday, at an advanced age, leaving her husband, three daughters and one son surviving her. Mrs. Geiger was a daughter of the late Jacob Shriner, of Taneytown. She was a pious and estimable lady and a member of the Lutheran Church. Her remains were interred in the burial ground of St. Luke's (Winter's) Church

Mr. John S. McGirr died at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. M. A. McGirr, in this city, about 6 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, aged seventy-three years. Mr. McGirr was a brother of the late Frank McGirr, of this city, a well known teacher, who was at one time principal of St. John's Catholic parochial school. Deceased was himself a teacher of considerable repute, having been for several years an instructor at Calvert College, New Windsor.

Mr. John Thomas Snyder, a well know resident of this city, who had been for a number of years employed as clerk at the Hotel Albion, died at the home of his aunt, Miss Eliza Lynch, on George street, quite suddenly, on Wednesday afternoon. He had been ailing for some days, but was able to be out within a day or two of his death. Mr. Snyder was a son of Mr. Levi Snyder, of Kingsdale, Pa., and was the last to survive of that gentleman's children. He was about thirty eight years old. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, this city, at which funeral services were held yesterday morning. He was a member of the Royal Arcanum and of St. John's Catholic Beneficial Association.

Mrs. Eleanor C. Miller, widow of the late John S. Miller, died at her home at Harrisonville, Baltimore county, on Friday, 20th inst., in her eightieth year. Mrs. Miller was a niece of the late George Shade, near this city. She was well known in Freedom district and in Hampstead and vicinity. She leaves two sons, Messrs. John B. and Samuel S. Miller, the former of whom married Miss Julia McSwiney, near this city. Funeral services took place at Mt. Paran Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Miller was, during most of her life, a devout member, on Sunday. Mrs. Miller's husband, to whom she was married in 1847, died in 1891. She was the oldest child of Joseph and Jane Codd Black.

Mr. Henry B. Houck, a prominent Hampstead district farmer, died at his home near Mt. Union, on Sunday, aged about eighty years. Mr. Houck was one of the largest land owners in Hampstead district. He was a leading member of the Shiloh M. E. Church and an excellent and highly esteemed citizen. Politically he was a Republican. He leaves a widow who was his second wife. Four sons and a daughter survive him, the sons being Messrs. Noah, John W., Edward and Daniel Houck, the last named being the son of his second wife. The daughter is Mrs. George B. Little, of this city. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. D. M. Browning, of the Hampstead Circuit, assisted by Rev. D. W. Sollenberger, of the United Brethren Church.

Mr. Elijah Ensor, a retired farmer, died at his home in New Windsor, on Saturday last, aged 82 years. Mr. Ensor was a native of Baltimore county. He followed farming, at one time, in Frederick county, but had been, for a long time before his death, a resident of New Windsor. He was a member of the M. E. Church and his remains were interred in the burial ground of Bethel Church of that denomination, near Sams Creek, on Monday. He leaves a widow, one daughter, Mrs. Earnest I. Stouffer, of New Windsor, and two sons, Rev. John T. Ensor, a minister of the M. E. Church, at this time junior pastor of Madison avenue M. E. Church, Baltimore, and Mr. Howard D. Ensor, of the firm of Stouffer & Ensor, New Windsor. Mr. Ensor was a man of fine character and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Watersville Items.

Farmers are busy with their spring work, the weather being fine at this time.

Mr. Ben Porter has had a fine lot of grafting done this spring of apples, pears and cherries. Mr. Samuel Woodward did the work.

Mr. Washington Harvey died at the home of his nephew, Mr. Granville Hall, on Tuesday night week, of paralysis, and his remains were interred at Poplar Springs on Thursday.

Mrs. Kate Leakins and Mr. John Stiner's son is on the sick list.

Measles have been raging around Watersville for some time but the disease has now nearly abated. Not many families escaped it.

A very enjoyable dance was given on Easter Monday night at the home of Mr. John Zepp. A large crowd was present. All are sure to have a good time at friend Zepp's.

We are glad to welcome our pastor, Rev. C. E. Dudrear, back to Watersville Church.

Death of Mr. and Mrs. William Fenby.

They "were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in death they" are "not divided."

Mr. William Fenby and wife, Mrs. Anna Mary Fenby, two of the most worthy residents of Westminster district, have passed from the sphere of earthly life to the reward of [illegible] and righteous. Mr. Fenb[illegible] o'clock on Friday morning [illegible] and Mrs. Fenby at 5 o'cloc[illegible] morning, 25th inst., both at the res[illegible]ce of their so[illegible] Wm. F. Fenby, nea[illegible] this city.

Mr. F[illegible] eighty-fourth year. He [illegible] Baltimore and was, until m[illegible] connected with business affairs [illegible] that city and in his business relations was called to travel extensively, visiting South America and probably other foreign countries. He was a gentleman of intelligence, culture and refinement, amiable in temperament, but of strong convictions and inflexible in maintaining those convictions in matters where principle was involved. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian and held his membership in that church until sometime after he came to this county in 1865, when he united with the Methodist Protestant Church in this city, of which he became a faithful and earnest supporter. Previous to that connection he was mainly instrumental in the establishment of a successful union Sunday school at Friendship schoolhouse, near his home, two miles from this city on the Washington road. He became the superintendent of the school at the earnest request of the writer of this notice, who, at his solicitation, assisted in its organization. He was singularly modest and doubtful of his ability to properly fill such a position, but soon manifested more than ordinary judgment and capacity in that relation and, under his superintendency, the school was unusually efficient.

Upon coming to this county Mr. Fenby engaged in farming, and in this occupation achieved a large measure of success, by conducting it with intelligence and sound judgment. Politically he was a staunch and decided Republican.

Mrs. Fenby was in her seventy-third year. She was a daughter of Thomas Sprigg and Susanna Trotton Jones, a granddaughter of Hon. Thomas Jones, Judge of the first Court of Appeals of Maryland, and great-granddaughter of Philip Jones, who laid out Baltimore. Her father was one of the defenders of Baltimore in the war of 1812. Three sisters, Misses Sarah E. and Ella R. Jones, of Walnut Grove, Patapsco Neck, Baltimore county, and Mrs. Dr. J. H. Martin, of Baltimore, survive her. She and Mr. Fenby were married at her home, "Powell," Patapsco Neck, by Rev. Samuel V. Blake, February 15, 1852. Mrs. Fenby was, with her husband, a member of the Methodist Protestant Church of this city, and was, with him, a very faithful laborer in the church and Sunday school. When her husband died last week she closed his eyes with her own hands and remarked that her work on earth was done. She was taken ill with pneumonia directly afterwards and survived but a few days. Their surviving children are Dr. Edwin Bouldin Fenby, Baltimore; William Fletcher Fenby, near Westminster; Franklin P. Fenby, near Finksburg; Dr. Walter Henry Fenby, Hurlocks, Md., also eleven grand-children.

Mr. Fenby's funeral took place at the Methodist Protestant Church, this city, at noon on Monday, Rev. Dr. Graham and Rev. Dr. Elderdice officiating, after which his remains were taken to Loudoun Parke Cemetery, Baltimore, and interred at 3.30 o'clock the same day. The pall-bearers were his four sons, his nephew, Thomas T. Jones, of Baltimore, and James M. Shellman, of [illegible]town, a relative of Mrs. Fe[illegible]

Mrs. Fenby's funeral took place at the same church, at noon yesterday, and her remains were laid by the side of her husband yesterday afternoon. The pall-bearers were members of her Sunday school class and were selected by herself.

Report on Rural Free Delivery.

The SENTINEL is indebted to Mr. A. W. Machen, superintendent of the free rural delivery system, for an advance copy of his report to the Postoffice Department covering the history of the introduction of rural free delivery in this county. With this history our readers are personally familiar and it is unnecessary to repeat it here. It may not be generally known, however, that the first quarter in which the new system was in operation exhibited a remarkable increase in the amount of mail handled and in the receipts therefor. Briefly summarized in this particular the report shows that "during the first quarter, ended March 31, the thirty-nine letter-carriers registered 504 letters and packages and sold about $1,500 worth of stamps. One of the most striking results of the experiment is the wonderful increase in the postal revenues of Carroll county. Third quarter, 1899, Carroll county postoffices yield $6,429.21; first quarter, 1900, Carroll county postoffices yielded, $7,930.96, increase 23.5 per cent. The rural free delivery service as operated in Carroll county costs the government practically nothing."

"During the month of March the rural free delivery service of Carroll county handled 222,230 pieces. Increase, March over January, 64,159 pieces; letters increased 14.8 per cent.; newspapers and circulars, 54.4 per cent.; postal and fourth class matter, 30.8 per cent."

Commenting upon these facts Superintendent Machen says: "Considering that for the last five years the average annual increase in the aggregate revenues of the 750 free delivery postoffices (producing 70 per cent. of all postal revenues) is only a fraction over 8 per cent., an increase of 23.5 per cent. for one quarter in a county having no regular free delivery office and but one presidential postoffice, is surprising, to say the least. These figures leave no room for argument. They force the conclusion that rural free delivery, as a system of the postal service, will effect phenomenal increases in the postal revenues of the future."

List of Unclaimed Matter

Remaining in the Postoffice at Westminster, Md., April 21, 1900.

Cambell, Miss Mary
Clothier, J. A.
Engleman, Samuel
Hammond, Mary Bell
Kirkland, Miss Ruby
Myers, Joseph
Myers, Jesse F.
Stewart, W. H.

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

MILTON SCHAEFFER, P. M.

Death of Miss Helen M Brotherton.

The death of Miss Helen M. Brotherton, which occurred at her home on Centre and Willis streets, this city, on Friday of last week, was as sudden as it was sad. But a few days before her widowed mother came here to become, with her daughter—a young, beautiful and talented girl—a resident of Westminster. The mother had but a single acquaintance here, the daughter none. The opportunities which our college offered for the education of the young lady and the healthful atmosphere of our city were the prompting causes of their coming. Until the serious illness happened, that terminated so sadly, every outlook was full of bright and beautiful promise. Both mother and daughter congratulated themselves on their cozy home and its surroundings, and both indulged in happy anticipation for the future. But

> "There fell upon the house a sudden gloom,
> A shadow on those features fair and thin;
> And softly, from that hushed and darkened room,
> Two Angels issued, where but one went in."

Attended by her mother, her aunt, Miss Kate Brotherton, of Waynesboro, and several other relatives and friends from abroad the remains were taken to their former home, Waynesboro, Pa, for burial. The funeral exercises took place on Monday afternoon. A letter to a friend recently received says that she was buried amid a wilderness of flowers. As heretofore stated by the SENTINEL, Miss Brotherton was the only daughter of Col. D. H. Brotherton, of the U. S Army, who lost his life from disease contracted in the Sitting Bull campaign. Miss Helen had attained her seventeenth year only in December last. Her death was caused by pneumonia, which developed after her arrival here from Waynesboro.

Banquet in Honor of Rural Free Delivery.

Postmaster Milton Schaeffer, of this city, has tendered a banquet to Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, First Assistant Postmaster General Perry S. Heath, and other prominent officials of the Postoffice Department and members of Congress, at the Hotel Westminster, on Monday evening next, in honor of the inauguration of the introduction of rural free delivery in this county. The invitations include Messrs. A. W. Machen, Supt. Free Delivery System; H. Conquest Clarke, one of the division superintendents; Clarence Dawson, private secretary of the Postmaster General; Congressman Loud, chairman, and all the other members of the House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads; Congressman Jos. G. Cannon, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations; Congressman David H. Mercer, chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds; the Senators and Representatives of Maryland in Congress; Judge H. M. Clabaugh, of Washington, D. C.; Governor John Walter Smith of Maryland; Comptroller J. W. Hering, of Maryland; Mayor Thomas G. Hayes, of Baltimore; President J. M. Hood, of the Western Maryland Railroad; the editors-in-chief of the Baltimore daily newspapers, the editors of the Carroll county newspapers and others.

The P. M. General and his party, with numbers of the Congressmen mentioned and other prominent guests of Postmaster Schaeffer, will come by a special train which will leave Baltimore at 5 o'clock, Monday afternoon, and arrive here at 5.56. They will remain until Tuesday morning.

The banquet will take place at 7.45, and will be the most important event of that character in the history of this city. Such a numerous company of distinguished public men has never been gathered in Westminster heretofore, at a time. That all who come will receive a hearty and cordial welcome goes without saying, and that they will be impressed with the thrift of the people and the beauty of this city and the surrounding country, there can be no doubt.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, April 23rd.—Abram P. Snader and Ida M. Snader, administrators of Evan T. Snader, returned inventories of personal property, money and debts and received order to sell personal property.

Van Julia Richards, administratrix of Daniel W. Richards, settled first and final account.

Louisa A. Smith, executrix of John E. Smith, received order to sell stock.

Edward H. Krideler, executor of Samuel Shaffer, settled first account.

Joshua W. Hering, executor of David Miller, received order to sell personal property and reported sale of personal property.

Letters of administration upon the estate of Annie Haines, deceased, granted unto John H. Gerke.

Columbus A. Shipley, administrator of John C. Shipley, reported sale of wheat, &c., and settled first account.

Last Will and Testament of John Leister admitted to probate.

Tuesday, April 24th.—Letters of administration on the estate of William H. Stocksdale granted unto William F. Stocksdale.

Sophia E. Shoemaker and Jeremiah D. Shoemaker, administrators W. A. of Susan Lynn, returned inventories of debts and money and settled first account

Eliza Feeser, executrix of John Feeser, settled first and final account.

Last Will and Testament of Lydia Cullison admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted unto Wilmer F. Houck, who received order to notify creditors.

Final ratification of the sale of the real estate of Thomas Richardson.

Final ratification of the sale of the real estate of Violet Richardson.

Piney Creek Items.

A great many farmers through this neighborhood feed cattle; but owing to the low price this spring they will not realize as much as they expected. Messrs. William, David and Samuel Mehring sold their cattle last week to Mr. Griffith, of Montgomery county. There were 65 in the lot and they weighed 71,190. They commenced feeding in December and put on each steer, upon an average, 275 lbs.

Mr. Eckenrode is doing a lot of valuable work on the road between Taneytown and the Pennsylvania line on the York road.

Large quantities of lime are being shipped over the P. R. R. from Woodsboro.

Grain and grass are making a very fine start and the prospects for a good harvest are encouraging. Fruit trees will soon be in bloom and there will be plenty of blossoms.

For the Sentinel.

A Birthday Surprise Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wantz gave a surprise party to their daughter, Miss Grace, at their hospitable home near Frizellburg, on Tuesday evening, 24th inst. Miss Wantz had been visiting friends in Westminster and when she returned home on the evening in question she found the lawn filled with guests, and her surprise was perfect. Games, plays and music were indulged in and about 11 o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room where they found the table loaded with cakes, ice cream, fruits, confectionery and lemonade, which were heartily enjoyed by all. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wantz, Mr. Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Stoner, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Stoner, Misses Myrtle Hauver, Clara Zahn, Mazie Handley, Emma Babylon, Bessie Snyder, Lena Smith, Grace Wantz, Elsie Waltman, Maggie Null, Bertha Kester, Hazel Stoner, Fay Stoner, Nettie Wantz, Messrs. Levi Zahn, Chas. Wantz, Roy Zahn, Elmer Royer, Milton A. Sullivan, Michael F. Doyle, Harry Babylon, Jesse Sheets, David Myers, Robert Kelbaugh, Jonas Fitze, John Starner, Preston Snyder, Jos. Stoner, Luther Zahn, Rex Stoner, Snyder Wantz, Walter Wantz, Reginald Stoner, and Elmer Wantz. After having spent a most enjoyable evening all left for their homes, wishing Miss Grace many years of enjoyment. She was the recipient of many beautiful presents, a manifestation of the esteem in which she is held by her many friends.

Manchester Items.

A large congregation was out at morning service in the Lutheran Church, on Sunday, where the Rev. C. M. Eyster, assisted by Prof. Richards, of Gettysburg, who preached the sermon, administered the Holy Communion to nearly 300 persons of whom 27 were confirmed on Saturday previous.

Quite a fine audience was excellently entertained in the I. O. O. F. Hall on Saturday evening, by the ladies of the Mite Society, who most creditably rendered the drama of "Rebecca's Triumph," which was well received and did much credit to our home talent. The Imperial Orchestra, led by Prof. John Stick, furnished the instrumental music with much credit to the organization.

It is said that a York, Pa., company has purchased the Hoffman property, in the borders of Baltimore county. It contains some hundreds of acres of land, excellent water power, two paper mills with a number of houses. It is the purpose of the company to put the mills in proper running order at once and to operate them to their full capacity, also to start a powder mill, and build large ice houses in which to store the ice from the large dams. During last winter it is said ice formed on one dam 18 inches thick. Should this enterprise be developed to the proportions spoken of it will be quite a boom for the section and put a great deal of money in circulation.

Miss Emma V. Shower has sold two farming lots opposite the Catholic Church, 6 acres, to Mr. John Warner for $35 an acre.

Mr. Walter D. Hanson is preparing to build an addition to his cigar factory in order to increase his facilities to meet his growing trade.

Mr. Charles Masenhimer has taken on a lot of hands and added the manufacture of cheroots to his cigar factory.

The cake walk in the Hall on Thursday evening, by Westminster parties, was pretty well patronized.

Mr. Harman Keck, 1 mile from here on the Westminster road, is quite ill with pneumonia.

Albert, the oldest son of Mr. Frank Brillhart, is quite ill at his father's home on South Main street, with a relapse of pneumonia. Dropsy has now set in.

Miss Celia Shower is now convalescing but still is kept in her room.

Mr. William Shaffer, wife and children, of Hampden, Baltimore, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shaffer, of Baltimore, spent several days with their daughter, Mrs. Samuel Miller, and family.

Sykesville Items.

Now that the weather is more favorable the people of our town are manifesting much interest in gardening and trucking.

A great number of fruit trees from R. G. Chase, P. Henderson and other firms have been delivered by the several agents.

Mr. Frank Barnes and Miss Mamye Hatfield were married at the home of the bride's parents at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, by Father Leonard. Among those who witnessed the ceremony were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Hatfield, Misses Bertha Hatfield, Blanche Barnes, Mrs. Kate Barnes, Mrs. Frank Strawbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phelps, Mrs. Laura Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. John Forsythe, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown, Mr. Chas. Barnes, Mr. D. Dond, Mr. Frank Brown, Mr. Harry Hatfield and many others. The parlor was tastefully decorated for the occasion, with potted plants. Miss May Barnes, of Eldersburg, rendered the wedding march. After the wedding, refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes will reside in Sykesville.

Senator and Mrs. Johnzie Beasman have returned to their country home, after spending the winter in Baltimore and Annapolis. Mr. Beasman is enjoying extra good health.

Mrs. Richard Bennett is very ill with typhoid fever. Mrs. John Bennett, Sr., is also very ill.

Miss Gertrude Farvour, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs C. R. Farvour, has returned to her home after spending the winter in Philadelphia.

Miss Ridgely, of the primary department of the public school of this place, has gotten up a class of about thirty scholars for a summer term. She is a competent teacher and had little trouble to get up the class.

The Knell school, conducted by Mrs. Dr. Sprecher, and the Kindergarten, trained by Miss Blanche Crapster, will hold their commencement on June 7th.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reckord, of Belair, visited Mrs. Reckord's father, Mr. George R. Gehr, of this city, this week.

Miss Nellie Wantz, of this city, is visiting Miss Nellie Monroe, daughter of Mr. A. Warfield Monroe, of Catonsville.

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The State Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics met at Cambridge on Tuesday and continued its session until Thursday afternoon of last week. Oakland, Garrett county, was selected as the place of meeting next year.

Winfield Items.

Mr. Wm. P. Ward closed a successful school year on Friday last at the public school. He will teach next year in another county where he already has a school. We wish him all the success he deserves.

Miss E. Pearl Mercier, Miss S. Mae Koontz and Mr. Geo. W. Grimes, Jr., have resumed their studies at the academy.

Many of our farmers are rushing their work preparatory to planting corn. Quite a number have already planted potatoes.

We have just learned that Mr. Samuel Keefer and daughter, Miss Eva, both well known to our readers, are quite sick at their home near Unionville, Frederick county.

On Sunday last Rev. C. E. Dudrear gave a clean, cogent and concise statement of the relations of pastor and people at Ebenezer M. E. Church. His sermon was of the heart as well as the head. When our people become accustomed to the new relations we think they will see the wisdom of the change.

The Sunday School was organized at Ebenezer on Sunday with Mr. Clayton Baile as superintendent and Rev. H. L. Shipley as president of the Missionary Society.

It is not always the largest person who wins. The smaller of two in a wrestling match was victorious in an open contest near town on Monday last.

Mr. James Easton has already secured the services of Hon. John V. L. Findlay and Rev. A. F. Campbell, both of Baltimore city, to give addresses on Memorial Day. In this, Law and Theology will clash swords in a friendly contest, and our people will be well entertained.

Mr. A. W. Hoffman joined the crowd on Monday who attended the circus in Baltimore.

Mr. H. M. Zile made a business visit to Baltimore on Monday.

Rev. C. Turner Jones preached at Taylorsville on Sunday afternoon last to a large audience The effort of Mr. Jones was well received by the entire audience.

The road supervisors are having the road machines repaired, preparatory to the spring work. Mr. Franklin is doing the iron work and Mr. J. P. Waltz the painting.

Messrs. J. P. Waltz & Son are very busy at this time The shops are filled with buggies undergoing repairs, while there are many outside to take their places when completed.

Washington Camp No. 15, P. O. S. of A., has just completed a new set of laws, which, as there are vital changes, it would do well for all members to know. The best place to learn such things is in the Camp.

Mr. A. M. Zile is engaged on internal and external improvements at his father's residence. He has put in a system of electric bells at the house and creamery and is beautifying the front fence with a coat of paint.

The class in botany at the Academy is making a systematic analysis of the local *flora*.

At the close of this Academic year Winfield Academy will have completed the fourth prosperous year—the last being the best—under the present principal. There will be a good opening here, another year, for a bright young man.

The committee of arrangements of the G. A. R. for Memorial Day has secured, in addition to names already given, Mr. W. H. Thomas, of the Westminster bar, and Dr. J. W. C. Cuddy, of Baltimore, who will each give an address. A choir will be organized and all other arrangements made to make the day a success. With no reflection on the past we think the list of speakers this year of a high order.

Uniontown Items.

The funeral service of the late Ephraim Garner, of Linwood, was held in the Church of God on Saturday morning, conducted by Elder S. B. Craft, his pastor. A number of ministers was present and spoke of their long acquaintance, and the christian integrity of their deceased brother. Interment in the Hill Cemetery. Mrs. E. G. Gilbert, of town, is a daughter.

Mrs. Harriet Seilhamer, of Lancaster City, Pa., visited Mrs. J. Wesley Rodkey on Saturday.

Mrs. Harry H. Brough, Mrs. J. Wesley Rodkey and Mr. Edgar Myers spent Monday in Baltimore.

Miss Lucy Fleagle, of York Road, spent the past week with her sister and family, Mrs. Ed. Hartsock.

Dr. T. Clyde Routson, of Buckeystown, spent from Monday until Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Routson.

Elder Tyler, of the Church of God, has been visiting friends in this vicinity the past week.

The remains of an infant child of Mr. and Mrs. George Stultz were interred in the cemetery on the Hill on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Englar entertained Professor Wine, of the Union Bridge High School, on Sunday.

Miss Annie McClain, of Thermont, has been visiting Mrs. Fannie Slonaker the past week.

Preaching at Pipe Creek M. P. Church on Sunday at 10.30 A. M. and at Uniontown M. P. Church 7.30 P. M. Sunday school at 9.15 A. M. Y. P. S. C. E Thursday 8 P. M. Junior C. E. Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Eva Fleagle Eckard is quite sick at her home with her sister, Mrs. Hartsook.

Union Mills Items.

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J. Stewart, John Burgoon, T. Herbert Shriver, Adam N. Humbert, John F. Maus, John T. Dutterer, Jonas F. Yingling, W. L. D. Frock, Jerome Koontz, Ira G. Lawyer, Geo. W. Yeiser. The board of directors organized by electing the following officers: President, T. Herbert Shriver; Vice-president, George W. Yeiser; Sec. and Treas., Calvin E. Bankert; counsel, F. Neal Parke.

Miss Miraud Nusbaum has opened a summer school at the Academy, which is well patronized.

Mr. Robert Cretin's new house will soon be under roof.

Rev. and Mrs. H. M. J. Klein, of York, Pa., were guests at Mr. H. Wirt Shriver's, last week.

Dr. J. J. Stewart's twin brother, of York county, Pa., was to see the doctor over last Sunday.

Mr. Conrad Rusher says there is a wild cat in the woods along the the Hanover road, near Rattlesnake Hill, and he wants somebody to catch him.

Patapsco Items.

The favorable weather has caused appreciable growth in grain and grass, and fruit trees are coming into blossom.

A large acreage of potatoes has been planted in this vicinity and will be followed by the planting of a large acreage of corn.

Messrs. Jno. C. Harman, John T. Westaway and Elijah Flater are on the sick list with grip and other diseases.

Mr. Ernest Rausch, of Baltimore, has been spending several days with friends in this vicinity.

Mr Harry C. Westaway, of this place, principal of the public school at Gamber, was given a surprise on Friday, 20th inst., when Miss Goldie Barnes, on behalf of the school, presented him with a fine comb, brush and mirror, in a handsome case, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the pupils. The gift was accepted in a few well chosen and appropriate remarks.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

St. Paul's Ref. Church.—Sunday School at 9.15 a. m. Divine services at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m.

CALVIN S. SLAGLE, Pastor.

Methodist Protestant Church.—Sabbath School Sunday at 9.15 a. m. Midweek service on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Junior C. E. service at 2.30 p. m. Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m.

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

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.

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., by Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., and 7.45 p. m., by Rev. C. L. Forlines.

P. H. MILLER, 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 at 7.30 p. m

J. A. PRICE, Pastor.

Salem Charge, Lutheran Church.—Benjamin's Church.—Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m., by Rev. R. F. Day. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7.30 p. m. Communion May 13th.

St. John's Church.—Sunday School at 9 a. m. Communion May 6th.

S. A. DIEHL, Pastor.

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

Jerusalem Church.—Divine service and Holy Communion at 10 a. m. Preparatory service this Saturday at 2.30 p. m.

H. J. MACALISTER, Pastor.

Uniontown Charge (Lutheran).—Communion services will be held in the charge as follows: Baust, April 29th. Winter's, May 6th. Preparatory service on the respective Saturdays preceding.

G. W. Baughman, Pastor.

A series of meetings to continue a week or longer, will begin in the German Baptist Church, New Windsor, this Saturday evening, under the direction of Elder D. H. Zeigler, of Virginia. Meetings will be held every evening until the close of the series.

MARRIED.

In Union Bridge, April 19th, 1900, by Elder E. W. Stoner, Mr. Walter G. Johnson, of Frederick county, and Miss Clara B. Barnhart, of this county.

In Westminster, April 15th, 1900, by Rev. W. R. Graham, D. D., Mr. John H. Carbaugh and Miss Mary D. Stone, both of Hampstead.

In this city, April 26th, at the residence of Mr. Rezin F. Cook, by Rev. Joel Brown, Mr. J. Ezra Stem, of Sams Creek, and Mrs. Lillie E. Cook, of this city.

DIED.

Near this city, April 20th, 1900, William Fenby, in his 84th year.

Near this city, April 25th, 1900, Anna Mary, widow of William Fenby, in the 73rd year of her age.

In Westminster, April 25th, 1900, John S. McGirr, aged 73 years.

Suddenly, in Reisterstown, April 22nd, 1900, Miss R. Annie Gardner, at an advanced age.

Near New Windsor, April 22nd, 1900, Louisa, wife of John Geiger, aged 70 years, 7 months and 10 days.

Near Houcksville, April 22nd, 1900, Henry B. Houck, aged 80 years, 2 months and 26 days.

At Mr. N. Zile's, near New Windsor, April 24th, 1900, Ezra Erras, infant son of Ezra J. Poole, of Chicago, Ills., aged 11 months, 24 days. Interment in Westminster Cemetery.

At Roop's Mills, near Westminster, Md., April 8th, 1900, Mary Irene, infant daughter of William E. and Annie C. B. Roop, aged 2 months and 27 days. Interment in the Meadow Branch Cemetery.

May angel eyes their vigil keep,
O'er our darling in death asleep;
At wake of dawn, in heav'n may we,
Thy angelic face fore'er see.

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