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LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. H. M. Zile, of Winfield, has filled his icehouse at that place, which has a capacity of 240 tons, with splendid 6-inch ice.

Comptroller Hering made the quarterly distribution of the school tax, on Wednesday. Carroll county got $3,933.42 for white schools, and $394.82 for colored schools.

During the month of December 45 deeds, 10 mortgages and 4 bills of sale were received for record at the clerk's office, and 47 marriage licenses were issued.

At the Baltimore Shooting Association grounds, on Wednesday, Dr. Geo. E. Baughman, of this city, made a record of 28 kills out of 30 birds shot at, which was also high score for the day.

Mrs. Catharine Feeser, wife of Mr. David H. Feeser, died at her home in Silver Run, on Sunday night, of pneumonia, aged about 60 years. She leaves her husband and a number of children.

The cold snap this week made fine skating. Ice from the previous cold period had not entirely disappeared from the mfildams and ponds and it has now attained a thickness of about six inches.

Geo. L. Stocksdale, Esq., trustee, has sold at private sale the dwelling, storeroom and 2 acres, 2 roods, 27 perches of land at Shipley, belonging to the estate of the late A. J. Easton, to Mr. Francis J. Grimes, for $800.

An informal dance, held at the Winchester Place on New Year's eve, under the auspices of Miss Shriver's dancing class, was a decided success. Refreshments were served and music was furnished by the Westminster Orchestra.

On Saturday morning last Mr. Jacob Miller, an aged resident of this city, accidentally fell down the steps, at his home on West Main street, and fractured the lower rib on his left side. Dr. M. L. Bott gave him the necessary surgical attention.

Messrs. Samuel Roop and Theo. F. Englar, surviving partners of Roberts, Roop & Co., proprietors of the Carroll Flouring Mills, in this city, announce that the business will be continued under the same firm name as during the lifetime of the late H. Stewart Roberts.

Robert Jones, colored, aged 28 years, had both his legs badly crushed by a freight train of the Western Railroad, at Finksburg Station, on Monday, and died at the City Hospital, Baltimore, to which he was taken, on Tuesday, from the shock. If he had lived it would have been necessary to amputate both legs.

Recitations at Western Maryland College will begin on Monday morning, 6th inst. On Friday evening, 10th inst., at 8 o'clock, a teachers' recital will be given in Alumni Hall. To the usual attractions of these recitals will be added on this occasion some selections to be rendered by Rev. T. O. Crouse.

Very many residents of this city were awake at the midnight hour of Tuesday, as the Old Year passed and the New Year appeared. Watch meetings were held and interesting and appropriate religious services observed in the Lutheran, Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal Churches. The bells of the city rang in the New Year.

The following figures show the volume of business transacted in the Orphans' Court for Carroll county, Mr. Jos. D. Brooks, Register of Wills, for the year ending December 6, 1901:

Wills probated 61, administrations 51, total number of estates 112; collateral inheritance tax $1749, tax on commissions $2467.89, total $4216.89; surplus of fees over expenses $46.66.

The national banks of this county declared their semi-annual dividends, at the end of the calendar year, as follows: Union National Bank of Westminster, 5 per cent; First National Bank of Westminster, 4½ per cent; Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Westminster, 3½ per cent; First National Bank of New Windsor, 3 per cent. All these dividends are clear of national, state and county taxes.

A copious rain prevailed in this vicinity on Saturday and Sunday last. The precipitation was especially heavy and continuous during Saturday night, but no damage of consequence was done. The rain, however, seemed to be general over the eastern section of the country and in some localities much property was destroyed by inundations. Railroad washouts and landslides caused several serious accidents, with loss of life.

New Year's Day in this city was marked by an almost entire suspension of business. Banks, public offices and stores were closed and, except for the occasional noise of an exploding cannon cracker, almost quiet stillness reigned. A couple of masked and fantastically arrayed horsemen rode through the streets and at night a few masquerading companies created some excitement. There was very little inebriety.

Mr. John Nee, aged 84 years, died at his home, near Sykesville, on Monday, fater a short attack of apoplexy. He was born in Ireland and came to this country 60 years ago. He was in the emplov of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for 40 years, and attended daily to his duties until about six months ago. A widow and several children survive him. One son is an employee of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in the passenger department. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Sykesville.

Justice W. Riley Myers, of this city, who is also an active life insurance agent, representing The mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, which has the largest capital of any company in the world, and the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company of Detroit, has left at the SENTINEL office a lot of calendars for 1902, issued by these companies, besides a number of padded desk memoranda from the New York Company. This company's calendar is plain but unique, its background being a specimen policy of the company.

On last Thursday night, Miss Florence Hoff Mitten, of this city, entertained a company, at the residence of her parents, on Liberty street, in honor of her guests, Miss Margaret E. Hoff, of Baltimore; Miss Nellie B. Stansbury, of Hampstead, and Miss Ruth E. Roberts, of Sams Creek. Dancing, games and other amusements were participated in and at a late hour the guests departed for their respective homes, after having spent an enjoyable evening. Ice cream, fruits, nuts and confections were elegantly served.

Mrs. Myerly, wife of Mr. George Myerly, near Uniontown, died on Wednesday, at the age of 76 years.

Mrs. Abagail, widow of Jas. W. Stonesifer, died at the residence of her son-in law, Mr. Edwin Hoff, Pennsylvania avenue, this city, on Thursday, aged 75 years, 5 months and 13 days. Her remains will be taken to Littlestown, Pa., for interment, to-day.

A horse attached to a buggy containing Mr. and Mrs. William Tate and their child, of Ridgeville, became unmanageable and backed over a steep embankment near Mount Airy, Monday morning. Mrs. Tate and the child were injured, the vehicle broken and the horse nearly killed.

Mrs. Wm. H. Turner, of Baltimore, died at the residence of Mrs. John B. Saylor, this city, on the 29th ult., after a short illness, aged 50 years. She leaves a husband and two children. Her remains were taken to Hagerstown for interment. She was a sister of Mrs. Saylor.

The vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Westminster Deposit and Trust Company, caused by the death of Mr. H. Stewart Roberts, has been filled by the election of F. Neal Parke, Esq. Hon. T. Herbert Shriver has been elected vice-president of the company, an office which was also held by Mr. Roberts.

Miss Bessie E. Warner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Warner, of 2543 Pennsylvania avenue, Baltimore, and Mr. Elmer E. Bowen, of the same city, were married at the bride's home at 8 o'clock, on Monday night, December 30, 1901, by the Rev. John T. Ensor, of the M. E. Church. The wedding was a quiet one, only the immediately family of the bride having been present.

Mrs. Baumgartner, wife of Mr. George W. Baumgartner, a well known and prosperous farmer, of Taneytown district, died suddenly on Monday morning last. Mrs. Baumgartner was a Miss Musselman, of Fairfield, Pa. She was an estimable lady and was greatly respected wherever she was known. She was 45 or 50 years old and leaves her husband and a number of sons and daughters, some of whom are married. Mr. Baumgartner has just built a fine new dwelling in Taneytown, and preparations were being made to occupy it. Mrs. Baumgartner was taken ill on Sunday night and in a few hours breathed her last.

By the 31st annual statement of The Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Carroll County, it appears that during the past year the total receipts from all sources were $18,030.45 and the disbursements the same exactly. Among the receipts was $4,091.25 realized from the sale of secureties, and among the expenditures was $8,151.22 paid for investments made, showing an increase in the invested funds of the company of $4,059.97, the whole fund being $31,527.22. The losses by fire were $7,291.28, and by lightning $75. The sum of $229.97 was expended for improvements to the house occupied by the secratary. The company is evidently in a prosperous condition. The number of its policies outstanding is 3,047, the amount insured $4,132,227, and the amount in premium notes held by the company $308,627.

Mr. George W. Cook, a former well known resident of this city, died on Friday of last week, near Freedom. Mr. Cook was a man of kindly and benevolent temperament and enjoyed the affectionate regard of hosts of friends. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity and cherished the sentiment of brotherly love inculcated by the order. He had attained a ripe old age, having been not less than seventy-five years, and perhaps, a year or two older than that. He leaves a widow, who was a Miss Owings, but no children. Messrs. John W. and Jesse Cook, of this county, are his brothers, Mrs. Louis V. Smith, and Francanna Haines are his sisters. He also leaves another sister, whose name we have not learned, and who was Miss Annie Cook. His remains were interred in the burial ground of the German Baptists at Sams Creek, on Sunday. The funeral service was conducted by Elder Wm. H. Franklin.

The funeral of Mr. H. Stewart Roberts, who died very suddenly at his home, at Medford, on Thursday night of last week, took place on Sunday afternoon. The funeral service was held at the house, and the remains were then taken to the burial ground of the German Baptist Church, at Meadow Branch, for interment. Elder Ephraim W. Stoner of Union Bridge, a minister of the denomination named, with which members of the family of the deceased are connected, conducted the service. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Samuel Roop, Theodore F. Englar, Fred. D. Miller, George M. Parke, Charles Schaeffer and Charles E. Fink, of this city, with all of whom Mr. Roberts had been connected in business enterprises. His connections in that respect outside of the milling business were extensive, and his character was so irreproachable and he was held in such high esteem that, notwithstanding the inclement nature of the weather, the funeral was attended by a large number of people from this city and the surrounding country.

Birthday Party.

For the Sentinel.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Albert K. Hoff, near Sandyville, was the scene of quite a large company of young folks, on Wednesday night, at a party given in honor of the anniversary of the birthday of their daughter, Miss Winifred. Guests were present from Annapolis, Baltimore, Gettysburg, Pa., Taneytown, Hampstead, Sams Creek, Westminster, Sandyville and vicinity. Dancing and other amusements were enjoyed by the guests during the evening. Music was furnished by a select orchestra. Refreshments were served in abundance, consisting of ice cream, cake, fruits, nuts and confectionery. At a late hour all left for their homes well pleased with their experience and the cordial and hospitable manner in which they had been entertained.

Reese-Reese.

A wedding of great interest to many persons in this county took place in an exceedingly quiet manner at the parsonage of Salem Charge, Lutheran Church, on Pennsylvania avenue, this city, at 3.30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The contracting parties were Miss Virginia Reese, third daughter of the late David Reese, who was a well known Westminster district farmer, and Mr. Thomas Edward Reese, son of Mr. A. J. Reese, of this city, and secretary and treasurer of the Westminster Savings Bank. The groom was graduated from Western Maryland College in the class of 1889, and the bride, with high honors, in the class of 1893. So quietly was their bridal arranged that some of their nearest relatives were in ignorance of the hour when the ceremony was to be performed until a short time before it occurred. Only a few witnesses were present, and there were no attendants. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Samuel A. Diehl. By the 6.05 train Mr. and Mrs. Reese left for Washington, where they took the Southern Railroad for a trip to Charleston and the great Southern Exposition, where they will spend the honeymoon. They will reside in this city.

Pleasant Valley Items.

Mrs. Samuel H. Eckard and family, near Pleasant Valley, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Eckard's sisters, Mrs. Robert Christie and Mrs. George Hahn, both of Baltimore.

Mr. John L. Eckard and wife took possession of Mr. Sam. Eckard's property, caring for things in general, during his absence.

Mrs. H. T. Wantz and daughter Ruthana attended the wedding dinner at Dr. Jacob Rinehart's on New Year day.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Eckard spent New Year's day with Mrs. Eckard's parents.

The oyster supper which was to have been given on the 12th will not begin till the 14th.

The week of prayer will be observed next week in the church. Services will begin on Sunday night and be continued every night during the week, except Saturday. Both of our pastors are expected to be with us.

Samuel P. Sterner Held for Court.

The hearing before Justice John H. Diffendal, of Taneytown, on Saturday last, in the case Samuel P. Sterner, accused of setting fire to and destroying the barn on his farm on the afternoon of the 18th ult., was remarkable in respect to the interest excited in that locality. When the hearing began hundreds of people had gathered in and about the justice's office, rendering the proceeedinge difficult and inconvenient.

A proposition was made to adjourn to Reindoliar's Opera House, but it was found that the Taneytown Fire Company had rented it for the day. The officers of the company, however, offered it for the purpose, with the understanding that spectators should pay an admission of five cents each. At that price nearly $12 was realized, and probably more than half of those who were about the magistrate's office did not go in. It is estimated that the crowd numbered nearly 600 persons. The general sentiment appeared to be hostile to the accused, and considerable feeling was exhibited in that direction, but no violence was attempted. State's Attorney Weant appeared for the prosecution and Deputy State Fire Marshal Esq. Hon. T. Herbert Shriver has Charles V. Wantz, of this city, was also present, representing that office.

Mr. David A. Staley, Sterner's tenant, and his wife were the principal witnesses for the state. Mrs. Staley said that Sterner had been at the farmhouse about noon on the day of the fire and arranged with her to have dinner prepared for some hands which he intended to employ to thresh wheat the next day. After dinner her husband went to the woods for a load of wood, and Sterner went with him. About 3 o'clock she saw Sterner leaving the barn with his horses and wagon. He drove toward the house, but stopped and looked back at the barn in a curious way; then he came to the house and ran in to tell her she need not prepare the dinner he had engaged for the next day.

He ran out very hastily, jumped into his wagon and drove off toward the woods where her husband had gone. Staley testified that Sterner, after reaching the woods, continued on towards Taneytown, taking a difficult road, which took him farther from the buildings on the farm than the direct route would have done. At 3.30 o'clock the barn was in flames. No testimony was offered for the defense, and Justice Diffendal required Sterner to give bail in the sum of $500 for the action of the Circuit Court. D. N. Henning, Esq., appeared for the accused.

Death in the Flames.

On Saturday morning last Deputy State Fire Marshal Charles V. Wantz, of this city, went at an early hour to Hampstead for the purpose of investigating a fire that destroyed a barrack near that place, which belonged to Mr. Thos. J. Hunt, on the previous Thursday night, and in the debris of which the charred remains of a man had been found. He examined a number of witnesses and ascertained that, without doubt, the fire was accidental. A man named Alexander Eberg, who resides about a mile from the scene, frankly testified that he had caused the fire. He said he was on his way home from Hampstead, carrying a lighted lantern, and went into the barrack to get out of the rain which was falling. In moving about on the straw, which was the only property in the barrack, except a mower and a horse rake, he accidently dropped the lantern. The straw was quickly ignited, and burned so rapidly that it was impossible to extinguish the flames, and he became so badly frightened that he hastily fled from the building and ran, without stopping, until he reached his home, in an exhausted condition. He did not know that another person was in the building at the time, and was horrified to learn that the charred remains of a human being had been found in the debris of the burned barrack. It has been ascertained beyond reasonable doubt that these were the remains of Wilson Schaeffer, a simple-minded man, who is well known in some portions of this county, and who had been sleeping in the barrack for some time. Nothing was left of the body but the trunk and shriveled head, from which the features were entirely obliterated; but there were other marks deemed sufficient for identification. Schaeffer was 58 years old, and Eberg, who was the unconscious and involuntary agent of his horrible death, is 54. Mr. Hunt's loss on barrack and contents is about $500, without insurance.

Election of Officers.

On Friday night of last week Charity Lodge No. 58, K. of P., of this city, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: P. C., W. A. Burgoon; C. C., J. T. Knode; V. C., E. W. H. Lamotte; P. W. M. Graham; M. of W., G. H. Myers; M. at A., Guy L. Fowler; K. of R. & S., Jno J. Reese; M. of F., T. E. Reese; M. of E., John Bernstein; Mar., Jno. H. Mitten; Rep. to G. L., Jno. B. Saylor; trustees, Jno. H. Mitten, Theo. A. Kauffman, Fred. D. Miller, J. H. Fuss, James H. Cassell.

At the meeting of Westminster Lodge No. 41, I. O. M., on Tuesday evening, the following were elected officers for the ensuing term: S. M., James M. Stoner; W. M., John E. Deeds; J. M., Jesse C. Hesson; R. S., J. H. Handley; F. S., J. H. Cassell; Treas., John B. Saylor; Chap., Wm. R. Anders; Con., F. L. Yingling; I. S., C. E. Bowersox; O. S., Wm. R. Lease; organist, S. P. Bair; trustees, John H. Gerke, H. A. Stone, Geo. H. Myers, John A. Biehl, John H. Mitten; Rep. to G. L., S. P. Bair; alternate, J. Wesley Yingling.

On Saturday evening last Washington Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A., of Gist, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: P. P., F. J. Albaugh; Pres., Harry Criswell; Vice-Pres., John R. Fossett; M. of F., John T. Parrish; Rec. Sec'y., Chas. H. Brown; Fin. Sec'y., Wm. F. Jordan; Treas., Robert T. Shipley; Con., Leslie R. Shipley; inspector, Andrew J. Wagner; guard, Chas. W. Allen; trustee, Harry Criswell; Rep. to F. D. B. Convention, Chas. W. Allen.

Directors for the Electric Light and Power Company, of this city, for the ensuing year, have been elected as follows: Messrs. George M Parke, Theo. F. Englar, Milton Schaeffer, Fred. D. Miller, Jos. W. Smith, George W. Albaugh and Benj. F. Crouse. Mr. Albaugh was elected as the successor of the late H. Stewart Roberts, who was president of the company last year. Resolutions of respect for the memory of Mr. Roberts were passed by the meeting at which the election was held. They will be found elsewhere in the SENTINEL, this week.

Personal.

Mrs. J. Wilbur Hoff and daughter, Miss Margaret E. Hoff, of Baltimore, are visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. Duncan Ensor, of New York, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna R. Mitten, East Main street, this city.

Mrs. Rev. J. T. Cross spent a few days this week, with her brother, Dr. George E. Baughman, East Main street, this city.

Misses Eppie S. and Lottie J. Mitten, of this city, are spending the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Wm. Waddell, of Sams Creek.

Misses Nettie J. Mitten and Lizzie C. Sellers, of this city, spent the holidays with Miss Mitten's sister, Mrs. Chas. Bankard, of Uniontown.

Mr. Wm. B. Seabrook, of Winchester, Va., spent several days this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. W. Seabrook, of this city.

Messrs. Fred. D. Miller and J. Scott Jordan, of this city, are in New York purchasing goods for the spring trade of the various departments of the Popular Stores.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Graham, of this city, have issued invitations to the wedding of their daughter, Miss Lucy Mabel Graham, and Dr. Clarence C. Bishingslea, which will take place at the Methodist Protestant Church, of which the bride-elect's father is pastor, at high noon on Thursday, 9th inst.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MATTER

remaining in the Postoffice, Westminster, Md., Dec. 28th, 1901:

Jackson, Mr. John S.
Lauder, Miss Mary (2)
Martin, Miss Anna
Mercer, R. C.
Mitten, Miss Lillie
Moon, Mr. Adam
Myers, Miss Ellie
Pickett, Mrs. Mamie
Shafer, Mr. Wm.
Shulwon, Mr. Geo.
Tuttle, Mr. John H.
Woodyard, Mrs. E.

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

Calendars for 1902.

Messrs. Smith & Reifsnider, of this city, sent us yesterday beautiful calendars in three different styles. The background of the largest is a picture handsome enough to be framed.

From J. W. Bond & Co., Baltimore, we have a calender with figures an inch and a half in length and bold enough to be seen distinctly at a distance of twenty feet.

The SENTINEL has received a nice calendar, for 1902, from the Gregg Carriage Company, of Philadelphia, of which Mr. Frank W. Shriver formerly of this city is treasurer.

The SENTINEL has received from The Lumber, Coal and Supply Company of Carroll County, a calendar, for 1902, which is one of the handsomest yet seen in this locality.

Patapsco Items.

Dr. Drach spent several days, during the holidays, visiting his daughter and other friends in Baltimore.

A new rural mail route went into effect here on the 1st inst., and is known as No. 46. The carrier leaves this place at 6 o'clock, A. M., and takes the Ridge road to the Carrollton and Wesley Chapel road, to the Hanover turnpike and from thence to Emory Chapel, to Lawndale Station, past Lawndale school house to the Patapsco and Sandyville road, to the Reisterstown turnpike, to the Bethel road near Reese, to Union Bethel Church, and back to Patapsco at 1 o'clock, P. M., in time for the 1.30 mail east. Mr. Samuel G. Beam is the carrier and Mr. Edward Chew assistant. The route is supposed to cover a distance of nearly 22 miles.

Mr. Joseph A. Leppo butchered nine hogs which weighed 1964 pounds.

Your correspondent and a number of his neighbors are complaining with bad colds.

Mr. Jacob J. Basler has a very bad felon on his right hand.

Masquerade Party.

For the Sentinel.

One of the most attractive social functions held in this city during the Christmas and New Year holidays was a masquerade party given in honor of Miss Jane Reaver, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Upton L. Reaver, on last Monday night, at their residence on East Main street. Quite a large number of ladies and gentlemen, masked and disguised in elegant costumes, arrived at Miss Reaver's in a body, about half past eight o'clock, and spent a very pleasant evening in social chat, music, and dancing. Refreshments were served. Following is a list of those present, with the names of the characters represented by those in masquerade attire: Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Reaver, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Miller, Misses Mary and Rosa Reese, M. Louise Shriver, Maude Miller, Cora Miller; Leah Wentz, of Hanover; Elizabeth Reaver, Messrs Frank R. Cassell, Edward S. Shriver, Snyder Babylon, Willie Miller. In masquerade attire were: Miss Jane Reaver, as Columbia; Miss Myrle Caple, Turkish lady; Miss Annie Shriver, tamborine girl; Miss Carrie Shriver, magazine girl; Miss Ada Buckingham, Japanese; Miss Maud Shriver, up-to-date girl; Miss Edna Bowers, Turkish lady; Miss Florence Butler, peasant girl; Misses Maggie Reese, Mabel Miller and Fannie Buckingham, summer girls; Miss Carrie Buckingham, gipsy; Miss Fuss, Topsy; Mr. George Caple, Turk; Mr. Wm. D. Reese, Arabian; J. Albert Mitten, Indian; Gloyd Diffendal, John Bull; Tom Anders, Uncle Sam; George R. Babylon, chinaman; Chester Woodrow, frog; William R. Nelson, cadet; Herbert Buckingham, Japanese; Gustavo Lamotthe and Dulaney Reese, twin sisters.

Manchester Items.

Although the holiday season was one of quiet it was one of much cheer among our people. The Christmas dinners, the nightly masquerading &c., all had a tendency to bring about good will to all, so that when the New Year was ushered in a "Happy New Year" was passed with a hearty good will. New Year services were held in Emanuel Lutheran Church by Rev. H. H. Flick, and were well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. N. Gettier entertained a large company of friends at watch meeting, at which representatives from Reading, York, Mechanicsburg, Pa., Baltimore, Westminster, Brooklyn, N. Y., were present and everything was first-class while all enjoyed a good time.

Mr. H. F. Leese and Miss Ruth A. Stump were married in Woodberry on Tuesday and arrived home on New Year's Eve.

The members of Carroll Encampment No. 17, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Albert Dudrear, C. P.; Jas. B. Houck, H. P.; Jno. E. Leese, S. W.; E. E. Houck, J. W.; G. W. J. Evehart, Rec. and Fin. Sec.; J. E. Musselman, Mar.; Geo. S. Motter, Treas.; W. D. Hanson, H. M. Smith, J. E. Musselman, trustees.

The friends of the fire company have been booming the financial affairs of the same during the holiday season. Shooting matches, raffles, &c., have been successfully carried on and the treasury is plus $100, or more. An amateur company from Hampstead, gave an entertainment for the fire company's benefit in the I. O. O. F. Hall on Wednesday evening, which was well attended.

At the close of our schools for the holidays Prof. McBee was presented with a fine picture, "Moonlight on the Hudson," by the scholars of the High School. Misses Trump and Lamotte, assistants, were also the recipients of gifts from their scholars, and with the professor treated their scholars to confectionery and fruit.

The Misses Trump, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Shower, Mrs. J. M. Motter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brilhart were at home to their friends and entertained large companies during the holidays.

Mrs. Reynolds, of Sharpsburg, spent several days in town visiting friends.

Miss Margaret Orrison, of Frederick county, is visiting her cousins, Miss Anna Shaw, Black Oak Spring.

Mrs. Harry H. Brough visited her mother, Mrs. Margaret Shue, at Union Bridge, during the week.

Miss Ethel Palmer is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Willett, at Thurmont.

Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Kindley were the recipients of a money gift from Pipe Creek M. P. congregation, during the past week.

On Friday evening the M. P. Sunday School of our village had a very pleasant social gathering in the lecture room, at which time each member received the annual gift. Rev. B. W. Kindley and wife were the recipients of another money gift, both of which are much appreciated.

Pipe Creek M. P. Church.—New Year's service, at 10.30 A. M. Uniontown 7.30 P. M. "Across the Threshold." Bring "Best."

On Friday evening last Wyoming Tribe of Red Men elected their officers as follows: Prophet, Harry Copenhaver; Sach., John P. Waltz; Sr. Sag., G. A. Davis; Jr. Sag., R. J. Mathias; K. of W., J. W. Gilbert; C. of R., J. H. Singer; Asst. C. of R., J. S. Waltz; representative to Grand Council of Md., J. H. Singer; janitor, R. J. Mathias; trustees, R. J. Mathias, W. H. Baust, Dr. L. Kemp.

Mr. J. Newton Gilbert, of Annapolis, made a visit of a few days to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Gilbert.

Miss Clara Dotterer spent a week visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dotterer, of York, Pa., returning on Monday.

Miss Vallie Shorb, of Double Pipe Creek, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Luther Kemp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cover and son, Master Henry Cover, and Grandma Harman returned on Thursday to their home at The Narrows, Giles county, Virginia.

Owing to the absence of the pastor there will be no preaching in the Lutheran Church on Sunday evening.

The "Week of Prayer" will be observed in the Lutheran Church as usual, service beginning on Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Smallwood Items.

Deer Park W. C. T. U. celebrated their 2nd anniversary last Monday evening, 31st ult. A splendid program was rendered and those who were not present missed a rare treat. Miss Hollis Williams and Miss Virgie Weigand furnished music, both instrumental and vocal. Miss Weigand also gave several recitations, both pathetic and humorous. Mary H. A. Weigand was present and made a most pointed address. Mr. George Mather, state president of the C. E. S., also gave good advice about shunning the way of intemperance. The Union is greatly indebted to our four friends from Westminster who will be long remembered by a great many persons. Rev. C. J. Burdette closed the meeting by explaining why the Sabbath pledge card should be signed by all parents. The Union expects to have another social at the parsonage in the near future. Particulars will be given later.

There have been several weddings at the parsonage in the past few months. Among them was Mr. Walter Jordan and Miss Jessie Annie Parrish. It was a very quit wedding. They were married by Rev. C. J. Burdette, pastor of Deer Park Circuit, on Sept. 4th, 1901.

Mr. Frank Wesh and Miss Ida Bollinger were married at the Deer Park parsonage on November 27th, 1901, by Rev. C. J. Burdette. They were attended by Miss Sadie Bollinger, sister of the bride, and Mr. Garfield Ogg, cousin of the groom. The bride wore a mode cloth gown, with hat and gloves to match.

On Dec. 18th. Mr. Thomas W. Gist and Miss Mamie Alice Logue were united in marriage by Rev. C. J. Burdette, at the parsonage of Deer Park Circuit. The bride was becomingly dressed in a gown of one of the new shades of green, trimmed in white silk. The groom wore the customary suit of black. Miss Vivian Gist, sister of the groom, and Mr. Elmer Logue, brother of the bride, were the attendants.

It seems as if the congregation and friends of Deer Park have almost overwhelmed the pastor and family with kind remembrances. Rev. Burdette, a few days before Christmas, was the recipient of a handsome bear skin carriage robe and a pair of gloves. Mrs. Burdette was presented with a beautiful neck fur at the same time. The friends also brought things enough for the pantry to gladden the heart of any housekeeper. The young people of Zion also presented their pastor with a horse blanket. We cannot begin to express our thanks, but hope by our work we may be able to show our appreciation.

Miller's Items.

The Christmas entertainment held at the church on Tuesday evening last, was very well attended, and an excellent program was rendered by the school. The church was tastefully decorated with potted plants and evergreen. After the services the school was treated with a fine variety of confectionery.

Mrs. Lewis Sprinkle and daughter Pauline, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, are visiting relatives here.

Miss Katie Frank, of Baltimore, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Frank, near here.

Mr. Harvey Redding, of Baltimore, spent several days with his cousin, Mr. Isaiah Miller, this week.

The heavy rain on Sunday last caused the water to flow into Mr. Samuel Hare's cellar at his new dwelling, so rapidly, that he was compelled to move the contents and also, on Monday, was compelled to get a pump and pump the water out.

Mrs. Henry Lessener and daughter, of Manchester, spent several days recently with Mrs. Isaiah Miller.

Miss Virgie Rabenstine, of Hanover, spent a few days here last week.

The sale of the real and personal property of the late Augustus Redding, near here, was very well attended and things brought fair prices. The farm was purchased by Mr. Samuel Redding, for the sum of $46 an acre. It contained 59 acres, 1 rood and 34 perches. The house and lot at this place were purchased by Mr. Isaiah Miller for $615 and the wood lot between Miller's and Alesia by Mr. John Runk for $16.75 an acre. It contained 13 acres.

Mrs. William Shearrer and children spent several days recently visiting at Hanover.

Carrollton Items.

Christmas passed off in this locality in a quiet manner. There was a shooting match at the store at Carrollton Station, under the supervision of the Walsh boys.

Mr. Howard Blizzard, of Dreschler's Mills, spent several days in Baltimore and Towson during the Christmas holidays. Mr. John Koons, of Baltimore, spent several days with his parents, and assisted them in the killing and dressing of their four hogs, which weighed nearly one thousand pounds.

The heavy rainfall in this vicinity recently made a number of washouts and did considerable damage to the lands of many farmers.

Mr. George Koons, manager of the Winchester, Va., flour mills, with his wife and children, spent Christmas week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Koons.

Mr. Frank Croft, son of the veteran farmer, Benj. Croft, spent several days with his father this week. Mr. Croft is located near Reisterstown.

Mrs. Elias Houck and daughter Lottie spent several days with Mrs Geo Houck.

Miss Zella Houck, of Baltimore, is now the guest of Mrs. Geo. Houck. Miss Gussie Houck, of Westminster, is also spending several days with Mrs. George Houck.

The Free Rural Delivery started out Wednesday morning from Patapsco, where Mr. Wm. Richards is the genial postmaster. The route is from Patapsco to the Hanover turnpike. Over one hundred families will be supplied Mr. Samuel Beam, a son of Justice Beam, of this locality, is carrier. The first person to receive a letter by this delivery was a Mr. Ryan, and the first to mail a letter was Mr. Mules.

Miss Annie Koons, daughter of Mr. E. E. Koons, of Dreschler's Mills, was taken very sick yesterday with hemorrhages, and fell from the loss of blood. Dr. Joseph T. Hering, of Westminster, is attending her. She is in a very precarious condition.

Ellsworth Murry, of this vicinity, is also in a very critical condition from hemorrhages. He is attended by Dr. Coonan, of Westminster.

Uniontown Items.

Watch meeting was conducted in the Church of God on New Year's eve, by Mr. Reynolds, of Sharpsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Routson, of Baltimore, were guests of Mr. Routson's mother, Mrs. Missouri Smith Routson, during the week. Also Mrs. Routson's sons, Morris and Harry Routson, of Baltimore, paid their mother a few days' visit.

Miss Rhoda Fleagle spent a week visiting friends in Taneytown, returning home on Sunday, accompanied by Miss Missouri Fleagle.

Mr. and Mrs. Gover Routson, of Buckeystown, spent a few days as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Kelly, returning on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keefer Purdy were also brought here from Baltimore, on Monday last, and laid away to rest in a family lot, Rev. H. H. Flick officiating.

Miss Musselman held the lucky number in the drawing for a horse at Hampstead, on Saturday. Mr. C. W. Stick became the purchaser.

The Patapsco Postoffice.

Patapsco, Md., Dec. 31st, 1901.

MR. EDITOR:—The communication from "The People," published in the SENTINEL last week, recalls the experience of one of our citizens when, a short time ago, he tried to be appointed postmaster at Patapsco. He is a man of recognized business capacity and ability; a man of integrity and honesty, and a staunch Republican. The patrons of the office desired his appointment, as was proven by the numerous signed his petition; but notwithstanding this, several of our leading politicians did all in their power to prevent him from being appointed and for no apparent reason other than that the incumbent of the office (a Democrat of the most pronounced type) is a man of considerable means, whose patronage is beneficial to them financially.

The baneful influence and unprincipled actions of some of our fattest officeholders are fully equaled by their wretched incompetency. Their miserable policy of disregarding everything except that which is compatible with their own sordid desires, has done and is still doing incalculable harm to the Republican cause in Carroll county.

Let us hope that as opportunities present themselves, they may, for their unspeakable meanness, be relegated to the oblivion they so richly deserve.

BARRENITE.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, Dec. 30th.—George Stull, administrator of John L. Stull, deceased, returned inventories of personal property, debts and money, and received order to sell personal property.

Thomas A. Barnes and Isaac E. Frizzell, administrators of Joseph Tener, deceased, returned inventories of personal property, debts and money, and received order to sell personal property.

Josiah Erb, executor of Hannah Erb, deceased, returned inventory of personal property.

Josiah Erb, executor of Louisa Erb, deceased, returned inventory of personal property.

Margaret A. Bowers, administratrix of Joseph N. Bowers, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

Tuesday, Dec. 31st.—Letters of administration on the estate of Margaret A. Shunk, deceased, granted unto Hannah M. R. Shunk, who received order to notify creditors.

Franklin B. Warren, administrator of Elias Warren, deceased, returned inventories of personal property and debts and received order to sell personal property.

Mary H. Haines, administratrix of Granville S. Haines, deceased, settled first and final account.

Howard D. Ensor, administrator of Elijah Ensor, deceased, settled first and final account.

Finksburg W. C. T. U.

For the Sentinel.

The Finksburg Woman's Christian Temperance Union met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Benson on Saturday, December 28th, and had a very enjoyable session. The members of the Union decided to meet at Mrs. S. B. Stocksdale's on Thursday, January 16th, and pack provisions, clothing or any donation that may be given for the kindergarten at No. 8, S. Gay st., Baltimore, where forty-five children are being cared for by the State Union. Any donations for that cause will be thankfully received. Dr. Melvin, president of the Maryland Conference, was present and addressed the Union. He spoke of his first pledge made to his mother, and of the home life and said we have no more religion in our churches than in the homes of which the churches are composed. He spoke very appreciatively of the work of the W. C. T. U., and said they are making sentiment and compared the work to the tunneling under the rocks in front of New York harbor, known as Hell Gate, but after long and laborious work the powder was inserted and some one was sent to generate the spark which ignited the powder and the great work was done. So when all is ready God will send some one, perhaps another Frances Willard, who will be the means of consummating the downfall of these rocks of intemperance. After adjournment we were all invited to the dining room where delightful refreshments were served. And as the members returned to their homes it was with appreciative thoughts of the kindness of their host and hostess.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

**Methodist Protestant Church.—Sabbath School Sunday at 9.15 a. m. Midweek service on Wednesday evening at 8:00. Junior C. E. service at 2.00 p. m. Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m