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PUBLIC SALE REGISTER.

Saturday, March 26th, at 12 o'clock, M., sharp, 1 good family horse, 1 runabout, 1 combination buggy, spring wagon, garden tools, household and kitchen furniture, &c., on the Meadow Branch Turnpike 1 mile west of Westminster by Thos. Kauffman. E. N. Davis, auct. *

Saturday, March 26th. at 12 o'clock, M., 1 horse, 3 mules, 4 cows, wagon, farming implements, &c., household goods, &c., by Thomas A. Conaway, on new Liberty road half a mile East of Winfield.

Tuesday, March 29th, at 1 o'clock, p. m., a lot of lumber and cord wood, 75 cords oak and hickory wood, 10,000 feet of boards, plank and scantling the latter being 2x4, 2x6 and 2x8, by Geo. W. Stair, on the premises of Leander Mathias, on the Littlestown turnpike, 1 mile north of Mt Pleasant. 3 months credit. *
Elias N. Davis, auct.

Wednesday, March 30th, at 12 o'clock, m., 1 bay mare 2 large sheds, on E. Green St.; wagon, rubber tire buggy, sleigh, buggy and other harness, wood saw and frame, platform saw, boring machine, pulleys and ropes, carpenter tools, gas fixtures, chunk stove and pipe, double heater stove, corner cupboard, &c., by Geo. W. Stair, No. 79 Pennsylvania avenue, Westminster. 6 months credit. See bills. *
Elias N. Davis, auct.

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, at 12 m. sharp, 5 horses, 7 head of cattle, sow and pigs farming implements and utensils, corn by the bbl., bacon. Farming implements in good condition. Horses consist of two brood mares, 1 stallion, one mare and 1 yearling colt. Cattle consist of milk cows and heifers most of them Jerseys. 17 head of sheep with lambs at their sides, by Charles S. Conaway, 2 miles south of Winfield on Woodbine road. *
F. A. Crawford, Auctioneer.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Today is Good Friday.

Thursday was observed as Maryland Day in the public schools of this county.

The city authorities have had some stone spread on some of the streets.

Candidates for Mayor of this city are beginning to loom up.

Farmers are busy plowing and getting ready for spring crops.

Spring began at 7.08 o'clock on Monday morning last.

Measles are prevalent among the children of this city.

Wheat was quoted at $1.16 in this city today.

Practice for the Miss Bob White Opera will take place at Odd Fellows' Hall Tuesday evening, next, at 7.30.

Mr. Ira B. Englar moved from this city to his father's farm near Medford where he will engage in farming.

Sunday next is Easter and will be observed in the churches of this city with appropriate services and music.

Mr. Joshua B. Barnes and family of near Mt. Pleasant moved to Baltimore, on Monday last.

During the week the street sprinkler has been put in operation to keep down the dust.

Palm Sunday services were held in the churches on Sunday last. At some of them palm was distributed to the congregations at the close of the services.

Washington Camp No. 15 of the P. O. S. of A. of Winfield, will hold an oyster supper in the hall in Winfield on Saturday, April 2, beginning at 4 P. M.

The Easter hats are of immense size. If a mere man meets a bevy of loveliness on or after Easter he will just have to take to the gutter or street.

Mrs. Frank L. Hering and Mr. Fenby L. Hering, of the 4th district have taken a house on Liberty street, this city, and moved here on Wednesday.

Mr. Jesse Robertson of Green street, this city, will move to Spring Mills next week, where he contemplates opening a store.

Friday, April 1st, is the annual moving day in this vicinity and it looks like we will have many changes on that day.

The public schools of this county closed on Thursday for the Easter holiday. They will reopen on Tuesday next.

Messrs. Walsh Brothers, contractors for the State road between this city and Cranberry Station, resumed work this week.

Miss Etta Snyder of this city went to the Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, on Tuesday to be operated upon for appendicitis.

Mr. S. Flynn Gardener sold his house and lot near Myer's mill to Mr. Henry Gesell for $1325 and moved to Baltimore.

Spring is here because the housewives have begun housecleaning and the lords and masters have begun to clean the gardens.

The stores of this city are displaying their spring millinery and other goods for Easter. The window displays are beautiful.

Last Friday night, Mrs. John Leffert of this city, fell down the steps at Davis Hall and broke one of her limbs in two places. Dr. Fitzhugh rendered the surgical aid.

The Western Maryland College base ball team will play the Eastern College team of Manassas, Va., at the latter place on April 15th. The return game will be played here on May 18th.

With the close of this month the public sale of stock and farming implements will be about over in this county. Live stock of all kinds sold at record high prices.

The 34th Encampment, Department of Maryland, Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Baltimore City, April 8th and 9th, at Red Men's Hall, 114 N. Paca street.

By the removal of the offices of the Lake Drummond Canal Co., from Baltimore to Norfolk, Va., Mr. J. Albert Mitten, the secretary and treasurer, will locate in the latter city. He leaves on Tuesday next for his new home.

Miss Etta J. Keefer and Mr. A. Grant Kauffman were quietly married on Saturday the 19th of March at 7 P. M. at the home of the bride, near Jordan's Retreat, by the Rev. A. P. Snader.

Rev. J. H. Hartman, superintendent of the Hoffman Orphans' Home near Littlestown, Pa., filled the pulpit of St. Paul's Reformed church on Sunday night and gave a description of the home and told of its plans.

The next regular meeting of Burns Post, No. 13, G. A. R. will be held on Saturday April the 2nd, at 1.30 P. M. Official staff, delegates, alternates and comrades are requested to be present.

Mr. Geo. C. Fitze, rural carrier No. 8, has moved from Warfieldsburg to his new residence on Doyle avenue, this city. Mr. Fitze sold his store in Warfieldsburg to Mr. Louis Sellman of Baltimore, who will continue the business.

A lady in New Windsor, this county, purchased, last fall, a dozen young chickens, supposed by both parties to the transaction to be roosters. As the season advanced the lady was very agreeably surprised to find that they were all hens. They have been laying all winter, some days producing as high as ten eggs. She has come to the conclusion that they were Suffragettes.

Mr. Isaac Haifley of Harrisburg, formerly sexton of Krider's cemetery, near this city, was a visitor at this office on Saturday last. Mr. Haifley was born near Frizellburg and served in Co. C. 6th Md. Regiment. He left here in 1873 and was in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for 35 years. He is now on the retired list of the company.

The services of Rev. J. Stewart Hartman were very much appreciated last Sunday in the Carroll charge. A number of those present expressed a desire to do something to assist him in his new Orphan Home work.

Patrons changing their addresses should give us the old as well as the new ones. Names are carried on the mailing list in groups made up for the different post offices and routes, and the knowledge of the old addresses greatly facilitates the making up of new lists.

Master Raymond Hunter, aged 5 years, son of Mr. Frank Hunter of Cranberry, while playing with a fodder cutter on March 21st, got his left hand caught between the cogwheels and it was seriously injured. Dr. M. L. Bott rendered the surgical aid.

Lent and Holy Week end to-morrow night. Services have been held in some of the churches every night during the present week. Preparatory services will be held in the Reformed and Lutheran churches this evening followed by the celebration of the Holy Communion on Easter morning.

Mr. Harry Gosnell, proprietor of The Main-Court Inn, has purchased a 4 cylinder 5 passenger Franklin Touring car for the use of the Inn. It will be used to convey guests to and from the railroad station and for touring parties. He intends to make the Inn one of the best in the State.

Rev. James R. Johnston delivered a lecture on Monday night last in the M. P. church on his personal experience in the Civil War to a fair size audience. The lecture was delivered in Mr. Johnston's well known interesting manner and was greatly enjoyed by those present.

The omnibus appropriation bill has been presented to the legislature and under its provisions Western Maryland College receives the sum of $3100 for 1911 and also for 1912, and in addition thereto, the sum of $25,000 for new buildings, one-half to be paid in 1911 and the remainder in 1912. The Maryland Collegiate Institute receives $1,000 for 1911 and also for 1912.

Mrs. Edward J. Haines, near Gist, this county, pulled a tomato stalk from her garden last fall and planted it in a box and kept it in her home during the past winter. During the winter it bore six ripe tomatoes and now has four green ones on it, and is still blooming. Eight young plants, now 2 inches high, have sprung up during the winter. The vine is 25 inches high and is strong and healthy.

For the Sentinel.

Within the past few weeks a certain skin disease has appeared in this community and we are informed that it is generally prevalent throughout the county. In order to relieve the natural anxiety of parents who have children attending the public schools, the rooms of the High School building will be thoroughly fumigated between now and the reopening of school on next Tuesday.

GEO. F. MORELOCK,
Principal Westminster High School.

Mr. J. H. Sheets 2541 West North avenue, Baltimore, celebrated on Thursday the fiftieth anniversary of his entering the service of the Western Maryland Railroad. He is said to be the oldest man in point of service on the road. He entered its service on March 25, 1860, and has been constantly in its employ since that time. He began service before the first link of the road was completed, and ran the first train from Baltimore to Sabillasville, Md., on which were all the railroad officials and the City Council of Baltimore. Mr. Sheets ran the first train across the Blue Ridge Mountains on the Western Maryland line to Hagerstown. The Fifth Regiment was on board.

Mr. Sheets remembers the time when persons going to camp meetings were accommodated with flat cars with board seats as the passenger cars. He was a regular conductor for many years, until his health began to fail, when he was appointed agent at the Walbrook Station, where he has been for 15 years. He is still in active service and though 71 years old, has not thought of sending in his resignation.—Balto. Sun.

Mr. Sheets is a native of this city and prior to his employment with the Western Maryland R. R. drove for the late Denton Gehr of this city, who operated a line of omnibuses between this city and Baltimore. Upon the completion of the railroad to this city Mr. Sheets went with the company.

County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners at their meeting on Monday last appointed Dr. R. C. Wells health officer for Hampstead district and re-appointed Augustus Humbert steward at the Alms House for one year. The latter's salary will be $400 per annum.

Church Reunions.

In order to do away with the inconvenience caused by the annual rearrangement of the dates of the big annual church reunions at Pen-Mar, a conference between representatives of the Western Maryland Railroad Company and a joint committee from the Lutheran, Reformed and Presbyterian churches was held in York, Pa., on Saturday last and a permanent time fixed for each gathering. By agreement it was decided to hold the reunions next summer upon the following dates: Reformed, July 14; Lutheran, July 21; Presbyterian, July 28. The permanent dates arranged which are to go into effect after this year are Reformed, third Thursday in July; Lutheran, fourth Thursday in July, and Presbyterian, one week after the Lutheran reunion.

Musical Entertainment.

There will be a concert at Odd Fellows' Hall in this city on April 5, 1910, at 8 o'clock P. M., by Mr. Arthur Conradi, a violinist of national reputation, who has made extended tours of the eastern part of the country and who has won plaudits wherever he has appeared. Mr. Conradi will be assisted by Miss Katherine Slagle, who needs no introduction to a Carroll county audience. Also by Mr. Austin Conradi, the well known pianist.

The Baltimore Evening News in reporting one of Mr. Conradi's concerts said:

Conradi played the big number most creditably, and it is a tax even on virtuosos of long experience. The Vieuxtemps concerto was also well played, winning much applause, more possibly than the Ciaconna, because its enjoyment is more aesthetic as compared with the intellectuality of Bach * * * * The Drdla Serenade, which has lately become a favorite both with violinists and their audiences, was so charmingly played that an encore was demanded * * * * The Sarasate Zigeunerweisen was the closing number, and was very capably played.

The music lovers of Wesminster and vicinity should not miss this concert. It will be a rare treat. Tickets will be for sale at all of our drug stores.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, March 21st, 1910—Ellen Shaffer, executrix of William H. Shaffer deceased, settled her first and final account

David E. Walsh, administrator of George H. Lee, deceased, returned inventory of debts and settled his first and final account.

George E. Bopst, administrator of Rosa A. Bopst, deceased, returned report of sale of personal property.

Raymond A. Kephart and Charles B. Kephart, administrators of David F. Kephart, deceased, returned inventories of personal property, money and debts and received order to sell personal property.

Levi T. Haines, administrator of Mary J. Haines, deceased, settled his first and final account.

Francis A. Crawford, administrator of James H. Bond, deceased, returned report of sale of personal property.

Francis A. Crawford, administrator of Benjamin F. Hooper, deceased, returned report of sale of personal property.

Katharine Wilson, executrix of Marguder D. Wilson, deceased, received additional warrant to appraise stocks.

Denton Reese, administrator of Susannah M. Reese, deceased, returned inventory of personal property and stock.

Legislature.

By Mr. Hesson—Amending the charter of the Savings Bank of Taneytown, Corporations.

Mr. Stoner's.—Providing for electric alarm bell at Linwood Station, on Western Maryland Railroad.

By Mr. Snader—To authorize a new municipal building in New Windsor.

Amending the charter of Union Bridge.

Senator Beasman's.—Providing a new election district for Carroll county.

Mr. Hesson's—To refund to the Union Mills Savings Bank money erroneously paid; also amending charter of the Manchester Bank.

By Senator Beasman—Providing manner of drawing jurors in new election district of Carroll county. Judicial Proceedings.

Mr. Hesson's bill repealing a portion of the laws governing the practice of law, in so far as it applies to Carroll county, was unfavorably reported by the Judiciary Committee. Mr. Hesson moved to substitute the bill for the report which was done after Mr. Girdwood's motion to lay it on the table had been lost. Mr. Hesson then offered an amendment which was adopted.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Jno. C. Cassell of Philadelphia, is spending a few days in this city.

Misses Hilda Devilbiss and Emma Slagle are home from the Woman's College, Frederick, for the Easter holidays.

Miss Ella S. Brown of 155 East Green street spent several days with Mrs. Robert M. Ramsburg of Frederick, Md.

Capt. Albert Billingslea of Chicago, who spent some time in this city with his brothers, has returned home.

Mrs. Ellen C. Erb, of Littlestown, Pa. spent a few days in this city, visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. D. Elting Shriver and Mrs. Jane Lammotte of Baltimore are visiting in this city.

Mrs. J. Thomas Anders and son, Albert of this city are spending a fortnight in Baltimore with her sister, Mrs Edward D. Loane.

Mrs. Otto W. Diffenbach and children of Cleveland, Ohio, who spent some time in this city with Mr. D's. parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd. A. Diffenbach, have returned home.

Maryland Day at St. John's Catholic School.

St. John's Catholic Parochial school of this city, under the care of the Sisters of the Community of Notre Dame, observed Maryland Day by appropriate exercises in the school room from 2 until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. Joseph H. Cassidy, the pastor, delivered an address on the history of the Pilgrims and admonished devotion and love for the State of Maryland. He said religion reflected patriotism and patriotism reflected decent citizenship in whatever phases of duty and responsibility life's calling may impose.

The following program was rendered: chorus, "The Angelus," Maryland Day Frolic. Song, "America." Recitation, "The First Angelus." Song, Maryland, My Maryland." The Little Pilgrims. Address. Rev. Joseph H. Cassidy. Hymn, "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name."

Father Cassidy leaves on Tuesday next for St. Stephan's church, Washington, D. C., where he has been assigned by the Cardinal. He leaves the church and school in excellent condition. The school has, through the efforts of the sisters in charge, whose lives are devoted to teaching, assisted by Father Cassidy, been placed upon a high plain, to the great satisfaction and appreciation of the members of the parish. Father Cassidy takes with him to his new field of labor the best wishes of the people of this community regardless of sect or creed. He came here a stranger and leaves after many years of unselfish devotion to the cause of Christ and humanity. He has been a help to this community and his life here has left an imprint not soon to be effaced.

Union Mills Items.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Shriver have returned home from Meredian, Miss. Their son-in-law, Mr. Leslie W. Brennan, has so far recovered from his attack of typhoid fever, as to be able, in company with his wife and brother, Mr. Russell Brennan, to make a trip to Florida, where he will spend some time before returning to his home in Utica, N. Y.

For the past month, Howard Rusher of Cherrytown has been in Baltimore taking lessons at an automobile school. He proved to be an apt scholar and is now a finished cheauffer and has secured a position as such and will begin work on April 1.

Mr. Edgar C. Yingling is on a trip to Florida. The proprietor of a large poultry farm in that state wishes to employ him as manager and sent for Mr. Yingling to come down to consult over the matter.

Mr. Leander Lookingbill, who has been operated upon several times, in Baltimore, for a cancerous growth on the face is now at his home after a long sojourn in the city. He is yet receiving electrical treatment, and he will be required to make future trips, at intervals, to Baltimore.

The ladies of Moorhead M. E. church held an oyster supper at the residence of the Misses Tagg on the evening of March 24th. There was also plenty of music furnished, and the evening was very much enjoyed by all those present.

The early spring gardeners are very busy these fine days.

Rain is much needed.

Spring Dale Items.

Movers are packing up and moving to their new homes. There will not be very many changes in this section this year.

Our school is making arrangements to give a very fine entertainment April 15, 1910.

Miss Ruthanna Babylon is very sick with the measles.

Mrs. Walter Snader is spending a few days with her parents near Uniontown.

Miss Annie Blaxter is very sick with the measles.

Mr. Charles Gilbert and housekeeper, Mrs. Nora Sharp, from Manchester, spent Sunday with Mr. D. E. Gilbert and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Cummings attended the funeral of Mrs. Joseph Myers at Baust church on Sunday last.

The roads are in a very fine condition. Hope they will continue so for the sake of the movers.

Grandmother Stone of Clear Ridge is visiting Mr. Walter Snader.

Mrs. Theodore Cummings and daughter, Miss Ethel, and Teddy Bear, spent Saturday last with Mr. John Burall and family.

Mr. Wm. Robertson, Mrs. Edward Gilbert and daughter, Edna, spent Thursday with Mrs. Theo. Cummings.

Miller's Items.

It is supposed that no one was sorry to say farewell to winter since good old Spring has made its appearance, which is a welcome visitor to all, we are sure.

Flittings are still in progress in this neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. David Asper moved near Westminster last Wed. We are sorry to see these people leave our community, but they will not forget their many friends at Millers. We wish them success in their home.

Mr. Irvin Wyand of near Lineboro is moving into the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Asper.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bollinger Jr., moved into their new home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Miller spent Saturday at Glen Rock, Pa.

Mrs. Geo. Barber has a tomato plant in blossom.

Mr. Edward Rupp, near here, lost another valuable horse last week.

Miss Bessie Snyder of Ebergs spent Saturday and Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Mettie Shaffer.

Mr. Frank Utz moved to his new home at Greenmount last week and Mr. McComas into the home vacated by Mr. Utz.

We are very glad to note that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frank who had been ill are very much improved.

WEDDING BELLS.

Biggs—Murphy.

Miss Hattie R., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Murphy of West Main street, this city, was married in Washington City, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., to Mr. John A. Biggs, of Binghampton, N. Y. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage by Rev. C. P. Wiles. The happy young couple arrived at the home of the bride's parents on Saturday evening, where they remained until today, when they left for their future home in Binghampton. The bride's parents gave her a check for a handsome sum of money. They have the best wishes of their friends.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

J. P. Tyrrell.

Mr. J. P. Tyrrell died at Ilchester on the 18th inst., aged 70 years. He is survived by his widow. His remains were interred in Wesley Chapel cemetery, this county, on Wednesday last.

David H. Knipple.

Mr. David H. Knipple, a son of the late ex-mayor Jacob Knipple, of this city and brother of Mrs. Mamie Whitmore, of this city, died at his residence, 1910 Bond street, Baltimore, on Friday last and his funeral took place on Sunday at 3 P. M. He was an employee of the Western Maryland Railroad for many years.

Col. Thaddeus C. Blair.

Col. Thaddeus C. Blair, 70 years old, near Forest Hill, Harford county, died Saturday from liver trouble. For many years he had been living on his farm. In previous years he was superintendent of the iron works at Ashland, Northern Cenitral railroad, when the late James C. Clark and Col. Walter S. Franklin, of Baltimore, were in charge. He was a Republican and a nominee for Congress of the Second district.

Col. Blair at one time resided in this city and was in charge of the interests of the Ashland Iron Ore Company when the company was working the ore mines on the farm of Mr. Theodore S. Englar near this city.

Harry J. Stevenson.

Mr. Harry J. Stevenson, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stevenson, at Spring Mills, this county, on Sunday last, aged 26 years, 4 months and 20 days. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. R. W. Doty, assisted by Rev. P. H. Miller, took place at Krider's Lutheran church on Tuesday last, and the interment in the cemetery adjoining. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Joseph Hymiller, Charles D. Warehime, Horace C. Koontz, David N. Robertson, Charles D. Royer and Levi T. Wagner.

Mr. James M. Stoner was funeral director.

Mrs. Elizabeth Evans.

The funeral of Mr. Elizabeth Evans, aged 91 years, widow of Louis Evans, who died suddenly Tuesday 15th at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Irvin D. Baxter, 1119 Linden avenue, Baltimore took place Thursday last. A short service was conducted at the house by Rev. Dr. Henry M. Wharton after which the remains were brought to Finksburg, this county, where services were held in Mount Zion church. Rev. Dr. Henry M. Wharton was assisted by Rev. S. F. Cassen, pastor of Finksburg Methodist Protestant church, and Rev. V. K. Betts. The pallbearers were six of Mrs. Evans' grandsons.

Philip Kayer.

Mr. Philip Kayer, a retired patrolman of Baltimore, died Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at his home, 2027 East Fayette street, of a complication of diseases. Mr. Kayer had been in poor health since the first of the year, but had only been confined to his bed for the past two weeks. Born in Baltimore, Mr Kayer spent his early life in the public school of the city, joining the police force about the year 1865 and was retired 14 years ago.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Kayer, four sons, Messrs. John, George, Leo and Ernest Kayer, and t ree daughters, Mrs. Henry Kapp, Mrs. Alfred Henderson and Miss Bessie Kayer. The remains were taken to Hampstead, this county where interment took place.

David B. Hoff.

Mr. David B. Hoff died at Gamber, this county, on Sunday last, aged 64 years, 6 months and 2 days leaving surviving him, besides his widow, the following children: Mrs. Thomas Phillip, Mrs. James Lockard, Mrs. William Hill and Messrs. Francis and George Hoff. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. Ambrose, assisted by Revs. S. F. Cassen and Harry Spencer, were held at Sandymount M. P. Church on Tuesday last at 11 A. M. and the interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. George Knox, Charles Barnes, Obediah Buckingham, Wm. N. Shauck, B. Frank Gorsuch and Aaron Green.

Messrs. F. A. Sharrer & Son were funeral directors.

Col. John J. Bradshaw.

Col. John J. Bradshaw, well-known in Grand Army circles, died suddenly Wednesday of last week at his home, the Willows, St. Marys county, from an attack of heart failure. Until 10 years ago Colonel Bradshaw had resided in Baltimore, but since that time he had been living at his country home in St. Marys. Colonel Bradshaw was 70 years of age and was born in Baltimore.

When 20 years of age he received an appointment to West Point Military Academy and was a student at the academy but three months when the Civil War broke out. Young Bradshaw resigned from the academy and came to Baltimore with the desire to organize and drill a company of Union soldiers. Shortly afterward he had organized a company of volunteer soldiers. He drilled the volunteers on Market Space and the company was immediately accepted by the Union Army and attached to Co. I, Sixth Maryland Regiment United States Volunteers under the command of Gen. John R. Kenly.

Colonel Bradshaw is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Helen A. Tomlinson, of Kentucky; two sons (Dr. R. C. Bradshaw and Reyburn B. Bradshaw, of Baltimore) and one daughter (Mrs. Otho S. Lee, of Belair, Md.

Col. Bradshaw is well known to the veterans of the 6th Md. in this county with whom he served.

George A. Davis.

Mr. George A. Davis, aged 59 years, of Reisterstown, an election supervisor of Baltimore county, was found dead, hanging to a bedpost early Saturday morning at the home of his brother, Mr. Harry S. Davis, 824 North Carey street, at whose home he had been visiting for the past 10 days. Coroner Silas Baldwin of the Norhtwestern district, viewed the remains and issued a certificate that Mr. Davis committed suicide by hanging. Dr. Pinkney L. Davis, 900 North Fulton avenue, a well-known physician of Baltimore city and a brother of Mr. Davis said that the family could attribute no other reason for his brother taking his life than that he had been in poor health for quite a long time.

Mr. Davis was a son of the late Henry and Druscilla Dade Davis, and was born at Mount Airy, this county. He was well known in educational circles and for a number of years was school examiner of this county, at which time he resided in this city. Recently Mr Davis resided with his family at Reisterstown where he was well known, was prominent in Masonic circles and was one of the election supervisors of Baltimore county. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Fannie Dunnington Davis, three daughters, Mrs. John E. Raine, Misses Marjorie and Lenora Davis, and two sons, Lieut. Lee Dunnington Davis U. S. A., and Mr. George A. Davis; one sister, Mrs. C. Rahorg; and three brothers, Messrs. Harry S. and Harvey L. Davis and Dr. Pinkney L. Davis. The funeral services were held at Mt. Airy on Sunday in charge of the Reisterstown and Mt. Airy lodges of Masons, and were largely attended. Interment in St. James' Protestant Episcopal church cemetery. The pallbearers were: Messrs. William Selby, Chas. Reck, George England, William Ohr, Henry Clary and Charles Runkles.

Mrs. Maria B. Berryman.

Mrs. Maria B., wife of Mr. Jas. H. Berryman, died at her residence in Reisterstown, on Sunday aged 75 years and 10 months. Her remains were interred in the M. E. church cemetery, Reisterstown, on Wednesday last.

Daniel Hepner.

Mr. Daniel Hepner died at his home in Sykesville, this county, on Monday, March 21st, at 12:50 A. M., aged 75 years. He is survived by a widow and one son, Mr. Asa Hepner, postmaster at Skyesville, and also by 5 grandchildren.

The funeral services, conducted by Rev. L. St. Clair Allen and Rev. Dr. C. R. Dudley, were held on Tuesday March 22nd at 1 P. M., and the interment was in Springfield cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. F. A. Pouder, Harry E. Mitten and Tyson Harrison, grandsons; Messrs. Clarence Zepp and Jesse Stoner, nephews; and Mr. Albert Waters, a friend.

Mr. Wampler is survived by the following children: Mesdames William Pouder of Reisterstown; William Bower of Finksburg; and Charles Mitten of Reisterstown. Misses Helen Wampler of Cumberland; Laura Wampler of Baltimore; Messrs. Elmer Wampler of this county and Joseph Wampler of Baltimore. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. O. H. P. Mathias of Baltimore. Messrs. F. A. Sharrer and son were funeral directors.

Sykesville Items.

Leave all news, subscriptions, advertisements and job printing with Chas. L. Appler, Tonsorialist, Springfield ave. and Main St., Sykesville, Md.

Sykesville is mourning the death of Mr. Daniel Hepner, father of our postmaster, Mr. Asa Hepner, who died at his home last Monday morning about 1 o'clock. The deceased was an old gentleman whom the people, both young and old, will miss very much, as he was both kind and good to all that knew him. He suffered more than anyone would think, though he never complained. He nursed his wife, who has been ill for a long time and such trouble would tell on many a young person. He was known by every one as Grandpap. The deceased was born in Page county, Virginia, June 8th, 1834. He came to Sykesville in the year of 1864, at the time of the war, his brothers being killed in the Confederate Army. He was a foreman on the B. & O. railroad for a number of years and after getting too old to fill that position he retired and lived at his present home until his death.

Mrs. Bessie Roberts of Baltimore is preparing her summer home near Sykesville.

Mrs. E. Arrington and her daughter, Grace, visited friends in Baltimore last week.

The contract for remodeling Springfield Lodge 134, I. O. O. F. hall on Main street, was awarded to Harvey J. Fowble. The building when completed will be an up-to-date structure, presenting a fine appearance in the town. The building will have a large store room on the first floor and a vestibule entrance to the lodgeroom.

Mr. Wm. Forthman, formerly manager of the Sykesville Tinning Co., has accepted a position with Mr. E. M. Mellor.

Mr. John Wilson will reside in the house of E. E. Jenkins, formerly purchased from Mr. Levi Barnes.

Mr. J. H. Fowble is improving his home by building a fine pump house. The water will be pumped from the artesian well by a gasoline engine, supplying his house with water and steam heat.

The neighbors are busy working their gardens and repairing fences and poultry yards.

Mr. M. H. Weer, cashier of the First National Bank, will move into his new home which has just been completed, the first of the week. The house is a fine building with all modern improvements and presents a fine appearance in the neighborhood.

A moving picture and vaudeville show visited the town this week, cleaning up all the dimes the children could get their hands on.

Mrs. Earl Chaney will reside in the house which will be vacated by Mr. M. H. Weer. The property is owned by her father, Mr. Geo. Schrade.

Mrs. P. Phillinger and her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Selby, visited their relatives in Skyesville this week.

Miss Minnie Phillinger is causing a big stir among the ladies in and around town. The spring opening of her millinery department on Thursday and Friday was a very elaborate affair. The styles of the hats do not look like they respect the bill which was in the legislature providing a 10 inch limit. Miss Agnes Anderson, milliner, from Armstrong, Cator Co., Baltimore, is there hiding behind a hat that looks like a load of good rye straw.

Mrs. Jno. McDonald purchased 2 ponies from Gowin M. Dorsey for the use of the family.

Sheriff Kemper and his chief deputy came to Sykesville on business in their automobile this week.

Baltimore M. E. Conference.

The one hundred and twenty-sixth session of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held in Harlem Park Methodist Episcopal Church, Gilmor street near Edmondson avenue, Baltimore, next Wednesday evening and continue for one week. Bishop Luther B. Wilson, D D., LL. D., will preside. The entertainment committee, headed by Rev. Dr. Harry D. Mitchell, pastor of Harlem Park Church, has just completed its work of arranging the program and securing quarters for the visiting ministers.

For the Sentinel.

Letter from Mr. Geo. F. Morelock, Principal Westminster High School.

In the editorial columns of the SENTINEL, issue of March 11th, appeared an article, arraigning and criticising the methods of instruction in the public schools. Some of the statements made are entirely erroneous and at variance with the truth.

We are liberal enough to assume that the writer was misinformed on these points, and that it was not his intention to disparage the work of the teachers. We feel that in justice to ourselves these misstatements should be corrected, and it is with this purpose that this article is written.

That the rooms in the primary grades are over crowded is true, and we know that more efficient work could be done if such were not the case; but even under these unfavorable conditions, we can not agree with the writer when he says that the work in these grades is not properly done. We believe that a visit to the school, for the purpose of observation, would change his opinion on this point. This overcrowded condition prevails in nearly all cities and towns, and should be remedied by increasing the school facilities.

That many of the graduates of high schools are deficient in reading, writing and arithmetic is utterly untrue, and we stand prepared to prove this declaration by actual test. There are some pupils who can not spell, and can not be taught to spell, no matter what methods of instruction are employed; it seems as if the writer must have come in contact with one of this class, and is using him as a glaring example of the work done in the public schools. This is unfair both to the teacher and the public school system at large. Be fair with us, and use the good student, or at least the average student, as a criterion by which you pass judgment upon our work.

That pupils are passed on from grade to grade regardless of proficiency is another erroneous statement. A certain amount of work in the different branches is laid out for each grade, and the pupil who expects to graduate must complete this work before he can be promoted to the next grade. There may be a few exceptions in which the teacher is justified in promoting without regard to fitness—cases in which the pupil had been in the same grade for two or three years, and could not have completed the work required if he had been kept in the same grade for any length of time. Pupils of this class are never candidates for graduation, and never reach the high school department.

All pupils are not equally endowed with the faculty for acquiring knowledge; for this reason we believe that one of the greatest needs of the school system at the present time is a special department for pupils of this kind, in which the course of study should be suited to the mental capacity. By this plan we believe that one of the greatest obstacles to successful teaching would be overcome.

We can not imagine to whom the writer is indebted for his credible misinformation in regard to the assignment of work to the classes in the Westminster High School. We are pleased, however, to notice that he has gone to such extremes in his statements that it is scarcely necessary to contradict them. To any intelligent reader they contradict themselves. Never have more than ten problems in arithmetic or algebra, nor more than two theorems in geometry been assigned for any recitation. The idea of assigning twenty or thirty pages of history or literature is so absurd that we shall offer no comment.

The State Board of Education has mapped out a course of study for the schools of the state. The plan of this course of study was worked out by men of experience along educational lines, and we believe is admirably adapted to the purposes of the public school system. No pupil was ever asked to "keep up or get out" because he could not do all the work required in a certain grade; he is asked simply to review the work of his grade, which plan we believe is in accordance with the writer's views upon the subject of promotion.

The school board of Carroll county has never laid down any set of ironclad rules for the teachers to follow; nowhere are the teachers allowed more freedom, or given more chance to show originality in their work than in Carroll county. We know that there is a great tendency toward faddism in teaching as well as in every other profession, and it has been our effort to avoid it, and we assert that we have been conservative along this line, and that we have not permitted ourselves to be led into grasping at every new fad that came along simply because it was held up as a new idea. The criticism of the SENTINEL came in the direction least expected.

We, too, believe that the public schools were established for the masses, and we believe, too, that the masses are deriving the benefit from them. Every boy or girl, regardless of creed or social status is given an even chance for distinction with every other boy or girl; our awards of class honors in former years will prove the truth of this statement.

It is not our purpose to detract from the lustre of the old time pedagogue of the three R's. He did his work well, and it was probably enough for the times in which he lived; but the present conditions demand more than this, and the State owes more than this to those bright boys and girls who are also to absorb the work of the higher grades, but whose parents are not able to send them to a college. You have no right to deny them these privileges. The principles upon which our republic was founded forbid that they should be deprived of this right. Oh no, we can not come back to the three R's. The only thing for us is to do the work laid out by the State Board of Education, in the best way possible.

It is generally conceded by those who are competent to judge that the efficiency of the public schools in the State of Maryland has increased by at least fifty per cent within the last ten years, and that Carroll county has kept pace with the foremost. This fact alone is an indorsement of the work of the teachers, and the administration of the schools of the county.

GEO. F. MORELOCK,
Principal Westminster High School.

Since the foregoing article was written another editorial has appeared in the SENTINEL, which demands a reply. We are astounded that an experienced lawyer should use such "evidence" as a basis for a serious criticism of our school. The statements contained in the alleged conversation, in so far as they relate to disorderly conditions prevailing in the Sixth Grade are absolutely untrue, and have aroused the indignation of the pupils as well as the teachers of the entire school. At various times the Sixth Grade room is in charge of five different teachers, including the principal; so that the article is a reflection upon them all.

If the editor of the SENTINEL is acting in good faith and really desires to see our system improved, let him visit the school and secure his information at first hand. If, as we may fairly assume from his concluding paragraph, he is simply trying to start an agitation for political purposes, he is doing an injury not only to the schools, but, we believe, to his party as well. For we do not believe the better element of that party is in sympathy with such unscrupulous methods.

Every person who is familiar with the remarkable progress made in the educational system of Maryland during the last decade knows that that progress has been due, in a large measure, to the elimination of politics from the administration of school affairs. Any attempt to drag the schools into the field of partisan controversy is an act unworthy of a good citizen, and one that should receive the severest condemnation of all intelligent and fair-minded men, irrespective of party affiliation.

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With the idea of completing arrangements for their convention, to be held in Baltimore, on June 8, 9 and 10, a meeting of the executive committee of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association of Baltimore was held Saturday afternoon. The fire companies of this county will attend and participate in the big parade.

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Yard wide white madras fine for shirts and shirt waists in pretty designs. 11c yard.

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The regular 10c goods, but seconds. Tape neck and arms, nicely bleached, good and elastic 7½c each.

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