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SALE REGISTER.

Notices of sales, for which bills are printed at this office, will be published under this head until day of sale for 50 cents. When bills are printed elsewhere **$1.00** will be charged. **Terms Cash.**

Saturday, February 18, 12 m.—Household furniture, consisting of bedroom suit, wardrobe, chairs, stoves, &c. Harry Black, on the Ezra Routson farm near Hughes' shop. J. Thos. Hoop, auct.

Wednesday, March 1, 10 a. m.—5 horses, 3 mules, 8 cows, 4 heifers, 10 shoats, 5 wagons, 1 cart, farm utensils of all kinds, quarry and blacksmith tools, furniture, &c. Wm F. Fenby, on New Windsor road, 1 mile from Westminster. J. Thos. Koop, auct.

Thursday, March 23, 10 a. m.—4 horses, 6 cows, 1 bull, 3 sows, 10 shoats, Fleetwood separator, good as new; binder, mower, wagons, and a variety of farm implements, furniture, &c. Chas. Shaeffer, near Bachman's Mill. Samuel J. Crawford, auct.

Saturday, March 18, 11 a. m.—2 horses, 2 mules, 9 cows, 1 he fer, 2 bulls, 4 brood sows, 12 shoats, binder, mower, Scientific corn and cob mill, grain separator and horse power, wagons, farm utensils, corn, rye and oats. Alfred H. Young, on Uniontown turnpike, near Morelock's school house.

Thursday, March 16, 9 a. m.- 5 horses, 18 head of horned cattle, lot of fine shoats, horse power and separator, Ross feed cutter, 3 broadtread wagons, hay edder, and all farming machinery. John Royer, on Uniontown turnpike.

Tuesday, March 28, 9 a. m.—5 horses, 10 cows, 1 heifer, wagons, mower, farm utensils, 10 horse power portable engine, Fleetwood grain separator, 1 Pelton power, 1 tread power, &c. D. A. Brown & Bro., on the Sellman farm, 1¼ miles south of Wardleidsburg. Albert Easton, auct.

Tuesday, February 21, 10 a. m.—1 horse, 2 mules, 4 cows, 3 brood sows, farm utensils, furniture, &c., on the farm of Joseph E. Shreeve, 1½ miles south of Wardleidsburg. Laura L. Gaugh. Elias N. Davis, auct.

Thursday, March 16, 12 m. sharp.—1 12-horse power traction engine, 1 Peerless threshing machine and wind stacker, 1 Geiser saw mill, 1 Matchless clover huller, 1 shingle mill and block splitter combined, table saw, &c., 1 mare, 3 cows, farm utensils, &c. W. H. Stansbury, on road leading from Westminster to Manchester. Jno W. Reaver, auct.

Thursday, March 23, 10 a. m.—5 horses, 20 head of horned cattle, shoats, wagons, separator, binder, mower, DeLaval cream separator, butter worker, swing churn, farm utensils, &c. Ira J Young, west side of public road leading from Meadow Branch turnpike to Pleasant Valley. J. N. O. Smith, auct.

March 20, at 10 a. m.—4 horses, 1 colt, 10 cows, all farming implements and household furniture, by Samuel Wagner, Uniontown district, near Koop's Mill. J. Thos. Koop, auct.

March 24, at 9 a. m.—9 horses, 25 head horned cattle, 200 bbls. corn, all farming implements, household goods, &c., by Harvey Freeman, agent, near Frizellburg. J. Thos. Koop, auct.

March 11, at 11 a. m., sharp. 4 horses, 3 young mules, 5 cows, heifers, 2 bulls, 2 sows and pigs, 13 shoats, wagons, buggy, binder, mower, and other farm utensils, corn, &c. Chas. E. Trump, on the John Ruby farm, on the road leading from Westminster to Hampstead. John W. Reaver, auct.

March 21, at 9 a. m.—3 horses, 6 mules, 15 cows, 10 Durham bulls, 4 sows, 10 shoats, wagons and farm implements. Thos. K. ——, on the Leister farm, on road from Pleasant Valley to Silver Run. Wm. Warner, auct.

Tuesday, March 7, at 10 a. m.—2 horses, 2 mules, 19 cows, most of them fresh by day of sale; 1 heifer, 1 bull, farm implements of all kinds, good as new; corn, potatoes and household furniture. Jeremiah Schaeffer, 1 mile north of Westminster. John W. Reaver, auct.

March 22, at 9 a. m.—6 horses, 2 colts, 21 cows, sow and pigs, horse power and jack, grain separator, Tornado ensilage cutter and 40 ft. of carrier, 3 farm wagons, 1 a ary spring wagon, 1 spindle wagon, farm implements and harness. J. Walter Engler, near Wakefield on the farm of the late David W. Engler. Thos. J. Roop, auct

Saturday, March 25, at 9 a. m.—5 horses, 12 milch cows, principally Jersey, 1 thoroughbred Jersey bull, 14 shoats, 3 brood sows, with pigs; 1 new 10-horse power portable Geiser Engine, 1 16 inch French burr chopping mill, DeLaval No. 3 cream separator, Ross ieed cutter and carrier, wagons, binder, mower and farm utensils of all kinds. J. Harry Young, 1 mile west of Westminster, between Uniontown pike and New Windsor road on the farm of the late John Young. J. N. O. Smith, auct

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. Harvey F. Caylor, of Denver, Col., in writing to renew his subscription, says: "We must have the Sentinel."

Mr. John E. Deeds, of this city, is doing a large business in shipping poultry. This week he shipped 29 coops of chickens.

Mr. John Royer has purchased from Mr. Edward C. Regester the farm and residence of the latter, at Spring Mills, near this city, and will occupy the property the coming spring.

Mr. Wm. F. Fenby has sold his farm containing about 169 acres, one mile from this city, on the road leading to New Windsor, to Messrs. B. F. Shriver & Co., on terms not made public.

Mr. Ezra C. Brown, near this city, has purchased from Mr. William B. Thomas, the house and lot on Belle Grove Square, this city, known as the Matthews property, for $3,500 and will improve it before occupying it in the spring.

Rev. Dr. P. H. Miller, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, this city, requests us to state that in consequence of his illness there will be no instruction to his catechetical classes tomorrow.

The proceedings of the County Commissioners, at their meeting on Monday, were chiefly of routine character. The following abatements of erroneous assessments were made: District No. 11, John C. Buckey, collector, for 1904, $4,606; district No. 7, Jos. L. Franklin, collector, for 1901, $3,099.

On Tuesday evening last Westminster Council No. 1537, Royal Arcanum, gave a smoker at its council room, Wantz Building, this city, at which time Grand Treasurer D. J. Juvenal, and Grand Orator A. V. Owings were present and installed the officers elected in December for the ensuing year.

Mr. John Hall, a farmer, near Record, Baltimore county, died Tuesday morning, following trouble. Mr. Hall was 63 years old and is survived by his widow, two sons and four daughters. He was in the Union Army during the Civil War and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Crusade Commandery, Knights Templar, of Baltimore, as heretofore noted, will pay a complimentary visit to Mayor O. D. Gilbert, its only member in this city, next Monday evening, and, upon the arrival of the 6.03 train, will parade the streets of the town, headed by the First Regiment Band.

Mr. Amos Wampler, of Medford, who, with his wife, is spending the winter at Whittier, Cal., about twenty miles from Los Angeles, writes: "We are here in this beautiful land of sunshine and flowers and are enjoying it to the fullest extent. But we miss one thing, and that is the American Sentinel. Please send it."

The individual deposits subject to check in the several national banks of this county, at the close of business on the 11th inst., were as follows: First National Bank of Mt. Airy, $67,841.18; First National Bank of New Windsor, $71,914.54; Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Westminster, $124,162.97; Union National Bank of Westminster, $238,258.88; First National Bank of Westminster, $272,808.69; total, $774,986.26. At the same time the deposits in the Westminster Savings Bank were $808,625.50; Westminster Deposit and Trust Company, $535,431.99; total $1,344,057.49; grand total, $2,119,043.75.

The lace curtain at one of the windows of Mayor O. D. Gilbert's residence, this city, caught fire from a gas jet yesterday and was destroyed. The flames were suppressed without doing further damage except slightly singeing the carpet near the window.

Senator McComas has succeeded in having a bill passed by Congress to increase the soldier's pension of Mr. George E. Yingling, of this city, from $12 to $30 per month. This is very gratifying news, as Mr. Yingling has a wife and three small children to support and has been physically disabled and unfitted for work for the past three years or longer.

An entertainment will be given at Odd Fellows' Hall, this city, on Thursday evening, February 2nd, by the Young Ladies' Dramatic Association of Westminster, which, from the character of the program, promises to be quite an attractive and enjoyable affair. A leading feature will be two plays—"Ye Deestric Schule," and "Vice Versa." Music will also be prominent and, altogether, the young ladies promise an evening of enjoyment and request the liberal patronage of citizens generally.

Upon a writ of habeas corpus, sued out by Mr. Carroll G. Raver, who sought to obtain from his sister, Mrs. Blanche G. Myers, and her husband, Clarence F. Myers, the custody of their minor brother, Ernest Ralph Raver, the last named was taken before Judge Thomas, yesterday, who after hearing testimony in the case passed an order directing that said Ernest Ralph Raver be awarded to the care of Mrs. Grace O. Colp, of Baltimore county, until further order of the court. Mrs. Colp is a sister of the boy and of Mr. Raver and Mrs. Myers. Mr. Brooks appeared for the petitioner and Mr. Steele for the defendant.

A case of smallpox has occurred in the family of Jefferson Cassatt, on the Taneytown road, near Gettysburg, Pa., Mr. Cassatt, himself, being the subject of the disease. He contracted it from his daughter, who had been discharged from a hospital in York with the assurance that danger of contagion was past. She went home, with the result stated. As there are eight persons in the Cassatt family, the health authorities took prompt measures to suppress an outbreak of the malady. All of the members of the family were vaccinated, the school attended by the Cassatt children closed and the schoolhouse thoroughly fumigated. It is hoped these vigorous methods will be effective.

Mr. Thomas Jefferson Gorsuch, who was born near Gamber, in this county, January 12, 1814, celebrated the 91st anniversary of his birthday, at his home, No. 127 Aisquith street, Baltimore, on Thursday of last week. The names of his parents were John and Annie Gorsuch. His father was a soldier of the War of 1812-14 and his grandfather in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Gorsuch went to Baltimore at the age of 17 years and has resided there ever since. He has always been a strenuous Democrat and during the Civil War was confined for a short time at the old Capitol prison at Washington. He is yet, at the age of 91 years, active and vigorous, with a fair prospect of becoming a centenarian. He has been twice married and has one daughter, his only child, Mrs. Sarah Waite Young, wife of James Young, of Baltimore, and two grandsons, James Young, an actor, and Thomas Gorsuch Young, a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dutch Treats.

On Friday night of last week, after the business of Charity Lodge No. 58, K. of P., of this city, had been transacted and the weekly meeting closed, the members marched in a body to Frizzell's restaurant, nearly opposite Court street, and indulged in a feast of oysters, each of the party paying his own bill.

On Tuesday evening the members of Westminster Lodge No. 41, I. O. M., engaged in a similar feast at the same place and at their individual expense.

Safe Robbed at Bruceville Station.

Last Friday night robbers entered Bruceville Station and cracked the safe of the Northern Central Railway, from which they succeeded in getting $32.88 cents in cash, its only contents in money. The safe also contained mortgage notes and certificates of deposit to the amount of $5,200, the property of the station agent, Mr. W. W. Sweigert, but these, of course, were of no value to anybody but their owner. The robbers gained entrance to the station through one of the toilet room windows. The door of the safe was wrecked and the money drawer pried open. Previous to entering the station the robbers had broken into the tool house, where they secured a pick, several wrenches and other implements. This was the third time since last summer that efforts have been made to rob the safe at this station. One of the previous attempts was successful, but on the other occasion the robbers were frightened away by the agent.

Jurors for February Term.

Judge William H. Thomas drew the jurors for the February term of the Circuit for this county yesterday. The list, by districts, is as follows:

Taneytown.—Abraham J. Hahn, John H. Harman.

Uniontown.—John C. Hollenberry, Jacob D. Young.

Myers'.—A. Franklin Crouse, Franklin H. Bowman.

Woolery's—Ezra Little, Nimrod Green.

Freedom.—Dennis P. Buckingham, Jacob Powder.

Manchester.—William H. Yingling, Samuel Miller, Henry K. Miller.

Westminster.—Abraham S. Leister, George A. Bixler, Jesse W. Myers, Emanuel D. Whitmore.

Hampstead.—John S. Myers, Elihu Jackson.

Franklin.—George H. Baker.

Middleburg.—John C. Humbert.

New Windsor.—Charles W. Bowersox, Edward L. Bachman.

Union Bridge.—Cleveland Anders.

Mt. Airy.—Wm. D. Burrall.

Rev. John G. Noss.

The Reformed Church Messenger, of the 12th inst., publishes a likeness of Rev. John G. Noss, a former pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church, this city, and with it a lengthy sketch from which we take the following extracts:

"But the best work of his life was done in Carroll County, Md., from 1877 to 1895. The charge that he took there has since been divided into three charges, and the growth of the Reformed Church in this section has been due most largely to the solid and substancial character of his ministry here. In 1877 he became pastor of the Westminster charge, then composed of St. Paul's Church, Westminster; Benjamin's (Krider's) Church, and St. Mary's Church, at Silver Run. During the pastorate he organized the Reformed Church at Pleasant Valley. When this congregation was established, realizing the necessity of a division of the charge for its further development, he accomplished this end. Upon the division of the charge, in 1883, he resigned as pastor at Westminster and was elected pastor of the new Silver Run charge, which he serve until 1895.

"During the pastorate the beautiful and commodious parsonage at Silver Run was built, and also the church, which is one of the largest and most beautiful country churches in the Potomac Synod. The ministry of Brother Noss here was fruitful in results. The congregation increased in members and in benevolence until it became one of the strongest congregations in the Classis of Maryland. In his ministry of eighteen years in Carroll County Rev. Mr. Noss left the impress of his strong personality and his conscientious devotion to truth and right on the characters and lives of those to whom he ministered, and he exercised an influence in the Classis and Synod which is still left."

Mr. Noss has two sons, both of whom are in the ministry and the elder of whom, Rev. Christopher Noss, has just been installed as Professor of Practical Theology in the Seminary at Lancaster. The younger son, Rev. Charles L. Noss, is pastor of the Brush Creek charge, Marion, Pa.

DEATH BY FLAME.

Two Little Children Perish by Fire

A Most Distressing Accident.

Gladys May, aged three and a half years, and Albert, aged one and a half years, children of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton S. Woolery, were fatally burned, at their home, Liberty and George streets, this city, shortly before noon, on Tuesday. The little girl died within two hours after the burning and the younger child lingered until about 7 o'clock in the evening. The exact manner of the accident cannot be known as the children were the only persons in the room when it occurred. Mrs. Woolery had left them for a brief period to hang out some clothing and hearing the younger child cry out as if in pain, ran in hastily, to find them huddled together on the floor, the little girl with her arms around her brother, and their clothing in flames. She took them up in her arms together and extinguished the fire with her apron, slightly burning one of her hands in doing so. She then called for assistance and the slight blaze that had been started about the furniture in the room was quenched without having done much damage. In the meantime Dr. W. D. Wells was summoned and found the children in a serious condition. The hair and clothing of the little girl were entirely burned off, nothing having been untouched but her shoes. Her entire person, except her feet, was burned to a crisp and she presented a pitiful sight. She was a very pretty and winsome child, with long blonde curls, and the change in her appearance was shocking. The little boy was not burned so severely, only about a third of his person having been touched by the fire, but the shock was fatal. After Dr. Wells had partially applied remedies to alleviate the sufferings of the children, Dr. Chas. R. Foutz arrived and assisted him.

The manner in which the accident occurred can only be surmised, but it is supposed that the clothing of the little girl came in contact with the stove in the room, and was ignited by the heat.

The bodies of the children were buried in one grave, in Westminster Cemetery, on Wednesday afternoon, after funeral services at the house, conducted by Rev. D. G. Miller, pastor of Centenary M. E. Church.

Mrs. Woolery, mother of the little victims of the accident, is a daughter of Mr. J. Clarence Mobley, the well known superintendent of the Westminster Gas Works.

WESTMINSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Annual Election and Banquet.

The annual election and banquet of the Westminster Fire Department took place at the Firemen's Building on Wednesday evening. The occasion was one of the most interesting of its kind in the history of the department, and the attendance was probably the largest, about 180 persons having been present. The first business in order was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President, John M. Roberts.
First Vice-President, Wm. R. Anders.
Second Vice-President, George C. Eichelberger.
Chief, Frank T. Shaeffer,
Assistant Chief, Florence Little.
Secretary and Treasurer, J. Pearre Wantz.
Assistant Secretary, Chas. O. Clemson.
Foreman of Truck, J. Harry Cootes.
Assistant Foreman of Truck, John D. Biehl.
Foreman of Reels, Harry K. Shaeffer.
Assistant Foreman of Reels, Wm. E. Frizzell.
Librarian, Wm. N. Keefer.
Assistant Librarian, Meade Ohler.
Marshal, John H. Mitten.
Assistant Marshal, S. C. Stoner.
Janitor, Luther E. Long.

Following the election came the banquet, which was served in the banqueting hall and was a tempting feast of good things, including turkey, ham, oysters—raw, stewed and fried—biscuit, celery, pickles, coffee, &c., concluding with cigars and a general smoke. The banquet was served by the following committee: John T. Derr, Wm. E. Frizzell, John VanFossen, Carroll Henry, John L. Shriver, J. Pearre Wantz and John H. Mitten, assisted by other members of the department.

After the banquet the firemen, honorary members of the department and other guests repaired to the meeting hall, where quite a period was spent in speechmaking and the firemen came in for a great many complimentary remarks for their fine discipline, activity, zeal and efficiency in protecting the property of citizens from destruction by flame. Among those who spoke were: Rev. Durbin G. Miller, Rev. L. F. Warner, Rev. C. S. Slagle, Dr. J. W. Hering, Prof. S. Simpson, Messrs. Wm. B. Thomas, B. F. Crouse, Fred. D. Miller, Frank R. Cassell, M. E. Walsh, F. K. Herr, Guy W. Steele, Jos. D. Brooks and others.

A notable feature of the occasion was the numerous additions to the list of honorary members made during the evening.

Music during the evening was furnished by the First Regiment Band, a fact which gives ample assurance that it was of first-class quality.

The reports of the chief and the secretary and treasurer indicate that the department is well equipped with apparatus for fighting fires and is in good financial condition. It responded to six alarms during the year 1904.

During the evening each honorary member present was presented with a handsome badge embellished with a picture of the firemen's building.

Altogether the occasion was a very notable one in the history of the department.

For the Sentinel.

Corn and Pumpkin Day.

Corn and pumpkins are much in evidence at Sykesville these days, as next Wednesday, Jan. 25th, will be "Corn and Pumpkin Day." For a number of years Wade H. D. Warfield & Co. have awarded premiums for the best exhibit of corn and for the largest pumpkin. Interest has grown from year to year in these contests, as also has the size of the corn and pumpkins. This year the firm offers $25 in gold, in five premiums, as follows:

For the best exhibit of yellow field corn; for the heaviest pumpkin; for the best pumpkin pie; for the heaviest load of farm produce hauled to them during the year; for the teamster driving the team hauling the heaviest load.

The awards will be made at the Lyceum and will be attended by a band of music and speaking.

The contest is open to both Carroll and Howard counties.

It is strictly a farmers' day. They meet, exchange ideas and discuss crops generally. Rev. J. D. Detrich, who is acknowledged by the best authority to be the most successful farmer in the United States, will address the meeting. For 25 years he kept a herd of 30 head of cows on 15 acres of land, producing everything they ate, excepting mill feed. At the expiration of that time he sold his 15 acre farm for $15,000 and received $2500 for his stock. Mr. Detrich is now director of Harvest Home Farm, at Glen Lock, Chester county, Pa., which contains about 350 acres. His method is known as "Intensive Farming." The ladies will be entertained by Miss Anna E. Brennen, of Baltimore, who will deliver an address on poultry. She is an expert in the business. Her lecture will be interesting and highly instructive to all interested in poultry.

Ramsey, the magician, will give a sleight of hand exhibition for the amusement of the children. It is all free. You are requested to attend, bring your family with you and be at the Lyceum at 2 o'clock sharp.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MATTER remaining in the Postoffice, Westminster, Md., Jan. 14, 1905:

Bonze, Mr. Clarence
Detior, Mr. August M.
Godwin, Dr. W. T.
Keefer, Mr. Edward
Louinger, Miss Margie
Lee, Mr. Lewis
Mauck, Miss Kate
Miller, Mr. Chas. H.
Stonesifer, Miss M. T.
Tauzey, Mr. Wm.

Persons calling for matter in the above list will please say it was advertised. GEO. E. BAUGHMAN, P. M.

WEDDING BELLS.

Caples-Heyser.

Miss Ida Heyser, daughter of Mr. William Heyser, of 2133 Callow avenue, Baltimore, was married Tuesday evening to Mr. Charles Larkin Caples, a prominent farmer near Glyndon and son of Mrs. Jacob L. Caples. After a short honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. Caples will reside on their farm.

Shriver-Wayson.

Mr. Howell B. Shriver, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Keener Shriver, of this city, and Miss Claire M. Wayson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wayson, of Annapolis, were married at the parsonage of the Aisquith Street Presbyterian Church, in Baltimore, on Monday, the pastor, Rev. David T. Neely, performing the marriage ceremony. Mr. Shriver is stenographer at the Hotel Maryland in Annapolis. Neither his relatives in this city, nor his friends in Annapolis, were aware of his intention to be married and the event was quite a surprise to them.

Easley-Hesson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Forney announce the marriage, on the 18th inst., of Mrs. Forney's sister, Mrs. Mollie A. Hesson, and Mr. Thomas H. Easley, both formerly of this city. The marriage took place at Harrisburg, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Easley will be at home, after February 1st, at 6434 Glenmore avenue, West Philadelphia. The bride is a daughter of the late Upton Decker, of this county, and the groom was in business in this city for several years. Both are well known here and their marriage will be news of interest to their many friends.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

Wm. Nelson Todd.

Wm. Nelson Todd died near Walkersville, Frederick county, Saturday night, aged 74 years. He is survived by his second wife and two sons by his first union—Edward Todd, of Ohio, and Robert R. Todd, of Carlisle, Pa. He was a prominent Republican, and ran for Judge of the Orphans' Court in 1899, but was defeated with the rest of the ticket.

Mrs. Elizabeth Billingslea.

Mrs. Elizabeth Billingslea, widow of the late Dr. James L. Billingslea, of this city, died on Saturday last, at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. T. F. Howard, in Frederick, of general debility and grip, at the age of 80 years. Mrs. Billingslea was Dr. Billingslea's second wife. She had no children. Mrs. Howard is her only sister, and she leaves no brothers. She was a daughter of the late John Cover, of this county.

Mrs. Julia A. Hood.

Mrs. Julia A. Hood, widow of the late Thomas J. Hood, formerly of this city, died on Tuesday last, in Atlanta, Ga., and her funeral took place at St. James' Church, near Alpha, Howard county, at 10 o'clock, this morning. Between thirty and forty years ago Mrs. Hood's husband was engaged in merchandising in this city, at the corner now occupied by the banking house and residence of Messrs. Wm. B. Thomas & Son.

Mrs. Alverta V. Jones.

Mrs. Alverta Virginia Jones, wife of William Jones, died January 10, at her residence, near Mount Airy, of Bright's disease, aged 54 years. Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lea Clary, Mount Airy, her mother, Mrs. Rhoda Hyatt, of Monrovia, two sisters and three brothers, Mrs. William C. Shaw, Newmarket; Mrs. C. T. Turnbull, Monrovia; William E. Hyatt, Ijamsville; J. Bradley Hyatt, Glenwood; Lewis H. Hyatt, Eutaw Place, Baltimore.

George W. Shugars.

Mr. George W. Shugars died suddenly, at his home in Reisterstown, on Monday, in his 65th year, leaving a widow and the following children: Mr. Jesse Shugars, of Baltimore; Mrs. Jennie Kellar, Miss Mabel Shugars, Messrs. Edward and Frank Shugars, Reisterstown. Mr. Shugars was a brother of James L. Shugars, of Hampstead. Funeral services were held at the house on Wednesday, Rev. Wm. H. Best, of Grace M. E. Church South, officiating, after which the remains were interred in the Lutheran burial ground in Reisterstown.

Lewis Prugh.

Mr. Lewis Prugh, of Gamber, died very suddenly, at the hotel in that village, where he was boarding, about three o'clock, Tuesday afternoon. His death, it is said, was caused by apoplexy. Mr. Prugh was a son of the late Abram Prugh. He was about 62 years old and unmarried. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served as a soldier of the Union Army. Politically he was a Republican. One brother and two sisters survive him. They are: Mr. Upton Prugh, Mrs. Stephen Shipley and Miss Anne Prugh, all of Gamber or vicinity. He was a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and was buried with the funeral rites of the order.

Personal.

Mr. B. O. L. Wells, of Coffeysville, Kansas, visited friends in this city, this week.

Mrs. Mary T. Betts, of Freedom, is visiting Martinsburg and other points in West Virginia.

Miss Helen Nourse, of Darnestown, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. Edgar Nusbaum, of this city.

Mr. Milton L. Bellison, of Gist, is very ill with consumption and, it is feared, cannot recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Sullivan, of Mt. Wilson, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l. Blizzard, near this city, on Sunday.

Miss Annie B. Hyatt, of Catonsville, who had been visiting friends and relatives in Berrett and Gist, returned to her home, on Wednesday, 18th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Mitten, of of Gettysburg, Pa., (formerly of this city,) have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Pauline Mitten, and Mr. Albert Z. Rogers, which will take place at the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday afternoon, February 1st, at one o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rodkey and Miss Ida Hesson, of Mayberry, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Rodkey on Wednesday.

Mr. Charles Sittig has received a letter informing him that his father is quite ill, at the home of his daughter, in Oil City, Pa. Mr. Sittig is an aged man and has spent quite a great deal of his time with his son Charles and family, near town.

A Pleasant Party.

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A Surprise Party.

A surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. William Ringgold Blunt, of this county, near Granite, Baltimore county, on Wednesday evening of last week. Singing, dancing and other amusements were features of the event. Musical selections were given by Mrs. William Ringgold Blunt and Miss Maud Isaac, Charles Albright and Hamilton. The house was decorated with ferns and carnations. Among those present were: Miss Lena Weller, Miss Mary Weller, Miss Carabella Weller, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Platt, of Granite, father and mother of the bride; Mrs. Isaac, Mrs. J. Galliger, Bessie Galliger, Mrs. Wheat, Mrs. Porter, Miss Carrie Blunt, Sadie Blunt, Lillie Albright Carrie Porter, Mrs. G. Evans, Mrs. Atwood Blunt, Mrs. Quill, Mrs. Nash, Miss Cookse Wethington, Henrietta Wethington and many others.

Smallwood Items.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wardenfelt has been under the doctor's care for the past week, but is now convalescent.

Mr. Herman Wardenfelt has been home from Baltimore a few days nursing a painful felon.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at the home of Mr. Albert Davis, Friday, January 27th, at 2 o'clock P. M. All members are requested to be present.

Mr. William Harry Ogg and Miss Estryld V. Barnes were united in matrimony, Jan. 18th, at Smallwood parsonage, Rev. A. T. Evans officiating.

Farmers' Institutes.

A farmers' institute will be held in this city on Monday next, 23rd inst., and also at Taneytown on Wednesday, 25th inst. The programs of these institutes as announced by Mr. Amoss, the director of farmers' institutes, are as follows:

Westminster, from 10.30 to 4 P. M., in the Court House.

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Admission Free. Ladies Invited.

To meet popular demand, these programs may be changed.

Questions will be answered through the Question Box, at the opening of each session.

Many workers, both local and from a distance, whose names will not appear on these programs, will read papers, give their practical experience, and otherwise assist in demonstrating how the results of scientific research can be applied to every-day life.

Following are sketches of the lecturers:

EDWARD VAN ALSTYNE, KINDERHOOK, N. Y.

Was born on the farm where he now resides, which has been in his family since 1680. He was a farmer from choice. Is a graduate of Union Preparatory School, Schenectady, N. Y. Has about 400 acres of tillable land; makes a specialty of fruit and dairy; also operates a small creamery, the product of which goes into fancy butter and cream as well as milk for select trade; sells annually from 500 to 800 bushels of rye, and the straw from same (the latter last year netted $18 00 per ton); as well as about 100 tons of timothy hay; puts up annually about 250 or 300 tons of silage; keeps a flock of sheep for winter lambs, and a drove of hogs to consume the by-products of the dairy and orchard; has been a conductor at Farmers' Institutes since 1887; conductor in his own state for the past ten years. Had charge of the "Model Dairy" at the Pan-American Exposition.

H. P. MILLER, D. V. M., SUNBURY, O.

Dr. Miller is the oldest son of a very successful farmer and stock raiser, particularly of sheep. He is a graduate of Antioch College, and also of the Ohio State University Veterinary College. Is an expert judge of stock at Fairs. His papers for the agricultural press are in demand. Is one of the best Institute workers on the Ohio force. Was invited this season to work in Indiana, Minnesota, Maine and West Virginia. His work in Maryland two years ago justifies us in granting numerous requests that he be again invited. He works 365 acres, has 200 breeding ewes, 6 sows and 12 cows.

Uniontown Items.

Mr. Frank Mathias, near New Windsor, spent a few days visiting his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben J. Mathias.

On Saturday evening Mrs. Susan Harbaugh and daughter Anna entertained a few of their friends. Invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bankard, Miss Sallie Bankard; Mr. Scott McAllister of North Dakota; Mr. William Diehl, of Hagerstown, and Miss S. E. Weaver.

On Sunday Miss Isabel Weaver was entertained by Miss Clara Dotterer at Woodside.

Mrs. Morrison D. Smith was the guest on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Burrier Cookson.

Mr. Clayton Hahn, of Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. James O'Mara, of Glyndon, attended the funeral of their uncle, Ephraim Row.

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Mara were guests for a few days of Mrs. O'Mara's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hahn.

Miss Grace Selby, of Bark Hill, is spending sometime with her grandmother, Mrs. Anna Row.

Mrs. Marietta Trayer is spending sometime in town, occupying her room in the Crouse home.

Miss Irene Leatherwood, of Westminster, is visiting the families of Mr. and Mrs. David Bloom and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fritz.

Our public school registers seventy-seven scholars with an average attendance of seventy-two per day.

Rev. C. L. Crawford is conducting revival services in the Church of God with encouraging results.

Misses Bertha Hull and Clara Dotterer attended the M. C. I. Bible Term, at Union Bridge, this week.

On Wednesday evening a goodly number of the membership and friends of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled at the parsonage on a surprise donation to the pastor, Rev. C. E. McCullough, and family. Each person of the company went carrying some acceptable gift of groceries, fruits, jellies, flour, potatoes, &c., to give cheer to the hearts of the appreciative recipient. The company took full possession of the house and enjoyed a bright social time of conversation, music, &c. Refreshments were served by the ladies in charge and a few other friends. Coffee, chocolate, cake &c., were served to all present.

The many friends of Rev. Charles Humphreys Littleton were sorry to learn of his death, through the columns of the Baltimore American. Mr. Littleton served as pastor of Pipe Creek charge, Methodist Protestant Church, five years, '77-81, and resided in Uniontown. He leaves a widow, (second wife) and three children—Charley and William Littleton and Mrs. Cecelia Littleton Warner, of Baltimore. Funeral took place from his son's residence in Baltimore.

Pipe Creek charge, Methodist Protestant Church, was organized in 1829. The ministers supplying it up to 1902 numbered sixty. Of this number but six are living—Dr. David Wilson, of Denver, Col., and Dr. H. C. Cushing, of Westminster Theological Seminary, retired from the active work; Rev. J. T. Lassell, of Leeds; Rev. B. W. Kindley, of Centerville; Rev. C. E. McCullough, Uniontown; Rev. S. R. Murray, of the M. E. Church, Washington, D. C., still in active work.

Mr. Frank Eckard and Mr. William Segafoose received, on Wednesday, the first loads of ice brought to town this season, from Mr. Joseph Haines' pond. The average thickness was ten inches.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rodkey and Miss Ida Hesson, of Mayberry, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Rodkey on Wednesday.

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