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Maryland Politics.

The Baltimore *Sun* of the 5th instant gives an interesting review of political affairs in Maryland. At the election, in November next, a new Legislature is to be chosen, which will elect a successor to Senator E. K. Wilson. Besides, important State officers are to be elected and in every county numerous local officers are to be voted for. A lively and exciting campaign is therefore to be expected.

The Republicans, encouraged by their success at the recent election, will work harder than ever before to make further inroads in the Democratic ranks. The "mad hunt for office" however, has pervaded their body and, as a consequence, factional contests have already broken out among them. The struggle is between the ex-officeholders, who having tasted the sweets of office, naturally want their old places or better ones, and the newer element who think their party zeal should be rewarded.

Strange to say, among all these candidates for lucrative federal positions there is not one colored man, and yet the colored men compose over one-half of the Republican party of Maryland. The *Sun* adds:

The registered colored vote in the entire State in 1888 was 63,491, and the total Republican vote cast was 99,986, and it is reasonable to suppose that there were over 50,000 colored voters. In Baltimore the registered colored vote is 13,959, of which 12,000, at least, were cast. Hon. Isidor Rayner was defeated not by the white but by the colored vote. In his district there are 9,860 colored names on the registration books, and at least 9,000 of these votes were cast by colored men. Mr. Rayner's total vote was 18,998, and that of Mr. Stockbridge, the successful Republican candidate, was 19,078. On the merits of the white vote Mr. Rayner would have received a majority of nearly 9,000. Mr. McComas also owes his election to the colored vote. Still there has as yet been no talk of recognizing this immense support. What the colored men will do to secure the recognition to which their leaders say they are entitled is not known.

Our Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The condition of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Harford county, as appears from its annual statement, is more prosperous than at any time during its history. The cash balance in the treasury is $28,426.42, which has been safely invested in county certificates. In view of the surplus on hand the stockholders determined to reduce the interest on premium notes to 5 per cent. Important action was taken at the meeting with regard to the risks carried by the company in towns like Bel Air, in some parts of which the houses are in close proximity to each other, and where in the event of a fire, great destruction of property is likely to ensue, for the want of proper facilities for rapidly extinguishing a fire. The directors were authorized to reduce the insurance to one-third the present amount wherever, in their judgment the interest of the company required such reduction. This company offers a safe and cheap insurance and it is surprising that more of our citizens do not avail themselves of its benefits. By insuring in it the money paid is kept at home, and this, of itself, should be no small consideration to any public-spirited citizen.

—The *Voice*, the organ of the Prohibitionists, has caused the arrest of two of its former employes, for selling copies of its printed list of subscribers to the Republican National Committee. The latter used the printed names in sending anti-Prohibition documents to the *Voice's* subscribers, to the surprise of some, the indignation of others and the amazement of all. The *Voice* charges that Quay and Clarkson, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Republican Committee, encouraged the theft, advising one of the rogues to remain in his position and obtain for them information concerning the Prohibition campaign. Little by little the dishonest tricks used by the Republican leaders to secure the election of Harrison are brought to the light of day.

—A terrible tornado swept over Reading, Pa., on Wednesday, overthrowing buildings and causing the death of 90 persons. The Reading Railroad Company's paint-shop was turned topsy-turvey and set on fire, four men being roasted to death. At a silk factory 175 happy girls were at work, when the walls gave way, the floors fell down and carried them all to the bottom. About 100 of them were rescued but others were crushed to death amid the debris. At Pittsburg, also, fifty people were buried by a falling building. Eight were killed and 35 injured. At Sunbury 2 men were killed and many wounded by the fall of giant smoke-stacks. The market house at York was demolished and at Carlisle and other places there was much destruction of property.

—The fourth session of the Maryland State Farmers' Association began in Baltimore, on Wednesday.

Col. Allan, of the McDonogh Farm School, was called to the chair and made an interesting speech. Hon. John E. Russell, member of Congress from Massachusetts, told what he knew about horse-breeding, in an interesting way. His remarks were of practical value. At the afternoon session, Mr. Henry S. Alvord, Principal of the Maryland Agricultural College, delivered a valuable address on fertilizers. The meeting was continued on Thursday. Col. Herman Stump was present from Harford. It is regretted that our county was not fully represented.

—The annual message of Mr. P. Lesley Hopper, the retiring mayor of Havre de Grace, which was published in full in last week's *Republican*, gives a complete review of the financial condition of the city. It shows that under mayor Hopper's administration the city debt has been decreased. He claims that the county should surrender to the city of Havre de Grace one-sixth of the fees collected there under the High License law, all of which are now applied, under the law, to the betterment of the public roads of the county. The message is highly creditable to the retiring mayor.

—Governor Jackson has appointed Ex-Gov. Henry Lloyd, of the 1st Congressional district; Hon John Carroll Walsh, of the 2d; Hon. John H. B. Latrobe, of the 3d; Albert Ritchie, of the 4th; Ex-Gov. Oden Bowie, of the 5th, and Col H. Kyd Douglas, of the 6th district, Commissioners to represent the State of Maryland at the Centennial celebration of the inauguration of George Washington as President of the United States, to be held at New York, on the 30th of April, 1889.

—The annual convention of farmers of Montgomery county will be held at Sandy Spring Lyceum, on Tuesday, Jan 15th.

—We are indebted to C. L. Hood & Co., proprietors of Hood's Sarsaparilla, for copies of their very pretty calendar for 1889.

Local Affairs.

LITTLE LOCALS.

—Mr. George L. Scott, of Darlington, is plowing for wheat.

—Several interesting communications have been omitted for want of room. They will appear next week.

—Mr. Seth L. Kinsey, of Delta, lost a fine three-year old colt, last week. The cause of its death is unknown.

—Mr. John Calvin Hanna, formerly of this county, is reported to be seriously ill at the Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore.

—Mr. Jones Davidson, of Joppa, recently killed a pig six months old, which weighed 142 pounds. It was of Mr. Walter P. Reckord's fine stock.

—Mr. Otey Taylor has purchased the store property at Conowingo formerly occupied by Childs & Co., for the purpose of opening a drug store therein.

—A band of gipsies are encamped in Mrs. Edelin's woods, near Watervale. They are the same or part of the band who were encamped near Jarrettsville.

—A postoffice, called "Kalmia," has been established at Monks' Store, between the Hickory and Thomas' Run, Mr. Edward T. Monks being appointed postmaster.

—A driving horse belonging to Dr. Holme Smith, of Ke lville, having had its leg broken by being kicked by another horse, it was deemed necessary to kill the animal.

—Our Port Deposit friends are rejoicing over the illumination of their city by electric lights. They were first lighted on New Year's night and the occasion was celebrated with music by the Riverside Band.

—The editor of *The Ægis* wishes to express his thanks for a fine turkey kindly sent to him by Mrs. S. J. Grier. The fowl was an unusually large specimen of its kind, and was duly appreciated by the recipient.

—The oyster supper at Highland station, M. C. Railroad, for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church at that place, on the 24 and 31 instant, was an entire success. The gross receipts were $175, the net profits being $125.

—Two deeds in the matter of the trustee's sale of the Maryland Central Railroad and the transfer of the property to the new organization have been recorded in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court for Harford county.

—Mr. Edward Maxwell, who farms for Dr. James M. Magraw, while engaged in cutting wood, one day last week, accidentally cut a gash in his foot, from the toe to the instep, injuring the ankle joint. The wound was very severe and painful.

—A butterfly in winter is rare, but Mr. Wm. J. Vickers saw one, on the 2d instant, in the woods near Bel Air. The little insect had not consulted the calendar, it was evident, but imagined from the gay sunshine and balmy air that summer was at hand.

—The Deer Creek Farmers' Club, which will meet at the residence of Mr. James F. Kenly, near Level, on Saturday, 12th instant, will discuss the following question: "Which is more profitable, general husbandry or the pursuit of some special line connected with farming?"

—The train which left Bel Air, for Baltimore, at 12.15, on Tuesday, was detained two hours on the Great Gunpowder bridge, on account of an obstruction on the track. A large rock, weighing over a ton, had fallen thereon, and it had to be blasted and carried off the track before travel could be resumed.

—The ladies of the congregation of the Church of the Holy Cross will give an oyster supper, in a building belonging to Dr. Rutledge, near the Rocks of Deer Creek, on Thursday and Friday evenings of next week, 17th and 18th. They promise to do everything in their power to promote the enjoyment of all who attend.

—Mr. J. Fred. Crew met with a painful accident, last Friday evening, at his home in Dublin. In going from his house into Clement Bros' store, adjoining, by the rear entrance, he accidentally stepped into an open cellar way, and striking his face cut a deep gash in his nose. It bled profusely for some time.

FARMS SOLD.—Mr. Cyrus C. Hollingsworth has sold his farm of 56 acres, at Upper Cross Roads, to Mr. Charles T. Scarff, for $3,600, and has bought from Mr. Emmor Beaumont a farm of 100 acres, at Pleasantville, for $2,500.

CURIOUS COINS.—Mr. James Stine brought to our office, on Monday, some old and curious coins. One was a large Bohemian copper piece, others were Spanish silver coins, dated, 1776, 1783 and 1811; a German 20-pfennig piece, an English shilling and some old U. S. coins.

MINISTER CALLED.—The congregation of Slateville Presbyterian Church have extended a call to Rev. K. J. Stewart, of Princeton, N. J., at a salary of $900. Rev. D. M. Davenport, their former pastor, several months ago accepted a call to a church in Washington Territory. In the meantime the pulpit has been supplied by the Presbytery.

AN OTTER KILLED.—A colored boy named Wallace, one day last week shot and killed an otter, in a small stream near Deerdale, on the farm of Mr. Joseph Edge, near Darlington. It had a steel trap on one of its feet. This otter or another one had frequently been seen near where the stream empties into Deer Creek.

CONVICTED OF ARSON.—The trial of George Lauber, at Elkton, on the charge of arson, in burning the dwelling and canning house of Jesse Burbank, near Churchville, was concluded, on Wednesday, by the jury bringing in a verdict of guilty. A. P. Jump, of the Baltimore bar, who defended Lauber, moved for a new trial, and sentence was deferred.

WHITEFORD'S HOTEL CHANGES HANDS.—Mr. J. M. Whiteford has sold his interest in Whiteford's Hotel, corner of Calvert and Pleasant streets, Baltimore, to Mr. Samuel Laird, of Loch Raven, and Mr. T. B. Webb, of Baltimore, who took charge on the 1st instant. Mr. Whiteford will engage in the cattle business. Mr. Webb was formerly connected with the well-known firm of Rankin & Kane, corner of Gay and High streets, Baltimore.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.—The following officers of Admiral John Rodgers Post, G. A. R., of Havre de Grace, were installed, on the 3d instant: Commander, H. F. Owens; S. V. C., W. H. Himrod; J. V. C., M. Ingram; Adjutant, Wm. H. Paul; Quartermaster, J. W. Davis; Surgeon, A. Studemann; O. D., H. Gier; Chaplain, J. I. Stone; O. G., R. B. F. Mahan. Mr. Wm. H. Paul was chosen as delegate to the Department Encampment, which meets at Hagerstown, Feb. 22d.

THE MOUNTAIN READING CIRCLE met on Tuesday evening, at the residence of Mr. Wm. N. Vogts, Kellville. The exercises consisted of singing, reading, recitations, &c., by Miss Nettie Middendorf, Miss Mary Archer, Miss Maggie Vogts, Miss Maud Lewis and Miss Kate Dierker. The next meeting will be held at Mr. George Archer's, Tuesday evening, 15th instant. Miss Annie Middendorf is President of the circle and Miss Alice Creswell Secretary.

A NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED.—The directors of the Baltimore and Havre de Grace and the Baltimore and Harford Turnpike Companies met at the National Union Bank of Baltimore, on Saturday, 5th instant. The old board were re-elected and upon the resignation of Mr. George Hawkins Williams Mr. Wm. S. G. Williams, of Long Green, was elected President of both companies. A dividend of of fifty cents on a share was declared upon the stock of the Baltimore and Harford company.

FOX HUNT.—On last Thursday, Jan. 3d, a fox was let loose on the Almshouse farm, near Bel Air, and an interesting and exciting chase ensued. About 13 hounds followed the trail. The hunters were Messrs. Ralph C. Lee, Lee Coale, Franklin Whitaker, James Smith, Page Jolliffe, John Magness, David Lee and Rumsey Flowers, who followed on horse back. Jacob Terry ran with the hounds. After a chase of an hour and a quarter the fox was caught alive. Lee Coale's dog Fannie and Franklin Whitaker's Tidy carried off the honors.

JAIL NOTES.—Jerry Crowley, of Havre de Grace, who was in jail on a peace recognizance, upon complaint of his wife, was released by Judge Watters, on Monday, after a hearing, upon a writ of habeas corpus, obtained by his counsel, Mr. Wm. L. Cooley. The commitment proved to be defective.

William Hubbard, the young man who was arrested in Baltimore for stealing a horse and buggy from Morgan Streett, of Cooptown, was brought to Bel Air jail, last Friday, by Sheriff Hughes, and is held for the action of the next Grand Jury.

DARLINGTON CEMETERY COMPANY.—The annual election of directors of the company occursed in Darlington, on Monday. The Treasurer's report showed that all bills have been paid and there is a balance in the treasury of $280. This was directed to be invested for the benefit of the company. The former board of directors was unanimously re-elected, as follows:

D. F. Shure, President; Dr. W. Stump Forwood, Secretary; A. Finney Galbreath, Treasurer; I. H. Thompson, Jos. R. Hopkins, Geo. L. Scott and Joshua C Gorrell.

THE HAVRE DE GRACE MILLING COMPANY.—Articles of incorporation have been recorded in the Clerk's office for the organization of the Havre de Grace Milling Company. The incorporators are Jesse Hiles, Arthur Vosbury, Louis A. Vosbury, John A. Russell and Thos. Sadler. The first four named are to be directors. The corporation has been formed for the purpose of buying and selling grain, running a mill or mills for the manufacture and sale of flour, meal and fertilizers. The capital stock is $20,000, divided into 200 shares of the par value of $100 each.

GLASS BALL SHOOTING.—The shooting match at Clermont Mills, on the 2d instant, was largely attended by a number of crack shots. Among them John T. Harkins, H. R. Bay, Wm. F. Wilson, Wm. Whiteford, J. H. Brooks, F. W. Ramsay, H. Heaps, John A. Tarbert, W. S. Morris, Nicholas Furlong, J. W. Streett, D. A. Bay, and Clarence Ramsay. Some excellent shooting was done. Mr. J. T. Harkins won the horse robe and purse of $3.50. Messrs. Wilson, Bay and Whiteford won robes, geese and smaller purses.

Another shooting match took place on the 3d of January, when Mr. J. W. Streett was most successful.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORPHANS' COURT.—The Orphans' Court began its January session on Monday. Present, Hon. John W. Barton, Chief Judge, and Hons. James M. Cain and Hugh T. Bay Associate Judges.

Messrs. A. A. Blakeney and Darlington Hoopes were appointed to appraise the personal estate of Henry Reckord.

Virginia Miller was appointed administratrix of Ellen Miller, deceased.

Letters of administration on the estate of the late J. Elisha Bull were granted to Mrs. Marian V. Bull and Otho S. Lee. Messrs. Joseph B. Hanway and Thomas Shannan were appointed to appraise the personal estate of said deceased.

PERSONAL MENTION.—Miss Maggie Bell, of Emmorton, has gone to Newark, N. J., on a protracted visit.

Mr. J. Fred. Crew, formerly a merchant at Dublin, has engaged in the wholesale confectionery business, at the Northeast corner of Pratt and Light streets, Baltimore, the firm being styled Tennison, Crew & Thomas. They will engage in the manufacture of fine confectionery, cakes and crackers, and will deal, also, in fancy groceries. Mr. Crew has energy and fine business qualities, which will find ample scope in his new field of venture.

Miss Laura Hanson, of Churchville, left on Sunday for a prolonged visit to friends in Baltimore.

Lindley Ross, son of Silas W. Ross, is extremely ill with pneumonia, at his parent's residence, near Sandy Hook.

Mr. Edward A. Colburn, son of Rev. E. A. Colburn, of Churchville, has been very ill with typhoid fever, but is now getting better.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.—The School Commissioners met on Tuesday. Present, Messrs. Rouse and Whiteford.

Mr. A. Robinson agreed to place a bell on Wilna school house, in lieu of an overhanging tree cut down by him.

The Secretary was instructed to notify the trustees of No. 5, third district, that if the patrons of the school contribute $50 the board will supply the balance necessary to raise the principal's salary to $125 per term and the assistant's to $75 per term, and after this year would pay the full salaries at these rates.

The Principal of the Bel Air school was authorized to modify the regular public school schedule of studies where advisable to meet the needs of the Academic students.

The appointment of Mrs. S. Susan Russell as teacher at Edgewood school was confimed.

Six desks and one rear were ordered for Gunpowder Neck school.

Ten dollars was ordered to be paid to the library fund of No. 11, 2d district.

ELECTION OF BANK DIRECTORS. A meeting of stockholders of the Harford National Bank of Bel Air was held on Tuesday. 319 shares of stock were represented, in person or by proxy. The former board of directors were re-elected, Mr. Wm. H. Harlan being chosen in place of William Woolsey, deceased. The board is now constituted as follows: Col. E. H. Webster, S. A. Williams, John Moores, Nathan Grafton, James Lee, John G. Rouse, Allen Hoffman, James McAfee and Wm. H. Harlan.

Col. E. H. Webster was re-elected President and Mr. Wm. M Hines Cashier. The clerks are Walter W. Finney, John Finney, Griffith Lee, John Evans and Moores Maynadier.

An election for directors was also held on Tuesday at the Second National Bank of Bel Air, the following being chosen: J. Thomas C. Hopkins, Dr. M. L. Jarrett, F. R. Williams, George E Silver, Geo. L. VanBibber, Thomas H. Robinson and Edward M. Allen, Jr.

The directors organized and re-elected Mr. J. Thomas C. Hopkins President, and Mr. Frank S. Evans, Cashier. The clerical force consists of Harry Webster and C. Graham Archer.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN.—Mr. Jackson J. Kelly, aged 26 years, son of Mr. John Kelly, who lives near Chestnut Hill, Harford county, died suddenly, in Philadelphia, about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, 6th instant. He was apparently in good health when he went to bed. A companion, whom he had asked to awake him at that early hour, called him several times, and receiving no answer went to him and found him dying. Before any one else could be summoned he ceased to breathe. Death is supposed to have been caused by heart disease. The afflicted parents of the young man had received a letter from him, the day before his death, in which he spoke cheeringly of his prospects and his good health. He was employed as a car driver and was an industrious and promising young man. His remains were brought to his parents' residence on Tuesday, and taken from thence, on Wednesday, to St. Ignatius Church, Hickory, for interment. Rev. Francis M. Fowler conducted the funeral services. The pall-bearers were Augustus Mahan, Henry Hopkins, Stevenson Rooney, Thomas Rooney, Stevenson Lochary and Henry Poole. N. Dean & Sons were the undertakers.

DEER CREEK AND SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD.—The stockholders of the Deer Creek and Susquehanna Railroad Company met on Tuesday, in Bel Air, at the office of their Secretary, Mr. W. Beatty Harlan.

The board of directors appointed under the charter were unanimously re-elected, consisting of Messrs. George M. Jewett, S. A. Williams, W. Beatty Harlan, D. C. W. Smith, Benjamin Silver, Jr., George E. Silver and Johns H. Janney.

The contract with Mr. John Henry Miller, of Pittsburg, for the construction of the road, was ratified, the road to be completed and ready for traffic by October 1st, 1889.

A mortgage of $300,000 to secure the bonds of the road was authorized.

The Treasurer was directed to call in the unpaid assessments on all the outstanding subscriptions to stock. The remaining nine-tenths to be paid in installments of one-tenth on the 1st and 15th of each month, beginning on the 1st of February.

Mr. George M. Jewett was elected President and Mr. W. Beatty Harlan Secretary and Treasurer.

It is understood that the contractors expect to give out their contract and have the work begun on or before the 1st day of February next.

OBITUARY.—Mrs. M. Olive Wilson, wife of Orem Wilson, died at her home, near Prospect, on the 2d instant, and was buried on Friday, at Mount Vernon M. E. Church. Rev. Mr. Downs conducted the services at the church. The pall-bearers were A. H. Scarborough, John B. Finley, Jacob Yerkes, J. Martin McNabb, James W. McNabb and Luther McNabb. Mrs. Wilson was about 30 years of age and was from Baltimore city, her maiden name being McNinch. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married on the 12th of December last, exactly three weeks before she died.

An infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J Alexander, of Prospect, died of pneumonia, last Saturday night, aged two months.

Mr. George Hunter, in his 78th year, died on Wednesday, 9th instant, at his residence on the Mountain, Abingdon district. He leaves a widow, 5 daughters and 3 sons. He will be buried on Saturday, an Abingdon Cemetery. The funeral will leave the house at 10 o'clock.

A DOUBLE WEDDING occurred at Wesleyan Chapel, Wednesday evening, Jan. 2d. Rev. J. W. Charlton performed the ceremony which made four hearts beat as two, the happy persons being Theodore J. Hetrick and Miss Mollie V. Walker, daughter of C. H. Walker, and Winfield S. Walker and Miss Oletta Donahoo, daughter of Jas. L. Donahoo. The interesting event was witnessed by a large assemblage of the relatives and friends of the brides and grooms. At the appointed time the parties, preceded by the ushers, marched up the aisles and met at the altar under a beautiful floral bell suspended from the centre of an arch, where the ceremony was performed. The brides were dressed in cream Henrietta cloth, trimmed with moire ribbon and lace, and wore veils. Each carried in her hand a beautiful bouquet of calla lilies. The wedding march was played by Miss Annie Miller, of Washington. After the ceremony the bridal parties repaired to the house of Mr. C. H. Walker, where supper was awaiting them, and where they received congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness and success in life.

BEL AIR NOTES.—A number of the ladies of Bel Air and officers of Mount Ararat Lodge conferred together, on Tuesday, with reference to holding a grand bazar in Bel Air, next August, for the benefit of the Lodge.

An oyster supper for the benefit of Emmanuel Church will be given in Mr. J. W. Anderson's unoccupied store room, on Wednesday evening, January 23d.

Miss Bessie Lee returned home last Saturday, from a pleasant visit to Philadelphia.

Mr. Wm. B. Richardson, of the firm of Dr. William S. Richardson & Son, druggists, has been quite sick this week with a threatened attack of typhoid fever. His symptoms are now more favorable.

At the drill of the Jackson Guards, on Monday night, a special resolution was passed, thanking Sergeant Thomas G. Forwood for his active and efficient services in connection with the recent ball and reception given by the company.

Mr. Charles H. Hopkins, artist, musician and lecturer, is announced to give a series of entertainments in the M. E. Church, Bel Air, consisting of 500 famous views, magnified and illuminated, comprising gems of scenery in many lands, scenic surprises and transformations, together with songs illustrated while being sung. The pictures are thirty feet in size. The entertainment will be given on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Jan. 23d, 24th and 25th, and promises to be interesting and agreeable.

Miss Florence Maulsby, of Baltimore, and Misses Nannie and Sadie Seitz, of Easton, Pa., are guests at Mr. Wm. Young's.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—The board met on Monday and Tuesday. Mr. L. Bolivar Richardson was authorized to expend $40 on the public road between Stockton and Wm. E. Townsley's.

A petition was received from Col. John Carroll Walsh and others for a bridge over a small branch on the Joppa road.

Mr. Wm. E. McCann reported the iron bridge at Stafford in a bad condition. He was instructed to ask Mr. L. W. Finley to meet the Commissioners at Stafford on Monday, January 14th.

The report of Wm. T. Robinson, John T. Cathcart and Thomas E. Cathcart, examiners on the proposed new road near John Streett's, was received and action thereon suspended for two weeks.

A petition was received for a pension for Mary Forwood.

The report of C. H. Stifler, George N. Wiley and Thomas E. Cathcart, examiners on the George N. Wiley and Pennsylvania line road was received and laid over for two weeks.

The report of A. F. Brown, Charles Osborn and Thomas E. Cathcart, examiners on the proposed new road in the 2d district, through the lands of A. C. Moreau and others, was received and likewise laid over for two weeks.

The board by formal action accepted from Stevenson Archer and wife and from Henry D. Farnandis, trustee, and W. G. Ford two conveyances for two strips of land, 30 feet wide, one from the Philadelphia turnpike to VanBibber station, on the B. and O. Railroad, and the other from said station to the Edgwood road, said strips of land to be used as a public highway, and as such to be maintained by said County Commissioners. These pieces of land were bought by the railroad company from the parties named, made into a public road at the expense of the railroad company and by it given to the county.

The board will meet again January 21st.

Meteorological Record for Dec. 1888.

Maximum temperature on the 25th and 27th, 55 degrees; minimum temperature on the 22d, 13 degrees; mean temperature of the month, 35.10 degrees; mean of 9 P. M. observations, 34 degrees. Rain fall 4.78 inches; range of barometer 1⅞ inches.

Mean temperature of December for the past 18 years at this point, 33.02 degrees; coolest in 1876, 23.63 degrees; warmest in 1877, 40.25 degrees, or more than five degrees above the mean of the past month. The winter of 1877 was extremely mild, from fall to spring, and only for three cold days in January, from the 6th to the 9th, during which the mercury went as low as one degree above zero, no ice would have been gathered in this section that winter, as there was none of any thickness either in February or March following.

The moderate mean of the past month, compared with the general mean for December, does not really express its apparent mildness, its unusually even temperature, quite above the average, continued steadily through the month, and gave us a delightful sean n. From two or three brief periods of extreme high temperature a month may give a high mean, while the character of the month is changeable and severe.

From 1870 to 1871 December gave a higher mean than the last month six times, since then never so high. A very few farmers have gathered a little ice, about 3½ inches thick. The thickest here 2¼ inches. Rain fall of the past month 4.78 inches. Mean rain fall for December for the past 18 years, 3.72 inches. Most in 1878, 7.02 inches; least in 1874, 1.27 inches. But one-tenth of an inch fell up to the 17th, when there occurred an unusually heavy fall of four inches, less one twentieth, which with two other slight rains left the ground saturated to the end of the month. Only a few flakes of snow were observed. During the great rain of the 17th and 18th, the barometer indicated lower pressure than has been before observed for a long time.

Rain and melted snow during 1888:

January, 4.80 inches; February, 3.98 inches, March, 6.04 inches; April, 2.93 inches; May, 4.71 inches; June, 2.70 inches; July, 4.38 inches; August, 3.15 inches; September 7.09 inches; October, 3.82 inches; November, 3.97 inches; December 4.78 inches. Total 52.95.

Mean yearly precipitation for the last 17 years at this point, including the 60.87 inches of 1886, 47.45 inches, 46⅝ inches has been about the annual rain-fall of this latitude on the Atlantic coast. It will be observed in the above table that with one exception every more than ordinarily wet month is followed by a a dryer one.

The temperature of the first ten months of the past year, February and August excepted, was below the means, February and August barely reached their means. G. G. C.

Oakland School, Fallston.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

—Bel Air Circuit, M. P. Church, Rev. S. A. Hollitzell, Pastor.—Sunday, Jan. 13th.—Preaching at Providence at 10.30 A. M.; Union Chapel 3 P. M. and Bel Air 7.30 P. M. followed with Revival Service, to be continued during the week.

—Deer Creek Circuit M. P. Church, Rev. S. F. Cassen, Pastor.—Appointments for Sunday, Jan 13th, 1889: Preaching, Mt. Tabor 10.30 A. M., Yingling Chapel 3 P. M. Revival service at Deer Creek 7.30 P. M.

—Rev. James B. Craighill will preach at Grace Chapel, Hickory, on Sunday, January 13th, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

—"There was a sound of revelry by night" and she had a card but couldn't go, all on account of neuralgia. Her favorite dude, however, had a jewel head, and, instead of a bouquet, brought Salvation Oil. They went, and were happy once more.

The proprietors of the *Tarboro' Southerner*, Tarboro, N. C., writes:—Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup goes so fast our druggists can't keep supplied."

Lewistown Field and Garden Seeds.

We call our readers' attention to the new advertisement of Hunts "Seedmen," Lewistown, Pa., and solicit for them a share of your trade.—A change of seed, with a change of soil, &c., is a desirable thing, often, and none can be better than from the lime stone region of Pennsylvania. They warrant safe dealing and the best of goods. The firm is thoroughly reliable.

Annual Meetings in Bel Air.

THE HARFORD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A Proposition to Assess the Stockholders Defeated—Election of Directors.

The stockholders of the Harford County Agricultural and Mechanical Association met in the Court House, on Monday, 7th instant. Mr. Robert T. Bowne was called to the chair and Mr. Joseph Hoskins appointed Secretary.

Mr. Millard F. Minnick, Treasurer, read his annual report, which was accepted. It showed that when some outstanding claims due the society are collected, the last annual exhibition will have paid expenses. The Society is in debt about $3 600.

On motion of Mr. J. M. Streett, Messrs. Geo. E. Silver, W. L. Amos and Brinton H. Warner were appointed a committee to examine the books and accounts of the society, and report to the next meeting of the board of Directors, with such suggestions as in their judgment would promote the well-being of the society.

On motion of Mr. F. W. Baker the rates to be charged for admission to the Grand Stand were left to the discretion of the board of directors. This subject was discussed by Messrs. James Lee, Wm. Webster and Geo. E. Silver.

Mr. Wm H. Harlan moved that an assessment of $3.50 on each share of stock be made, for the purpose of getting the society out of debt. This assessment, he argued, would fall lightly upon stockholders. It is apparent, he said, that the debt can never be paid out of the receipts of the association.

Mr. Moores asked if such an assessment could be collected by law. If not it would be useless to make it.

Mr. Harlan then suggested that the board of directors procure a new stock book, call in all the old stock and reissue it only to those members who will, within six months, pay $3.50 upon each of their shares. All stock not redeemed to be cancelled.

Mr. J. M. Streett said that Mr. Harlan's resolution should be changed so as to read, "Resolved, that we dissolve the Agricultural Society." Such an assessment, he argued, could not be collected. It would create dissension among the stockholders from which the society would never recover. He thought the resolution premature, at least. For 14 years the stockholders have had free admission to the fair. Last year each one was charged 25 cents. This created great dissatisfaction, but by another year he thought the stockholders would be reconciled, we would have a large attendance and make some money. The small attendance, last year, was due to inclement weather, in part, and the receipts were lessened by the failure to sell the privileges for as much as formerly, because of the small attendance in 1887. Retrenchment could be made in the amount paid for prices without decreasing the attendance. It would be better to pay the interest on the debt for a few years and then diminish it gradually than to destroy the society.

Mr. Harlan said that part of the society's debt is in the form of a judgment, upon which execution might issue any day. An agricultural fair without races would be like the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out. Who would come to see big pumpkins and jars of jellies? Liberal purses for races would do more to improve the stock of the county and the finances of the society than anything else.

Mr. John Moores remarked that the purses for races were $400 less in 1888 than in 1887, and inducements were offered for Harford county horses, but they were kept at home.

Mr. Wm. D. Harrison said there was very few would pay 50 cents to go in the grand stand to see a four minute race.

Mr. George E. Silver opposed Mr. Harlan's resolution, on the ground that time had not yet come for such heroic treatment. Last year some changes were made and if the weather had been favorable the debt would now be smaller. By pursuing the same course he had no doubt the debt would be wiped out in a few years. Races draw a portion of the crowd, but there are many poor men and women, to whom the fair is their only season of frolic and fun, who would not be attracted by fast racing, and can only venture on the charges are moderate. Three-fourths of the people who attend the fair would take as much pleasure in a race where $200 was at stake as where $400 was put up. He was therefore opposed to bringing the society in debt by having big races.

The chairman, Mr. Bowne, spoke of a fair in Massachusetts where no charge is made for admission and where the purses for races rarely exceed $75, yet the society is able to pay its stockholders dividends. A large crowd is attracted and the privileges sell for a considerable sum.

Mr. Moores thought the races could be made profitable if properly filled.

Dr. J. L. Wilson vigorously opposed taxing the stock holders. The shares are owned by farmers who are not able to stand it. Last year they were taxed to go into the fair. He would be willing to let them come in free. They have paid for their shares and want something for it. He was heartily in favor of giving sufficient purses for Harford-bred horses. There are tricky horsemen in Harford as well as other places. If we want to make the fair a success we must encourage each other to bring to the fair big pumpkins and big other things. The Cecil County Agricultural Society made money every year until the last, when they lost money because of the bad weather.

Mr. Brinton H. Warner said stockholders would not go to the fair if they had to pay $3.50 a share.

The motion to assess not being seconded the subject was dropped.

Mr. James Lee nominated the old board. In addition Messrs. Wm. B. Hopkins, 2d district; J. Lawrence McCormick, 3d, and John Divers, 4th district, were put in nomination.

Messrs. James Lee and Edwin Havlland were appointed tellers, and the votes were cast, the directors elected being as follows:

B. F. Hanway and A. S. Bell, 1st district; Bennett H. Barnes and Wm. Hopkins, 2d district; John Moores and Abel D. Wilson, 3d district; Jos. E. Ashton and John Divers, 4th district; Archibald Wilson and Dr. J. L. Wilson, 5th district; Dr. W. W. B. Hopkins and H. C. Lawder, 6th district.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. J. M. Streett was adopted.

Resolved. That the directors be advised to carefully revise the list of premiums heretofore paid for races and to make such reductions especially in Tuesday races as in their judgment will be in the interest of economy.

THE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY IN HARFORD COUNTY.

A Large Meeting—Town Risks Discussed

The members of this company also met in the Secretary's office, in Bel Air, on Monday. Mr. H. Harris Archer was called to the chair and Mr. C. Coler was chosen as Secretary.

The annual statement was read by the President of the company, Col. John Carroll Walsh.

The former board of directors were nominated and unanimously re-elected. They are as follows:

John Carroll Walsh, Jos. B. Hanway, D. W. Taylor, J. P. Silver, John S. Dallam, Wm. Webster, Thos. H. Nelson, Wm. Baldwin, C. C. Kinsey, E. M. Allen, of Harford county; and Thomas Gorsuch, of C., Frank M. Sparks, John Stirling, John Pierson, James D. Slade, Samuel Pusserton, Edwin Scott and W. O. B. Wright, of Baltimore county.

Mr. Wm. Webster offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, that the Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Harford county reduce the interest on premium notes to five per cent., taking effect January 1st, 1889."

It was ordered that money paid in error be refunded to Daniel Scott and J. G. Rouse.

Mr. Wm. H. Harlan offered a resolution which elicited a lively discussion. It was, in effect, that the board of directors be requested to examine their risks in Bel Air and other towns where there is a probability of great loss by fire, and reinsure in other companies two out of every three houses in exposed portions of such towns, retaining at the risk of this company only one house out of every three.

Mr. J. P. Silver was opposed to this company reinsuring its risks in other companies unless it does not cost any more money.

Mr. William Webster was opposed to carrying insurance in Bel Air as the company is doing.—It had better be obviated by carrying risks in other companies.

Mr. Adam Kolk said it was unreasonable that people who had been paying premiums to the society for 35 years should be required to do this for the sake of Bel Air.

Mr. Geo. E. Silver said the numerous fires in county towns had led him to hesitate about putting all his insurance in a mutual company. The people of Bel Air, who have been members of the company so many years, have some rights which ought to be protected, as far as possible. He was opposed to using the company's money for reinsurance. If Bel Air property is insured at too low a rate the wrong should be corrected.

Mr. George R. Cairnes said he would like to correct a misapprehension with regard to property in Bel Air, which is the only town in which the company has insurance of any amount.—Some of the property in Bel Air is worth more than farm property, because at the cry of fire a dozen men will be almost instantly on the spot, while on a farm the house will burn before any one comes. Then in Bel Air we have to pay 55 cents on each $100 while in the country only 35 cents is paid.

Mr. Thomas H. Robinson moved to amend Mr. Harlan's resolution by substituting the word "empowered" for "directed" where it relates to the duty of directors.

Mr. Harlan opposed the amendment, saying that the directors are "directed" they would do nothing.

Mr. E. M. Allen thought Mr. Harlan's resolution contrary to the entire spirit and scope of this company and against its interests. This resolution only refers to blocks of houses built together. It would be absurd to reinsure at greater rates than we receive, and he moved an amendment that the directors take such action as the interest of the company requires.

Mr. J. M. Streett said the directors should be entrusted with some discretionary power. He offered the following, as a substitute for Mr. Harlan's resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the risks now held in towns be reduced to one-third their present amount, wherever, in the judgment of the directors, the interest of the company requires."

The resolution was adopted.

The following, offered by Mr. Wm. H. Harlan, was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That from and after this date any policy holder shall have the right to cancel his policy, upon paying the pro rata portion of the yearly premium, using the short rate table now used by the best stock companies, and any excess of such pro rata which may have been paid in by the policy holder shall be refunded; provided no such losses have occurred as will make an assessment probable, in the judgment of the Secretary."

The meeting then adjourned.

Immediately