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LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. Chas. E. Phoebus, of Sykesville, has been granted a soldier's pension of $10 per month.

Cool weather, with slight frosts, has prevailed in this locality during most of the past week.

William Adams, colored, of this city, has had his soldier's pension increased to $12 per month.

Mr. Charles C. Gorsuch has men at work clearing away the debris at his burned stable, preparatory to rebuilding.

Mr. Abraham Sheets, of New Windsor, who served in Co. A, 6th Md. Regiment, has had his soldier's pension increased to $10 per month.

At the County Commissioners' meeting on Monday and Tuesday transfers and abatements were made for Union Bridge and Mt. Airy districts.

Mr. Charles B. Hunter has secured a contract to remodel and thoroughly repair the old Westminster City Hotel, East Main and Court streets, this city.

The delegates from the C. E. Societies of this city, to the convention of the Union at Taneytown, went to the latter place in Mr. H. H. Herbaugh's large passenger coach on Thursday morning.

Mr. William Albert Blouse, of York, Pa., and Miss Ida May Bitzel, of this vicinity, were married at the parsonage of Calvary Baptist Church, Towson, on Wednesday.

Fire burned over a lot of woodland, near Tannery, belonging to Mr. Wm. B. Thomas, of this city, on Thursday. Little damage was done as the standing timber was not burned.

The county commissioners of Carroll and Frederick counties met at Poole's Ford, near Keysville, on Thursday, to confer in relation to the erection of a joint bridge over the Monocacy at that point.

Mr. John T. Zahn has purchased, of Mr. Henry Himler, trustee, the grocery stock of Mr. John Himler, East Main street, this city, and will continue the business heretofore conducted by Mr. Himler.

Mr. J. Oliver Wadlow, of Eldersburg, has been elected treasurer of the board of directors of the Second Maryland Hospital for the Insane, at Springfield. There were 407 patients in the hospital on the 1st inst.

Sadler's Bryant and Stratton Business College's baseball team, of Baltimore, will play a game with the team of the Western Maryland College, on the grounds of the latter, in this city, today.

Mr. F. A. Diffenbach, formerly of this city, who for a number of years has been the efficient deputy warden of the Maryland Penitentiary, has been reappointed to that position by Warden Weyler.

Mr. John E. Stonesifer has had one of the dwelling houses owned by him on West Main street, adjoining the store of Mr. John T. Wampler, remodeled and greatly improved, making it a very handsome residence, and will occupy it in the near future.

Mr. Charles C. Gorsuch has sent a note of thanks to the Westminster Fire Department for its excellent work at the fire on his premises on Monday last, accompanied with a substantial token of his appreciation in the shape of a check for $25.

The Hampstead baseball team will open the season, at Hampstead, with a strawberry and ice cream festival on Friday and Saturday evenings, 30th and 31st inst. The opening game will be played Saturday, 31st inst., with the Reisterstown High School team.

Upon petition and affidavit and certificates of two physicians, the County Commissioners on Monday ordered that William Byers, of New Windsor district, be confined in the Second Maryland Hospital for the Insane, at Springfield, at the expense of the county until he shall have recovered his reason or shall be discharged in due course of law.

Moses Costley, the Winfield colored man accused of raising a postal money order, issued by the postmaster of Mt. Airy and payable by the postmaster of Westminster, from $2 to $12, had a hearing before United States Commissioner Rogers, in Baltimore, on Monday and was held for the action of the Federal Grand jury.

Sister Mary Dolores Atlee celebrated the golden jubilee of her service as a nun at the Visitation Convent, in Frederick, on Sunday. Sister Dolores is a member of a formerly well known Carroll county family, and is a native of New Windsor. She took her vows at the convent in Frederick on May 11, 1852, and has for many years served as a teacher and in various official capacities.

Many of our citizens are having their houses and business places repainted. Among these we notice the Miller Bros. Co's. store building, Mr. Jos. P. Yingling's property on East Main street, occupied by Mr. Frank M. Stevens; Carroll Hall, and the Fowble dwelling, owned by Mr. Wm. B. Thomas, on East Main street. The large porch at Mr. Charles E. Goodwin's residence was also painted this week. Mr. S. P. Weaver's residence is also being repainted.

Mr. Albert W. Fuss, a former resident of this county, had been feeding upon his farm, in Worthington Valley, 88 steers during the past winter and a few days ago disposed of 60 of them which weighed on an average 1,200 pounds each. When he bought the steers last fall the average weight was 800 pounds, showing an average gain of 400 pounds. The cattle cost about $26.66 per head and sold for $72. The feed cost $33 per head, leaving a net gain of $12 per head.

Under the direction of Burns Post No. 13, G. A. R., memorial services will be held in Odd Fellows' Hall, this city, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on Friday, 30th inst. An address will be delivered on the occasion by Rev. Calvin S. Slagle, pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church, this city, and patriotic airs will be sung by a trained choir and by the children of the public schools. A program of the exercises will be published next week.

Howard, the little four-year-old son of Mr. Henry Bitzel, of Smallwood, fell backward into a vessel of boiling water standing on the floor at the home of his parents, on Monday afternoon, and was fatally scalded. Death ensued on Tuesday afternoon, twenty-four hours after the accident, from the shock caused by the scalding, from which the child never rallied, its injuries having been too great to be overcome. Dr. Jos. T. Hering was the attending physician.

Mr. Wm. Engleman, of Linwood, has had his soldier's pension increased to $12 per month.

Wm. A. Cunningham, Esq., of this city, a member of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Maryland, attended the semi-annual communication of that body, in Baltimore, this week.

Graham Dukehart, Esq., grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Maryland, paid an official visit to Door to Virtue Lodge No. 46, of this city, on Thursday night.

Messrs. Harry Ditman, Thomas Dell, Harvey Webster and Harry Gist, while employed on the John W. Holmes farm, near this city, had a very exciting experience with a large black snake, which they succeeded in killing. It measured 5 ft., 11 inches in length and 4 inches around the body.

A party consisting of H. A. Bishop, of Bridgeport, Conn., representing the Fuller Syndicate; General Passenger and Freight Agent B. H. Griswold, Assistant Engineer H. R. Pratt and D. H. Holtz, master of machinery of the Western Maryland Railroad, made a tour of inspection of the various lines of the road, on Thursday and yesterday.

The lovefeast of the German Baptist Brethren of Meadow Branch, on Saturday last, was, as usual, largely attended. At the Sunday morning service, following the lovefeast, the sermon was delivered by Elder I. S. Long, of the Md. Collegiate Institute. The evening service was held at the church in this city. The following ministers participated in the meetings: Elders E. W. Stoner, Union Bridge; J. A. Bricker, Baltimore; I. S. Long, Union Bridge; Edward A. Snader, Taneytown; J. R. Flohr, Fountaindale, Pa.; Greenbury Ecker, Uniontown; Ephraim Stouffer, New Windsor.

Memorial Day exercises will take place at Hampstead, this year, on Saturday, 31st inst., and a program has been arranged for the occasion. A procession will be formed at the store of Capt. T. J. Hunt and march thence to the M. E. Church, where the exercises will be opened with the singing of an appropriate selection. Prayer will be offered by Rev. D. M. Browning. This will be followed with singing and then the oration of the occasion will be delivered by C. A. E. Spamer, Esq., of Baltimore. After another song the veterans will march to the cemetery adjacent to the church, where they will decorate the graves of their deceased comrades with flowers.

At a special adjourned meeting of the Mayor and Common Council of this city on Tuesday night, a proposition made by Mr. Chas. H. Vanderford and others to pay for the erection of an electric arc light on Centre street, at the alley crossing in the rear of the *Advocate* office, was accepted, the city to pay $1.50 per month for maintaining the light. The mayor was authorized and directed to purchase 1000 feet of hose, on the best terms possible, for the use of the fire department. A proposition requiring all the city officers to be bonded was adopted. The council voted the usual annual donation of $140 to the fire department. The new council will meet and organize on Monday evening next.

Mr. Stewart Leister, son of Mr. Zephaniah Leister, near Brummel, met with a very serious accident on Wednesday. He cut down a large tree which lodged on a smaller one, bending it down considerably. With his axe he cut down the detaining branches and when the tree fell, relieving the small one of its weight, that one rebounded, striking the axe from Mr. Leister's hand and tossing it ten feet in the air. It came down on Mr. Leister's head, blade foremost, cut a large gash in his scalp and penetrated the skull. Dr. W. D. Wells, of this city, was summoned and gave the necessary surgical attention in the case and the chances favor Mr. Leister's recovery, though the serious nature of his injuries is apparent.

John Law a veteran of the Civil War, but nearly ever since its close a professional tramp, met with a serious and probably fatal accident, on Monday night. With other tramps he was sleeping in the barn of Mr. George P. B. Englar, and, about 12 o'clock, started to leave the building. Mistaking the door of the overhang for the front he walked out of it and fell into the barnyard, a distance of 12 or 14 feet, breaking his spine between the shoulders and producing an entire paralysis of the lower limbs and the body below the fracture. He was removed to the almshouse near this city, Tuesday afternoon. Law was a member of Co. I, 104th Regiment, N. Y. Vol's., and a gallant soldier. He fought at Gettysburg and in many other principal battles of the war and up to its close. He lost an arm after the war while riding, without permission, on a railroad freight train. He has been known about New Windsor as a tramp for the last twenty-five years. He was attended promptly by a physician after his fall at New Windsor, but expressed the opinion that his injuries would prove fatal, and requested a veteran at that place to see him buried with the honors of a soldier. Efforts are being made by Mr. Chas. P. Baile, of New Windsor, to have Law sent to the State Soldier's home, Bath, N. Y., from which he is out on furlough. Law is entitled to the State medal for gallantry as a soldier.

Western Maryland College Commencement Exercises.

Following are the announcements of events connected with the approaching commencement of Western Maryland College:

Friday, June 6th.—8.00 P. M., closing exercises of the Preparatory School, presentation of certificates.

Saturday, June 7th.—6.30 P. M., President's reception to the school and to visiting students, at his house.

8.00 P. M., class receptions. The Senior Class is entertained at dinner by the President, and the other classes meet for social enjoyment in College rooms.

Sunday, June 8th.—10.30 A. M., Baccalaureate Sermon by President Lewis.

7.00 P. M., Sacred Cantata by the Choral Society, in Baker Chapel.

8.00 P. M., Sermon before the Christian Associations of the College, by Rev. David Jones, D. D., President of Adrian College, of the Methodist Protestant Church, Adrian, Michigan.

Monday, June 9th.—10.00 A. M., opening of the Art Exhibit. Visitors will be at liberty to inspect the Exhibit at any time during Monday and Tuesday after 10 A. M. Smith Hall Extension, first floor.

10.30 A. M., Freshman and Sophomore Contests in Elocution for the Norment Prizes.

2.00 P. M., Society Reunions in Society Halls.

8.00 P. M., closing exercises of the Schools of Music, Art and Elocution. Recital by the Graduates, and Presentation of Certificates.

Tuesday, June 10th.—10.00 A. M., annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in Baker Chapel.

10.30 A. M., Society Contest.

4.00 P. M., annual meeting of the Alumni Association, to be followed by a Banquet at 6 P. M.

8.00 P. M., Reunion and Rally of former students. Classes are earnestly requested to arrange to have as many representatives as possible present at the class roll.

Wednesday, June 11th.—10.00 A. M., Commencement Exercises. His Excellency, Honorable John Walter Smith, Governor of Maryland, will be present and deliver the diplomas.

Western Maryland College.

Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md., has just issued the announcements of its 32nd Commencement, beginning June 6th and closing with Commencement Day on Wednesday, June 11th.

The class roll shows a list of 16 young men and 14 young women to be graduated. It is the most distinctively Maryland class the College has ever graduated, every county in the State being represented except four. In honor of this unusual fact, Governor Smith will preside and deliver the diplomas on Commencement Day.

Among the graduates we note from this county: Messrs. John S. Geatty and Charles H. Kolb, of New Windsor; Benjamin A. Stansbury, of Hampstead; T. H. Lewis, William W. Weeks and Miss S. L. Herr, of Westminster.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

Mr. Ernest Wisotzkey, of Baltimore, died at his home in that city, on Wednesday, after a lingering illness, in his 23rd year. Mr. Wisotzkey was a frequent visitor to this city where he had many acquaintances to whom he was much endeared by his genial and kindly disposition.

Mr. George E. Eckenrode, a well known resident of this city, died at his home on George street yesterday morning after a long illness and severe suffering from disease of the stomach, at the age of 46 years, 5 months and 16 days. Mr. Eckenrode was a worthy and industrious citizen and was generally esteemed for his excellent character and kindly nature. He leaves a widow, who is a daughter of Mr. John Murray Yingling, and six children—three sons and three daughters—all residing at home. He was a member of St John's Catholic Church, where funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock, Monday morning. The members of the Westminster Fire Department, of which he was an active member, will attend his funeral in a body.

Mr. William N. Thomson died Sunday morning about 2.30 o'clock at his residence, 1015 Edmondson avenue, Baltimore. Death was the result of general breaking down of the system. He was born in Taneytown, but had lived nearly all his life since reaching manhood in Baltimore. He is survived by a widow who was a Miss Isabella A. Sentman, daughter of the late Rev. S. Sentman, for many years pastor of the Lutheran Church at Taneytown, and a son and daughter, Mr. William E. Thomson and Miss Clara A. Thomson. Mr. Thompson had been for the past 18 years in the employ of E. B. Whitman & Co., agricultural implement dealers, the last 10 years manager of that concern. His remains were interred at Piney Creek, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Cordelia Criswell, wife of Mr. James Vincent Criswell, died at her home at Gist, on Sunday morning, in her 66th year. Mrs. Criswell was a member of Salem M. E. Church, and a truly pious and earnest christian lady. Her husband, who is a well known citizen of this county, survives her, but is in feeble health. She also leaves four children—Mrs. James Buckingham, Mr. James H. Criswell, of Gist; Mr. Edwin Criswell, of Baltimore, and Mr. John Criswell, of Newark, Ohio. She was a sister of Messrs. John H. and Reuben N. Conaway, Mrs. Frances L. Criswell and Mrs. Mahlon Bower, of this county. Funeral services were held at Ebenezer M. E. Church, near Winfield, on Tuesday morning and were largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased.

Mrs. Mary C. Hively died suddenly, at her home in Frizellburg, sometime during last Saturday night. She was at a neighbor's about ten o'clock, Saturday evening, apparently in good health, and was not seen alive after she left for her home, where she lived alone. Some of her grandchildren went to the house to see her on Sunday morning, but found it locked and could get no response to their knocking and calling. A window was then forced open and Mrs. Hively was found sitting lifeless near the entrance door. Apoplexy is thought to have been the cause of her death. She was in the 65th year of her age and was the widow of the late Jacob Hively. Two daughters and three sons, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Lippy, Messrs. Edward L., Burnside and John C. Hively, survive her. She was a daughter of the late John Babylon, near Frizellburg. Mrs. Hively was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, and her funeral took place at Baust Church, on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. G. W. Baughman, the Lutheran pastor, officiating.

Proceedings of Circuit Court.

The May term of the Circuit Court for Carroll county began on Monday, with Associate Judge William H. Thomas on the bench; Richard Owings, crier; Orlando Reese, messenger. Geo. W. Fitze was appointed bailiff to the grand jury; James M. Shipley, bailiff to the petit jury; Wm. F. Horner and Anthony Arnold, bailiffs at the gates. The juries were constituted as follows:

GRAND JURORS.

Wm. L. Richards, foreman; Henry C. Helwig, Francis M. Roberts, Wm. A. Wolf, Charles A. Lampert, James E. Dixon, John H. Ruby, Thomas G. Otto, Joseph Cookson, John Wesley Schaeffer, Abraham K. Myers, Wm. H. Roberts, Harry J. Lippy, Charles T. Swinderman, Jacob M. Fitze, Worthington Fringer, Levi L. Wilson, Philip D. Dorsey, Thomas Weeks, Dallas Albaugh, Joshua Ditman, Milton A. Zollickoffer, Franklin D. Zepp.

PETIT JURORS.

John Marshall Devilbiss, Jno. H. Leister, John C. Harman, Daniel W. Yeiser, William W. Crapster, William H. Stonesifer, Charles C. Strine, Thomas F. Keefer, Emory C. Zepp, David C. Ott, Julius A. Crockett, John W. Reaver, Daniel W. Hunter, William H. Ogle, Ephraim J. Yingling, Urvin B. Lippy, Joseph Helwig, Elias Erb, Geo. W. Phillips, Henry Himler, George M. Prugh, Eli T. Bennett, Jno. C. Wright, Dora F. Stricklin, Peter Baumgartner.

The only additional business transacted on the first day of the term was the calling of the dockets and assignment of cases. The dockets contain 138 trial cases, 12 appeals and 28 originals.

The following cases had been disposed of up to the close of this report:

Henry Richter, appellant, vs. John J. Bosley, appellee; appeal from Justice John T. Hill; tried before a jury; verdict for appellee for $40. Hoff for appellant, Henning for appellee.

Henry G. Flickinger, appellant, vs. John Newcomer, appellee; appeal from Justice Norman B. Hagan; tried before the court on motion of appellant to quash writ of replevin, &c., and motion sustained, writ quashed and judgment reversed, with costs. J. M. Reifsnider for appellant, Weant and Henning for appellee.

Walter S. Kennedy, appellant, vs. J. Frank Kelbaugh, appellee; appeal from Justice G. W. Crapster; tried before a jury; verdict for appellee for $50. Stocksdale for appellant; Fink for appellee.

Julian D. Wheeler vs. Robert and Alonza B. Sellman; trespass vi et armis; on trial before a jury.

Daniel Items.

Rev. U. S. Wright, the new junior minister on West Falls circuit, will preach at Ebenezer on Sunday night, May 18th.

Ebenezer Epworth League has been reorganized with J. A. Easton, president and the usual number of vice-presidents.

Children's Day at Ebenezer will be celebrated June 15.

Rev. T. Tyler, of the Church of God, will preach the annual sermon to the "Boys in Blue," May 25, at Ebenezer M. E. Church, at 10.30 A. M.

Enterprise Lodge has elected Mr. Irwin Penn, C. T., for the ensuing term; Miss Myrle Miller, V. P.; Miss Stella Shipley, Sec.; Mrs. Waltz, F. Sec., Mrs. H. L. Shipley, Treas.; W. W. Jenkins, P. C. T.

The funeral of Mrs. James V. Criswell was held at Ebenezer Church on Tuesday morning and her remains interred in the adjoining graveyard. Rev. C. E. Dudrear had charge of the services.

Mrs. Charles Buckingham is very ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Birely and Mrs. J. J. Snider, all of Hampstead, but formerly of this vicinity, spent Sunday with Miss Mollie Shipley recently.

Excursion Rates.

The Western Maryland Railroad will sell tickets to Harrisburg, Pa., during the great annual meeting of the German Baptist Church at that place, 17th to 22nd inst. Through excursion tickets will be sold from the 15th to the 21st via Bruceville, good to return until June 2nd at the following rates: Westminster $2.65, Avondale and Medford $2.55, Wakefield $2.50, New Windsor $2.45, Linwood and Union Bridge $2.35, Middleburg and Double Pipe Creek $2.30, Rocky Ridge $2.35, Loys $2.40, Graceham $2.45, Thurmont $2.48. A special train will be run today, Saturday, May 17th, on the following time: Westminster 9.00 A. M., Medford 9.09, New Windsor 9.17, Linwood 9.23, Union Bridge 9.29, Middleburg 9.35 making close connection at Bruceville with Pa. R. R. train for Harrisburg.

Dangerous and Destructive Fires.

Heroic Work of Our Fire Department.

Within the past week two fires of a dangerous and more or less destructive character have taken place in this city, and a third, more destructive than either of the other two, within a mile of the city limits. The first of these fires occurred on Saturday evening, and destroyed the stables and shedding on the premises of Mrs. Mary Bowers and her son, Mr. John D. Bowers; the second occurred on Monday afternoon and burned the barns of Mrs. M. J. Woodward and Mr. Chas. C. Gorsuch and badly damaged the Montour House and other property; and the third occurred on Tuesday morning and destroyed the barn and other outbuildings and much personal property on the farm of Mr. Wm. G. Rinehart.

THE BOWERS FIRE.

This fire broke out about 7 o'clock, Saturday evening, in Mr. John D. Bowers' stable, which was totally destroyed, as was practically an adjoining shed on his premises. The fire spread to Mrs. Bowers' stable, the upper portion of which was destroyed and the lower considerably damaged. The fire department prevented its utter destruction and saved valuable property in the vicinity which was much endangered by the fierce flames. Both stables contained some hay and other provender, harness and other articles. Mr. A. H. Wentz, Mrs. Bowers' tenant, lost about $70 on harness, blankets, robes, &c.; insured in a company represented by Mr. Chas. E. Goodwin. Mr. Wantz's horse and vehicles were saved, but the top of his buggy was scorched and damaged. His loss was adjusted at $55. Mr. Bowers lost harness, provender, &c., and his buggy and sleigh were scorched. He has $100 insurance in a company represented by Mr. Goodwin and $100 in a company represented by Mr. J. H. Fuss. His loss is probably $50 to $100 in excess of that sum. Mrs. Bowers has insurance of $200 in a company represented by Mr. Fuss which will fully cover her loss. The entire loss approximates $500. The origin of the fire is not known, but was probably incendiary.

THE FIRE AT MRS. WOODWARD'S AND MR. GORSUCH'S STABLES AND AT THE MONTOUR HOUSE.

This fire started in a strawpile in the yard of the stable owned by Mrs. M. J. Woodward, on her premises on West Main street, about 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. It speedily enveloped the stable, which was totally destroyed, with 15 barrels of corn, 20 bushels of oats, 2 or 3 tons of hay and a lot of harness, entailing a loss of at least $500, upon which there is an insurance approximating $300 in a company of which Mr. Chas. E. Goodwin is agent. From Mrs. Woodward's stable the flames spread to the large stable of Mr. Chas. C. Gorsuch, which, with its contents, was damaged to the amount of $800 or $1,000. Mr. Gorsuch had insurance of $700 on the stable and $300 on the contents, in the Carroll County Company, which fully covers his loss. The stable was one of the finest in this city. The wind carried sparks of fire to the roof of the Montour House, a large, three-story frame brick-cased hotel, nearly a square away. This was speedily in a blaze and the roof was completely destroyed, but the building was saved in a badly damaged condition. The building is owned by Mr. Grove A. Shipley. The hotel is kept by Mr. John Six, whose furniture was damaged to the amount of $500 or $600, and was not insured. The residence occupied by Mr. Jesse C. Sharrer and owned by Mr. E. O. Grimes was on fire, and was damaged to the extent of about $25; insured with Mr. Chas. E. Goodwin. Some small outbuildings on the premises of Mr. F. Thos. Babylon were burned, and some slight damage was done to other property in the vicinity. It is impossible to approximate the loss on the Montour House, but it may reach $1200 or $1500, or even a larger sum. Mr. Shipley has insurance of $1500 in the Carroll County Company and also policies in other companies, more than covering his loss.

There is scarcely a doubt that the fire department saved the town a much more serious conflagration than is here reported. The firemen worked with great energy and placed themselves in positions of great danger in their successful efforts to prevent the flames from getting beyond the Montour House into the row of frame buildings on West Main street. Their zeal and efficiency in protecting property is worthy of and has received the highest commendation. The people of Westminster have just cause to be very proud of their fire department.

The fire, it is almost certain, was of incendiary origin. Several colored boys came under the suspicion of Chief of Police Chauncey E. Jerome, after the fire was gotten under control, and he arrested Adam Lee, Harvey Hill Amos Smith, aged about fourteen years, and Justice Moore, after an investigation by State's Attorney Weant and Deputy State Fire Marshal Wantz, committed Lee and released Hill and Smith for a hearing on Thursday. Arthur Squirrel was also arrested and bailed, on Tuesday, for a hearing at the same time. Justice Moore, however, did not deem the evidence at the hearing sufficient to hold the boys and they were released.

THE FIRE AT MR. RINEHART'S FARM.

This was one of the most destructive barn fires ever known in this county. It began between 2 and 3 o'clock, Tuesday morning, but was not discovered until the building was in flames. The barn was one of the finest in the county, with substantial walls, stabling for horses and cattle and a circular driveway inside entirely around it. It was covered with slate, and contained all the best modern barn appointments and conveniences. Its dimensions were 108 by 65 feet. There were 14 horses and colts and 18 milch cows and other cattle in the building. Five of the horses were rescued by Mr. Alvin D. Myers, the farm manager, one of them with its mane burned off and the others singed by fire. The other nine horses and all the cattle perished in the flames. Fourteen sheep, 5 hogs and 75 to 100 chickens were also burned, and the barn was also completely destroyed. In addition, a large wagonshed, corncribs and other outbuildings were burned. Four hundred and fifty barrels of corn, 50 bushels of rye, 20 tons of hay, 15 tons of straw, some oats and bran, two separators, a chopping mill, fodder and hay cutters, and many other farm implements, 14 sets of harness, etc., were destroyed. Mr. Rinehart has a great fondness for good live stock, and had one of the finest teams in the county. The stock destroyed was valuable, as was also all the farm machinery, which was of the best character. All the property destroyed was in the best possible condition. A careful estimate of the loss makes it not less than $7,000. There was no insurance. The origin of the fire is not known.

Pen-Mar Open on Decoration Day, Friday, May 30th.

Pen-Mar will be open on Decoration Day, May 30th, and every pleasant and enjoyable feature of that popular mountain resort will be in full swing as during the regular season. Prof. Zeigler's orchestra will be in attendance at the Dancing Pavilion, the Dining Room will be open under the direction of Caterer Crout and the usual diversions of the Park can be enjoyed by every one. In addition to excursions on Decoration Day to Pen-Mar from points on the Western Maryland R. R., including Baltimore, the Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio Railroads will run special excursions to the resort from Washington under the auspices of the Washington Division Knights of Pythias, numbering fully one thousand. Excursion tickets will be sold at all points on B. & C. V. R. R., also main line west of Edgemont, at rates prevailing during the regular summer season. Tickets will be limited to date. Decoration Day should prove a gala occasion at Pen-Mar Park.

Maryland Collegiate Institute.

The exercises of commencement week at Maryland Collegiate Institute, at Union Bridge, began with the baccalaureate service in the institute chapel last Sunday evening, and were continued until Thursday, which was the regular commencement day. The Collegiate Institute is a young institution of learning under the patronage of the German Baptist Church. It has been in existence only three years, but during the past year had 143 students enrolled, exclusive of a Bible term. It is at present concentrated in a single large brick building admirably adapted to its purpose and located on a commanding eminence at the southern extremity of Union Bridge, in full view of the Blue Ridge Mountain and overlooking an extensive and beautiful landscape.

This building is a handsome and substantial structure, containing offices, recitation rooms, reading room, art studio, a commercial hall, a chapel, with a seating capacity of nearly 300; reception parlor, large dining room, kitchen, storage rooms, dormitories, etc. It is heated by steam, and is surrounded by a large and well-laid-out campus. The institute receives students of both sexes. It has a commercial department, which is spoken of in high terms in the daily press. Its faculty consists of W. M. Wine, principal and professor of English grammar and pedagogics; John J. John, mathematics and natural science; J. S. Long, ancient languages and literature; S. P. Early, Bible, history and elocution; Mary S. Repp, rhetoric and instrumental music; Grace Lee Rinehart, art and modern languages; E. C. Metzger, commercial work, typewriting and shorthand; E. Bettie Ensor, primary department. Its board of trustees consists of John E. Senseney, Linwood, chairman; Uriah Bixler, Westminster, vice-chairman; John S. Weybright, Double Pipe Creek, secretary; Amos Wampler, Medford, treasurer; Ephraim Stouffer, New Windsor.

At the service Sunday evening, which was largely attended by students and citizens, the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. I. S. Long, of Virginia, who, during the past year, has been professor of ancient languages and literature. The text of the preacher was the first four words of the Old Testament Scriptures, "In the Beginning God." The subject, however, was not treated in a scientific sense, but from a practical standpoint, and in relation to the every-day life of the human race. It was addressed particularly to the students, and emphasized the importance to them of having God in their lives, and recognizing Him and depending upon Him in all their affairs and interests, spiritual and temporal. It counseled the students to give themselves to God in the beginning of sentient and conscious spiritual life; to consult Him and seek His guidance and blessing in the beginning of every business enterprise; to look to Him in the beginning of every undertaking of a worldly character, whether small or great, and to begin, in every aim and purpose, to shape their lives in harmony with the divine exemplar. It was an earnest forcible plea to the students to make righteousness the basis and first consideration in all their concerns.

The exercises on Monday evening consisted of recitations, declamations, an oration and a debate, interspersed with music. Those who participated, other than the disputants in the debate, were Miss Etta Lambert, Paul Markel, Miss Helen Markel, Miss Portia Fleagle, Miss Gwendolin Buckey, of Union Bridge; Albert C. Wine, of Winchester, Va.; Miss Katharyn Yourtee, of Brownsville; J. Walter Thomas, of Fairplay; Charles Messler, of Linwood; Miss Nora Holsinger, of Ridgely; Miss Stella Williams, of Wolfsville; Miss Florence Brown, of Westminster; Miss Mamie R. Shank, of Dayton O., and Robert J. Brandenburg, of Morgan. The disputants in the debate were John S. Messler, of Linwood, and Elmer Royer, of Westminster, affirmative; Roy D. Fisher, of Linwood, and Grover Repp, of Union Bridge, negative. The question debated was: "Resolved, That our large department stores are an injury to the country." Singing by the primary class, a male quartet by Messrs. Guyton, Saylor, Roller and Long, a solo by Prof. C. W. Roller and a chorus were among the musical features of the occasion.

Tuesday evening's exercises opened with a chorus by the class, "Let the Hills Resound," and the program was continued with an address of welcome, by Ira Wine of Winchester, Va.; recitation, Dora, Miss Edna Buckey; declamation, Fame, Wm. H. Main; oration, Victory From Defeat, Miss Elsie Dotterer; instrumental solo, Miss S. Marie Myers; declamation, Alice's Flag, D. Frank Roller; recitation, Bernard's Dee Carpio, Miss Carrie Mae Bixler; recitation, Kate Shelley, Miss Nellie Heefner; recitation, Little Orphant Annie, Miss Bessie Wine, recitation, Jephtha's Daughter, Miss Mary Messler; recitation, Music in Camp, Miss Lillian Repp; vocal duet, What Are the Wild Waves Saying? E. B. Ensor and C. W. Roller; declamation, The Story of a Bedstead, L. Cress Barnes; recitation, Ivry, Miss Stella Smith; recitation, Service, Miss Katharine Hoffman; recitation, A Legend of Bregenz, Miss Susie Hout; oration, Out of the Harbor Into the Sea, Daniel J. Shivers; recitation, The Party, Carroll Koons; chorus, The Heavens Are Telling, class.

The program on Wednesday evening consisted of a chorus, Hail Glorious Country; declamation, "Will and Wont," James Wolfe; oration, Yonder Lies Rome," Jesse Hollenberger; declamation, "Toussaint L'Ouverture," John H. Messler; piano duet, "Jubel Ouverture," *Weber*, Mary S. Repp, S. Marie Myers; soliloquy, "A Heartrending Affair, Rachel Roop; recitation, "A Sleepy Little School," Marguerite Anders; medley, Elizabeth Ensor; chorus, "Hail, Thou Glorious Morn;" debate, "Resolved That Love is a Stronger Power than Anger"—affirmative J. S. Crumpacker and E. G. Guyton, negative F. J. Saylor and John Bowlis; mixed quartet, "While Bright Stars are Beaming;" recitation, "The Bell of Atri," Katharyn Long; lullaby, "Babykin Boo," Ruth Myers; class history, C. E. Englar; class prophesy, M. L. Foltz; chorus, "Bridal Chorus."

The program of the commencement exercises on Thursday was as follows: chorus, "Gently Lead Us;" salutatory, Cora E. Beard, of Westminster; A Rift in the Clouds, S. Marie Myers, Union Bridge; solo, "Jerusalem," Prof. C. W. Roller; Night Brings out the Stars, Anna Ruth Eppley, Union Bridge; class ode; Fortune's Flood, Evelyn C. Repp, Union Bridge; chorus, "Praise Ye the Name of the Lord," vocal class; annual address, Elder J. A. Dove; mixed quartet, "Come Sail the Waters With Me," Misses Epply and Beard, Messrs. Roller and Long; delivery of diplomas; valedictory, E. Wilbur Long, Fairplay; Bridal Chorus, Vocal Class.

The graduates in the academic department were: teachers' course, Miss Cora E. Beard; belles-letters course, Miss S. Marie Myers; Latin scientific course, Miss Anna Ruth Eppley, Wilbur E. Long, Evelyn C. Repp; commercial department, L. Barnes Cress, of Oak Orchard; Charles E. Englar, Linwood; Harry V. Fleagle, Union Bridge; Leroy M. Foltz, Smoketown; Frank D. Roller, New Market, Va.; Daniel J. Shivers, Union Bridge. These were graduated with diplomas.

Mt. Airy Items.

The Mt. Airy M. E. Church will hold the annual Whit-Monday picnic in the grove adjoining the church. The Browningsville Reed Band will furnish music, also a select choir. Several very prominent speakers will deliver addresses. A good time is promised to all. If inclement the picnic will be held the following Saturday.

Mr. John W. Wilson has completed his new creamery, and is occupying it. His new hotel is also nearly completed, which is to be occupied and managed by Mr. C. E. Simpson.

The R. F. D. carriers here, with one exception, have donned new uniforms, which is an improvement in the appearance of the service. The P. O. Dept. has furnished each with new desk and stool.

Our enterprising druggist and postmaster, Dr. W. R. Rudy, has employed another clerk, owing to greatly increasing business.

New York Bargain House.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS.

New Wash Goods For Summer Wear.

Special Bargains In Men's Negligee Shirts.

Very Low Prices on Ladies' Gauze Vests.

Straw Hats and Low Shoes.

Lawns and Wash Goods.

We are showing a beautiful line of these now and it is high time you were supplied. Hot weather is coming, if it is a little slow getting here, and you will need thin dresses.

Very pretty Lawns at 5, 8, 10, 12½ and 15 cents.

Pretty yard wide Percales, only the newest patterns, 10 and 12½ cents.

Pretty new Ginghams and Seersuckers, 7, 10 and 12½ cents.

New Dimities, P. K's, India Linens, Swiss and every kind of white goods, all priced very low. Let us show them to you.

Men's Negligee Shirts Underpriced.

Very pretty Negligee Shirts for men, in every size, latest styles and colorings, with or without collars, 39 and 50 cents. Worth 50 and 75. We have never seen such pretty goods before for the money.

Low Shoes For Men or Women.

The stock of ladies' Oxford Ties is complete now. Every size, every desirable kind, priced from 75 cents to $2.00.

Very pretty patent leather Oxfords for ladies, new and stylish, $1.50. Easy comfortable low Shoes for men at $1.50.

Ladies' Gauze Vests at a Bargain.

These prices are especially interesting now at the beginning of the season when every one wants the goods.

Very pretty Gauze Vests for ladies, nicely trimmed, tape around neck, full sizes, and really 10 and 12½ cent goods. This special lot only 7 cents or 4 for 25.

Straw Hats For Men and Boys.

Time for these now. All the new ones are in and the assortments are unbroken. Our Straw Hats were made to order, in just the styles and sizes we know you want. Each one the best of its kind and priced at the lowest possible cent.

You must not buy your straw hat until you have seen ours.

NEW YORK BARGAIN HOUSE,

May 17th 1902. T. W. Mather & Sons. 31 E. Main Street, Westminster, Md.

Annual Convention C. E. Union.

The annual convention of the Carroll County Christian Endeavor Union began its sessions in Taneytown at 9.30 o'clock, Thursday morning. The proceedings, throughout, were enriched by an unusual number of able addresses on important practical themes. Mr. George Mather, the president of the Union presided.

The convention opened with the enrolment of delegates and informal greetings, all the societies in the county having been represented. Then a service of song and prayer followed, and Mr. John M. Warden, the evangelist, delivered a strong address on "The Power of God's Word." After a song, the topic, Our Christian Endeavor Covenant, was discussed, by Rev. L. F. Warner, (a) Why We Should Have One; Miss A. M. Speakman, (b) What It Means for the Inner Life; Rev. Edgar T. Read, (c) What It Means for the Church. The session closed with the reports of county officers.

At 2 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, an Executive Committee meeting was followed by a discussion of the topic, Practical Thoughts for Every Day Needs: by Mr. Frank L. Hering, (a) How Can Christian Endeavorers Promote Religion in the Home; H. N. Hanna, (b) How Can Christian Endeavorers Make Their Town a Better Place? Miss Sallie E. Weaver, (c) How Bring Outsiders Into the Church? Addresses were delivered at this session by Rev. T. Freeman Dixon, on the topic, True to My Own Church—What Does it Mean? and by Mr. John M. Warden on How to Study the Bible for Greater Profit.

At Thursday evening's session, after opening services of song, Bible reading and prayer, addresses were delivered on The Importance of Keeping the Sabbath, by Rev. DeWitt M. Benham, and on Temperance Nonsense, by Rev. Maurice Penfield Fikes.

An hour or more of yesterday morning's session was given to the consideration of the topic, Setting Our Members to Work—a Meeting to Consider Practical Plans and Methods, as follows: (a) Secure New Members, Miss Florence Miller; (b) Make the Prayer Meetings More Spiritual, Rev. James B. Stonesifer; (c) Make the Socials More Successful, Miss Bessie Herr; (d) Make the Missionary Meetings More Interesting, Miss Lizzie Birely; (e) Make the Temperance Meetings More Attractive, Rev. L. F. Warner; (f) Make the Business Meetings More Helpful, Clifton S. Ehlers. An open parliament on the topic followed, and, after song, a Junior Workers' Conference: How Can Mothers Help the Juniors? Miss M. Louise Shriver; The Need of Junior Societies, Miss Kate A. Baker, State Junior Superintendent, who also conducted an open parliament on the subject. A Bible Reading, The Power of Prayer, was conducted by Mr. John M. Warden.

New officers of the Union were not elected until the closing session last night. The old officers were: President, George Mather; vice-president, Rev. James Cattanach; secretary-treasurer, Miss Nannie Rinker; junior superintendent, Mrs. S. H. Little; missionary superintendent, Mrs. G. W. Baughman; press correspondent, Miss Mary B. Shellman.

Memorial Day Services at Winfield.

Pickett Post No. 17, G. A. R., assisted by Washington Camp No. 15, P. O. S. of A., will observe Memorial Day with appropriate services, on Round Top Grove, east of the Village of Winfield, commencing at 8 o'clock, A. M., on Friday, the 30th day of May, 1902. The following eloquent gentlemen will deliver orations:

Hon. W. L. W. Seabrook, of Westminster.
Hon. Wm. M. Marine, of Baltimore.
Hon. Wm. C. Smith, of Baltimore and others.

New and appropriate Vocal Music, rendered by a large and well trained Choir, under the direction of Prof. Geo. W. Hess, will be a feature of the occasion.

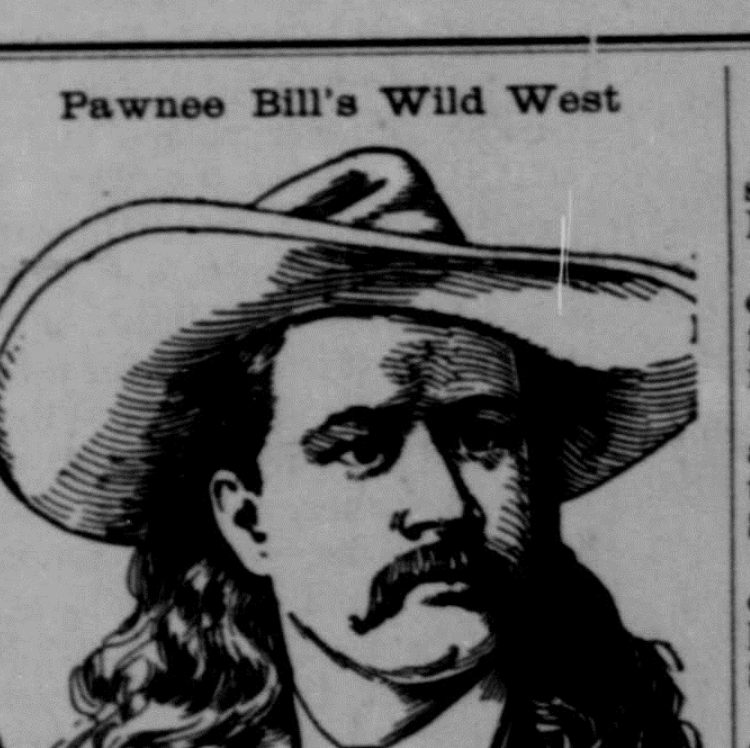
The Carroll County Concert Band of Westminster will enliven the occasion with National Airs and other choice selections. After the close of the exercises the Band will give a Free Open Air Concert of two hours or more.

All old soldiers (those who wore the Gray as well as those who wore the Blue,) and the general public are invited to be with us.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

There will be a Memorial Sermon preached at Ebenezer M. E. Church, on Sunday, May 25th, 1902, at 10.30 o'clock, A. M.

Pawnee Bill's Wild West



Coming to Westminster, Saturday, May 24th.

An Excellent Show.

Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show pitched its tents on the east side Thursday, and all day the grounds were swarmed with eager spectators. Both afternoon and evening performances were largely attended, and all were thoroughly pleased with the exhibition. All the different phases of frontier life were portrayed in a realistic and thrilling manner, and for an exhibition of its kind it is the best that ever visited here. The daring riding and feats of horsemanship exhibited by bands of Indians, cowboys and Mexicans was of a high order, and filled the hearts of all with admiration. The boomerang throwing by the Australian bushmen was a novel feature and deserving of special commendation. In short, the entire performance from start to finish was excellent, and held the closest attention of the large audiences.—Pittsburg, Pa., Dispatch.

Among the new features this year is the Liliputian Wild West for the children. Indian boys, Japanese boys, Arab boys and Mexican boys and little girls riding and driving Shetland ponies and buros Wild West fashion. Over a thousand men and horses are employed by Pawnee Bill in his grand realistic Wild West.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, May 12th.—George W. Hare, administrator of Mary Ann Hare, deceased, returned inventories of personalty, debts and money, and received order to sell personalty.

John Bernstein, guardian to Jennie Wohlgemuth, infant, settled first and final account.

John R. Strevig and Amos Sauble, executors of Elizabeth Peterman, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

J. Clement Clark, executor of Maud Greer Deekins, deceased, settled first account.

Letters of administration d. b. n. c. t. a. on the estate of Nathan G. Franklin, deceased, granted unto Harvey G. Franklin and Earnest R. Franklin.

Letters of administration on the estate of Sarah A. Franklin, deceased, granted unto Harvey G. Franklin and Earnest R. Franklin, who received order to notify creditors.

Horace L. Shipley, administrator of Larkin Shipley, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

J. Franklin Raver and Carroll G. Raver, executors of J. Franklin Raver, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

Joseph Zepp and Sarah A. Zepp, administrators w. a. of Amon Miller, deceased, reported sale of real estate.

Mary A. E. Purcell, executrix of James B. Purcell, deceased, settled first and final account.

Tuesday, May 13th.—Letters of administration on the estate of Milton A. Mackley, deceased, granted unto Edward O. Cash, who received order to notify creditors.

Charles A. Elliot, administrator d. b. n. c. t. a. of Lewis Elliot, deceased, settled first and final account.

Amanda Sullivan, executrix of Edward T. Sullivan, deceased, settled first and final account.

James C. Gittings, guardian to Charlotte Carter Gittings, infant, settled fifth account.

Personal.

Miss Daisy Fogle, of Clemsonville, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Greenholtz, of Union Bridge.

Mrs. Herman Reckord and daughter, of Belair, are visiting Mrs. Reckord's father, Mr. George R. Gehr, and family, of this city.

State Senator Johnzie E. Baesman and son, of Freedom district, were in this city on Tuesday and paid the SENTINEL office a visit.

Mr. Edward L. Billingslea, of Chicago, Ills., son of Capt. Albert Billingslea, visited relatives in this city on Saturday and Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Cassell and son Chester, of this city, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Mitten, of Gettysburg, Pa., over Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Mitten, of Greencastle, Pa., visited Mr. Mitten's mother and other relatives in this city, this week.

Elder Emanuel Babylon and wife, of Menges, Pa., spent a few days in this city the past week, with Elder Babylon's son, Mr. Geo. W. Babylon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Cunningham, of Baltimore, were guests of Mr. Cunningham's brother, Mr. John H. Cunningham, and wife, of this city, on Sunday last.

Misses Winifred and Addie Hoff and Miss Pearl Caples, of Sandyville; Misses Janie Reaver and Florence Hoff Mitten, of this city, are visiting friends in Taneytown, where they attended the convention of the Carroll County C. E. Union.

Messrs. Clarence A. and Jesse E. Stoner, of Gettysburg, Pa., spent Saturday till Monday with their father, Mr. Emanuel Stoner and other relatives in this city. Mr. Jesse C. Stoner recently removed from Kansas to Gettysburg.

Mrs. S. C. Stoner, of this city; Mrs. Cyrus J. Hull, near New Windsor, and the latter's son, Mr. J. Wm. Hull, of Taneytown, left yesterday for Tiffin, Ohio, where they will visit Mr. Simon A. Leister, who is a brother of Mrs. Hull and an uncle of Mrs. Stoner. Rev. Silas Wright Rosenberger, a recent graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary, whose home is near Tiffin, accompanied the party.

Trap Shooting Tournament.

The annual spring trap shooting tournament given by the Westminster Gun Club took place on the grounds of the club, near the limits of this city, on Wednesday. It was under the management of Messrs. Joseph W. Smith, John L. Reifsnider, Jr., and Dr. George E. Baughman, with Charles E. Hering as field captain. The contestants were Capt. J. B. Malone, J. M. Hawkins, H. B. Ducker, Dr. Darling, William Marshall, John Hicks, Dr. Walter, of the Baltimore Shooting Association; J. D. Owings, H. Barnes, Dr. George E. Baughman, Dr. Joseph T. Hering, Charles E. Hering, John L. Reifsnider, Jr., David Richards and George Snell, of the Westminster Gun Club. There were 7 events of 15 and 5 of 20 targets each. The scores, given by the shooting names adopted by the contestants, were:

Targets	15	15	20	20	15	20	15	15	20	20	15	15
Hicks	10	12	19	17	13	18	13	14	18	17	11	13
Leland	7	7	12	14	9	18	13	14	15	14	13	14
Malone	10	13	16	16	13	16	12	13	19	19	11	10
Hawkins	12	13	18	15	12	18	13	15	19	20	13	14
Dupont	12	11	15	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Reif	11	14	16	12	13	16	10	13	15	11	..	..
Richards	10	11	17	13								
Walters	11	14	16	16	9	13	13	15	19	16	13	13
Baughman	14	14	13	17	13	18	12	15	17	15	13	10
Willis	10	13	14	11	16	13	18	12	19	17	13	..
Owings	11	12	11	16	8	10	11	..	..	14	11	..
Barnes	11	13	15	14	8	12	9	6	6	12	..	..
Snell	9	10	12	12								
Thomas	13	13	17	16	12	14	13	13	18	17	12	..
Darling	10	12	15									
Dr. Hering	10	14	16	13								

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Westminster, Md. December 21st, 1899.