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LOCAL ITEMS.

Those of our subscribers who intend changing their Postoffice address this spring are requested to give us timely notice of the fact, and in doing so give us the old as well as the new address.

Masqueraders have been numerous in this city during the holidays.

The public schools of this county will resume studies on Monday, 3rd inst.

Mr. Jesse H. Mitten, formerly of this city, is seriously ill at his home in Greencastle, Pa.

The SENTINEL has received from Mr. Wm. C. Devilbiss, of this city, a very handsome calendar for 1904.

New Year's day is being observed in this city by a partial suspension of private business and the closing of the banks and public offices.

Mr. Edwin J. Lawyer was granted a discharge in bankruptcy, by Judge Morris, of the U. S. District Court, Baltimore, on Saturday.

We trust that those indebted to the SENTINEL for subscription, printing or advertising will bear in mind that the beginning of a new year is an occasion for settlement, and act accordingly.

A new school house for colored children, recently erected near Sykesville, by the School Commissioners of this county, will be opened for the reception of pupils on Monday.

The SENTINEL is indebted to Messrs. Keefer & Sullivan, of this city, for a copy of the "Hagerstown Town and Country Almanack," and a prettily illustrated calendar for 1904.

Col. S. K. Herr, of this city, is in Washington, D. C., today, attending a reception given by President Roosevelt to the Commandery of the District of Columbia, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

The holder of ticket No. 3172 wins the fine large doll which has been on exhibition in the show window of Hering's department stores in this city for several weeks past. Who the lucky person is is not yet known.

The attention of those who desire to purchase bargains in merchandise is directed to the advertisements of merchants in this city, this week, where they will find much to their interest and profit.

A dance was given by a number of the young people of this city at Winchester Place, Saturday night, and last night again, the Old Year being danced out and the New Year in on the latter occasion.

Mrs. Margaret Payne, daughter of Rev. J. E. Nicholson, pastor of Finksburg circuit, M. P. Church, died in Baltimore on Christmas day, December 25th, and her remains were taken to Seaford, Del., for interment.

Christmas was about the only day for the last six weeks that the mercury did not go down to the freezing point. A light rain fell during the day, but the rise in temperature was brief and a cold wave followed, blanketing the whole country.

The County Commissioners, at their meeting on Monday, granted a special pension of $5 to Peter A. Blizzard, of district No. 4, and approved the Bond of B. N. Miller as constable for Taneytown district. Other business transacted was of routine character.

The ice which was broken up by rain a couple of weeks ago has been replaced by the freezing weather, that has prevailed nearly ever since, and is now about eight inches thick. Skating is excellent and crowds of the young people of this city and vicinity enjoy it nightly on the ponds and milldams.

Mr. Jos. G. Hahn, of Liberty street, held ticket No. 1264, which entitled him to first choice of the prizes offered by Dr. J. J. Rose, at his drug store in this city, and selected the doll. Mr. Abner Parke held ticket 1352 which gave him third choice. The other winning tickets are 1712 and 1314, but the holders have not yet reported.

Mr. Grove A. Shipley, assignee of mortgage, has purchased at public sale, a lot of 1 acre, 27 perches, with improvements, on the Sullivan road near this city, the property of Mrs. Susanna T. and Emanuel Yingling, for $200. Ivan L. Hoff, Esq., was solicitor and Mr. Elias N. Davis auctioneer in the case.

Mr. P. P. Sauble, railroad agent at at Finksburg Station, met with a painful accident on Tuesday morning. The third finger of his right hand was caught by the sliding door of a freight car and the first joint so nearly cut or crushed off that it only hung by the skin. He came to this city and Dr. J. H. Billingslea gave his injury the necessary surgical attention.

The stores of this city did a rushing business the week preceding Christmas and disposed of the larger part of the immense stocks of Christmas goods laid in for the occasion. The day before Christmas must have been a record breaker in this respect as the crowd of shoppers was very great and the stores were taxed to the utmost to wait on all the purchasers.

A double funeral occured at Sykesville on Wednesday. Mr. Michael M. Chronister, 90 years old, and his daughter, Miss Elizabeth A. Chronister, aged 48, died Monday, the former at 5 A. M., from the infirmities of old age; the latter three-quarters of an hour later of pneumonia. The funeral services were held in Springfield Presbyterian Church, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Dudley, officiating. Interment was in the cemetery adjoining the church.

A petition is being circulated, by some of the young men of this city and vicinity, for the purpose of securing the transfer of Company H, I. M. N. G., from Frizellburg to this point. The petition requests Lieut. Claude Tilden Smith, who is now in command of the company, to take the necessary steps to accomplish the object indicated and also pledges the enlistment and hearty co-operation of the petitioners in maintaining a first-class company.

While Mrs. Wesley Geiman, near this city, accompanied by Mrs. B. M. Earp, of Harrisburg, Pa., was driving in a buggy on Tuesday morning and descending the hill near the residence of Mr. Charles Starner, a short distance from Benjamin's Church, the harness broke and the horse began to kick. In his struggles the horse fell and broke the shafts of the vehicle and both ladies were thrown out over the dashboard. Mrs. Geiman received very little injury, but Mrs. Earp's shoulder blade was fractured. Dr. Jos. T. Hering of this city gave her the necessary surgical attention.

Messrs. Smith & Reifsnider, of this city, have sent us a calendar for 1904, handsomely illustrated with a spirited hunting scene.

Mr. G. W. Weaver, of Gettysburg, Pa., has sold his farm near Tannery, in this county, containing about 66 acres, with improvements, to Mr. Noah Long, for $2,450.

The demands of advertisers upon the columns of the SENTINEL this week have made it necessary to carry over considerable local correspondence and other items until next week.

By the quarterly distribution of the public school fund made by Comptroller Hering on Thursday Carroll county receives $3,521,08 for white and $1,042.24 for colored schools.

"Santa Claus' Greeting," a fine Christmas Cantata, was given by the Junior League of Centenary M. E. Church, this city, on Thursday night. A large audience was present and all engaged acquitted themselves with credit.

The value of the SENTINEL as an advertising medium was demonstrated by the effect of an ad. published in its columns last week. Mr. John H. Cunningham, who was the advertiser, sought for news of a female fox terrier pup that had disappeared, and an hour and a half after the paper was issued received information from a party who read the notice, which enabled him to recover the animal.

Mr. R. A. Pickett writes the SENTINEL from Gettysburg, Adams township, Darke county, Ohio, that the weather there is very pleasant for this time of the year; that work is plenty, hands scarce and wages good. He says: "I would like to see some good Marylanders come to Ohio, as we need good hands to help us with the work in these prosperous times. Good hands can make no mistake by coming here."

Among students home for the holidays and others visiting relatives and friends in this city during the past week were: Mr. Clarence Schaeffer, of Pennsylvania College; Mr. Edgar Slagle, of Franklin and Marshall College; Miss Katharine Slagle, of the Woman's College, Frederick; Miss Nellie Schaeffer, of the School of Elocution, Washington, D. C.; Miss May Dewees Farrar, St. Mary's Academy; Miss Nellie Albaugh, Woman's College, Baltimore; Misses Myrle Malehorn, Ada Black, Messrs. Arthur F. and Guy F. Smith, Wilbur E. Buckingham, Jos. D. Zepp, Wm. E. Miller, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warner, of Glen Rock, Pa.; Mr. W. Scott Zepp, of Lynchburg, Va.; Mr. Howell Shriver, Annapolis, accompanied by Dr. Elgin; Mr. J. M. Miley, of Martinsburg, W. Va.; Mr. Harry Fowler, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Herman, Zepp, Connellsville, Pa.; Mr. Walter Zepp, Richmond, Va.; Mr. Victor Zepp, Portsmouth, Va.; Mr. Walter Helm, Philadelphia; Mr. Jos. P. Algire, Wilmington, Del.; Messrs. Charles Barnes, McClellan Miller, of Hagerstown;

Baltimore Bowlers Again Beaten.

The Westminster Bowling Club seems to be invincible in its contests with Baltimore teams, having defeated four of the crack bowling organizations of that city in succession. The last team to yield to the prowess and skill of the Westminsters was the Typo Duckpin Stars, the champions of Baltimore. The team came to this city on Tuesday and entered the contest at Mr. Harry C. Albaugh's alleys with confidence in the result, but went away disappointed, victory again having perched on the banner of the home team. Five games were rolled, of which the Westminsters won three. The totals of the individual scores were: Westminsters—Tom 428, Shriver 436, Joe 437, Rob 489, Beck 437, Cye 448, total 2675; Typos—Menke 430, Cann 475, Jacobs 462, Knapp 436, Quimby 408, Diehl, 426, total 2631. The Westminsters therefore led by 44 pins in the five games.

Church Services at Christmas.

At St. Paul's Reformed Church the early-morning service was of an interesting character. The music was of a high order and was much enjoyed by the large congregation. The service of the Sunday School in the evening consisted of singing, responsive readings and an address by the pastor.

The service of Grace Lutheran Sunday School, which was held Christmas evening, consisted of recitations, singing and other interesting features.

The Methodist Protestant Sunday School also held an interesting Christmas service in which members of the school participated.

The Christmas exercises of the Sunday School of Centenary M. E. Church were held on Tuesday evening and were much enjoyed.

At all the Sunday School services named large audiences were present, and the usual distribution of confectionery and oranges to the members of the schools took place. There were also numerous exchanges of gifts among teachers and others connected with the schools.

At St. John's Catholic Church, and Ascension Episcopal Church, large congregations attended the interesting services held on Christmas day.

For Miss Reifsnider.

From the *Balto. American*, of Wednesday.

Mrs. John Lawrence Reifsnider, of Westminster, Md., gave one of the handsomest luncheons of the winter at the Hotel Belvedere at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Miss Louise Reifsnider, one of the very attractive debutantes of the present winter. The beautiful suite of private dining-rooms on the second floor was engaged for the occasion and lavishly decorated with holly, the vivid tints of the Christmas plant harmonizing richly with the moss-green velvet carpeting and antique furniture of the apartments. Forming the centerpiece of each table was an exquisite mass of American Beauty roses surrounded by a fringe of maidenhair ferns. Red-shaded wax lights in antique silver candelabra were used, and at each plate were appropriate favors in the form of tiny Christmas trees covered with colored tapers in red cardboard pots, serving as bonbonnieres. The guests were received by Mrs. Reifsnider with her daughter. They were:

Mesdames—
Fishburne,
J. Purviance Bonsal.

Misses—
Elizabeth Curzon Hoffman
Nathalie Thomas,
Grace Munnikhuysen,
Violet Clendinen,
Eliza Whyte.
Alice Selden,
Elise Phillips,

Misses—
Julie Phillips,
Sallie Abell,
Helen Marshall,
Arabella Hambleton,
Agnes Tilghman,
Liza Ridgely,
Nannie Bresee,
Emily Alan Smith,
Anne Rutherford,
Elizabeth Kent,
Marine Stamp,
Louisa Orrick.

WEDDING BELLS.

Mullinix-Runkles.

Mr. Ernest L. Mullinix, of Long Corner, and Miss Mamie C. Runkles, of Mount Airy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Runkles, were married at noon on the 24th ult., at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. C. Marriott, pastor of the Mount Airy M. E. Church. Miss Della May Runkles, a sister of the bride, and Miss Helen Clary, a cousin of the bride, were the bridesmaids. The wedding march was played by Miss Ella Clary, of Woodville, Frederick county. Immediately after the ceremony a luncheon was given by the bride's parents. The couple then left for a trip South. On their return they will reside at Mullinix.

Hamm-Wolf.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Royer Bish, Rocky Ford, Col., was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Thursday evening, December 24th, the contracting parties having been Miss Jane R. Wolf, formerly of this city, and Mr. Jacob Hamm, a very prominent and successful farmer of Rocky Ford. Elder G. Alevinger performed the marriage ceremony. The bride wore a very becoming gown of mode cloth. There were no attendants. A reception followed the ceremony and a wedding luncheon consisting of ice cream, cake, confectionery, fruits, etc., was served. Those present were: Mr. W. Royer Bish and family, Elder and Mrs. G. Alevinger; Messrs. David and Samuel Hamm, brothers of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Harris, Mr. J. Paul Royer and family, Mr. D. H. Geiman and family, Mr. N. J. Royer and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Fivecoats, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Zepp, Mr. B. Amos,

Jones-Little.

Miss E. Grace Little, daughter of the late Rev. Joseph H. Little, of this county, was married Wednesday night, in Baltimore, to Rev. C. Turner Jones, D. D., of Thurmont, Md., pastor of the United Brethren Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. T. Stern, presiding elder, of York Pa., assisted by Rev. A. H. Rice and Revs. Dudrear, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and C. E. Fultz, of the Otterbein Memorial Brethren Church. A reception followed the ceremony, after which Rev. and Mrs. Jones left for Washington.

Niekirk-Spurrier.

Marvin Methodist Episcopal Church South, near Mount Airy, was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday evening of last week, the contracting parties being Mr. Harry Niekirk, of Monrovia, Frederick county, and Miss Laura Spurrier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Spurrier, of Plane No. 4. The church was tastefully decorated. Rev. W. E. Miller, the pastor, performed the ceremony. Mr. Lewis E. Spurrier, a brother of the bride, was the best man; Miss Mary Niekirk, a sister of the groom, maid of honor. The ushers were Messrs. Claude T. Spriggs, of No. 4; Harry S. Bartholow, of Bartholow; W. G. Gartrell and Brook Buxton, of No. 4. The wedding march was played by Miss Melissa Baker, of Kemptown. After the ceremony a reception was given by the bride's parents. The couple will reside at Plane No. 4.

Hull-Hoover.

The wedding of Miss Addie Jenette Hoover and Mr. Chas. J. Hull was an event of such interest as to deserve an ampler account than the brief notice in last week's SENTINEL. It took place, as then stated, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Oliver J. Hoover, near Melrose, on Thursday afternoon, 24th ult., and the marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. James B. Stonesifer, pastor of Carroll charge, Reformed Church. The bride was tastefully attlred in a tan-colored going-away gown. Miss Grace Hull, sister of the groom, was maid of honor, and Mr. Irwin Hunter, of Westminster, best man. The ushers were Messrs. Aaron Miller and William Null. The wedding march from Lohengrin was skilfully rendered, as the bridal party entered the parlor, by Miss Lizzie Miller. The house was beautifully and tastefully decorated with laurel, spruce and holly and during the ceremony the bride and groom stood under a marriage bell of holly. The scene was impressive and beautiful. After the ceremony a beautiful repast of all sorts of good things, such as Bachman's Valley produces so freely, was served to the numerous guests present on the occasion. Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Hull left for a bridal trip to Baltimore and Washington. The groom has purchased the farm of his grandfather, Mr. Eli Hull, of Cranberry Valley, where they will make their home. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver J. Hoover, parents of the bride; Mrs. Mary Hull, mother of the groom; Mr. George P. L. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fletcher Babylon, of Wakefield; Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Brilhart, of Snydersburg; Mrs. Isaac Brilhart, of New Windsor; Mr. Clarence Smith, of Westminster; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Lucabaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Schaeffer, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schaeffer, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wine, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wantz, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John Kroh, Misses Ida Schaeffer, Gertrude Schaeffer, Messrs. Lewis Schaeffer, Irwin Kroh, Lewis Hull, Jacob Schaeffer, Cadet Steele, of St. John's College, and many others.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

Jeremiah Miller.

Mr. Jeremiah Miller, of the vicinity of Uniontown, died at the Maryland Hospital, Baltimore, on Thursday, at the age of about 76 years. About 20 years ago Mr. Miller carried the mail on the star route between Linwood and Uniontown. He leaves a widow and a large number of children. His remains will be interred in the burial ground of the Pipe Creek German Baptist Brethren's Church.

Jacob Price.

Mr. Jacob Price, son of Mr. Ephraim Price, of Ecklo, Baltimore county, died at his home, 1330 North Fulton avenue, Baltimore, on Saturday last, aged nearly 44 years. Mr. Price was a brother of Mr. Abraham Price, of this city, and Mr. Isaac Price, of Baltimore county, triplets. He was a member of the Shield of Honor, and a worthy and good man. He leaves a widow and two children—Howard and John Price. His death is a peculiarly sad one as it breaks the trio of loving brothers who made their advent into the world at the same time.

Emory M. Williams.

Mr. Emory M. Williams, son of the late C. C. Williams, of Woolery's district, this county, died at his home, 3631 Falls road, Baltimore, on Saturday morning last, of tuberculosis, after an illness of three months, aged 27 years. Mr. Williams had been residing in the city for the last eight years, and was associated with a relative in the undertaking business at Woodberry. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Minnie Burgee Williams. He was a brother of Miss Hollis Williams, of this city. His funeral took place from his late residence on Tuesday afternoon, and his remains were interred in Druid Ridge Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary A. V. Leister.

Mrs. Mary A. V. Leister, wife of Mr. James A. Leister, of Hampstead district, died with startling suddenness on Sunday morning of apoplexy, having been ill only about 5 minutes. Mrs. Leister was a daughter of Mr. M. S. Brilhart, near Snydersburg. She was twice married, her first husband having been Mr. David Leister, by whom she leaves one grown daughter and two sons aged, respectively, 15 and 10 years. Her age was 40 years, 11 months, 13 days. Her husband, her parents and many other relatives who survive her are deeply afflicted by her sad and sudden death. Funeral services were held at St. John's (Leister's) Lutheran Church on Tuesday morning, in the presence of a large concourse of sympathizing friends of the deceased and her family. Rev. S. M. Roeder, of Manchester charge, Reformed Church, officiated.

George H. Barnes.

Mr. George H. Barnes, a retired farmer, died at his home at Gamber at 5 o'clock, on Wednesday morning, in his 85 year. Mr. Barnes was one of the best and most prominent citizens of the neighborhood in which he lived and where he spent most of his long life. He commanded universal respect by his upright and consistent christian character, and enjoyed the unlimited confidence of all who knew him. He was a faithful member of Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church, where funeral services were held at 10 o'clock, this morning. Politically he was an earnest and conscientious Republican. In his death Gamber loses a citizen whose life was without stain and without reproach. He was a member of St. Stephen's Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Winfield. He leaves a widow and the following children: Mr. John T. Barnes, of Gist; Messrs. Richard W. and George A. Barnes, of Gamber, and Mrs. Elmer Shipley, of Daniel.

Charles Stevenson.

Mr. Charles Stevenson, a well known farmer of the vicinity of Frizellburg, died at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the age of about 60 years. Mr. Stevenson was a son of the late Thomas Stevenson and a brother of Messrs. Alfred Stevenson, of Spring Mills, and Jesse Stevenson, of New Windsor. Too much cannot be said in praise of his life and character. He was a gentleman who by kindness of heart and the strictest probity won not only universal respect but the sincere regard of all who knew him. He leaves a widow, five daughters and one son—Mrs. Charles Rodkey, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Misses Minnie L., Blanche, Florence and Carrie Stevenson, and Mr. Arthur Stevenson. His funeral will take place on Sunday, meeting at the house to be at 12 M., followed by services in the chapel at Frizellburg, after which his remains will be interred in Westminster Cemetery.

Thomas Tate.

Mr. Thomas Tate, who formerly resided near this city, died at his home in Baltimore on Sunday, after an illness of three weeks, with typhoid pneumonia, aged 64 years, 26 days. Mr. Tate was a veteran of the Civil War, having served as a sergeant of Co. F, Seventh Maryland Regiment, from August 18th, 1862, till January 9th, 1865, when he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, and was finally discharged August 28th, 1865. He was wounded in battle, at Weldon Railroad, August 18th, 1864. He was a brave and faithful soldier. He was formerly a member of Burns Post, G. A. R., of this city. He leaves a widow, two daughters and four sons, one of the daughters being the wife of Mr. U. Grant Yingling, of this city. His remains were brought to this city on Wednesday, and after funeral services in the German Baptist Church, interred in Westminster Cemetery, Elders Bricker, of Woodberry, and Charles D. Bonsack, of Meadow Branch, officiating.

Uniontown Items.

Miss Nellie Haines, of Owings Mills, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Ann Maria Haines. Misses Nellie Weaver and Nellie Haines spent part of the week guests of Miss Bessie Zile, Frizellburg.

The Christmas entertainments in the several churches passed off with their usual success and good audiences. The special features were well rendered; the happy-hearted children were glad Santa Claus made his annual visit, and they were not forgotten, as each received the yearly box of sweets and an orange, besides other gifts.

On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cover, at the east end of town, entertained a number of guests at dinner. Among the number were: Mrs. Jane Fuss Gilbert and daughter Edna, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cover, of Easton, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall G. Shaw, of Black Oak Spring; Mr. Mrs. J. Hamilton Singer, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Singer and family, Mrs. Sarah Fuss.

On Friday evening Wyoming Tribe, I. O. R. M., elected the following officers: Sach., Geo. R. Warner; Proph., B. L. Waltz; S. Sag., Harry Copenhaver; Jr. Sag., Reuben J. Mathias; chief of records, J. H. Singer; Asst. C. of R., J. J. Waltz; keeper of wampum, J. Wesley Gilbert; trustees, William Baust, John Keck; Rep., J. H. Stone.

Mrs. Susan Harbaugh and daughter Annie spent the past week in Westminster, guests of Mrs. H's. son, Mr. Harry H. Harbaugh, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Routson, of Baltimore, are spending the week with Mr. R's. mother, Mrs. Missouri Smith Routson.

Among the Christmas holiday visitors were Charles Selby, of Waynesboro, Pa., at Mr. Davis Myers; Harry Hiteshew, of Pittsburg, Pa., at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hiteshew's; Howard Myers of Baltimore, at his sister's, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Myers; Mr. and Mrs. Harlem Mentzell, at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Eckard; Mr. and Mrs. William Bankard and family at Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eckard's; Harve Zentz, Mrs. George Ambrose and son George Ambrose, of Brooklyn, at their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zentz's; Howard Slonaker, of Baltimore, at his mothers', Mrs. Amanda Slonaker's, Ephraim Bowersox, York, Pa., visited his family; Melvie Arnold, at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Arnold's; W. Bull, of Baltimore, at Samuel Hiltebridle's; John Shaw, of Baltimore, home with his wife and children; Anna O'Mara, at Clayton Hahn's.

Dr. and Mrs. Luther Kemp spent the 25th the guests of Mrs. Kemp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weant, Double Pipe Creek, at an annual family dinner.

Last Saturday evening the Order of Mechanics held an election of officers as follows: S. M., John Sell; W. M., Jesse F. Billmyer; J. M., Rev. J. D. Clark; R. S., Dr. Luther Kemp; F. S.. J. Snader Devilbiss; T., W. Guy Segafoose; Con., Edward Caylor; chaplain, Harry Copenhaver. After the election a banquet was held and oysters served, at which time Dr. Kemp entertained those present with graphophone selections.

George H. Routson and Miss May Routson returned on Tuesday from a visit to Mr. R's. son and family, Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Routson, at Waynesboro, Pa.

Miss Esther Julius, of Littlestown, Pa., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Hiteshew.

Gover Routson and wife, of Buckingham Industrial School, near Buckeystown, and Mrs. Ezra Trite and family, of Maidensville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Kelley the past week.

Newton Gilbert, of Annapolis, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Gilbert, from Saturday until Monday.

Prof. Norman Eckard, of Brooklyn High School, Md., spent his holiday vacation with his mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Brough spent Tuesday in Westminster, Mrs. B. remaining on a visit of a few days to friends.

Mrs. Alfred Coley, of Baltimore, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Susan Harbaugh and sister, Miss Anna.

Miss Fannie Slonaker, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. Samuel Harbaugh and wife and her grandmother, Mrs. Andrew Slonaker.

We very much regret that Thomas Moale Ireland, on account of a business engagement, had to cancel his engagement as principal of our public school. He is a young man of sterling qualities and making marked progress with his pupils, who have expressed many regrets about losing him as their instructor. We wish him success in his new undertaking.

Miss Lucy Fleagle, of Baltimore, is spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Fleagle.

Mr. Charles Halliday, of Charleston, S. C., is visiting Mr. Marshall G. Shaw's family. He will gradnate next year as an army surgeon.

Dr. Harry Hodes, of Washington, D. C., whose family is wintering with Mrs. H's, parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Shaw, returned to spend Christmas with them, after a trip, almost from sea coast to sea coast and to the Gulf of Mexico, on account of his health. He was much benefited by the trip.

The funeral service of Mrs. Mary Eckard Wilson was conducted in the Church of God on Wednesday afternoon, by Rev Murray, assisted by Rev. J. D. Clark, and was largely attended. Mrs. Wilson was well known in this community, and highly respected by those who knew her. She was a consistent christian woman, and member of the Church of God for a number of years. She was aged 72 years, 6 months, 23 days. Interment in the Hill cemetery.

Mr. Clayton Hahn of Baltimore, spent part of the week with his family.

Arthur Sittig went to Baltimore on Wednesday, on a pleasure excursion, and to trip the light fantastic toe.

Preaching in the Church of God, Sunday, by the pastor, Rev. Jno. D. Clark. Subject for 10.15 A. M., "Fishers of Men." Revival meeting in the evening and continuing through the week. Rev. S. J. Montgomery, of Trego, Washington county, will conduct the revival meeting. Come! All welcome.

Pleasant Valley Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Furry, of Hanover, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Witmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Souders and daughter Mae, of Lancaster, Pa., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jessia Myers during the Christmas holidays. On Christmas afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Myers and their guests were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Warehime, where they were entertained with genuine hospitality and served with refreshments of cakes, confectionery, oranges, nuts and soft drinks, in abundance, which all heartily enjoyed and had a merry Christmas time together. Some of the guests left on Saturday, the others remaining with Mr. and Mrs. Myers, with whom all spent a very pleasant visit, until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Eckard spent Tuesday and Wednesday with friends in Baltimore.

Miss Edna Myers is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Myers, in Baltimore.

Don't forget the oyster supper and fair this Saturday evening.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MATTER remaining in the Postoffice, Westminster, Md., Dec. 29th, 1903:

Dogan, Miss Dora Lewis
Eckard, Miss Aggie
Fender, Mrs. Mary
Haines, Mr. C. S.
Haines, Mrs. Francis
Hesson, L.
Wagner, C. P.

Persons calling for matter in the above list will please say it was advertised.

GEO. E. BAUGHMAN, P. M.

Suicide of Mr. John W. Eyler.

Mr. John W. Eyler, a well known citizen and prominent farmer of Double Pipe Creek, committed suicide on Christmas afternoon by hanging himself in the granary in his barn at that place. He left his house about one o'clock and his family supposed he had gone on a business errand, but about half-past four o'clock one of his daughters found his lifeless body in the granary. Her cries of alarm quickly brought others to the spot and among them Dr. C. H. Diller, who promptly cut the rope by which the body was suspended and then quickly ascertained that life was extinct. The method employed by Mr. Eyler in carrying out his purpose of self-destruction was peculiar. He stretched a rope across the granary, making a sort of swing, upon which he sat. One end of another rope he tied to a beam overhead and the other around his neck, with a slip-knot under the ear. He must then have thrown his body backward, with his limbs resting on the rope-swing, while the rope about his neck tightened and probably produced strangulation or it may be dislocation, as, when discovered, his eyes were closed and his face had almost the appearance of that of a person sleeping.

The cause of Mr. Eyler's suicide can only be surmised. He was in prosperous circumstances, owned a fine farm at Double Pipe Creek, the farm buildings of which are located in the village; a fine dwelling house in the village, not connected with the farm, and a little property near Bruceville, which he recently purchased for $2,400, and to which he intended to remove in the spring, having rented his farm to another party. It is said, however, that he was averse to the change and became despondent about it, frequently speaking about his troubles. Several years ago he had a severe illness which may have left traces of its effect. While it is not known that he made any direct threat of self-destruction, a gentleman, who conversed with him a week or two before, says he then stated that he might do something startling, and it is supposed he had been contemplating the act for a time at least.

Mr. Eyler was a man of excellent habits and character, energetic and industrious. In addition to looking after his farm operations he had, for a long time, been foreman of the Bruceville section of the Pensylvania Railroad. He was about 55 years old. He leaves a widow and the following children: Mr. Daniel R. Eyler, of Baltimore, an engineer on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; Mr. Charles Eyler, a student of law in Baltimore; Mrs. Emory Shorb, of Double Pipe Creek; Mrs. John Snook, of Rocky Ridge; Mrs. John Seiss, of Graceham and Misses Dessie and Cora Eyler, at home. Funeral services were held in the Union Church at Creagerstown, on Sunday, Elder Jno. S. Weybright, of the Brethren's Church, Double Pipe Creek, assisted by Elder Saxton, of the Church of God officiating. A large concourse of people attended the funeral.

Manchester Items.

The gladsome Christmas time came and went with the current of fast fleeting time. Although it was preceded by several ideal days of fine weather, it dawned upon us with a cloudy and threatening sky that during the morning brought rain, snow and hail. Early morning service in the Reformed Church was well attended. Evening brought out a large attendance at the Lutheran and Reformed Sunday School services. The churches were nicely trimmed and decorated with evergreens appropriate to the occasion, while the exercises were confined to a special service of each church. After the regular exercises the annual treat of confectionery and fruit was distributed with teachers' gifts and regular attendance prizes. Rev. S. M. Roeder, at the Reformed service, made an earnest appeal for the Butler Orphans' Home, which has been sorely afflicted with typhoid fever, and it is gratifying to him that the height of his ambition was realized to raise $50 for the home, which sum, with several dollars more, was collected at the Christmas services in his charge.

Although Saturday was among the most unpleasant days of the season, a great many strangers were in town, attracted by the shooting match for a fine cutter at the Hotel-de-Stick. 189 chances were taken and each chance had two shells. Of the 378 shots made there were three ties—Messrs. S. F. Grumbine, of Westminster; Mr. Chas. Brilhart and Mrs. Robert Shower, of this place, holding the blocks. The tie shooting was done on Monday morning, when Mr. Valentine Menchey, for Mrs. Shower, scored the winning block and Mrs. S. beame the possessor of the cutter.

The Lineboro Union Sunday School attracted a large congregation to their church on Saturday evening to the best yet of their Christmas services. The pulpit and altar decorations of palms and evergreens were tastefully arranged to which was added a large Christmas tree lighted with wax candles. The following program was well rendered: Anthem; greeting, Miss Wilhelm; singing, Ring Bells; prayer, Rev. Flick; singing; recitation, Harry Bowers; solo, Peace on Earth, Anna Tracy; recitation; singing; recitation, The Givers; collection; address, A. R. Wentz; class exercises; solo; address, Rev. Flick; singing; class exercise; singing; duet, Miss Wilhelm and Miss Kopp; Bright Stars, by Infant Dept.; singing, "To the Stars." The distribution of gifts was followed by doxology and benediction.

Dr. J. H. Preston was called to the home of Mr. Allan, near Beckleysville, on Christmas day where he found a son of Mr. A. suffering from concussion of the brain from which he died on Friday night. He was in company with a number of young friends out masquerading on Thursday night, fell from a high porch and somersaulted against a stone wall, at one of the houses they visited, with seemingly no bad effects at first, but which developed to the above result. He was aged 28 years.

Myrtle, the seven year-old daughter of Mr. Howard Loats, fell down a stairway at her home on North Main street on Saturday morning and broke her collar bone. Dr. Sherman adjusted the fracture and she is doing well.

At the annual election of Carroll Encampment No. 17, I. O. O. F., on Monday evening, the following officers ware elected for the ensuing term: C. P., R. L. Wink; H. P., Wm. C. Brilhart; S. W., J. H. Preston; Rec. and F. Secty., G. W. J. Everhart; Treas., W. D. Hanson; J. W., Geo. H. Kexel; trustees, J. D. Deinst, Chas. E. Houck, H. T. Wantz; marshal, J. E. Musselman; janitor, J. E. Leese.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos C. Miller entertained a company of friends at their home on Saturday evening. Games were indulged in and refreshments served at a late hour.

Mr. Charles T. Warner, son Clinton and daughters Florence and Carrie, of Baltimore, were guests here among friends during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. M. Motter are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. J. M. Motter.

Miss Irene Osborn is the guest of her friend, Miss Ethel Gettier.

Mrs. Fry and sons are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hanson.

Prof. Davis, teacher of the High School here is spending the holidays at his home at Shiloh, N. J.

Mr. Nelson Grove and daughter Hattie spent Christmas with friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Chas. Bixler, of York, Pa., spent the holidays with friends here.

Mrs. Mary Jones, of Baltimore, was a guest at the home of Mr. Theodore Tracy during the week.

Mr. George E. Leese and family spent the holidays with friends at Harrisburg and Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Mr. Jesse McBee, of Baltimore, spent Christmas among friends here.

Mr. George Kneller of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm Kneller, on S. Main street.

Miss Kate Belchner spent Sunday and Monday with her mother in Woodberry.

Miss Alice Oursler, of Thurmont, is the guest of her friend, Miss Emma Trump.

Mrs. George Jones and daughter, of Philadelphia, Pa., visited Mrs. J's. aunt, Mrs. E. G. Sellers, during Christmas.

Mr. John B. Baker spent Christmas with his mother and friends in Greenmount.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hoffacker and daughter Adeline spent Sunday and Monday with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Hoffacker spent their Christmas with their home folks here and at Greenmount.

Mr. Luther Wantz, who was brought home last week from the hospital in an improved condition, was pleasantly remembered by a number of his young friends, who gave him a surprise birthday party that was much enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Anna Hanson, daughter and gentleman friend, of Woodberry, are spending the holidays among friends in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eckenrode and nephew, Will Klinefelter, of Baltimore, were guests at the home of Dr. Preston during the holidays.

Misses Sarah and Lizzie Trump entertained the members of the Bible Society on Monday evening last at their home. It was a pleasant occasion for all present, although no particular program was followed. Refreshments of cake, coffee, confectionery, &c., were served. Among those present from a distance were: Misses Bessie, LaRue and Eva Herr, who added much to the song and merriment of the festivity.

The young folks are enjoying fine skating on the Warehime pond, north of town. Ice 10 to 12 inches thick is being housed.

The Greenmount U. B. Sunday School held its Christmas entertainment and annual treat on Thursday evening. The program was well rendered and was much appreciated by the large audience present.

During the month of December there were received for record at the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court, 61 deeds, 16 mortgages and 12 bills of sale, and 39 marriage licenses were issued.

MATHERS'.

Westminster and Manchester.

Great January Clearance Sale.

We start this Saturday, Jan. 2, our ANNUAL JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE, which means the greatest opportunity of the year for genuine bargains in all kinds of goods. We take stock Feb. 1 and every piece of winter stuff, everything in the way of odds and ends, every short piece must get out of the way at once. In addition to all this we have provided for this sale some special bargains bought especially for this occasion and such as were never offered to the people of this community before. There are to be no dull months here. We intend to keep January and February busy. These bargains will do it.

☞ ALL THESE GOODS ON SALE AT BOTH OUR STORES. ☜

GREAT SALE OF REMNANTS.

One of the best features connected with this January Clearance Sale is the offering of this great pile of Remnants. During the rush of December great numbers of remnants in all kinds of Dry Goods accumulate. Many short ends are left. We have piled up the half of two counters with them. Every one will be sold at a sacrifice price; some at half, some at less, everyone a bargain. Remnants in all kinds of Dress Goods, Remnants in Outings, Calicoes, Ginghams, Muslins, Silks and every other kind of goods. **Come early for first choice.**

BIG SPECIAL PURCHASE OF HALF A TON OF PURE ROASTED COFFEE. TO OUR CUSTOMERS AT

4 1-2c lb.

This shows the power of this store to get bargains that are beyond the reach of other stores. We are constantly studying the market. Some months ago we learned there would be a big rise in the price of coffee, owing to the scarcity of the crop this year. We at once contracted and paid for half a ton of a pure fine grade of Coffee, to be roasted for us when we were ready for it. Results show the wisdom our action for coffee is today worth from 3 to 4 cents a pound more than when we bought this. No dealer can buy it now for what we are selling it for. The coffee is our famous "Manchester Gem" of which we have sold 2,000 pounds at our Manchester store during the past year.

This coffee has achieved a wonderful reputation all over the county and so many of our Westminster customers have inquired for it, that we know all will be glad of the opportunity to buy it at either store. As a special inducement we will sell to every one buying one dollar's worth of any kind of goods at either store, two pounds of this coffee at 4½ cents the pound. All you want above that quantity at 9 cents, or 3 lbs. for 25c. None to storekeepers.

This coffee has just been roasted and is warranted pure and fresh and of fine flavor. If it had the name of the dealer on it, it would bring 15 cents. For various reasons we are obliged to withhold this, but it is imported and roasted by one of the leading coffee dealers in this country, a firm whose very name is a guarantee of quality.

Come early, it may not last long and we can get no more when this is gone.

☞ **Watch for another list of bargains next week.** ☜

DRESS GOODS 19c.

Special lot of about 15 pieces of fine Dress Goods, that sold from 25 to 50 cents, most of them this season's goods, all in perfect condition and very desirable, to clear out before stock taking we say only 19 cents yd. for any piece.

19 cents.

LADIES' WRAPPERS 78c.

We have a number of odd sizes in Ladies' Wrappers, in flannelette and percale, all new and pretty, but we want to clean out this year's stock, so say for choice only 78 cents.

78 cents.

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES.

A great quantity of short ends in these goods that you will want this spring. Buy them now and save big money. Special lot of Torchon and Linen Laces, worth 5 and 10 cents, now only

3½ cents.

Lot of remnants in Embroideries very cheap.

LETTER FILES 19c.

Every business man wants one or more now at the beginning of the year. We have the best and sell them the cheapest. Only 19 cts.

19 cents.

TOBOGGANS 19c.

Small lot of Toboggans, new and pretty, to close out only 19 cents.

19 cents.

TOILET SOAP 1½c.

Big lot of fine Toilet Soap, just from the factory, at less than half price. 1½ cents the cake. All you want.

1½ cents.

JUST A WORD ABOUT CANDY.

Many people are asking us if we sold the 5½ tons of candy we bought for Christmas trade. We did and were obliged to telegraph for more. We merely mention this to assure you that you will always get fresh goods here. There was not a bucket left over. From now on as before we will have it fresh from the factory every week. The same goods at the same price.

10 cents the pound.

CANDY BUCKETS 9c.

We have nearly a cellar full of these. You can get all you want now. The cheapest bucket ever offered. All perfect. 9 cents, or 3 for 25.

9 cents.

BUGGY WHIPS 15c.

Special lot of Buggy Whips, about like those usually sold for 25 cents, fine goods, and selling here for only 15 cents.

15 cents.

CHILDREN'S DRAWERS 5c.

Special lot of infants' knit Drawers, perfect goods, just a little lot that we bought very cheap. You can have them for only 5 cents.

5 cents.

$1.25 FASCINATORS 69c.

A few very fine white Shawl Fascinators, with silk trimmings, very pretty and sold for $1.25 and $1.00, to close out only 69 cents. All new and perfect, none soiled.

69 Cents.

OVERSHIRTS 39c.

Lot of Men's extra heavy jersey knit Overshirts, in gray and blue, have been 50 cents, to close out now only 39 cents.

39 cents.

Also special lot of fine heavy double breasted blue Overshirts, have been 75 cents and were cheap at that, to close out only 50 cents.

50 cents.

NECKWEAR.

We have a number of lots of odds and ends in Men's and Boys' Neckwear, in many styles, but all of them good. The quantity is small however and we are afraid to describe and price them here lest you be disappointed. But you will find some rare bargains.

LADIES' GLOVES VERY CHEAP

Ladies' Jersey fleeced Gloves, in black, all sizes, only **11 cents.**

Ladies' extra heavy black Jersey fleeced Gloves, fine goods, now only **19 cents.**

SEWING BASKETS 10c.

Big lot of Sewing Baskets, in all styles, some worth 50 cents, but we want to clear out the lot before stock taking, so put them all in one big pile at 10 cents for choice.

10 cents.

MIRRORS 19c.

Big lot of 8x10 Mirrors in neat gilt frames, made in our own factory here at home, which accounts for this low price. Special for this sale only 19 cents.

19 cents.

PICTURE FRAMES.

Now is the time to have your pictures framed. We have made up a quantity of short pieces of moulding and are offering Frames at prices never named before for the same goods. Special lot of 16x20 Frames, complete with glass, back and wire, **50c.**

12x26 Frames, for Babbitt's Soap pictures and the like, only **60c.**

Large lot of 8x10 and 10x12 Frames for photographs, very cheap.

All kinds of frames made to order now at short notice.

LAP ROBES $1.99.

The biggest bargain of the season. A few Lap Robes, all new and pretty, and this season's goods, every one perfect, but we do not want to carry them over. They are really worth $3.00, but to close out we say only $1.99. Several pretty patterns to choose from.

$1.99.

BLACKBOARDS 8c.

We have a few of these left from Christmas and they are just the thing for school children. Not a boy or girl that would not be delighted and helped in the preparation of their lessons by one of them. We don't want to keep them over, so say only 8 cents each.

8 cents.

ALBUMS 39c.

We have a few fine Photo. Albums worth 75 and $1.00 that we do not wish to keep over. Now is just as good a time to buy them as any other and we are sure many will want one at this price. To close out only 39 cents.

39 cents.

YOURS FOR MORE BUSINESS,

T. W. Mather & Sons,

WESTMINSTER - AND - MANCHESTER.

January 2, 1904.

A Lively Day at Sykesville.

Saturday last was "corn and pumpkin day" at Sykesville. It is estimated that fully 500 people were present. Five premiums were offered by Messrs. Wade H. D. Warfield & Co., aggregating $25 in gold, the contest having been open to residents of Carroll and Howard counties. Four of the premiums were awarded as follows:

John H. Clark, of Howard county, for heaviest pumpkin, 92 pounds.

Miss Eunice Gaither, of Carroll county, for best pumpkin pie.

G. Harry Bevard, of Carroll county, for heaviest load of produce, 245 bushels and 50 pounds of wheat.

Henry Bowman, the teamster driving the team hauling the heaviest load of produce.

The awards were made at Lyceum Hall where a band discoursed music during the proceedings.

Mr. Wm. L. Amoss, director of Farmers' Institutes, who was to judge the corn, found that the exhibit was so large that it was impracticable to make the award that day. Mr. Warfield will send the exhibits to the Maryland Experiment Station, where they will be judged. The award will be announced later, when the premium will be paid. The successful specimens will be included in Maryland's corn exhibit at St. Louis. Mr. Amoss gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on corn. The premium is to be given to the person exhibiting the best six ears of yellow field corn.

Mr. B. Howard Haman, author of the Haman oyster and road bills, spoke on this measure. The audience was deeply interested in his remarks and expressed the hope that the bills will become laws during the coming session of the Legislature.

Mr. F. G. Merceron also made an address.

Election of Officers.

At the meeting of Carroll Division, S. of T., of this city, on Monday evening, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: P. W. P., Jno. C. Shreeve; W. P., Wm. Mather; F. S., A. W. Buckingham; T., Jesse F. Shreeve; R. S., Chas. B. Hunter; Con., Jno. H. Mitten; I. S., Thos. H. Bankard; Chap., Geo. K. Mather; trustees, Jno. H. Mitten, A. W. Buckingham, Charles B. Hunter.

Charity Lodge No. 58, K. of P., of this city, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: C. C., Denton S. Gehr; V. C., Edward S. Shriver; P., J. Edward Little; M. of W., Wm. R. Anders; M. at A., Thomas H. Easley; K. of R. and S., Jno. J. Reese; M. of F., Theo. A. Kauffman; M. of E., John Bernstein; I. G., Wm. M. Eckard; O. G., Guy N. Fringer; Rep. to Grand Lodge, Denton S. Gehr; marshal, Jno. H. Mitten; trustees, Jno. B. Saylor, Charles B. Hunter, Jacob L. Shaffer, J. Hoffman Fuss, John H. Mitten.

At the regular meeting of Westminster Lodge No. 41, I. O. M., on Tuesday evening, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: W. M., S. C. Stoner; J. M., G. P. Gunther; F. S., W. R. Anders; R. S., Thos. Zepp; T., Jno. B. Saylor; Chap., Harvey A. Stone; Con., Charles Stonesifer; I. G., Jno. D. Biehl; O. G., W. H. Leas; trustees, Harvey A. Stone, John D. Biehl, Jno. H. Mitten, Charles B. Hunter, Harry E. Cootes; P. W. M., Harry E. Cootes; Rep. to Grand Lodge, Harvey A. Stone.

Salom Lodge No. 60, I. O. O. F., of this city, at its meeting on Monday night, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: P. G., Edw. L. Hoff; N. G., Rev. Wm. A. Crouse; V. G., E. D. Bowersox; R. S., George A. Miller; F. S., Washington L. Brown; T., Wm. H. McCollum; trustees, John Bernstein, Jno. J. Reese, Louis P. Manning, Rev. Wm. A. Crouse; Rep. to Grand Lodge, Edw. L. Hoff; janitor, John Bernstein.

Mr. Wagner Not Held.

Mr. George W. H. Wagner, who was arrested last Monday week, charged with having forged the indorsement of the name of Mrs. G. W. Wagner to a check for $105, drawn on the Drovers and Mechanics' National Bank of Baltimore, had a hearing before Justice G. W. Crapster, of this city, last Saturday afternoon and was discharged, the proof, in the judgment of the justice, not being sufficient to hold him for the action of the grand jury. State's Attorney Weant, who was present at the hearing, concurred in the opinion of the justice.

It was shown that while Mr. Wagner kept the letter in which the check was inclosed in his possession for five days after its receipt, he did, in the meantime, show it to Mr. Ralph Reifsnider and inform him that, while he had a claim for the exact amount against a certain party, upon which he had sued and failed to obtain a judgment, he thought the money might have been remitted to him in that way, but that he was not certain about it. Mr. Thos. E. Reese, secretary of the Westminster Savings Bank, also testified that Mr. Wagner, when he presented the check at the bank for collection, expressed doubt as to whether the money was intended for him. The check was contained in an envelope directed to "Mrs. G. W. Wagner, Esq.", and was payable to "Mr. G. W. Wagner." The case excited more than ordinary interest in this locality.

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