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LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. Joab Brown died at Ridgeville, a few days ago, aged seventy-four years.

Mr. E. H. Poole died at the Confederate Soldiers' Home, at Pikesville, on Monday, and his remains were interred at Mt. Airy.

The SENTINEL has received from Messrs. Derr & Lamberd, proprietors of the Great Model Emporium of this city, a very handsomely illustrated calendar for the year 1902.

Studies at Western Maryland College and at the public schools of this county were discontinued yesterday, for the holidays, and will be resumed on Monday morning, January 6th, 1902.

A marriage license was issued by the Court of Common Pleas, of Baltimore, on Wednesday, to Mr. John F. Heck, of No. 1631 Hanover street, in that city, and Miss Emma Stater, of this county.

Saturday night last was a night of rain and storm, but while the wind blew strongly, the precipitation was heavy and the streams were generally swollen, no material damage was caused in this county.

A new free rural delivery route, from Patapsco to the Hanover turnpike and return, will be put in operation January 1st, 1902. A hundred and twenty-five families will be supplied with mail on the route.

From Mr. J. Hoffman Fuss, insurance agent, of this city, the SENTINEL has received a large and very convenient calendar for 1902, issued by The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J.

The dairymen who supply the residents of this city with milk have, on account of the advance in the price of food for their stock, found it necessary to ask an increased price from consumers, and milk is now selling at 5 cents per quart.

To-morrow, December 22nd, will be the shortest day of the year, and, according to a little fiction of the almanacs, the beginning of winter; while in fact winter practically began more than a month ago. In this latitute the sun will rise at 7.26, morning, and set at 4.34, evening.

Mrs. Agnes Cordelia Collins, daughter of Mrs. Mary Agnes Lane, of this city, died in Baltimore on Thursday, aged nearly 33 years, January 1st, 1869, having been the date of her birth. She leaves her husband but no children. Mr. Gloyd Lane, Mrs. Lane's youngest son, is critically ill at the home of his mother, on Liberty street.

Benjamin's Reformed Church, near this city, has undergone some noteworthy improvements by having had the woodwork on the exterior brightened with a few fresh coats of paint. The parsonage has also received some needed repairs. Miss Maggie Stoner and her mother furnished the vestibule of the church with a pretty linoleum.

Messrs. Howard S. Robinson, J. Parson Williams, T. Herbert Lewis, G. I. Humphrey, H. C. Hancock, George Medders and Robert Carman have been chosen for the preliminary contest at which the students, who are to represent Western Maryland College in the intercollegiate oratorical contest, are to be chosen.

While the SENTINEL is being printed the special farmers' institute announced to be held in this county is being held in Odd Fellows' Hall. The day sessions will be followed in the evening by the lecture of Miss Emma Suter Jacobs, director of the Cooking Schools of Washington, D. C., on "The Staff of Life—Demonstrated." This lecture will be of peculiar interest to ladies and, no doubt, many of them will attend it. It will be delivered in Odd Fellows' Hall and will be free.

The children of this city and vicinity are again invited to be the guests of Mr. Charles C. Gorsuch, at Odd Fellows Hall, Christmas afternoon, at 3 o'clock, where they will be entertained with amusements, consisting of tricks and ventriloquism, by a professional from Baltimore. At the close of the performance boxes of candy will be distributed. Nearly eight hundred people, most of whom were children, enjoyed the fun last Christmas and it is safe to say there will be no diminution of that number this year. Mr. Gorsuch's generosity is thoroughly appreciated.

Mr. Nelson R. Buckingham, a well known citizen of Winfield, died at his home in that place on Friday, 13th inst., in the fifty-third year of his age, and his funeral took place at Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. Mr Buckingham followed the business of huckstering and was a prominent and influential citizen. He was a son of the late Oliver Buckingham, of Winfield. He leaves a widow—who is a daughter of Mr. John Deckabaugh, of Freedom—and five children.

Mr. Theodore A. Evans, a native and former resident of this city, died at his home, No. 1224 Bolton street, Baltimore, on Friday, 13th inst., suddenly, in the fifty-third year of his age. Mr. Evans was a son of the late Levi Evans, and a brother of Mrs. Nelson Gilbert, of this city. He leaves a widow and two grown daughters. Mr. Evans was at one time a United States postal railway clerk. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity. His funeral took place from his late residence on Sunday afternoon.

Hagerstown correspondence of the Baltimore *American*, dated the 15th inst., says: Mr. M. L. Main, a well-known manufacturer of Hagerstown, today quietly celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his birth. Mr. Main is a son of the late Capt. Daniel L. Main, and was born at Myersville, Frederick county, Md. At the age of 15 years he left the farm to clerk in a store at Woodsboro. Later he taught school for two years and then engaged in business at Westminster. Nine years ago he moved to Hagerstown, and since then has been actively associated with the business interests of the city.

The individual deposits subject to check, in the several national banks of this county, at the close of business on the 10th inst., were as follows: First National Bank of New Windsor, $65,557.71; Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Westminster, $131,275.54; Union National Bank of Westminster, $220,466.59; First National Bank of Westminster, $264,216.70. At the same time there were, in the Westminster Savings Bank, weekly and monthly deposits to the amount of $179,733.49, and special deposit to the amount of $477,067.61. At the close of business, on the 12th inst., the aggregate of deposits with the Westminster Deposit and Trust Company were $347,935.51; making a grand total of $1,686,253.05.

Rev. J. H. Cassidy, of St. John's Catholic Church, this city, was the subject of a pleasant experience on Thursday evening, when a large number of his parishoners called at the parsonage in a body, bearing innumerable gifts as an evidence of their affectionate regard for their faithful pastor.

Mrs. Elizabeth Delphey, widow of the late Wm. Delphey, a former well known resident of this county, died at her home, No. 2539 West North avenue, Baltimore, on Saturday last. Mrs. Delphey was a daughter of the late John Mitten, of New Windsor, and, after funeral services at her late residence her remains were taken to that place on Monday, by the noon train, for interment. She leaves one daughter.

Business will be almost entirely suspended in this city on Christmas day. Few, if any, business places will be open and the banks will all be closed. The postoffice will close at 8 o'clock in the morning and open at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The regular morning delivery will be made, but no other during the day. The afternoon collection for the fast mail will be made from the Washington road to Mr. George R. Grumbine's store.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Westminster, held on Tuesday last, Mr. John L. Reifsnider was elected president of the bank to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Granville S. Haines. Mr. Reifsnider has had large experience in financial affairs and is thoroughly equipped for the discharge of the duties of the presidency. He is a worthy successor of the late honored and faithful president.

At their meeting on Monday the County Commissioners appointed Dr. T. J. Coonan physician to the alms house, with compensation of $50 per annum, and Dr. Charles R. Foutz physician to the Board of Health of Carroll county; pay $25. Ferd. A. Barnes was appointed a constable for Freedom district. Special pensions of $5 each were granted to George Cromwell, of district No. 7, and Wm. Alban, of district No. 8.

Following are new subscribers to the phones of the Western Maryland Telephone Company of Carroll County, which has just effected a complete connection with the Maryland Telegraph and Telephone Company, giving its patrons advantage of the long distance system: J. Grattan Doyle, Jacob L. Shafer, Sisters of Notre Dame, Westminster; Reed Brothers, Union Bridge; A. C. Richardson, Smallwood; Jonas Wagner, Medford.

Rev. W. J. Meeks, former junior pastor of New Windsor Circuit M. E. Church, but for the last two years pastor of Garrett Park M. E. Church, Baltimore, and Miss Katie B. Senseney, daughter of Mrs. Katie B. Senseney, of Baltimore, were married in Philadelphia, on the 23rd of September last, in a quiet way, but the fact did not become known to Mr. Meeks' congregation until last week, when he personally announced it. Mrs. Meeks' mother and other relatives and the young clergyman's relatives were aware of the marriage, but had not spoken of it.

Messrs. N. I. Gorsuch & Son, of this city, have the contract for one thousand barrels of Passover flour and are now making it under the supervision of a representative of Rabbi Schaeffer. The Rabbi spent Monday in the mill cleaning and purifying it and his representative will remain at the mill until the last barrel shall have been made. Each barrel is stamped with a private mark as it comes from the packer and is under the the eye of the representative of the Rabbi until it is loaded in the car. For a number of years this firm has manufactured the flour used by the Orthodox Jews during the 40 days of the Passover celebration, and only the very choicest grades of Carroll county wheat are used in its production.

Those of our readers who intend to give Christmas presents and who does not?—will be aided materially in deciding what to select, by consulting the advertising columns of the SENTINEL, where they will find amply described a large number of articles suitable for the purpose, whether the persons who are to be the recipients of their favor are children, or adults. In all branches of merchandise the stores which advertise in the SENTINEL never made as fine a display, at more moderate prices, than they are doing this season. The variety of articles especially suitable for Christmas presents is very large and the stores, in their holiday attire, are very attractive. Our merchants appear to be doing a large business, and it is not surprising that they are having this experience, as no town in Maryland, of equal size, can boast so many elegant business houses.

Mr. Joseph Tener, a well-known farmer of Franklin district, died at his home near Winfield on Sunday, at the age of 84 years. He was a man of considerable means and a very worthy and influential citizen. He was of quiet and unpretending demeanor, but held decided views, especially in regard to public affairs. Politically he was a Democrat, but never aspired to public office, though he served many times as judge of election in Franklin district. He was a man of integrity and purity of character, but was not connected with any religious organization. A remarkable fact in connection with his family history is that he and two sisters were born and lived in the same house in which he breathed his last, all attaining extreme old age and remaining unmarried. One of the sisters died several years ago, when considerably past her eightieth year, and the other, who is Mr. Tener's senior by several years, is still living in the old home.

The barn on the farm of Mr. Samuel P. Sterner, in Taneytown district, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday, but was built a year ago, and is the third barn destroyed for Mr. Sterner within a few years. He also had another building destroyed about six or eight years ago, making this fire the fourth that has occured on this place. An ice house and several smaller buildings, a new binder and other farming implements and a lot of wheat and fodder were destroyed by the fire. Two horses and some of the farming implements and other property belonging to a Mr. Staley, Sterner's tenant, were burned. Mr. Sterner resides in Taneytown. The value of the barn was estimated at $800 and the loss on it and the other buildings would therefore be probably $900. The loss on personal property is not known, but is likely $300 to $400. The origin of the fire is not known but an investigation is to be made by the office of State Fire Marshal Price, his efficient deputy, Mr. Chas. V. Wantz, of this city, having received a request to that effect.

Hog Weights.

Westminster.—Thos. Turfle, six, 2097; Samuel K. Yingling, one, 559.

Uniontown District.—H. Benner, four, 200, 276, 290, 475; total 1241.

Westminster District.—J. B. Shipley, two, 366, 453; total, 819.

Patapsco and vicinity.—Charles Elseroad, seven, 557½, 215, 181, 158, 160, 211, 393; Henry A. Miller, eight, 413, 149, 237, 176, 185, 240, 95 and 245; James Beam, two, 360, 318; Joseph Ryan, two, 359, 143; William Beam, two, 245, 239; Samuel Beam, two, 191, 160; Samuel Elseroad, four, 310, 187, 173, 243; William Benson, five, 306, 175, 150, 31, 180.

Mt. Pleasant.—Jno. E. Yingling, nineteen, 275, 280, 270, 240, 222, 180, 177, 167, 158, 157, 163, 145, 215, 147, 138, 146, 172, 163, 147.

Roseville Items.

The congregation of Mt. Union U. B. Church gave their pastor, Rev. J. W. Houseman, a very nice donation, valued at $20.00, on Saturday evening last, which was much appreciated by the pastor and his family.

The butchering season has about closed. Following are weights of a few of the porkers slaughtered: A. N. Leister, three, 600; J. W. Shultz, two, 399; Alice V. Leister, four, 773; J. S. Leister, four, 874; H. E. Zepp, three, 630; D. H. Leister, fourteen, 2,000.

Mr. J. W. Shultz, who had been very ill with typhoid pneumonia, is at this writing getting better under the treatment of Dr. J. H. Sherman, of Manchester.

The Mt. Union Sunday School will close on Sunday next for the year. It has also arranged for a nice treat, for the members.

Proceedings of Circuit Court.

The only case before the Circuit Court for Carroll county, this week, has been that of Mrs. Eliza J. Stocksdale, by her husband and next friend, George L. Stocksdale, Esq., vs. The Burgess and Commissioners of Union Bridge, for tresspass, which was on trial at the conclusion of last week's report. Court was not in session on Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday the testimony was concluded and prayers submitted and argued before the court, and yesterday morning the case was given to the jury without argument. The jury found for the plaintiff and assessed damages at $55. The petit jurors were discharged and court adjourned.

A Chapter of Accidents.

While Mr. Andrew Hoffman was engaged in hauling fodder for Mr. D. H. Leister, of Eden Hill Farm, on Saturday last, the wagon was upset and he was thrown to the ground with such force that one of his ribs on the left side was fractured.

Mrs. Wm. R. Steele, of Cranberry Valley, had both her hands severely burned on Wednesday by catching a pan of hot chocolate, to prevent it falling to the floor, while she was engaged in baking cake.

While Mr. James Knight, who was employed at Mr. E. A. Edmonson's mill, near Gamber, was handling crossties, on Tuesday, one of them fell on his left leg, fracturing both bones midway between the knee and ankle, making the third time the same leg has been broken.

Dr. M. L. Bott, of this city, was summoned and gave the necessary surgical attention in all the above cases.

Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Carroll County.

The annual meeting of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Carroll County was held at the company's office in this city, on Monday last. The principal business was the election of directors for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of the following gentlemen: Dr. J. W. Hering, Dr. J. J. Weaver, Jr., J. Oliver Wadlow, Francis L. Hering, Edward E. Reindollar, Louis E. Shriver, Samuel Roop, E. O. Grimes, Dr. Charles Billingslea, Joseph L. Haines, all whom were members of last year's board, except Mr. Haines, who was elected to succeed the late Granville S. Haines. The directors organized by re-electing Dr. J. W. Hering president for the 29th year, he having occupied that position continuously during the period alluded to. Mr. Edward Lynch was re-elected secretary, and E. O. Grimes, Jr., Esq., was elected counsel to the board, in place of Judge Wm. H. Thomas. After adjournment the members of the board proceeded to the Hotel Westminster, where, with several others, as invited guests of the secretary, they dined in sumptuous fashion on oysters—raw, stewed and fried—turkey, roast beef and vegetables galore, winding up with mince pie, ice cream, coffee and cigars. The table was tastefully and handsomely decorated with smilax and carnations.

DECEMBER WEDDINGS.

Parker-Parke.

Mrs. Wm. W. Amoss, of Baltimore, announces the marriage of her sister, Miss Bessie Gertrude Parke, to Mr. Walter Whyte Parker, a member of the Baltimore bar, in this city, on Thursday, December 19th, 1901. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. H. Miller, D. D., pastor of Grace Lutheran Church. The bride is a daughter of the late John F. and Alverta V. Parke, of Baltimore, and granddaughter of the late Jos. M. Parke, of this city.

Mobley-Knight.

Miss Lulu Irene Knight, daughter of Mr. Ezekiah Knight, of this city, and Mr. A. Clyde Mobley, of Brunswick, Md., were quietly married at the parsonage of Centenary M. E. Church, this city, on Wednesday, in the presence of members of their immediate families. The groom is the youngest son of Mr. J. Clarence Mobley, of this city, and is employed in the machinery department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, at Brunswick. Miss Nora Knight, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Frank Stewart, groomsman. After the ceremony the bridal party and relatives repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where a bounteous wedding dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Mobley will reside at Brunswick.

Stoner-Long.

Mr. Harry D. Stoner, son of Mr. Emanuel Stoner, of this city, and Miss Grace A. Long, daughter of Mr. James Long, of New London, Frederick county, were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, on Thursday, 12th inst. There were no attendants. The bride wore a wedding gown of blue cloth trimmed with white satin. The marriage ceremony was performed by Elder Samuel Utz, of New Market, a minister of the German Baptist Church. A wedding dinner was served. Only the immediate relatives were present. After a wedding trip to Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Stoner arrived in this city on Sunday afternoon, and were given a reception at the home of the groom's parents on West Main street.

Fatal Burning Case at New Windsor.

Mr. Richard Stuart Spence Harrison was burned to death at New Windsor Friday night of last week. Mr. Harrison for a number of years had made his home in New Windsor, where he boarded, first at the hotel of Mr. Louis Diehman and afterwards, for the last eight years and upwards, with Miss Amelia C. Engel, now Mrs. Dr. L. A. Aldridge. The accident occurred about 8 o'clock in the evening, and Mr. Harrison died three hours afterwards. He retained his consciousness to the last, and, a short time before he expired, explained to Mrs. Aldridge that, when about to retire for the night, he had lighted a match, which fell from his fingers and dropped on some papers lying on the floor. These were set on fire, and in his efforts to extinguish the blaze his night clothing became ignited and was speedily in flames. He was in a part of the building at some distance from the room occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Aldridge, and although they heard his cries, they supposed they were made by persons outside and further away, as noises of similar character were not unusual in the vicinity of the railroad.

When at last the blaze was discovered and Mr. Harrison's room was entered the scene was one to appal the stoutest heart. It was first witnessed by Miss Maggie Engel, a sister of Mrs. Aldridge. Mr. Harrison was kneeling at his bedside. His night clothing had been burned from his person and the bedding had become ignited, but was burning slightly. Others, who immediately followed Miss Engel into the room found Mr. Harrison lying beside the bed, where he had fallen. His whole body was scorched and blackened and in some places burned to a crisp. His hair, beard and eyebrows were nearly burned off. The fire in the bedclothing was promptly extinguished, with slight damage. Dr. John F. Buffington was with Mr. Harrison in a few minutes and did everything possible to relieve his sufferings, which were excruciating. The fatal nature of his injuries was at once apparent, and death came to his relief at 11 o'clock.

His remains were taken to Baltimore on Saturday afternoon and thence to Ellicott City and interred in the family burial lot in St. John's Cemetery, on Sunday. The burial services were conducted by Rev. Edward T. Helfenstein rector of St. John's Episcopal Church. Mr. Harrison was a son of Rev. Mr. Harrison, many years ago rector of the Episcopal Church at Ellicott City, and a brother of the late Rev. Hall Harrison, who succeeded his father as rector of the church mentioned, and of the late Dr. Harrison, of Ellicott City. Miss Mary Harrison, who resides at 508 Cathedral street, Baltimore, is a sister. Mr. Harrison married a daughter of the late Dr. Pue, of Ellicott City. He leaves a widow and six children, some of whom reside in Baltimore and others at Ellicott City. He had been living apart from his family for many years. He was at one time cashier of a banking house in Baltimore. Mr. Harrison was a gentleman of liberal education and unusual intelligence, and was gifted as a writer. He suffered greatly with neuralgia, and was obliged to resort to anodynes to procure relief.

Cranberry Valley Items.

Many guests spent a delightful day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Harris, on Sunday, 15th inst., the occasion having been a reception given to Mr. Milton A. Yingling, brother of Mrs. Vergie I. Harris, and his bride. The house was beautifully and tastefully decorated with ferns, numerous varieties of geraniums, &c. Mr. and Mrs. Yingling were the recipients of many gifts. Attractive vocal quartets and solos were rendered by Messrs. Henry M. Snider, James Harris, Zachariah Harris and others. Some fine organ music was produced by Mr. Wm. M. Harris, and Mr. Zachariah Harris charmed the company with the music of the harp. A splendid dinner of turkey, chicken, ham, oysters, celery and many other tempting dishes was served promptly at 12 o'clock, noon, and at 3 o'clock, P. M., refreshments of cake, coffee, tea, root beer, lemonade and wine. The day passed all too quickly and at a late hour the guests retired to their homes, with best wishes for a long and happy life for Mr. and Mrs. Yingling. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Yingling, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Yingling, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Harris; Mr. and Mrs. David E. Yingling, of Wakefield; Mr. and Mrs. Alf. P. Yingling, of Westminster; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Snider, Mr. George Gummel, Misses Treva Harris, Viola Yingling, Esta Utz, Emma Shaffer, Laura Ebaugh, Abbie Grogg, Hesta Snider, Messrs. Elias H. Yingling, Wm. Brown, Walter Decker, Henry Snider, John Harris, Adam Schaffer, James and Zach. Harris, Horace Ebaugh, Charley Harris, Harvey Utz, Dewey Yingling, Arthur and Sherman Harris.

Messrs. Edgar and Walter Decker, of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown.

Miss Erma M. Ebaugh, formerly of this place, but now residing near Westminster, is quite ill with tonsilitis.

Mrs. Wm. H. Leese is also quite ill with hemorrhages.

Communion services were held by Rev. H. H. Flick at Snydersburg and by Rev. S. A. Diehl at Leister's. Quite a class was confirmed at Snydersburg.

Mr. Theodore Yingling and family visited friends near Carrollton on Sunday last.

Mrs. A. R. Ebaugh visited Mrs. Howard Geiman, near Westminster, on Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Wareheim, of Baltimore, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gummel.

Miss Sallie Hull, of Baltimore, paid a flying visit to her parents and sister.

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Wedding Dinner.

A wedding dinner was given in honor of Mr. Irvin Black and bride, of Barlow, Pa., at Mr. D. M. Shoemaker's, Porters, Md., on Saturday. About the hour of noon the invited guests assembled, notwithstanding the inclement weather. Congratulations were given and it was not long until the hospitable hostess invited the guests to the dining room, where they all partook of a bountiful repast. The table groaned with all the delicacies of the season. After all had satisfied the inner man, the folks enjoyed jokes told by Mr. R. Calvin McKinney, in his usual pleasing manner. The well-known Shoemaker Orchestra entertained the crowd with their beautiful strains of music. Those present were: Mr. Irvin Black and wife, of Barlow, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shoemaker, Rev. and Mrs. Shriver, Mr. L. M. Bushey and wife, Messrs. Harry and John Bushey, John and Erman Shoemaker, Misses Abbie, Carrie and Mattie Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wampler and son Luther, Mr. R. Calvin McKinney, Mrs. John McKinney and daughter Catharine, Mrs. T. F. Keefer and son Dewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Black, Miss Maye Anthony, Mr. James Hewitt, and Mr. Tolbert Rodgers.

For the Sentinel.

Surprise Party Near Brummel.

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mathias, near Brummel, Tuesday evening last, was the scene of an enjoyable surprise party. The guests were received with a hearty welcome and invited to the parlor where social games and amusements were indulged in and vocal and instrumental music was rendered. At a late hour the guests were invited to the dining room, where a table was heavily burdened with candies, cakes, nuts, and fruits. After extending their thanks and best wishes to the host and hostess for their hospitality, the happy party started on their journey home. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mathias, Mr. Aaron Schaffer, Mrs. Jane Berwager, Mrs. Joseph Mathias, Misses Stellie Reese, Lola Leister, Dysia Schaeffer, Kate Heird, Mamie Reese, Alice Mathias, Lizzie Schaffer, Ada Leister, Mary Schaffer, Bertha Mathias, Emma Mathias, Annie Berwager, Emma Schaffer, Messrs. Emory Berwager, Harry Breitwiser, William Schaffer, Frank Lowe, Grove Leister, Harry Schaffer, William Witte, Chester Sherman, George Reese, Willie Leister, Lewis Long, John Martin, Horatio Mathias, Charles Schaffer, Harry Mathias, Jr., George Schaffer.

Gaither's Items.

We had a very heavy rain and wind storm though our part of the country on Saturday night, causing very high waters in the falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gearhart and son Guy were the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Wm. Sellman, on Sunday.

Mr. Henry G. Cook, of Berret, visited his son, Wm. H. Cook, the past week.

Miss M. E. Gilliss spent some time in Baltimore this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Shipley.

Mr. Marshall Sellman visited friends at Berret, this week.

Mrs. Weere and son have been visiting Mrs. Wm. D. Selby, near Gaither.

On Monday night next the Springfield Sunday School will hold its entertainment to which all will be welcome.

Miss Lillian Hewitt and sister Elva visited friends at Sykesville this week.

Miss M. E. Gilliss will return to her home on Friday for the holidays, closing her school with Christmas exercises—songs, duets, dialogues, &c.

The B. & O. R. R. will be much improved when the changes in progress shall have been completed.

Miller's Items.

Miss Elsie Deagen spent several days recently with her sister, Mrs. George Malehorn, of Hanover, Pa.

Miller's Union Sunday School has decided to hold their Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening, December 26th.

Mr. Geo. P. Miller is visiting his son at Maple Grove.

The many friends of Mrs. Catharine Fowble, of Alesia, are very sorry to hear of her severe illness with typhoid fever. That she will soon recover is the wish of her friends.

Mr. Walter Cullison spent Wednesday of this week in Baltimore.

Mrs. Geo. Frank, who had been visiting relatives in Baltimore, has returned to her home, and reports that her mother-in-law, known as Grandmother Frank, is able to be out again.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Winfield Items.

The funeral of Mr. Buckingham, on Sunday afternoon, was well attended. The Rev. Dudrear preached an excellent sermon. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the Winfield people.

The protracted services in Ebenezer will be closed this week. Four have already been converted.

Mr. Ray Yohn recently registered as the twenty-fifth student of the Academy.

Miss Emma Shipley, of Gist, has been staying at Mr. Howard M. Zile's this week.

Please do not forget the entertainment on Saturday evening. The Academy proposes to render the following short comic plays: Playing The Doctor, A Big Day In Bulger, The Fellow That Looks Like Me, A Matrimonial Advertisement, and The Dutch Justice. There will also be given a number of recitations by the smaller pupils, a vocal solo, vocal duet, and the rest of the music will be furnished by a good orchestra.

Miss Hollus V. Frizzell is on the sick list.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, December 16th.—Letters of administration on the estate of Granville S. Haines, deceased, granted unto Mary H. Haines, who received order to notify creditors.

George E. Cox, executor of Daniel A. Cox, deceased, returned inventories of personal property, debts and money, and received orders to sell personal and real estate.

Annie C. Houck, administratrix of John E. Houck, deceased, settled first and final account.

Annie C. Houck, administratrix of John E. Houck, deceased guardian to Elizabeth Taylor, Annie R. Long, John Houck, Franklin Houck, and George Houck settled first and final accounts.

Tuesday, December 17th.—Solomon S. and Ellsworth Ecker, executors of Susannah Ecker, deceased, reported sale of real estate, and settled second and final account.

Last will and testament of Mary S. Allison, deceased, admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon granted unto Frederick Mehring, who received order to notify creditors.

Letters of administration d. b. n. c. t. a. on the estate of Melchor Cox, deceased, granted unto George E. Cox, who received order to sell leasehold estate.

Mary Kump and Susannah M. Morelock, executrices of Paul Reinecker, deceased, settled first and final account.

John W. and Nathaniel Shaffer, executors of Reuben Schaeffer, settled first account, and received order to transfer stock.

Letters of administration on the estate of Elias Warren, deceased, granted unto Franklin B. Warren, who received order to notify creditors.

Joseph H. Shipley, administrator of Mary A. Shipley, deceased, settled first and final account.

Final ratification of the sale of the real estate of Lawrence Zepp, deceased.

Final ratification of the sale of the real estate of Susannah Ecker, deceased.

Pleasant Valley Items.

A Merry Christmas to editor and many readers of the SENTINEL.

The Sabbath School at this place will hold its Christmas entertainment on Christmas eve, 24th inst., and a very good program is being arranged, with the singing under the leadership of Mr. N. H. Bankert. Everybody welcome.

Rev. Wm. H. Ehrhart will preach here Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Christian Endeavor at 7 P. M. On December 31st the C. E. Society will observe the midnight watch meeting; services to commence at 9 o'clock. All turn out and meet the new year rejoicing.

Mr. Levi Maus and family moved from this place to Mr. Maus' father's, near Tyrone, on Tuesday, where he and his brother Charles expect to farm for their father the coming year. We wish both him and his jolly good wife success.

Public school closed on Friday and will not open until January 2nd. The large scholars presented the principal teacher, Mr. Wm. Unger, with a nice pair of blankets, and the primary teacher, Miss Irene Hooper, with a beautiful parlor lamp.

When the days are dark and gloomy,
When the snowflakes fill the air;
Pile the wood upon the hearthstone,
In it's glowing brightness share.
Outward gloom will not oppress you
If you choose the better part;
Pile the wood upon the hearthstone,
Hold the sunshine in your heart.

Banish every thought of sadness,
Banish every doubt and fear;
Let your soul be filled with gladness
With the wealth of Christmas cheer.
Let the fires of love burn brighter;
Make each day a Christmas day;
Fill your hearts with love and sweetness,
Choose the brighter, better way.

Frizellburg Items.

Misses Edith and Mabel Brown, of Baltimore, who had been living with Mrs. William Heagy for more than a year, expect to return home to-day. They have become much attached to country life and regret the thought of leaving.

The Chapel Sunday School will distribute its annual treat to the scholars on Christmas night.

Miss Grace Zile, who has been away from home for quite a while, is looked for at home to-day.

Mr. Frank Snader is still confined to his room. Improvement is so slow that it is scarcely perceptible. We wish him a merry Christmas.

The teachers of the public school here treated each of the scholars with a sack of candy yesterday and dismissed them for the holiday vacation.

Mr. Frank Zahn, who had been in Baltimore for some time for medical treatment, is now home with his parents, with prospects of his restoration. The city physicians pronounce his disease marasmus.

Mrs. Frazier, near Finksburg, spent a few days recently with her son Walter, of this place.

Mrs. Abraham Sheets, Mrs. Harvey Bankerd, Mrs. Charles Sheets and child, and Mr. Jesse Sheets, all of New Windsor, visited your correspondent one day this week.

Uniontown Items.

Dr. and Mrs. Luther Kemp spent last Saturday in Baltimore.

Mrs. Jacob Willett, of Thurmont, who was visiting Mrs. Palmer and family returned home on Monday.

Miss Agnes Gilbert spent last Monday visiting friends in Westminster.

Christmas sermon at Pipe Creek M. P. Church, Sunday morning at 10.30. Christmas service in M. P. Church, Uniontown, conducted by pastor, 7.30 P. M.

Mrs. John C. Hollenberry and Miss Anna G. Hollenberry spent several days during the week in Westminster.

Service as usual in the Church of God, Sunday, Dec. 22. Subject for 10.15 A. M., "Good News. In the evening the pastor, Rev. J. D. Clark, will deliver an illustrated sermon on the subject, "Life a Voyage."

Christmas entertainment in the Church of God on Sunday evening.

The Lutheran Sunday School will hold its annual Christmas service on Christmas Eve.

The members of the Methodist Sunday School will receive their annual offering on Friday evening, Dec. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Diehl, of Frederick county, were guests, on Wednesday, of Mrs. Hannah Dotterer.

Taneytown Items.

Mrs. G. H. Birnie and daughter, Miss Eliza, spent Monday in Baltimore.

Wallace Walter, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baumgardner, died on Thursday evening, December 12.

The Xmas services of the Lutheran Sunday School will be held in the Church on Xmas eve.

Mr. Warren Hill returned to Baltimore on Saturday, after a two-weeks' visit to his parents. He now expects to enter Bryant & Stratton's Business College.

Miss Emma Basehoar, of Littlestown, Pa., is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. D. W. Garner.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Koons entertained the following persons: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shorb and daughter Vallie, Messrs. E. O. and H. E. Weant, of Double Pipe Creek; Dr. and Mrs. Kemp, of Uniontown; and Mr. Ross Koons, of York Road.

On Thursday of this week, about three o'clock, Mr. Samuel Sterner's barn was burned, also a shed and hog pen. All the grain in the barn was destroyed and also two horses were burned.

Union Mills Items.

Miss Cora Study, a most estimable young lady, died at Littlestown, Pa., on the 17th inst. She was a daughter of Mr. Nelson Study, formerly of Silver Run, but now of Littlestown, and was his last remaining child. It will be remembered that Mr. Study, about two years ago, lost his wife and his two sons, from malignant typhoid fever, while residing on his farm in Silver Run valley. Miss Study was well known and much beloved in the vicinity of Silver Run where she was laid to rest on Friday of this week. She was a member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Lennie Mathias, son of Mr. Leander Mathias, has been brought home from Hanover, where he was learning the trade of stone cutter, seriously ill with pneumonia.

Master Oscar Stitely, who has been living in Frederick county, is home visiting his father, Mr. Thos. J. Stitely.

New York Bargain House.

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For Christmas?



Have You All The

Toys, Dolls, Books, Games, Tree Ornaments,

Fancy Goods, China, Glassware, Pictures,

and everything else you need to complete your list

of presents?

If not, do not delay another minute. This is the last call.

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Manchester Items.

Early morning service will be held in Trinity Reformed Church, and the Sunday School services will be given in the evening of Christmas day. At Emanuel Lutheran Church the Sunday School will hold its services on the same evening and each school will have its annual treat.

Since new life has been infused in the Fire Company matters have been booming; the different committees are arranged and things placed upon a footing that promises to make it a success. A few days ago a gentleman offered a can of lard at a reduced rate to be raffled for the benefit of the company, on which they cleared $13. A half bushel of apples presented by the chief plussed them $1.80, while the same parties are arranging for a shooting match on the 26th inst., for the company's benefit. On January 9th, 1902, a pound party will be given in the I. O. O. F. Hall at which the officers will hold a public reception and a general good time is promised to all. A program will be arranged for the occasion so that the entertainment features will be as inducive as those of pleasure and fun.

Mr. Carroll C. Wareline has been fully installed in the duties of Manchester Station, F. R. D., and as carrier No. 23 serves the town in three deliveries and three collections daily. Carroll was promoted from a subcarrier. He has our best wishes for a grand success in his calling.

Kunkle was on the qui vive on Tuesday evening, as rumor had it that two weddings were to take place during the early evening, and the rumor proved true. Mr. Will Strevig and Miss Maggie Lippy arrived at the Reformed parsonage at 7.30 P. M., where Rev. S. M. Roder united them in the bonds of wedlock. About the same hour Mr. Horatio Black and Miss Katie Helfric drove to the Lutheran parsonage where Rev. H. H. Flick performed the marriage ceremony and declared them man and wife. Scarcely had they been settled in their homes before the welkin rang in the Grove and Lippy Valleys with the Kunkle hilarity and the boys enjoyed their usual fun in giving them an old time send off. And still the air is full of hymeneal rumors for the holiday season.

The Hagerstown Brewing Company has purchased the E. J. Everhart property, on South Main street, next to the drug store.

Mr. Wm. N. Gettier has gone to the Eastern Shore with friends on a gunning tour.

Mr. Harry Shaffer, of Woodberry, is visiting his aunt in Germantown.

Miss Lizzie Fuhrman, daughter of the late E. W. Fuhrman, ex-sheriff, was married on Sun