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TO THE PUBLIC.

In view of the many inquiries that have been most naturally made during the past week, it becomes our duty to make a frank statement to the public.

Because of the fact that a number of persons are interested in the AMERICAN SENTINEL and job printing office; for the protection of all these interests the undersigned were by the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, appointed Receivers, and will continue the publication of the AMERICAN SENTINEL and all the work of the office, under the same business and editorial management that existed before the death of Mrs. E. J. Rippard.

So far as the interests of the public are concerned there is no change whatever in the conduct of the office, and we solicit the continued patronage of subscribers and advertisers, assuring them that they will receive as in the past, faithful and efficient service.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Next Lord's day will be Palm Sunday, representing the triumphal entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem.

Mr. Wm. H. Babylon has sold his house and lot on Liberty street, this city, to Mr. Wm. H. Owings, near Warfieldsburg, for $1175.

The track of the Western Maryland Railroad, in the vicinity of this city, is being ballasted with stone and put in first class condition.

Mr. Morris Mitten, baker, has erected a new storeroom and bakery, adjoining his residence on East Main street, this city.

Mr. John B. Saylor attended the session of the Fraternal Mystic Circle held in Hagerstown this week, as the representative of Westminster Ruling, No. 130.

Mr. W. Frank Thomas, agent, has sold for Mr. Wm. Grove Lawyer, a double frame dwelling on Pennsylvania avenue, this city, to Messrs. Matthews & Myers, for $1550.

Mr. James H. Cassell is having repairs and alterations made to his residence, East Main street, this city, which will make a desirable improvement to the property.

Sheriff Wilson gives notice in the advertising colums of the SENTINEL, this week, to all persons who require licenses that they must obtain or renew the same by May 1st.

The large stores of this city were thronged last Saturday afternoon and evening, chiefly by ladies, who desired to see and inspect the fine millinery displayed and other spring goods.

Mr. Fred. D. Miller has been elected delegate, and Mr. John Gerke alternate, from St. Paul's Reformed Church, this city, to the Maryland Classis of that denomination, which will meet in Frederick next month.

The remains of Mrs. Susanna Little, wife of Rev. Joseph H. Little, of Baltimore, who died yesterday, will be taken to Manchester for interment, by the train leaving Walbrook at 10 A. M. tomorrow morning.

Elder Ephraim W. Stoner, of Union Bridge, conducted the funeral service of Mrs. Catharine Castle, widow of the late Elder Cornelius Castle, at Brownsville, Washington county, on the 3rd inst. Mrs. Castle's age was 78 years, 2 months, 12 days.

Abraham Goldstein, charged with committing perjury in connection with the naturalization of a number of foreigners in this city, on October 7 last, was acquitted in the United States District Court on Tuesday. The verdict was rendered by the jury under the instructions of Judge Morris.

Today is being observed in the public schools as Arbor and Bird Day, in accordance with the proclamation of Governor Warfield. Appropriate exercises, based principally upon suggestions of Dr. M. Bates Stephens, superintendent of education, are being rendered by the schools generally.

Mr. C. Irving Lindsay has closed out his saddlery and harness business in this city and moved back to his former home in Unionville, where he occupies his old stand. During the year he was in business here he made many friends whose good wishes go with him in his removal from this city.

The County Commissioners were in session on Monday and Tuesday and were engaged chiefly in making transfers and abatements for districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Mr. George E. Wright, tax collector of Franklin district, was allowed an abatement on erroneous assessments for 1904 amounting to $3,274.

Mr. S. Harris, of Baltimore, has purchased from George O. Brilhart, Esq., surviving trustee of Mr. George C. Anders, the stock of merchandise, in the store of the latter at New Windsor, remaining over after sales at retail, and has removed the goods to Baltimore. Mr. C. Edgar Nusbaum will occupy the storeroom thus vacated, about the 1st of May, with an entirely new stock of merchandise.

The annual session of the Maryland Classis of the Reformed Church will convene in Grace Reformed Church, Frederick, on Wednesday, May 3, the meeting being held this year earlier than usual on account of the triennial meeting of the General Synod, which will convene in Allentown, Pa., on May 16. Rev. S. M. Roeder, of Manchester, is president of Maryland Classis.

It is not the habit of the SENTINEL to call especial attention to advertisements published in its columns, except when they are of unusual importance. This we deem to be the case in the announcement, by Mr. Charles C. Gorsuch, of the public sale of his land lying alongside the Western Maryland Railroad, near the station in this city, and which has been the site of a large and successful lumber and coal and other business, for many years. The sale is advertised to take place at 2 o'clock, tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. John L. Reifsnider, of this city, who has been quite ill this week, was very much improved this morning.

Good Friday, which will occur on the 21st inst., will be a legal State holiday and the banks and public offices will be closed.

Holy week, beginning with Palm Sunday, will be observed with appropriate religious services each evening by several of the churches of this city.

Cherry and plumb trees in this locality are in bloom and beginning to put out their leaves. We have heard no complaints of damage to the fruit buds by the recent cold weather.

Mayor O. D. Gilbert has called a town meeting, to be held at Odd Fellows' Hall, this city, Tuesday evening, 25th inst., for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted for at the municipal election, Monday, May 1st.

The forty-second session, Washington Conference, Colored M. E. Conference, began at Winchester, Va., yesterday, Bishop D. H. Moore presiding. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. P. G. Walker, of this city.

A violent windstorm preceded a heavy rain, with much lightning and thunder, in this county, on Monday afternoon and evening. Hail fell in this city and at other points in the county, but the storm did very little damage.

A very interesting compendium of the history of the most important modern naval battles, written by Mr. A. H. Huber, of this city, will be found in another column of the SENTINEL. It is well worth reading, containing, as it does, much valuable information in little space.

Mr. Frank M. Roberts, of Pennsylvania avenue, this city, who has been ill for some time, sustained a stroke of paralysis on Monday evening. At this writing, Friday, he is not expected to live over the day. He became unconscious Tuesday and has remained so ever since.

During the violent thunderstorm on Monday evening lightning struck a large locust tree in front of the residence of Mr. J. Thomas Roop, the Republican member of the Board of Supervisors of Election for this county, near New Windsor, and so thoroughly shattered its trunk that it could be looked through. All the members of Mr. Roop's family were severely stunned and his wife and daughter rendered unconscious by the shock.

A correspondent of the SENTINEL writes that, "As part of the Arbor Day celebration the H. L. S. of Freedom school will recite the History of Maryland and present in tableau the Maryland Coat of Arms in true colors. The shield is upward of four feet high, and surmounted by an eagle three feet from tip to tip. Over that will be the flag of Maryland, and the U. S. flag will float over all. They will sing My Maryland as written by Prof. White."

Miss Louisa Denning, near Dennings, daughter of the late Chas. Denning, left at the SENTINEL office on Wednesday a copy of "Brother Jonathan," a literary paper dated November 14, 1840. It was published in New York, by Wilson & Company and edited by N. P. Willis and A. Hastings Weld. At that time Mr. Willis had quite a literary reputation and, it was expected, would rise to eminence as a writer. "Brother Jonathan" was an eight-page paper, each page having been 32x26 inches and printed in small type, so that its contents were very voluminous. Its size and form at this day would make it a curiosity as a literary publication.

The stockholders of the Citizens' Water and Power Company, of this city, at a meeting held at the office of Mr. Wm. B. Thomas on Wednesday evening, decided to issue gold bearing bonds of the company to the amount of $40,000, at 4 per cent. interest, redeemable in twenty years. The bonds are to cover the entire plant of the company, including the farm and mills at Cranberry Station, all its franchises, &c. The company has a contract with the corporation of Westminster by which it receives $800 per annum for water for sprinkling the streets and suppressing fires. It therefore offers a valuable property as security to investors in its proposed bonds.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Sykesville Bank, held on Tuesday, the following were elected directors for the ensuing year: Johnzie E. Beasman, John T. Ridgely, Charles F. Beck, Wilmer R. McCardell, William H. Forsythe, Jr., G. Harry Bevard, Samuel D. Shipley, John W. Selby, Albert A. Dorsey, James B. George, William M. Chipley and Wade H. D. Warfield. The officers are Wade H. D. Warfield, president; William M. Chipley, cashier. The Sykesville Bank began business July 1, 1901. It has a papital of $20,000, and has earned a surplus and undivided profit of $5,000. Its deposits amount to over $100,000. The par value of the stock is $10. The last sale of stock was for $15.

Messrs. George L. Stocksdale and F. Neal Parke, trustees, sold, on Wednesday last, the real estate of which the late Nicholas Hanson Jenkins, of this county, died seized and possessed, situate and lying near Winfield, to the following persons: The home farm, containing 106 acres of land, more or less, to Mr. Albert V. Jenkins, for $2,226.00; wood Lot No. I, containing 22 acres and 9 square perches of land, more or less, to Mr. Elmer E. Jenkins, for $683.71; wood Lot No. 2 containing 16 acres of land, more or less, to Mr. Elmer E. Jenkins, for $608.00, and a parcel of land containing 10 acres and 28 perches, to Charles E. Will, for $388.00; total amount of sales, $3,905.71. Mr. Albert Easton was auctioneer.

Western Maryland College baseball team was victorious in a game with the team of Gallaudet College, on Saturday last, by a score of 4 to 2, and tomorrow will go to Gettysburg, and encounter the team of Pennsylvania College. The Gettysburg *Star and Sentinel*, in commenting upon the situation says the deaf mutes—Gallaudet College—"have one of the best teams in their section, and the result of the game last Saturday would indicate that Western Maryland will make Gettysburg hustle to win." The personnel of the team which defeated Gallaudet was Baker, p.; Henry, c.; Short, s. s.; Elliot, 1 b.; Otto, 2 b.; Lawyer, 3 b.; Cooling, l. f.; Leonard, c. f.; Beavens, r. f.; and it is expected the same team will be used against Gettysburg. The team has been preparing for the battle by playing a series of games with the second team of the college this week. The Gettysburg team defeated the Lebanon Valley team last Saturday by a score of 10 to 1, so that honors between the teams which will oppose each other tomorrow are equal, and Western Maryland will have to hustle to score a victory against the Pennsylvanians.

Jurors for May Term.

Yesterday Judge Thomas drew the jurors for the May term of the Circuit Court for this county, which will begin Monday, May 8. The list by districts is as follows:

Taneytown.—John A. Bower, Harry E. Shorb, Daniel Null, Charles E. Harner.

Uniontown.—James L. Unger, Samuel E. Crouse, Samuel E. Keefer, Alfred H. Young.

Myers—John H. Marker, Austin D. Dutterer, Edward F. Groft.

Woolery's.—Abdill Bollinger, William Devilbiss, John Conaway, John Slorp.

Freedom.—Harry L. Moore, Joshua Thos. Beasman, Beverly B. Bennett, Philip H. Lauterback, Eli T. Frizzell.

Manchester.—Sam'l J. Hann, Franklin T. Crumrine, Charles W. Gore, James A. Tracy, Jonas Shaeffer.

Westminster.—Howard W. Geiman, George R. Grumbine, William D. Grumbine, Samuel K. Yingling, John M. Steffy, Joseph Warehime, Henry N. Cassell, Jacob F. Elgen, Andrew D. Reese.

Hampstead.—William H. Ruby, Jno. A. Armacost, James T. Alban.

Franklin.—Edwin D. Cronk, Milton H. Penn.

Middleburg.—Edwin H. Sharretts, Joshua A. Stansbury.

New Windsor.—Ephraim Fiscel, Howard D. Ensor, Francis H. Lambert.

Union Bridge.—William R. Koontz, James C. Whitehill.

Mount Airy.—Jesse Leatherwood, Samuel T. Mathias.

For the Sentinel.

The Lend-a-Hand Club.

The Lend-a-Hand Club, of this city, has closed its work for the summer months. The ladies have done a great deal of good during the past winter, relieving the needy in many ways. At the little bazar which was held last December only one afternoon and evening, one hundred and twenty dollars was cleared. Out of that sum twenty-eight families were benefited and there is now the sum of thirty-two dollars and eighteen cents left in bank. Thanks are due Mrs. Charles Billingslea for the efficient manner in which she shouldered the burden of the work by being secretary and treasurer in one. The ladies hope there will be no need for further calls during the summer, but will keep up the work to a certain extent, by giving a children's entertainment, thereby adding to the amount they have in bank.

Welcoming a Pastor's Return.

A large party of the members and friends of Centenary M. E. Church called at the parsonage, last Monday night, to welcome their pastor, Rev. Durbin G. Miller, back for the fourth year. The program for the occasion was arranged by the Ladies' Aid Society and was in charge of Mrs. Laura S. Sellman. After prayer by Mr. S. W. Hutchins, addresses were made by the following: Rev. S. C. Starr, representing the members of the Church; Mr. Atlee W. Wampler, the Sunday School; Mr. C. C. Gorsuch, the Ladies' Aid Society; Dr. D. F. Shipley, the Epworth League, and Mrs. S. K. Herr, the Junior League. The pastor and his wife responded in words of tender regard for the cordial reception given them. Refreshments were served by the ladies and several hours were passed in festive and social enjoyment.

After the company had returned to their homes the pastor and his wife found many substantial tokens of the kindness and love of their people, which remain to be enjoyed in the weeks to come.

A Fire and Bomb Proof Safe.

The Board of Directors of the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Westminster has had a Mosler-Corliss Bank Safe placed in their banking room for the purpose of absolutely securing the money and valuables belonging to the bank or entrusted to its keeping, against burglary or fire. This safe is composed entirely of gun metal and consists of a sphere within a sphere. There is an opening in the outer sphere and the inner sphere, which performs the functions of a door, is larger than this opening and has steps to meet corresponding steps in the outer shell or sphere, which are ground absolutely air-tight. When these steps are brought together the joint is perfectly maintained against all outward pressure, by means of an expanding ring. The metal in both spheres has a thickness of 9 to 14 inches, the inner sphere working on a pivot by which the door to the receptacles for papers, valuables and money is turned inward when the safe is not in use, and hence, being made air-tight in contact with the outer sphere, as stated above, is perfectly bomb proof. It is fitted with time locks of the most approved pattern and cannot be opened by any other process. It would require an expert to give a full and detailed description of the safe and that is not our purpose. We simply desire to call attention to the enterprise of the bank in providing this method of securing its customers against loss by burglary or fire. Safes of this description have been in use for twenty years and none has ever been burglarized or its contents destroyed by fire. Tests have been made of its resisting power, it is said, by placing and exploding dynamite within the inner sphere, and it required about 90 pounds of that powerful explosive to shatter the safe. Such an explosion would utterly destroy its contents, if it were possible to introduce it by forcing the safe, which, as already said, cannot be done.

The County Teachers' Association.

The Carroll County Teachers' Association met on the 7th inst. in the W. H. S. Hall and was opened with song and prayer. President Morelock was in the chair.

After the reading of minutes of previous session and roll call Mr. Walter G. Davis read an interesting paper on "The Loyalist in the American Revolution," setting forth that the "loyalist" of that day is commonly called the "tory," and explaining the rights of said loyalist &c., which are frequently overlooked by the ordinary historian.

Miss Florence Brown gave a good recitation, "The Story of My Life." Miss Clara Coppersmith read a profitable paper; subject, "How to Make Study More Profitable."

Miss Coppersmith was followed by Prof. H. A. Hutt, of the Maryland Agricultural College, who gave some interesting pointers on the causes of the city-ward migrations which the parents should consider as well as the teachers. The intelligent direction of the study of Agriculture is intended to correct this migratory tendency.

He explained that some good publications and explanations of experiments for the class room can be had for the asking. The Department would be glad to send these to any one interested.

Prof. Simpson said that a book containing some two hundred cuts of birds will soon be ready for distribution to encourage the study of nature in bird life. He said that supplementary readers are being prepared for the third grades; that Arbor and Bird Day does not require an elaborate program, but teachers should try to have results in favor of birds and plants. He distributed game warden rules &c. among teachers and intimated that there will be an association meeting in June. He extended a "persuasive" invitation to teachers to attend the meeting of the State Teachers' Association at the Blue Mountain House this summer. After the meeting adjourned the checks were distributed.

M. E. GILLIS. Editress.

Bachman's Valley Items.

The Sunday School was reorganized on Sunday at Jerusalem (Bachman's) Church with a good attendance. The following are the officers elected: Pres., A. C. Bachman; Supt., N. A. Wentz; assistant, John N. Kroh, Treas., D. S. Warehime; Sec'y., Milton P. Myers; organist, Carrie R. Panebaker; managers, John A. Ebaugh, David H. Starner, Christian H. Smith, Clinton W. Kroh, Wm. J. W. Swenk, Clinton Thomas, Raymond Stonesifer and Conrad S. Warehime.

The Reformed Church will hold an election on Good Friday, immediately after the preparatory service, for the purpose of electing one person for elder and one for deacon. The candidates are John N. Kroh and Jacob S. Lippy for elder, and David Ebaugh and Conrad Warehime for deacon.

The thunder storm on Monday was very heavy in this neighborhood. It did considerable damage to the fences, and the silo on the farm of William K. Leppo was blown over and damaged considerably.

The painters are at work painting Bixler's U. B. Church this week.

Mr. Wayne Kroh and family, of Silver Run visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Bixler on Sunday.

Taylorsville Items.

A very severe wind and electrical storm passed over this section on last Monday afternoon accompanied by hail and rain.

Misses Zelda, Effie and Maggie Frizzell, Zelmar and Dena Byers and Belle Cecil, visited Miss Ethel Barnes last Sunday.

Rev. F. G. Watson moved this week to Glyndon. Our new pastor will move in, in the near future.

Mr. Thos. Moore, Jr., has purchased a new buggy and runabout, both from Doyle & Haines, of Westminster.

Mr. Ernest Franklin has 15 ewes that dropped 30 lambs.

Mrs. Geo. Baker, who has been on the sick list, is slowly improving.

Dr. A. T. Cronk is having a new fence erected around his yard. Messrs. Thos. Byers & Geo. Magins, contractors, are doing the work.

Preaching at Taylorsville M. E. Church Sunday afternoon, by Rev. W. T. Jarboe.

Uniontown Items.

Mrs. Augustus Fells, of Harrisburg, is the guest of her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fowler, and was entertained during week by the Mesdames Rodkey and families.

Mr. Edward Haines spent Tuesday in Baltimore. He is renovating his tonsorial office by repapering and making other improvements.

Rev. C. E. McCullough, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, attended the Maryland Annual Conference in Salisbury the past week. We have the pleasure to announce that Pastor McCullough has been returned to Pipe Creek charge for another ministerial year. Mr. Burrier Cookson, as delegate from Pipe Creek charge, spent several days at the conference during its sessions.

Miss Mollie Manahan, of new Windsor, was the guest of Mrs. Burrier Cookson the past week.

Messrs. H. H. Weaver & Co. were funeral directors at the burial of Mr. John Benedict, at Baust Church Cemetery, on the 6th inst. [An account of the death of Mr. Benedict which was in type before these items were received will be found in another column.—Ed.]

Miss Ella Virginia Smith is visiting friends in Baltimore, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hiteshew.

Miss Elizabeth Shugh, of Union Bridge, was the guest of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brough, Monday and Tuesday.

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

Miss Margaret Cover is visiting the family of her brother, Mr. Edwin Gordon Cover, at Easton, Md.

Rev. and Mrs. Simon Stonesifer, who were guests of Mr. Josiah Erb and family, have returned to their home, near Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Ella Hiltebidle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hiltebidle, has gone to Union Bridge to make her home with Mrs. Silas Senseney.

Mr. and Robert Fuss, of Union Bridge, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Routson and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlem Mentzer, of Waynesboro, Pa., visited Mrs. Mentzer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Eckard, several days the past week.

Mr. Edward Fritz, of Baltimore, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Fritz.

Mrs. Marietta Trayer, who was nursing Mrs. Nathaniel Heck during her illness, has been on the sick list the past week. Mrs. Heck is recovering from her sickness.

Miss Amy Roop, who was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hannah Dotterer, has returned to her home near Westminster.

Patapsco Items.

We have had several flittings in this vicinity this spring. Mr. Peter Dull moved from Mr. Andrew Drechsler's farm, near Reese, to Mr. Drechsler's tenant-house and Mr. Harry Close moved to the farm vacated by Mr. Dull and will engage in farming. Mr. Lewis Drechsler has moved on the farm known as the Long Homestead, now owned by his father. Mr. Koons has moved from the William Miller farm, near Sandyville, to the Miller farm in Bachman's Valley. Mr. Samuel Richards has removed from Mr. John Smith's farm, near Wesley Chapel, to Mr. Wm. L. Richards' farm in Green Valley, and Mr. James Peeling has moved on the farm vacated by Mr. Richards. Mr. Marshall Knight has moved on the Benson farm vacated by Mr. Peeling, for whom he will conduct the dairy on the latter farm. Mr. Peeling will run both the farm from which he removed and the one just occupied by him. Mr. Elias Taylor is domiciled in one of Mr. J. D. Crowl's houses in this place. Mr. Samuel Autz, of Westminster, has rented Mr. J. D. Crowl's mills at this place. Mr. Myers has moved in Dr. Drach's tenant house. Mr. Marshall Flater has taken Mrs. Warehime's house on the turnpike, Mr. George Zepp has moved from near Arcadia to Mrs. Granville Hering's farm, vacated by Mr. Jones, who moved to Westminster.

Mr. Wm. R. Westaway has been disabled for several weeks with lung trouble, but is improving under the treatment of Dr. J. H. Billingslea.

Mr. John C. Harman had been confined to the house for several weeks with throat trouble, but is able to be out again. Dr. J. T. Hering attended him.

The wet weather has retarded the farmers with their spring plowing.

Grain and grass are looking promising at this time. The potato market seems to be dull in this place as well as elsewhere.

Grand Lodge, K. of P

The first session of the thirty-seventh annual convention of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Knights of Pythias, was held in the Pythian Castle, Gay and Lexington streets, Baltimore, on Tuesday afternoon.

The session was principally of a social nature. It was called to order by Mr. Samuel H. Tattersall, grand chancellor, who introduced Mayor Timanus. The Mayor welcomed the visitors to the city, and told them something of the contemplated municipal improvements. At the close of his address he was presented with a huge boquet of carnations.

During the business session the following officers were elected: Mr. Reno S. Harp, of Frederick, grand chancellor; Mr. Richard Laws Lee, of Baltimore, grand vice chancellor; Mr. William F. King, of Pocomoke city, grand prelate; Mr. James Whitehouse, grand keeper of records and seal; Mr. Lewis Reitz, grand master of exchequer. The lodges in this county were represented at the meeting as follows: No. 58, Westminster, by Chas. B. Hunter; No. 36, Taneytown, by C. Edgar Yount; No. 132, Frizellburg, by L. Oliver Handley; No. 133, Union Bridge, by J. H. Young.

Pleasant Valley Items.

Mr. David E. Myerly killed a copperhead snake April 3rd which measured 32 inches in length. Mr. Myerly lives near the old Fleagle property and we suppose the snake had lived around there for a great many years as no one had lived in the old house.

Communion service will be held in the church at this place, on Palm Sunday, 16th inst., at 10 A. M., by Rev. J. B. Stonesifer. Services will be held during Holy week, as follows; Preaching, Thursday, April 20th, at 2 P. M. by Rev. J. B. Stonesifer; Friday April 21st at 7.30 P. M. and Saturday, 22nd at 2 P. M., by Rev. H. D. Newcomer. Easter Sunday, Communion at 10 o'clock, A. M., by Rev. H. D. Newcomer and at 7 P. M. Easter Exercises by the Sunday School.

Rev. Henry D. Newcomer, who has accepted the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Baltimore, has only preached here since February, 1904, a little over a year.

Mr. Levi Myers, who was stricken with sciatica last Sunday a week, is improving slowly but is able to be in the store with some assistance.

Mrs. Philip Fowler has returned to Baltimore on account of the death of Mr. Fowler's uncle, Mr. John Hunter.

Melrose Items.

Our enterprising merchant, Mr. H. Clayton Miller, has purchased from Mr. John S. Wentz, the property here in town, with store room attached, for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.

With pleasure we notice that one of Manchester district's teachers has been called to the position of director in the Dug Hill Insurance Company.

Your correspondent has been visiting some of our farmers, and finds that an important part of the farm industry now is the raising of chickens. One farmer told me that with proper care and hard work it is the best paying feature of the farm.

Some people are too quick to guess or imagine things. It was recently published in a local paper that Mr. Henry Dherit sold his farm and the price paid was named. Mr. Dherit told us after we had made mention of it in our items that it was a mistake. He will remain on the farm.

The wheat fields generally present a nice appearance, due, no doubt, to the warm covering which the winter snow afforded.

WEDDING BELLS.

Webb-Dorsey.

Miss Nellie Dorsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Dorsey, of Mount Airy, and Mr. Harry Webb, of Howard county, were married at the home of the bride's parents at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon by Rev. J. A. Lacy, of the Presbyterian Church. The maid of honor was Miss Sydney Lewis; William Webb, a brother of the groom, was best man. After a Southern trip Mr. and Mrs. Webb will reside in Howard county.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

Mrs. Susan R. Fites.

Mrs. Susan Rebecca Fites, nee Miss Blaxsten, died at Sykesville, on the 1st inst., aged 38 years, 8 months, and her remains were interred in the burial ground of the Pipe Creek Brethren's Church, Elder Ephraim W. Stoner officiating.

John A. Hunter.

Mr. John A. Hunter, a native of this county and a brother of Messrs. Joseph, Daniel and Robert Hunter, of this locality, died on Sunday last, at his home, 720 Gorsuch avenue, Waverly, aged 69 years. He resided here until his marriage. The maiden name of his wife, now also deceased, was Catharine A. Brown. Two adult daughters and one son survive him.

Capt. John L. Cost.

Capt. John L. Cost, a veteran of the Civil War, died at his home in Hagerstown, on Sunday, at the age of about 60 years. He was captain of Co. B, Eleventh Md. Infantry Regiment, and participated in the Battle of Monocacy. He was a prominent member of the G. A. R., and was a past senior vice commander of the department of Maryland. He was at one time, for a number of years, a postal clerk on the Western Maryland Railroad and was well known to many residents of this county. He was twice married and leaves a widow and step-daughter.

John P. Benedict.

Mr. John P. Benedict, a venerable retired farmer and well known citizen of Uniontown district, died at his home near Baust's Church, Tuesday evening, April 4th, of pneumonia, in his 76th year. Mr. Benedict was a native of Franklin county, Pa., but had resided in Carroll county the greater part of his life. He leaves a widow, whose maiden name was Arthur, and eight children—Mrs. D. A. Ebaugh and Mrs. Grant Hollenberry, of Baltimore county; Mr. John Benedict, of Kansas; Mr. Harvey Benedict, of Illinois; Messrs. Samuel and Arthur Benedict, Mrs. Edward Bowers and Mrs. Foster Warehime, of Carroll county. The funeral services were held at Baust's Church, conducted by Elder Ephraim W. Stoner, of Union Bridge, assisted by Rev. G. W. Baughman, of Uniontown.

Martha Louise Wolfe.

Miss Martha Louise Wolfe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott Wolfe, of Union Bridge, died at the home of her parents in that place on Tuesday, of a complication of diseases, at the age of 9 years and a few months. She had been complaining since February and became seriously ill about three weeks ago. She was a bright and attractive child and her death is a sad blow to her devoted parents. She was a niece of Mrs. George K. Schaeffer, of this city, who is a sister of her mother. Her father, Mr. W. S. Wolfe, is postmaster of Union Bridge. A little brother of the deceased is the only surviving child of her parents. Her funeral takes place at 2 o'clock, this afternoon, at St. James' Lutheran Church, Union Bridge, and her remains will be interred in Mountain View Cemetery.

Death of Rev. Dr. J. J. Murray.

Rev. Dr. John J. Murray, one of the ablest and most distinguished ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church, died on Tuesday last, at Bellevue, a suburb of Pittsburg, where he had been residing during the last five years. Dr. Murray entered the Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church in 1842 and was ordained in 1845. His ministry therefore extended over a period of 63 years. He was born at Hagerstown, May 8, 1824, and was educated at the Hagerstown Academy. After entering the ministry he soon took high rank as a preacher and ever held the warmest regard and esteem of all who knew him. His life was so consistent with his calling that the utmost confidence was reposed in all his acts and words. In addition to filling the most important appointments in the conference he served as its president and also as president of the General Conference of the Church, and his advice and counsel were always regarded as wise and prudent by his ministerial brethren and likewise by the laity. He was also a trustee of Western Maryland College and of Westminster Theological Seminary. His last charge was at Union Bridge, but after retiring from the regular work of the ministry, about five years ago, he still continued to labor in the cause which lay so near his heart and during last fall and winter regularly supplied the pulpit of the First Methodist Protestant Church of Pittsburg, which was without a pastor. The recent death of his oldest son, Mr. John Murray, of Pittsburg, completely prostrated him and he never recovered from the shock it occasioned. Dr. Murray was twice married and three children by his first wife—Rev. Dr. S. Reese Murray, of Washington, D. C., a minister of the M. E. Church, and Misses Mary E. and Elizabeth B. Murray, who resided with him till his death—survive him. He was a brother of the late Rev. Dr. J. T. Murray, for a long time pastor of the M. P. Church of this city.

The remains of Dr. Murray were brought to Baltimore and funeral services held in the Lafayette avenue and Gilmor street church, yesterday at 10 A. M., after which interment was in Greenmount Cemetery.

Silver Run Items.

Holy week and Easter will be observed with appropriate services by the churches of Silver Run charge, Rev. H. D. Newcomer, pastor, as follows: At St. Mary's Church, Silver Run, Palm Sunday—Sunday School at 9.15 A. M.; preaching at 10.30 A. M., confirmation and reception of members; Easter exercises by Sunday School at 7 P. M.; services at 7.30 P. M., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; Sunday School Easter Sunday at 1.15 P. M.; at Pleasant Valley Church, services Friday and Saturday, at 7.30 P. M.; confirmation, reception of members and preparatory service at Saturday evening's service; Sunday School, Easter Sunday at 9 A. M.; Holy Communion at 10 A. M.

At St. Mary's Reformed Church, Rev. J. Stewart Hartman, pastor, Sunday School will be held Palm Sunday, at 9 A. M.; service at 10.30 A. M. Holy week services at 7.30 P. M. on Wednesday and Thursday evenings; preparatory service Good Friday at 10 A. M.; Holy Communion Easter Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; Easter service by Sunday School at 7.30 P. M.

Mrs. A. P. Helwig and son Herman spent Sunday with friends in Pleasant Valley.

Mr. Augustas Horner and wife, of Hanover, Pa., spent Wednesday with Mrs. H's. sister, Mrs. Jno. Copenhaver, of this place.

Mrs. J. R. Lippy has returned home after spending a week with her son, Mr. Oliver Lippy, of Hanover, Pa.

Alesia Items.

Mr. T. J. Abbott is visiting friends and relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. I. M. Blocher, who has been very sick the past few weeks, is convalescing at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Werner are visiting relatives in Richmond, Ill.

Mr. Jacob Folk, who has been very sick, is improving.

There was quite an unexpected moving in our town the past week.

Mr. W. E. Lucabaugh purchased the farm of Edward Horner and the latter is occupying the house vacated by the former.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gregory, of Ellicottville, N. Y., are now residents of Hoffmanville, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sandruck and son spent Friday last in York, Pa.

MATHERS.' WESTMINSTER AND MANCHESTER.

ARE YOU READY FOR EASTER?

Our Spring Opening last week was a glorious success, exceeding our best expectations. It was a record breaker in our store history. Our sales in the Millinery department have been equally gratifying. Every one is delighted with our hats and we have heard nothing but praise for the department from the day we opened it.

We call your especial attention to some new patterns in Wash Goods that were delayed in shipment and did not get here in time for our opening.

Don't fail to see our line of Easter Novelties for the children. It is the largest we have ever shown and is sure to be a delight to all.

BUY YOUR SPRING HAT NOW.

Now is the time to place your order for that new hat, if you have not already done so, while the assortments are the largest, the stocks at their best and you can still have it ready for Easter. The motto of this department is, "Anything you want, WHEN you want it." We do not disappoint. If your hat is promised for a certain day, you can depend on getting it at that time. That means much. People are talking too, about the low prices on our hats, just as we knew they would, and as we intended they should. Compare with others and see what a large saving we are making for you.

NEW SUMMER DRESS GOODS.

Just in, many new patterns in Silk Effects, in Taffetas, in Thistle Silk and many other new and pretty things at popular prices. All shades in both figures and plain colors.

We are also showing some beautiful new patterns in White Madras for waists. We have had a large sale on these goods and it is increasing. They make up beautifully and are sold at popular prices,

12½ to 35 Cents.

A BARGAIN IN GINGHAM 6 1-2c.

A special purchase of a case direct from the mill gives us these splendid Ginghams or Seersuckers at this greatly reduced price. All in the best patterns, new and pretty, in remnants, of course, but we can give you most any length you want. One of the very best bargains of the season. Positively worth 8 cents, but for this special lot, while they last, only 6½ cents.

6½ Cents.

Special Prices on Ladies' Vests.

Ladies' fine summer, Ribbed Vests, very pretty and well made, real value 10 cents, but for this lot only 7½ cents. Now is the time to buy.

7½ Cents.

LADIES' 50c GLOVES 29c.

A Special lot of Ladies' fine Lisle Gloves for Summer wear, very pretty, in several different shades and all sizes, positively 50 cent values, now only 29 cents.

29 Cents.

LADIES' FINE LACE HOSE 14c.

Another special purchase. Ladies' fine Lace Hose, regular 25 cent quality, but as we had a chance to get some cheap, we say for these, while they last, only 14 cents.

14 Cents.

MATTINGS, CARPETS AND RUGS.

We are having a big season on Mattings and we advise you to make your purchases early. All the importers say that mattings are sure to be much higher on account of the war, and it is almost certain that they will be. Most of our Mattings come from Japan and the war between Japan and Russia is sure to make them scarce and higher later on.

While our present stock lasts of course these prices will continue, but with our large sales we cannot say how long it will last. All prices, from 10 to 35 cents. But we are offering some very special bargains in both Japanese and China Mattings at 19 cents. All new and pretty patterns and really worth 25 cents. Excellent values at 19 cents.

We still have a few pieces of Carpets to close out. While they last only 19 cents for choice.

Also some special values in Rugs. Come in and see them.

NEW SPECIALS IN CANDY.

Marshmallows, which are are distinctively a summer candy, are with us again. Ours are the best made, yet sold at 10 cents the lb. Also the new Walnut Bon Bons, Honey Chocolate Creams and and real Chocolate Covered Dates, with a score of others, all at 10 cents the pound. Nothing like them anywhere else.



EASTER NOVELTIES.

Things to please the children and with them everybody else. Easter is coming to be almost as much of a holiday as Christmas, and why should it not be so?

Our line of Easter Novelties cannot fail to interest everyone, young and old. Hundreds of new things—it is impossible to describe them. Easter Rabbits, Easter Eggs, Easter Baskets, and Easter Toys in bewildering variety. Bring the children and come in and see them.

T. W. MATHER & SONS.

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Manchester Items.

The heaviest thunder storm of the season came upon us on Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock. Rumbling thunder was heard all afternoon in the distance but about the above h