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LOCAL ITEMS.

Some skating was afforded on the ice-ponds and mill-dams by the freezing weather of the first three days this week.

Mr. George R. Grumbine has purchased part of the property of Mrs. Louise Martin, West Main street this city.

Mr. Daniel C. Fiscel, of Uniontown district, who has some fine apples for sale, left some nice specimens of the fruit at this office, this week.

Mr. Wm. F. Jordan, of Gist, has become a salesman in the "New York Bargain House" of Messrs. T. W. Mather & Sons, this city.

The public schools will close on Friday, 21st inst., for the Christmas holidays, and reopen for regular study on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Western Maryland College proposes to withdraw from the Intercollegiate Association of Maryland and form dual athletic relations with St. John's College at Annapolis.

The shortest day of the year 1900 will fall on Saturday next, 22nd inst., when in this latitude the sun will rise at 7.26 A. M., and set at 4.34 P. M., at which hour the winter solstice will occur.

On Thursday afternoon Messrs. Derr & Lamberd, of this city, with colored kites, floated a large banner over the town, bearing the device "Santa Claus at Hom; Derr & Lamberd." The affair attracted much attention.

The series of meetings held in the German Baptist Church, this city, last week, by Elder Joseph Long, of York, Pa., closed on Sunday evening. The attendance, nightly, was large and the meetings were very interesting.

Mr. Wm. T. Wilson has disposed of his stock of groceries and the fixtures in his store on West Main street, this city, to Messrs. C. T. Waddell & Bro., who will continue the business at the same location. Mr. Wilson retires to engage in other business.

Mr. John T. Cassell, executor of the late John K. Diehl, has sold the former residence of the deceased, on Liberty street, this city, to Mr. Nicholas Benson, of Gamber, for $1706. Mr. Benson moved into the property on Thursday last.

Mr. Arthur F. Smith, of this city, has connected himself with the Equitable Law and Collection Company, 912 and 914 Equitable Building, Baltimore. Mr. Smith is the secretary of the company, of which Mr. Douglas C. Turnbull is manager.

Mr. D. R. Hobart, a government official, was here last week making an examination of all the county records in the vaults of the court-house to see if they bear the proper revenue stamps. Mr. Hobart is a brother of the late Vice-President Hobart.

The SENTINEL has received from J. Milton Reifsnider, Esq., a large and very handsome calendar for the year 1901, issued by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, of Baltimore, of which he is the general agent in this city.

On Thanksgiving day Mr. Alvin L. Duvall, near Warfieldsburg, raised the frame of a new barn, 36x66 on the site of the one recently destroyed by fire. Over a hundred of Mr. Duvall's friends and neighbors assisted at the raising and were entertained at a splendid Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. Edgar H. Schaeffer, near Stonersville, slaughtered five hogs, this week, which weighed 2185 lbs., an average of 435. The heaviest weighed 485 and the lightest 418. It is probable that these five hogs exceeded in weight an equal number in any pen in this county during the present season.

The stores of this city are exhibiting holiday goods in almost endless variety. Westminster's stores are not surpassed in extent and character, in any city outside of Baltimore in this State. They would even do credit to the State's great metropolis, and our merchants have occasion to be very proud of their establishments.

Mr. Elisha Brown died at his home near Arcadia, Baltimore county, on Friday night of last week in his eighty-first year. He was a large landowner and a staunch Republican. His wife, who died in 1886, was Miss Nancy Algire, daughter of the late Henry Algire, of this county. He leaves two children—Mr. Wm. Brown and Mrs. Wm. E. Benson, of Arcadia—and five grandchildren.

On Friday night of last week, during the regular meeting of Charity Lodge No. 53, Knights of Pythias, of this city, Mr. John Bernstein was presented by his brethern of the lodge with a handsome eight-day clock, in token of their high esteem and of their interest in his marriage, which took place the preceding Tuesday evening. The presentation speech was made by Guy W. Steele, Esq., and Mr. Bernstein responded.

The Carroll County Military Company has been notified by Brig.-Gen. Riggs that he will send members of his staff to Frizellburg, on Monday evening next, to muster the company into the First Regiment, Maryland National Guard. The event will take place at half-past 7 o'clock, at the company's armory. Members of the militia in this State are required to able-bodied men, between the ages of 18 and 45. The officers of the Carroll County Company request all who signed its application, and all others desiring to enlist, to be at the armory on the occasion of the mustering.

St. John's Catholic Beneficial Society has elected the following officers for the year 1901: President, Michael A. Doyle; vice-president, Paul Case; secretary, J. Wm. Lynch; treasurer, Michael E. Walsh; orator, Chas. E. Fink; messenger, Theodore Massicott.

Ivan L. Hoff, Esq., has sold to Mr. George Theiret, the Melrose House Hotel property for the sum of $2,000. Mr. Theiret having also purchased the Wantz Hotel property will, it is said, close the same and hereafter only one hotel will be conducted in the village of Melrose.

A rick of straw, containing eighteen or twenty tons, on the farm of Mr. Wm. B. Thomas, near Eldersburg, was destroyed by fire on the 6th inst., entailing a loss of $75 to $100. It was insured in the agency of Mr. Chas. E. Goodwin, of this city. The origin of the fire is not known.

As Bernard Carter Frizell, son of Mr. J. Casper Frizell, of Frizellburg, was climbing a fence on Saturday last, with a loaded gun in his hand, the weapon was accidentally discharged and blew off the second finger of his left hand. The wound was very painful. Dr. J. Rinehart gave it the proper attention and it is healing satisfactorily.

On last Tuesday night Carroll Chapter No. 31, Royal Arch Masons, of this city, exalted three members of the Fraternity to the Royal Arch degree. Eminent Commander Graham Dukehart, of Baltimore, was present and assisted in the work. After the close of the chapter a banquet was given at the Hotel Westminster and a very enjoyable time experienced by the participants.

On the evenings of the 4th and 5th inst., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schaeffer entertained at an oyster supper, at their residence, between this city and Uniontown, a large number of friends who contributed to their assistance when their dwelling and household effects were destroyed by fire. Including both evenings about seventy persons were present and were feasted right royally by the grateful host and hostess.

At their meeting on Monday the County Commissioners granted a special pension of $10 to Henry Kelley, and one of $5 to Wm. Hopkins, both of district No. 7. An order was passed that hereafter no annual or special pension will be granted except upon petition of citizens of the neighborhood of the applicant's residence. On petition of two responsible physicians the board directed that Emily J. Haines, an insane pauper, be recommitted to Spring Grove Asylum until discharged according to law.

Mrs. Anne Belle Engel, wife of Mr. Joshua Engel, died at her home in Baltimore on Saturday, 8th inst., in her forty-ninth year, and her remains were brought to this city and interred in Westminster Cemetery, on Monday, Rev. J. A. Price, D. D., assisted by Rev. Wm. A. Crouse, officiating. The pall-bearers were: Col. S. K. Herr, Messrs. Charles Mackley, Joshua Gist, J. Wesley Zile, Chas. F. Manahan, Theodore C. Stoner. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse N. Williams of this city.

Salem Lodge No. 60, I. O. O. F., of this city, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: N. G., W. R. Lease; V. G., Edwin F. Huff; R. Sec., George A. Miller; F. Sec., W. S. Brown; Treas., John Bernstein; War., George A. Zahn, marshal, E. D. Bowersox; chaplain, Rev. Wm. A. Crouse; Rep. to G. L., Rev. W. A. Crouse; R. S. to N. G., Jno. J. Reese; L. S. to N. G., H. B. Grammer; R. S. to V. G., E. D. Bowersox; L. S. to V. G., L. P. Manning; I. G., Gershom Huff; O. G., Paul Yingling; trustees, George A. Zahn, L. P. Manning, W. L. Brown, Gershom Huff, Jno. J. Reese.

Postmaster Schaeffer, of this city, informs us that on and after December 16th, 1900, the postoffice will be open on Sundays from 9.00 A. M., to 10.00 A. M., instead of from 8.30 A. M., to 9.30 A. M. On Christmas day the postoffice will be open from 5 A. M., to 7 A. M. and from 5 P. M., to 7 P. M. The early collection for the Fast Mail will be made as usual. There will be but one delivery, 7.30 A. M. At 4.30 P. M., a collection will be made, on Main street only, from Washington Ave. to Grumbine's store. The same schedule will be observed on New Year's day.

Charles C. Boyle, aged about 20 years, eldest son of Dr. Charles B. Boyle, of Hagerstown, and a nephew of Mr. Joseph B. Boyle, of this city, was killed Saturday by falling from a pole owned by the Maryland Telephone Company, on West Washington street in Hagerstown. The accident occurred near the residence of his father, and his unconscious form was taken at once to his home, where he died within an hour. In someway he touched two live electric wires, by which he hung suspended for a moment and then plunged down to the vitrified brick pavement.

On the night of November 17th, Mr. J. W. Keller was attacked on the street, in New Windsor, by several colored men. He was first caught by the arm by Howard Myers, who accosted him, but used no violence. Immediately, however, Daniel Thompson knocked him—Keller—down, and as he attempted to rise he was knocked down again by Edward Key. It is supposed that the purpose of the assault was robbery, as Keller, it was known, had some money about him. Footsteps of some one approaching, however, frightened off the assailants. Myers was arrested and brought before Justice Wm. Moore, last week, and was released upon the payment of a fine of $5 and costs. Key was arrested this week and gave bail in the sum of $200, before Justice Moore, for his appearance at court.

John Sharretts, a farm laborer residing in the northern part of this county, a few miles south of Hanover, Pa., was caught stealing in the latter place on Saturday night last and was placed under arrest by Detective Wheeler, whose suspicions were aroused by the movements of the accused. Sharrets went into the department store of the J. W. Gitt Company, which was crowded with people. He first donned a heavy ulster overcoat, beneath which he slipped a suit of clothes and several pairs of trousers. These he conveyed to his buggy, and returning to the store, still wearing the ulster, he filched from several of the departments a pair of shoes, a pair of gum boots, and a number of hats and neckties. All these were conveyed to his buggy box, and he then went to a jewelry store, on an opposite corner, where he appropriated a watch. Sharretts attempted suicide in his cell at the police station, after his arrest. He somehow managed to blow out the gas burning in the corridor near his cell, and was well-nigh asphyxiated when the fact was discovered.

In to-day's paper will be found the election notices of the banks and other corporations of this city.

The SENTINEL is obliged to defer the publication of some of this week's news correspondence until the next issue.

President E. O. Grimes, of the Westminster Savings Bank, entertained the other officers of that institution and a few other friends, at dinner, at the Hotel Albion, on Friday of last week.

Westminster Council Catholic Benevolent Legion has elected the following officers for the year 1901: President, John S. Sinnott; vice-president, Wm. Walsh; secretary, G. Pius Little; treasurer, Jos. B. Boyle; collector, Michael E. Walsh; orator, Martin J. Leahy; chancellor, N. H. Baumgartner; marshal, Wm. T. Sinnott; guard, George P. Walsh; representative to State Council, Michael E. Walsh; alternate, G. Pius Little; trustees, Michael F. Hann, Adam Rickell, M. John Lynch.

On Wednesday night Westminster Ruling No. 130, F. M. C., elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. R., Reuben H. Reininger; W. V. R., John J. Reese; W. R., A. H. Wentz; W. C., J. Hoffman Fuss; W. Chap., Orlando Reese; W. T., Chas. W. Moore; W. M., Jno. H. Mitten; W. W., Geo. A. Miller; W. G., Harry C. Keefer; W. S., Jno. E. Deeds; P. W. R., Harvey Stone; trustees, Jno. T. Brown, Jno. T. Anders, Jno. J. Reese. The ruling will have its annual banquet in January.

Mr. Jesse H. Diffenbaugh, a native of this county and a son of the late Henry Diffenbaugh, of Fountain Valley, died on Monday, 10th inst., at his home at Santiago, Cal., in his seventy-second year. Mr. Diffenbaugh's wife died some years ago, and he leaves an only son. Deceased was a brother of the late John T. Diffenbaugh and the late Adam Diffenbaugh, of this county. He formerly resided at Dwight, Ills., and his remains have been taken to that place for interment. Mrs. David W. Burns, of this city, who is his sister, has gone to Dwight to attend his funeral.

Mrs. Allen R. Lakin, formerly Miss Minnie May Grumbine, of this city, had her supposed husband arrested, in Baltimore, a few days ago, for non-support. The proceeding led to the discovery that Lakin had deceived her by a bogus marriage, two years and more ago, and that she was not his wife. The police of Baltimore went to her rescue and Lakin consented to a real marriage rather than risk a prosecution. The ceremony was performed at the Central Police Station on Thursday afternoon. Lakin was formerly in the employ of the Electric Light and Power Company of this city. The real marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. James P. Wilson, of the Exeter Street M. E. Church.

Mrs. Mary A. Moore, wife of Justice William Moore, died at her home, East Main street, this city, about five o'clock, Thursday morning, aged about sixty-four years. She had been in ill health for some time from an affection of the heart. Mrs. Moore was a daughter of the late Robert Stratton, of Baltimore. Her husband is also a native of Baltimore, but they have been residents of this city for nearly forty years. She leaves her husband and the following children: Misses Ida T. and Lottie F. Moore and Mr. Charles W. Moore, of this city; Messrs. Thos. H. and Wm. E. Moore, of Baltimore. Funeral services will be held at Ascension Episcopal Church, this city, of which Mrs. Moore was a member, at two o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. D. Edgar McQuay, of Gist, has a small strike on his hands. Mr. McQuay, who is the proprietor of a portable engine, sawmill &c., recently made a contract with State Senator Johnzie E. Bazeman to cut and saw the timber on about fifty acres of the senator's land on what is known as Copper Hill, Freedom district. The contract covered felling the trees and converting them into ties and other railroad timber, and the work was to have been begun at once. Mr. McQuay employs about five hands who, when they learned that they were to cut down the timber, refused to work and went on a strike. Mr. McQuay is, however, an energetic and resourceful man and will probably be able to overcome the difficulty, although labor is very scarce.

Mr. Pius J. Little, who for twelve or fifteen years up to six months ago, had been janitor at the Carroll county Courthouse, died at his home on Court street, soon after twelve o'clock, Saturday morning last, in his eighty-tieth year. Mr. Little was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in a Pennsylvania Regiment. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church and politically belonged to the Democratic party. He was a courteous and efficient janitor and was respected and esteemed by all with whom he came in contact. Funeral services were held at St. John's Church on Monday morning. Mr. Little left a widow and nine children, the latter being Messrs. George Pius and Peter Florence Little and Mrs. Thos. Tate, of this city and vicinity; Harry E. Little, of Frederick; Albert C. Little, of Chambersburg, Pa.; John J. Little, of Marcellus, Mich.; Joseph R. Little, of Connellsville, Ohio; Mrs. Ed. Eckenrode, near New Windsor, and Mrs. Joseph Caesar, Summit, N. J.

The Legislature of Maryland, by Act of 1898, chapter 273, provided for establishing and maintaining a manual training school or manual training department in every county of the State that may elect to take advantage of the provision. The law in question gives to any county adopting the proposition $1500 per annum for the purpose of carrying it into effect. This money is not to be taken from the school funds, but is to be appropriated out of the general funds in the State Treasury. Several of the counties have adopted the plan and others are taking steps to do so. Prof. Simpson, the examiner of this county, is considering the advisability and practicability of its introduction here and will probably bring the subject to the attention of the School Board. Without undertaking to pass an opinion upon the wisdom of the law for the creation of the system referred to, it is proper to remark that, as Carroll county contributes her share to the funds of the State Treasury, she should enjoy whatever benefit is to be derived from this source. The money cannot be diverted from the use for which it is appropriated, but a manual training department could be readily introduced in Westminster High School, the expense of which would be fully covered by the sum named. Why not test the matter and make an experiment of its feasibility?

Robert H. Wilson is John J. Tremper.

Held For Bigamy and Perjury by Justice Moore.

Robert Harrison Wilson, or John J. Tremper, the latter being his correct name, had a hearing before Justice William Moore, of this city, on Tuesday afternoon upon the charge of bigamy, in having married Mrs. Susie C. Myers, of the vicinity of Pleasant Valley, on the 11th day of July, 1900, when he had a lawful wife living in Newburgh, N. Y. The presence and testimony of Mrs. Tremper, who claims to have been his wife for a period of 35 years, and to have borne him 13 children, 6 of whom are living, gave the hearing something of a sensational turn, and the Justice's office was packed to suffocation with spectators, eager and anxious to note every incident that occurred and to hear all the testimony.

Before the accused was brought from the jail to the place of hearing Mrs. Tremper sat quietly waiting by the side of State's Attorney Weant, but with an air of expectation and a look of distress or anxiety upon her face. She is a prepossessing woman for her age, being, as she testified, about 54 years old. She is above medium height and was neatly dressed in a black silk waist with skirt of a modest brownish color with dark blue stripes, and wore a tastefully trimmed bonnet.

While awaiting the appearance of the accused it transpired that he was, in addition to the crime of bigamy, to be charged with perjury, in having made oath before County Clerk Billingslea, when he obtained the license to marry Mrs. Myers, that he was a widower. Mrs. Tremper made an affidavit before Justice Moore detailing her marriage to him and their subsisting relations as husband and wife from that time till the present, thus giving the basis upon which the charge of perjury was laid. Upon this charge the defense waived a hearing for the present, and he was held in default of $2,000 bail for further action.

Before taking any testimony upon the charge of bigamy State's Attorney Weant moved an amendment to the warrant upon which the accused was arrested, and in which it was alleged that he married Elizabeth A. Wilson on July 11th, 1865. The actual date of the marriage was December 6th, 1865, and the motion was to strike out the date first named and insert the latter date. To this J. M. Reifsnider, the attorney for the accused, objected, and declared that it was not in accordance with law to make such an amendment; that the proper proceeding was to issue a new warrant and rearrest the accused upon a definite charge. In replying to this State's Attorney Weant stated that he had frequently known Mr. Reifsnider, when State's Attorney, to ask for such amendments. Mr. Reifsnider interrupted him to say this was not so. The State's Attorney repeated the statement and reiterated it several times, Mr. Reifsnider as repeatedly interrupting, and finally stigmatizing the statement as untrue in very emphatic language. "I will hold you personally responsible in the matter," he said, addressing Mr. Weant, "and it can be settled outside." For a moment it looked as if a collision might occur between the excited attorneys, and the bout caused quite a commotion, but quiet was speedily restored by the appeals of the Justice to the excited attorneys. When the excitement subsided Justice Moore decided that the warrant could be amended as moved by the State, and when that was done the hearing on the charge of bigamy proceeded and was speedily concluded. But two witnesses were sworn—Bailiff William N. Beaver, of this city, and Mrs. John J. Tremper, of Newburgh, N. Y.

Bailiff Beaver merely reiterated the details of the arrest of the accused in Baltimore, with the additional information that he knew him both as Robert H. Wilson and John J. Tremper. He had known him as Wilson for about five weeks and as Tremper for three weeks. He had seen in the hands of the accused several letters or envelopes addressed to John J. Tremper—saw them by looking over the man's shoulder.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Tremper then testified. She had exhibited considerable emotion when Wilson (or Tremper) was brought into the Justice's office. She sat within five or six feet of the man, and directly facing him, with the justice's table between them. She stood up calmly to be sworn and was then directed to sit down. She was then asked if she knew John J. Tremper, and if he were present. She replied, looking unflinchingly at the accused: "Yes, that is he." Then, in agitated tones: "He is my husband. Before the God of Heaven, he is my husband. He has done this thing and almost broken his daughter Nellie's heart." With a strong effort she controlled herself and stated that she was 54 years old on the 4th of last July; that her maiden name was Elizabeth A. Wilson, and that she was married to John J. Tremper, the accused, in Newburgh, N. Y., December 6th, 1865; that she has been the mother of 13 children, of whom he is the father, six of them being now alive, and all residing with her except two, one of whom is married, and lives in Goshen, and another is in jail for robbery. Tremper, she said, is an engineer by trade. He left Newburgh July 10th, 1900, telling her he was coming to Maryland with some oil cups for a Mr. Wilkins, who had purchased them and wished him to travel with and sell them. She did not tell when he reappeared in Newburgh, but stated that he left there to come back to Maryland November 10th, and that he was in Carroll county this last time.

A handsome, large, finely bound illustrated family Bible was produced, in which a marriage certificate was entered. The accused interrupted with the exclamation: "I wrote that myself," and intimated that it was not lawful testimony. She then proceeded, and said he had copied it into the Bible from her old marriage certificate. When asked if she still had the certificate, she replied: "No, it was destroyed." "She burned it," interpolated the accused.

Mrs. Tremper identified a photograph of Tremper, herself, and several of their children. She also identified a photograph of Tremper alone.

When Mrs. Tremper's testimony was concluded she broke down and wept quite bitterly for a moment, but soon regained her self-possession.

The State offered to prove by Dr. J. H. Billingslea, Clerk of the Circuit Court, that he had personally issued the license to Tremper, as Robert H. Wilson, for his marriage with Mrs. Susie C. Myers, on the 11th day of July, 1900; and by Rev. Dr. P. H. Miller, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, that he had performed the ceremony uniting them in marriage on the same day, but the defence admitted the proof and the witnesses were not examined. This concluded the hearing and Justice Moore promptly decided to hold the accused for the action of the grand jury. Bail was fixed at $2,000, making the whole amount required, on the two charges of bigamy and perjury, $4,000. No attempt was made to procure security and the accused was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Motter.

As Mrs. Tremper was about to retire from the office she was brought face to face with the accused, and asked him to shake hands with her. At first he refused and shook his head, but, upon her saying "I am not doing this; I cannot help it," he grasped her hand and their lips met in a long and loving kiss. Mrs. Tremper burst into a fit of weeping and the sympathetic feelings of all present were strongly moved by the incident.

At Mrs. Tremper's request she was granted an interview with her husband in the privacy of the rear room of the justice's office. What transpired there is not known, but it has been hinted that she desired him to transfer to her a pension of which he is a recipient from the United States for services in the Navy during the Civil War. Tremper served in some capacity on board the United States ship Nerius for two years and six months during that period. The result of the interview, however, has not been ascertained.

Mrs. Tremper reached here Tuesday morning, having come from Newburgh at the request of State's Attorney Weant, who wired her the previous day. She left for her home again after the hearing.

Wilson's, or Tremper's, Maryland wife was not present at the hearing and, it is stated, will have nothing further to do with the man who is accused of having so cruelly wronged her.

Mrs. Wilson writes to the manager of the SENTINEL, denying very earnestly the published reports that she ever advertised in the New York *Journal* for a husband, or ever offered Wilson any sum of money to marry her. These stories, she declares, are utterly false.

Carrollton Items.

The Albaugh & Babylon Grocery Company of Westminster, owner of the building occupied by Mr. J. E. Evans, at Carrollton, have enlarged the building by putting up an annex 16x22 feet, which is a decided improvement to the old structure and an ornament.

Mr. William Long has almost rebuilt his residence at Carrollton,—new porch; new shingle roof, and several new editions having been made to the old house which is now very attractive in appearance. Messrs. Chas. W. Arbaugh, Walter Shipley and Ezra Evans did the work.

The revival services which had been going on nightly for three weeks, at Patapsco M. E. Church, Rev. Mr. Slagle pastor, closed on Sunday night last, with a sermon by Presiding Elder Baldwin and Communion service. There were five conversions during the meeting.

The hog slaughter in these regions continues with unabated interest. Mrs. Jeremiah Ebaugh had two mammoth porkers killed this this week almost as big as cows. One weighed 515 pounds while the other tipped the beam at 476 pounds; Mr. Frank Taylor, near Wesley Church, one, a year old, 380; Mr. William Taylor, near Patapsco, one a year old, over 400; Mr. Benjamin Taylor, near Wesley, two, 250 and over 200; A. F. Oursler, four, 988; Mr. Frank Schaeffer, three, 231, 271, 302.

Mr. Lewis Drechsler, son of Mr. Andrew Drechsler, is now assistant in his father's flour mill in place of Mr. Howard Blizzard, son of Mr. Pinkney Blizzard, who is in ill health.

Extensive preparations are being made by those in Charge of Union Bethel Sunday School to have their entertainment for the children during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Belinda Martin and Mr. Joseph Shipley were married Tuesday night at the groom's home at Patapsco. Rev. A. E. Slagle performed the marriage ceremony.

Melrose Items.

We did not get the cigar factory employing 500 hands as promised several years ago, neither was the B. V. Branch of the W. M. R. R. extended to Westminster, or the electric line from Baltimore to Hanover, but we are now promised a canning factory if our farmers will use enough of their land in raising products for said cannery. We believe it would be of advantage to every farmer, as it would be equal to a market. So we hope all our farmers will cooperate.

On Saturday evening a number of Amanda Shaffer's friends congregated at her home in town to wish her a happy birthday, and to bring her tokens of remembrance in the form of things to eat and make substantial gifts. Many gifts were useful. The evening was spent in social conversation, and the guests departed for their homes feeling that they had cheered one life as it was about to pass another milestone. Among those present were: Amanda Shaffer, Mary W. Fridinger, John P. Kaltrider, George W. Kaltrider, David H. Kaltrider and wife, William Kritzer and wife, Theodore Houck, wife and daughter, Mrs. Saranda Wampler and daughter, Mrs. Samuel J. T. Sterner and daughter, John Stonesifer, wife and daughters, Edward M. Harchenhorn and wife, Hattie and Frony Shaffer, Parker Wentz, Adam Triesh, Spencer Shaffer, William Mitler, James Geiman and wife, Claude Simpson, Verna Simpson. Some who were not able to be present, sent gifts.

Eggs are 25 cents per dozen, with a promise of advancing to 30 cents per dozen ere the 1st of January, 1901. Last winter your correspondent sold 18 dozen eggs per month from 18 chickens, but now those same hens have forgotten how to lay, as he hasn't seen an egg for a month. Perhaps they are waiting for a higher price.

Sams Creek Items.

Recently the weather has become quite cold and freezing. The roads were never better at this season of the year. The waters in this section have become very much revived, greatly to the relief of some people.

A short time ago Mr. Cyrus Grossnickle lost a valuable cow by death. The cause of her death is unknown.

Not long since Mr. Morris Buckingham's valuable driving horse died with the colic.

Some of our farmers are hauling their wheat to market and selling for 65 cts., not being willing to wait for the dollar.

During the last ten days quite a number of our people did their butchering, and we will give you the weights of their hogs in the aggregate in each case as they were reported to us. Howard Devilbiss, seven, 1644; Dawson Ecker, one, 312; A. Perry Franklin, two, 800; Joshua Young, two, 496; Marshall Nusbaum, nine, 2429; William Borland, three, 872; George Devilbiss, four, 1300; Elder Wm. H. Franklin, two spring pigs, 495; Edgar Jenkins, four, 1022; William Devilbiss, four, 914; Charles E. Nicodemus, four six months pigs, 1300; Mrs. Polly Kiler, five, 957; S. Bond, six eight months pigs, 1236; C. Wilt, two, 550; I. Kiler, two, 500; H. Cashour, two, 506; Peter Cover, nine, 3066; J. Haines, seven, 2186; Mrs. B. Wilson, three, 953; J. Zile, three, 835; Ed. Naill, five, 811; F. Sharretts, three, 850. In this section hog and hominy will be plentiful this winter.

Winfield Items.

Winfield Academy will hold its annual Christmas entertainment on the evening of Dec. 22nd, in the Academy Hall.

A series of enthusiastic revival meetings is being held at Ebenezer M. E. Church, under the direction of Revs. Dudrear and Jones. There has already been a large number of converts.

Messrs. H. M. Zile and J. G. Embree made a business trip to Baltimore on Saturday last.

Mr. William J. Cover, a popular conductor, of Baltimore, who has been spending some time at his father's, suffering from a sprained ankle and rheumatism, is now recovering.

Mr. Harry W. Zuse, a former student of Winfield Academy, now of York Collegiate Institute, spent Saturday and Sunday with Winfield friends.

Miss Amelia Cover recently entertained her friends, Misses Grace Stem and Genila Streaker.

Of late the mortality here has been very great—among hogs.

Judging from appearances our citizens will be well supplied with pork during the winter.

Patapsco Items.

Farmers have generally completed their fall work and ploughing and are ready for the winter. The growing grain is looking fine.

Mr. Lewis Kelbaugh, our road supervisor, has put up a fence along the new county road on Electioneering Hill, as the bank is steep on the lower side of the road and dangerous at night.

Butchering is in full blast and following are some of the hog-weights: Calvin Murray, two, about 750; Thos. Blizzard, two, 550; Geo. Stull, four, 1200; Joseph A. Leppo, seven, 1850; John C. Harman, two, 390, 378, and one spring pig, 191.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Westaway spent several days visiting their daughter, Mrs. Walter Kelbaugh, and other friends in Baltimore, last week.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MATTER

remaining in the Postoffice, Westminster, Md., December 8th, 1900:

Adams, Mr. Chas. H.
Barnes, Miss Gertrude
Biler, Mrs. Mary E.
Fissell, Mr. George
Burton, Col. A. C.
Cross, Mrs. Ella
Colbert, Miss
Hemler, J. C.
Hardy, Denest
Jackson, Miss Eath
Kelly, Mr. Harry
McGowan, Mr. Earl
McMillan, Mr. Hayes
Palmer, Mrs. Gussie
Ridgie, Mr. Lewis L.
Sloops, Miss Etta
Walker, Miss Hattie M.
Weaver, Mr. W. S.
Woodyard, Mr. Wm.

Persons calling for matter in the above list will please say it was advertised. MILTON SCHAEFFER, P. M.

Westminster Savings Bank Wins.

In the suit of the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster vs. The Westminster Savings Bank, in the Court of Appeals, upon appeal from the Circuit Court for Carroll county, a decision has been rendered in favor of the appellee. Judge Schmucker delivered the opinion of the court. "The main question presented by the record," he says, "is whether the payment by the appellee of the tax of one-fourth of one per cent. on its total deposits relieved it from liability to taxation upon the securities in which these deposits were invested."

Judge Schmucker then discusses at considerable length the provisions of the Code in relation to the taxation of savings banks. It is impossible to give, in a brief article, a clear abstract of the opinion, and we shall not attempt it here. The decision, however, was in substantial accord with the brief filed by Messrs. Reifsnider & Grimes, the appellee's attorneys. "A savings bank," Judge Schmucker declares, does not permanently retain its deposits in the form in which they are received but it invests them, for the purpose of producing a revenue with which to pay interest to its depositors, and thereafter the secureties in which the investments have been made represent the deposits. When, therefore, a tax, such as the one under consideration, is levied upon the securities so purchased by the savings bank it is in substance and essence a tax upon its deposits." This view, which was held by the appellee's counsel, was strongly reinforced by the court, by citations from other decisions by the same tribunal, relied upon by the appellee, and also from the Code, a similar reliance. And so the bank wins its case, upon the point at issue. The court also held that, upon the record, the $10,000 alleged to be capital stock, and the $16,515 surplus belonging to the appellee, were not properly assessed, and therefore could not be taxed in the manner proposed, although, "if these funds are in fact true capital stock and surplus separate and apart from and in addition to the deposits held by the appellee they are liable to taxation on the $10,000 of capital in the same manner as the capital stock of other corporations chartered by this State, and the surplus will be taken into consideration by the State Tax Commissioner in estimating the assessible value of the stock."

Orphans' Court.

Monday, December 10th.—Mary C. Stephan, administratrix of George Stephan, settled first account.

Mary Kump and Susanna M. Morelock, executrices of Paul Reinecker, reported sales of real estate, and sales of personal property.

Jacob J. Weaver, Jr., executor of Margaret S. Ferguson, settled first and final account.

Margaret W. Hoffman and Samuel Wolfe, executors of Samuel Hoffman, settled first account.

Catharine Shorb, guardian of Cora M. Devilbiss and William Devilbiss, settled first and final account.

Last will and testament of Edward Stonesifer, deceased, admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon granted unto Mary E. Stonesifer and Conrad Rusher, who received order to notify creditors.

Annie Eckert, executrix of Mary D. Longley, settled first and final account.

Letters of administration on the estate of Francis A. Sharrer, deceased, granted unto Francis C. Sharrer, who received order to notify creditors.

Mary E. Knox, executrix of Lewis H. Knox, settled first and final account.

Edward H. Krideler, administrator of Maria Shaffer, returned inventory of debts, and settled first and final account.

Tuesday, December 11th.—Hattie R. Markel, administratrix of Granville R. Markel, returned inventories of personal property, money and debts, and received order to sell personal property.

William H. Vanderford, administrator W. A., of Adeline R. Vanderford, returned inventory of money.

Francis Neal Parke, administrator of Mary J. Currey, returned inventory of money and settled first and final account.

John Borner and Frederick Borner, executors of Frederick Borner, reported sale of grain, &c., returned inventory of money and settled first and final account.

Last will and testament and codicils thereto of Henry B. Riegel, deceased, admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon granted unto Mary C. Riegel, who received order to notify creditors.

Martin Beachtel, executor of Catharine Beachtel, settled first and final account.

Martin Beachtel, executor of John Beachtel, settled first and final account.

Abram P. Snader and Ida M. Snader, administrators of Evan T. Snader, reported sales of personal property and settled first and final account.

Burns Post, G. A. R.

The annual election and inspection of Burns Post, No. 13, G. A. R., of this city, took place on Saturday last, and subsequently the members of the post to the number of upwards of forty, with a guest or two, sat down to the annual dinner, at the Central Hotel, and enjoyed an excellent repast. The Post was inspected by Capt. George W. Johnson, of Baltimore, department inspector, who complimented the organization on its admirable condition and efficiency. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Commander, W. S. Drach; S. V. C., Alexander McCormack; J. V. C., Hezekiah Morrow; chaplain, Lewis Ditman; Q. M., Capt. James S. Baer; O. of D., Isaac Ranoull; O. of G., Henry C. Gorsuch; Surg., George C. Crass; delegates to State Encampment, Capt. Whitfield Stansbury, Joel Ebaugh, Thomas J. Hunt, Hezekiah Morrow; alternates, Henry Gorsuch, James P. Tracey, Alexander McCormack, Ephraim Halfley; council of administration, Col. Wm. A. McKellip, Capt. James S. Baer, Joel Ebaugh, Jno. M. Reese. The new commander made the following appointments: Adjt., Chas. P. Baile; Sergt. Maj., John H. Mitten; Q. M. S., Joel Ebaugh; guard, Peter Little; sentinel, Emanuel Yingling.

The members of the post and Inspector Johnson were subsequently photographed in a group, by Mr. James D. Mitchell, of Krichton's art gallery, this city, who obtained an excellent picture with admirable likenesses of the veterans.

Halter-Bachman.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Bachman, near Silver Run, was the scene of a quiet but very pretty wedding on Thursday afternoon. The bride was Miss Lizzie Irene Bachman, their only daughter, and the groom Mr. David Elmer Halter, son of Mr. John C. Halter, of the same neighborhood. The families of both bride and groom are prominent and well known in this county. The parlor was beautifully and tastefully decorated for the interesting occasion. There were no attendants. The happy pair entered the parlor to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, rendered by Mrs. W. H. Ehrhart, and were met by Rev. W. H. Ehrhart, pastor of Silver Run charge, Lutheran Church, who performed the marriage ceremony in an impressive manner. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Halter were driven to Westminster, where they took an evening train for Baltimore. Those present at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. George F. Bachman, Mrs. Susan Feeser, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Ehrhart, Messrs. Charles E. Bachman and Thos. Koontz.

Md. Collegiate Institute.

The second regular lecture in course, on "Business Forms and Methods," was delivered at the above institution, in Union Bridge, in the presence of over a hundred students, besides its friends and patrons, on Thursday evening, 6th inst. A correspondent of the SENTINEL, commenting upon the lecture, says: "The lecturer, Mr. George R. Gehr, of Westminster, showed, throughout, an up-to-date research, capable of surmounting keen and honest criticism, besides having been intensely practical." Another lecture in this course is set for the third Thursday in the New Year. A special course, with free tuition, will begin January 14th, 1901, and will consist principally Biblical study.



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