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In the proceedings of the Circuit Court, to be found elsewhere in the SENTINEL, it will be noticed that a number of the suits brought by Henry Stark, of Baltimore, against subscribers to the defunct United Milk Producers Association of Baltimore, have been dismissed by order of plaintiff's counsel, the defendants having exhibited certificates of the stock as evidence that their subscriptions have been paid in full. The fact appears to indicate that very lax business methods were employed by those who conducted the affairs of the association, a condition which would account for its ephemeral existence and its disastrous collapse in such a brief period after its formation.

Wants Baltimore Coerced.

The *Advocate* imagines dire consequences to the business men of Baltimore because enough of them preferred to have the Republicans in control of the City Council, rather than to revive the reign of Rasin and the old gang which formerly played the role of masters of the people and grew rich by the process. Our neighbor speaks oracularly on the subject, but says if Baltimore "loses trade in the South it will be her own fault. Southern people would rather deal with Republicans where Republicans count for something, not with a city governed with a party whose chief strength is Negroes and renegade Southerners." If this sort of talk was the utterance of a sincere opinion the *Advocate* ought to be ashamed of itself. The truest patriots of the country, North and South, are seeking to cultivate a spirit of amity and mutual regard between the sections. Northern capital has gone to the South in large amounts and is helping to develop Southern resources and promote Southern prosperity. Politicians and statesmen are wisely recognizing the fact that it is best to leave the solution of the serious problem of suffrage in the Southern States to their own wisdom and sense of justice, and, undoubtedly, a great advance has been made in the cordial relations of the once widely estranged sections. Yet here comes the *Advocate* and broadly intimates that the South has been trading with Baltimore because of political affiliations and not because Baltimore has offered her business inducements; and that, now that the Maryland metropolis has repudiated the ringsters who once plundered her, and would do it again if afforded the opportunity, the South will punish her for having had the temerity to protect herself by defeating the ring ticket.

It is to be hoped the *Advocate* does not echo the sentiments of the Southern people. In fact, the contrary is extremely probable. The Republicans have carried the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore at three-fourths of the elections held in the last six years, sometimes by overwhelming majorities Maryland has twice in succession voted for a Republican candidate for President, twice elected every candidate for Congress and once a majority of the candidates. During the same period she has elected a Republican Governor, twice a majority of the members of the House of Delegates and once a majority of the State Senators. Yet this record has not alienated the ancient friendship of the South for this good old Commonwealth, nor broken the business relations between the State and her Southern sisters. Why, then, should the South turn her back, in a social or business sense, upon Baltimore, because she prefers an honest Republican City Council to the rule of the Ring?

It may be that, unlike the *Advocate*, the Southern people believe Maryland Republicans do "count for something," and are at least worthy of being treated with civility, instead of being subjected to insults such as that paper flings at them in the sentence quoted from its article on the Baltimore election.

An Enormous Evil.

Speculation in stocks, bonds, or any other thing is not held by society to be a crime against good morals; hence the successful speculator may hold an honored place and his integrity never be brought into question. This is one of the anomalies of the present age. It is possible, to be sure, that there may be legitmate speculation. That is, a man may buy any commodity and hold it for a rise, as a proper business transaction. But when he buys more than he can pay for, puts up a margin, but no exchange of property ensues, that sort of speculation is gambling, pure and simple and has been so held by the courts. But there is no law to punish it. The law simply declines to step in and enforce the gambling contract if the purchaser refuses to pay when the market goes against him. This is the milder form of stock gambling and, reprehensible as it is, incomparably less vicious than another phase of the evil, though true it is that it has lured many a victim to venture all, lose all and go down in financial ruin.

But the other phase referred to is that in which men familiar with the methods by which the market may be manipulated in a given way, band themselves together and conspire to fleece the hapless ones who walk into the trap. This was the kind of gambling which culminated in an apparent panic on Thursday of last week in Wall street, New York. The market, in that case, was manipulated and many a credulous individual was lured to financial destruction. It was gambling, to be sure, but it was worse than that on the part of the conspirators—it was downright robbery and villainy.

Possibly such conspiracies are unlawful, but proof against the conspirators can not be obtained, and hence they go unwhipt of justice, enjoy the fruits of their worse than thievery, and hold high place among their fellowmen, while their shorn victims, often women of refinement and culture, go down into poverty and despair. The prison doors open to receive the lowly individual with a colored skin who is caught "shooting crap," but the rogue who plunders helpless and unsophisticated women and adds millions to his wealth in a day is applauded by society and goes on his way unmolested and unchecked by the laws of the land.

This is an enormous evil and calls for the exercise of the best powers of the ablest statesmen, to devise some method by which it may, at least, be restricted and the plunderers punished in such manner as to make the risk of engaging in it too great to be undertaken.

Mrs. McKinley Extremely Ill.

The wife of President McKinley lies critically ill at the residence of Hon. Henry T. Scott, in San Francisco, with very faint hopes of her recovery. The trip from Washington to California, with its social functions at various points on the route, proved too great a strain for her delicate constitution and when the Presidential party reached San Francisco she was seriously indisposed and was taken at once to the home of Mr. Scott, where it was hoped quiet and rest would restore her. The hope, however, soon gave place to alarm, as she continued to grow worse and from the latest reports on Thursday night was, apparently, in almost a dying condition. The action of her heart was extremely feeble and was only kept from ceasing altogether by the administration of nitro-glycerine and hypodermic injections of salt.

It was felt by the country generally, when it was announced that Mrs. McKinley was to accompany her husband on his long journey, that she would do so at great risk, and it is now said that he and others earnestly endeavored to dissuade her from attempting it. She feared, however, that her absence from the party would mar the President's pleasure in meeting the people and viewing the scenes through which he would pass, and that he might be inclined to cut short his outing on that account. She could not, therefore, be persuaded to be left behind. Possibly she might have borne the long journey if she had not insisted upon attending several social functions given in her honor. She left the last of these in almost a state of collapse and since then has grown continuously worse until her life is in imminent peril.

The devotion of the President to the fair partner of his joys and sorrows is touching and beautiful. For several days he has scarcely left her bedside, night or day, and is undergoing a great physical as well as mental strain. Wisely, the further prosecution of his tour has been abandoned entirely.

Rioting and bloodshed, for several days past, have been incidents of a strike of the employees of the Traction Company of Albany, N. Y. The strikers and their friends have opposed, with violence, the introduction of non-union men to run the cars and have practically succeeded, thus far, in blocking the company's business. Governor Odell, in obedience to the request of the city authorities, has called several regiments of State troops to the scene. Wm. Walsh, a merchant, was killed by a volley fired by a squad of the Twenty-third Infantry on Thursday, and three others are said to be mortally wounded. Hundreds have been more or less injured by missiles thrown by the rioters. Efforts at compromise between the company and the strikers are being made.

Two free-delivery mail routes went into operation in the Fourth district of Baltimore county, on Wednesday. Route No. 1, from Upperco, Mr. John Hughes carrier, extends to Mount Carmel Postoffice by way of Trenton, Grace and Black Rock and returns to Upperco by way of Black Rock, Mount Zion and Trenton. Nearly 200 families are on this route. The Trenton postoffice is abolished. Route No. 2, from Boring, Mr. Kersey Marshall carrier, goes to the Hanover turnpike and thence to St. Paul's Church, and from there to Butler by way of the Dover road and Mount Zion Church and returns to Boring by way of Dover and St. John's Church. No postoffices are abolished in this territory.

The Old Town Bank, of Baltimore, by Attorneys N. Rufus Gill & Sons, has brought suit in the Court of Common Pleas, against Theodore F. Wilcox, claiming $103,592.29, with interest from April 17, 1901. The suit is based on the allegation that Mr. Wilcox, while cashier of the bank, loaned the funds of the bank to the United Milk Producers' Association, to the extent of $25,179 67; also, that he induced the paying teller of the bank to pay, on the association's checks, $22,925.88; and having secured the service of such an able, eloquent and forceful speaker as Dr. Mead.

Judges Jones, Revell and Reifsnider have signed an order dismissing the exceptions and affirming the findings of a jury of condemnation in the case of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company against Wm. J. Dickey & Sons, in Howard county, in which an award of $650 was made. From this Dickey & Sons appealed and the decision of the court is adverse to their contention for a higher award. The condemnation proceedings were resorted to for acquiring a right of way for straightening the railroad tracks at Union Dam, just west of Ellicott City and Oella, on land owned by Dickey & Sons.

The first eclipse of the new century will take place to-day. It will be a total eclipse of the sun, but will not be visible in this country. On land it will be first seen on the southwest coast of Africa and will extend in a northeasterly direction over the Indian Ocean, the Islands of Sumatra, Borneo, New Guinea and others of less importance. The maximum totality of the eclipse will be six and a half minutes, a length of duration which will afford time for important scientific observations.

Miss Rachel Belt, aged 94 years, died on Friday of last week at her late home, Fair View, Baltimore county, where she was born, and where she spent her entire life. For 80 years she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of that place. Death was due to old age. She retained her health, strength and sight up to four weeks ago. Very recently she went to the stable at her home and, unassisted, mounted a horse, which she rode two miles.

Ex-Gov. Frank Brown, with his son and daughter, will sail for Europe July 11 on the steamer Deutschland, of the North German Lloyd Line. The party will spend most of the summer in Southern France, visiting Aix-les-Bains and Ostend. Miss Brown has already accepted a large number of invitations for social affairs to be given in her honor while abroad. They will return to the United States late in the autumn.

The directors of the Western Maryland Railroad will start on the annual inspection of the road on Thursday, May 23. They will be accompanied by Mayor Hayes and City Comptroller Smith, of Baltimore. Both have been officially invited by Mr. Thomas R. Clendinen, on behalf of the directorate. The Mayor and Mr. Smith have been contemplating an inspection of the road for some time.

The fourth biennial session of the Supreme Lodge, Independent Order of Mechanics, was begun Tuesday night at the hall of the order, 632 West Baltimore street, Baltimore. The session closed on Thursday. Reports of supreme officers showed an increase in membership of 525. Fifteen new members of the Supreme Lodge were elected.

The Adams county conference of the West Pennsylvania Lutheran Synod, in session in the Third Lutheran Church, Hanover, Pa., on Tuesday, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. U. A. Hankey, of Bendersville; secretary, Rev. Oscar Gruver, of Idaville; treasurer, Rev. Dr. Charles M. Stock, of Hanover.

The tenth annual meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Western Conference, Maryland Synod, Lutheran Church, was held in Hagerstown on Wednesday. Mrs. J. D. Main, who has been president of the conference society for ten years, reported 14 woman's societies, 4 young people's societies and 9 children's bands.

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The Carroll County C. E. Convention.

The 10th annual convention of the Carroll County Christian Endeavor Union met in Grace Lutheran Church, Westminster, Thursday morning, May 9th, at 8.30 o'clock. For several weeks the various committees had been busily engaged in making preparations for the convention and nothing had been left undone which could insure its success so far as the hospitality of the people of Westminster could make it. The handsome interior of the Church was made still more attractive by the graceful and appropriate decorations of red and white, the convention colors, and growing plants, in the midst of which our National Emblem was conspicuously displayed. Nearly every society in the county was represented. The officers of the Union were: President, George Mather, Westminster; Vice-Pres., Rev. A. D. Bateman, Taneytown; Sec'y.-Treas., Miss Nannie Rinker, Westminster; Junior Sup't., Mrs. S. H. Little, Taneytown; Sup't. of Missions, Mrs. G. W. Baughman, Uniontown; Sup't. of Temperance, Mrs. Samuel Eppley, Union Bridge; Press Corresp't., Miss M. B. Shellman, Westminster. The County Executive Committee consists of the county officers, the presidents of societies, and junior superintendent.

The very efficient chairmen of the convention committees, who, with their corps of assistants, attended to the details of the convention work and provided for the comfort of the delegates and visitors were: Entertainment, Mrs. P. H. Miller; lunch, Miss Nannie Rinker; music, Mr. H. Reininger; decoration, Miss Louise Bixler; reception, Miss Alva Reininger; ushers, Mr. Frank Mather.

The formal welcome address and response were omitted, and an informal greeting and enrollment of delegates and visitors occupied the first hour of the morning. Devotional exercises were led by Mr. William Gist, of Finksburg, and President Mather formally declared the convention opened. Rev. T. O. Crouse, pastor of Lafayette Ave. M. P. Church, Baltimore, preached the convention sermon, choosing for his theme, "Panoplied for Service." It was a most eloquent, earnest and helpful address, which will undoubtedly leave its impress on the hearts and minds of all who were so fortunate as to hear it. Ten minute talks on the following subjects concluded the morning session: "Service," Mr. W. A. Schumacker, of Phoenix, ex-State Pres.; Symposium, "God's Whatevers"—"In the Home," Mrs. S. K. Herr, Westminster; "In the Sunday School," Rev. C. J. Burdette, Deer Park; "In the Church," Rev. G. W. Enders, Jr., of Union Bridge. These addresses were all full of practical suggestions which would be most helpful to the work of the Master in Carroll county if followed.

The exercises were interspersed with singing of bright, helpful C. E. Hymns, led by the combined choirs of the Lutheran and M. P. Churches, Miss Carrie Rinehart, organist of the Convention Church, presiding at the organ.

The noon hour was given to the enjoyment of the excellent lunch, which had been so bountifully provided by the lunch committee. One of the speakers from a distance was overheard to remark that he had attended a number of conventions, but that Westminster hospitality had taken a step even ahead of those of the past.

The afternoon session opened with devotional exercises, led by President Mather, followed by the reports from county officers. Pres. Mather, Vice-Pres. Bateman, and the Sec'y.-Treas., Miss Nannie Rinker, reported the work in the county in excellent condition, and made a number of admirable suggestions for the advancement of the work throughout the county. The Junior Sup't., Mrs. S. H. Little, reported 177 juniors in the county and six societies, one of which has only recently been organized. During the year these juniors have contributed $40.30 to missions. Mrs. G. W. Baughman, Missionary Sup't., reported an interest in missions, an increase in contributions to the Missionary cause of nearly $100, an increase in tithe givers and a number enrolled in the 10th legion, which pledges itself to systematic and proportionate giving to the Lord; and also that a missionary library of sixteen books has been purchased and is circulated through the various societies of the county. Following the reports came a "Trio of Essentials"—"Good Prayer Meetings," Miss Rhoda McAllister; "Wide Awake Committees," Mr. C. E. H. Stein; "Live Business Meetings," Mr. W. A. Schumacker, followed by a most eloquent and earnest address by Rev. John L. Allison, pastor Westminster Presbyterian Church, Baltimore.

At night a grand temperance rally, which was largely attended, was held in Alumni Hall, which had been kindly loaned for the occasion. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. G. W. Enders, Jr., of Union Bridge; and Miss Eva Wentz, of Baltimore, charmed the audience with her sweet singing. The speaker of the evening was Rev. C. H. Mead, D. D., of New York, a clear, forceful speaker, who held the attention of his audience to the close of his splendid address.

The Friday morning session opened with a praise service, led by Miss Lillie Eckard, followed by five minute "Heart to Heart Talks," on "Tact," by Miss Annie Meredith, and "Bible Knowledge" by Rev. James Cattanach, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of Taneytown, both of which deserve special mention. Rev. F. H. Lewis, pastor of North Baltimore M. P. Church, gave an admirable talk on "Every Talent for Christ," followed by responsively by five minute papers on "How to arouse more interest in Missions," by Miss Effie Hesr, and Mrs. C. A. Britt. Mr. T. Pliny Fisher handled the subject of tithe giving in an enthusiastic manner, having as his topic, "Our Debts." Rev. C. H. Mead, D. D., made the closing address, "The House We Live In." The convention is to be congratulated on having secured the service of such an able, eloquent and forceful speaker as Dr. Mead.

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The junior rally, under the direction of Mrs. S. H. Little, was held in the M. E. Church at 4 P. M. The address of welcome was made by Master Chester Cassell, and the response by Miss Vallie Garner. Papers and recitations on the various phases of junior work were participated in by the Junior Epworth League, Miss Virgie Buckingham, Master Grove Zahn, Master Harry Reininger, Miss Isabel Roop and Master Granville Lee Erb. Master Willie Hering then sang a very pleasing little song. Rev. Edgar T. Read addressed the children and presented the banner, which is given for the best average attendence during the year, and was won by Deer Park M. P. Society. Mrs. Little was ably assisted by Miss M. Louise Shriver.

The closing exercises of the convention were held in Alumni Hall. The committee on resolutions reported the following:

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MR. EDITOR.—Thinking that you and your many readers would be interested to have a few items from us in regard to our trip and how we found the folks out here, I proceed to pen you a few lines. Leaving Westminster, as you know, March 25th, accompanied by Capt. Bond and Mr. Joseph H. Krichton, we journed westward very pleasantly. We bade our friends farewell at Hagerstown and were met at Cherry Run by Mr. Harvey, the district passenger agent, with a special car through to Chicago. Mr. Harvey did all in his power to make the trip pleasant for us, which we all appreciated very much. We arrived at Chicago at 8 P. M., on the 28th, and thirty minutes later we were on our way to St. Paul. The Great Northern people spared no means to make the trip comfortable as well as to hurry us along. We had two train loads carrying about 1000 people for different parts of North Dakota. Arriving at St. Paul we were met by our Bro. D. M. Shorb, whom we were all glad to greet once more. We lost no time there but hastened to our journey's end, which was accomplished thirty hours quicker than any colony ever went through before. We arrived at Surrey, Thursday, 28th, at 5 P. M. On account of making such good time the folks were all taken by surprise. The G. N. people gave us two cars to live in for a while, which made it very comfortable for those who hadn't their houses ready to occupy. A few of us found our way across the prairies, three miles north, to the home of Bro. Shorb, where we found all well and lively as larks. We were very pleasantly and comfortably entertained. The next morning we lost no time getting out to locate our folks who came with us from Maryland, which was accomplished by noon. There is quite a boom here this spring. Just to think of no one living here a little over a year ago and now the country all around settled. There is land to be had yet, north of us some four or five miles. The weather has been fine since we came here. The farmers have been plowing and sowing since first of April. Wheat is looking fine and oats is coming up nicely. The prairies are green and furnish lots of the best pasture in the world. Our school opened at the Maryland schoolhouse April 15th, with 17 pupils. Miss Imogene Irene Hartmon is teacher. We all feel very much gratified with her good success, and extend our congratulations and wish her equally as good results in future. The first Sunday we were in Dakota we found our way to the Maryland schoolhouse, where we all enjoyed Sunday School, followed with a sermon by Elder D. M. Shorb, from these words: "And Enoch walked with God;" Gen. 5-24. The discourse was suitable for the occasion and the subject was well handled. I am sure all felt it was good to be there. Sunday School has been reorganized and has an average attendance of fifty. Bro. Shorb preaches for us every Lord's Day. We certainly have much to be thandful for and feel that we are not deprived of the comforts and blessings of life. With best wishes to all I close.

Yours Truly,
D. S. PETRY.

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Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Pa. Railroad Special Excursion to Pan-American Exposition.

On Thursday, May 23rd, 1901, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a special excursion to Buffalo on account of the Pan-American Exposition, from Baltimore, and adjoining territory. Round-trip tickets, good going only on train leaving Baltimore 8.50 and good to return on regular trains within seven days, including day of excursion, will be sold at rate of $10.00 from Baltimore, and proportionate rates from other points. For specific time and rates, consult local ticket agents.

COKE FOR SALE.—1000 bushels at the Westminster Gas Works at 7 cents a bushel, cash, while it lasts. Get order for same at Co's. office.

The Junior League of Centenary M. E. Church, of Westminster, will hold a Strawberry Tea in Fireman's Hall, on the nights of May 24th, 25th and 27th.

A festival for the benefit of Thomas Chapel, at Tannery, will be held by the ladies at that place during Saturday afternoon and evening, May 25th. Patronage is solicited.

$25.00 REWARD,

I will give $25.00 Reward for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who poisoned, or had poisoned, a yellow Beagle Hound (pup) belonging to me.

CHARLES E. HERING.

LOST.—A small Bunch of Keys, to which was attached a Brass Tag having the number 3 stamped on it. A reward of $1 will be paid if returned to this office.

"It is with a good deal of pleasure and satisfaction that I recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says Druggist A. W. Sawtelle, of Hartford, Conn. "A lady customer, seeing the remedy exposed for sale on my show case, said to me: 'I really believe that medicine saved my life the past summer while at the shore,' and she became so enthusiastic over its merits that I at once made up my mind to recommend it in the future. Recently a gentleman came into my store to overcome with colic pains that he sank at once to the floor. I gave him a dose of this remedy which helped him. I repeated the dose and in fifteen minutes he left my store smilingly informing me that he felt as well as ever." Sold by W. Scott Zepp.

LOST.—Shepherd dog, "Ring," has one white eye, white ring around neck, white streak on nose, is spotted blueish and black. Return to owner, Christopher Shettel, near D. Roop & Son's Mill.

The Deer Park C. E. Society will hold a strawberry and ice cream festival on Saturday, June 1st, commencing at 4 o'clock.

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Surrey, North Dakota.
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MR. EDITOR.—Thinking that you and your many readers would be interested to have a few items from us in regard to our trip and how we found the folks out here, I proceed to pen you a few lines. Leaving Westminster, as you know, March 25th, accompanied by Capt. Bond and Mr. Joseph H. Krichton, we journed westward very pleasantly. We bade our friends farewell at Hagerstown and were met at Cherry Run by Mr. Harvey, the district passenger agent, with a special car through to Chicago. Mr. Harvey did all in his power to make the trip pleasant for us, which we all appreciated very much. We arrived at Chicago at 8 P. M., on the 28th, and thirty minutes later we were on our way to St. Paul. The Great Northern people spared no means to make the trip comfortable as well as to hurry us along. We had two train loads carrying about 1000 people for different parts of North Dakota. Arriving at St. Paul we were met by our Bro. D. M. Shorb, whom we were all glad to greet once more. We lost no time there but hastened to our journey's end, which was accomplished thirty hours quicker than any colony ever went through before. We arrived at Surrey, Thursday, 28th, at 5 P. M. On account of making such good time the folks were all taken by surprise. The G. N. people gave us two cars to live in for a while, which made it very comfortable for those who hadn't their houses ready to occupy. A few of us found our way across the prairies, three miles north, to the home of Bro. Shorb, where we found all well and lively as larks. We were very pleasantly and comfortably entertained. The next morning we lost no time getting out to locate our folks who came with us from Maryland, which was accomplished by noon. There is quite a boom here this spring. Just to think of no one living here a little over a year ago and now the country all around settled. There is land to be had yet, north of us some four or five miles. The weather has been fine since we came here. The farmers have been plowing and sowing since first of April. Wheat is looking fine and oats is coming up nicely. The prairies are green and furnish lots of the best pasture in the world. Our school opened at the Maryland schoolhouse April 15th, with 17 pupils. Miss Imogene Irene Hartmon is teacher. We all feel very much gratified with her good success, and extend our congratulations and wish her equally as good results in future. The first Sunday we were in Dakota we found our way to the Maryland schoolhouse, where we all enjoyed Sunday School, followed with a sermon by Elder D. M. Shorb, from these words: "And Enoch walked with God;" Gen. 5-24. The discourse was suitable for the occasion and the subject was well handled. I am sure all felt it was good to be there. Sunday School has been reorganized and has an average attendance of fifty. Bro. Shorb preaches for us every Lord's Day. We certainly have much to be thandful for and feel that we are not deprived of the comforts and blessings of life. With best wishes to all I close.

Yours Truly,
D. S. PETRY.

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BUSINESS LOCALS.

Pa. Railroad Special Excursion to Pan-American Exposition.

On Thursday, May 23rd, 1901, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a special excursion to Buffalo on account of the Pan-American Exposition, from Baltimore, and adjoining territory. Round-trip tickets, good going only on train leaving Baltimore 8.50 and good to return on regular trains within seven days, including day of excursion, will be sold at rate of $10.00 from Baltimore, and proportionate rates from other points. For specific time and rates, consult local ticket agents.

COKE FOR SALE.—1000 bushels at the Westminster Gas Works at 7 cents a bushel, cash, while it lasts. Get order for same at Co's. office.

The Junior League of Centenary M. E. Church, of Westminster, will hold a Strawberry Tea in Fireman's Hall, on the nights of May 24th, 25th and 27th.

A festival for the benefit of Thomas Chapel, at Tannery, will be held by the ladies at that place during Saturday afternoon and evening, May 25th. Patronage is solicited.

$25.00 REWARD,

I will give $25.00 Reward for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who poisoned, or had poisoned, a yellow Beagle Hound (pup) belonging to me.

CHARLES E. HERING.

LOST.—A small Bunch of Keys, to which was attached a Brass Tag having the number 3 stamped on it. A reward of $1 will be paid if returned to this office.

"It is with a good deal of pleasure and satisfaction that I recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says Druggist A. W. Sawtelle, of Hartford, Conn. "A lady customer, seeing the remedy exposed for sale on my show case, said to me: 'I really believe that medicine saved my life the past summer while at the shore,' and she became so enthusiastic over its merits that I at once made up my mind to recommend it in the future. Recently a gentleman came into my store to overcome with colic pains that he sank at once to the floor. I gave him a dose of this remedy which helped him. I repeated the dose and in fifteen minutes he left my store smilingly informing me that he felt as well as ever." Sold by W. Scott Zepp.

LOST.—Shepherd dog, "Ring," has one white eye, white ring around neck, white streak on nose, is spotted blueish and black. Return to owner, Christopher Shettel, near D. Roop & Son's Mill.

The Deer Park C. E. Society will hold a strawberry and ice cream festival on Saturday, June 1st, commencing at 4 o'clock.

There will be a public temperance meeting at Deer Park Church, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., on Whit-Monday night, May 27th. Rev. F. H. Lewis, of N. Baltimore Station, is expected to address the meeting. Go all for the work done by them in decoration, lunch, music and everything done for our comfort.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Railroad officials for reduction of rates in transportation, also to the officers and speakers who have so ably assisted in making this convention a success.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be sent through our Secretary to the W. Md. College for the kind permission to use the Alumni Hall.

Resolved, That the convention extend to the county newspapers a vote of thanks for their generous and courteous notices of this convention.

Resolved, That our hearty thanks and appreciation be extended to the people of Westminster who so generously contributed toward the lunch, and for the opening of their homes for the entertainment of delegates.

Resolved, That the convention especially thank the students of the Seminary for their kindly and efficient service.

Resolved, That our thanks be given to all or any who have co-operated in any way to help make this convention a success.

Resolved, That we, as a County C. E. Convention, wish to ask a quickening of enthusiasm along the line of temperance work, as a County Convention and also in the individuals making up the C. E. Societies throughout the county.

Resolved, That the sympathy of this convention go out to any homes stricken by death and thereby robbed of any of our fellow-workers during the year since our last convention. The only one that has come to our notice is Mr. Wm. H. Yingling, of Pleasant Valley.

Resolved, That if these resolutions do not fully express in anyway the feeling of this convention, that it is the privilege of this body to amend or create any resolutions it may wish.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Annie M. Meredith,
Rev. L. I. Murray,
Mrs. Charles Myers,
Miss Ida Diffenbaugh,
Mr. Jacob Lawyer.

An appeal for money, clothing, blankets, quilts, and comforts was made by Miss Mary B. Shellman, to be sent to the sufferers by the Jacksonville fire; all donations to be sent to the store of T. W. Mather & Sons, as speedily as possible, where the box will be packed.

The committee on nominations reported the following officers, elected for the ensuing year:

President, G. W. Mather, Westminster.
Vice-Pres., Rev. James Cattanach, Taneytown.
Sec'y-Treas, Miss Nannie Rinker, Westminster.
Supt. of Missions, Miss Anna Motter, Taneytown.
Supt. Temperance, Mrs. Samuel Eppley, Union Bridge.
Junior Supt., Mrs. G. W. Bauchman, Uniontown.
Press Cor., Miss Mary B. Shellman, Westminster.

An invitation to meet next year in Taneytown was given and accepted.

Miss Reesie Herr then sang in her most effective manner a beautiful rendition of Nearer my God to Thee, accompanied by Miss M. Tet Buckingham on the piano.

A mixed choir of about thirty voices led the singing, accompanied by an orchestra—piano, Misses, Maud Waesche and Alva Reininger; violins, Messrs. Thos. Anders, Gustavo La

Miss Florence Newman, who has been a great sufferer from muscular rheumatism, says Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only remedy that affords her relief. Miss Newman is a much respected resident of the village of Gray, N. Y., and makes this statement for the benefit of others similarly afflicted. This liniment is for sale by W. Scott Zepp.

SUMMER EXCURSION TICKETS TO BUFFALO, NIAGARA FALLS, AND OTHER SUMMER RESORTS.

On May 1, 1901, the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. placed on sale the regular summer excursion tickets to all the principal summer resorts east of Pittsburg and Buffalo. These tickets will bear the usual summer excursion limit of October 31, 1901, except that the Niagara Falls tickets will be good to return until November 30, 1901. The summer excursion route book of the company for 1901, will be issued, as heretofore, June 1.

IT SAVED HIS LEG.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Piles, Wounds, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by Shaw Drug Company.

Pleasant Grove Sunday School will hold their strawberry and ice cream festival June 1st, in the grove at the church near Sandyville. All are cordially invited.

OLD SOLDIER'S EXPERIENCE.

M. M. Austin, a civil war ve