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MANY DEFECTS IN STATE SCHOOLS

more County alone has a really adequate county organization, with the result that the schools of Baltimore County are the best in the state. Not only is the County Superintendent usually unaided—he is not even always a trained educator.

"Three County Superintendents," says the Report, "have had less than a high school education and four of them never went beyond the high school. Only one of the seven has added to his initial preparation, and he only to the extent of six weeks at a summer school. Of those remaining, one is a normal school graduate with a summer term of professional work. Though fifteen hold college and university degrees, yet not more than six of the fifteen have made special and professional preparation for their work."

Salaries are indeed frequently so low that trained men cannot possibly be obtained for this highly important post. "Of twenty-three county superintendents, one receives $5,000 a year, one $3,000, one $2,250. Of the remaining twenty, one receives $800 a year, six receive from $1,200 to $1,500 and thirteen from $1,600 to $2,000. In addition, there is an allowance of from $100 to $500 for expenses incurred in visiting schools, though Garrett County makes no allowance, and Hartford and St. Mary's only $25. One cannot be surprised, therefore, to find that these positions have not attracted trained men."

Competent Assistants Lacking.

"Conditions are aggravated," the Report continues, "by the almost universal lack of competent assistants. The law, while permitting the county boards to expend thousands annually in their discretion, forbids the employment of even a clerk to assist the Superintendent, unless the number of teachers in the county exceeds 85; an assistant superintendent may not be employed unless the number of teachers exceeds 175.

"Hence, five counties depend almost entirely upon the County Superintendent alone, employing only occasional and temporary clerical assistance. Six out of the twenty-three have assistant superintendents, and supervisors are found in four.

"In only three counties—Baltimore, Frederick and Allegany—are the offices ample and well equipped; elsewhere space is often meagre and equipment usually limited. One-fourth of the County Superintendents have but one room, often a small one at that, which serves alike as a store-house for school supplies, as a meeting-place for the County Board, and as general office."

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How can an untrained and unaided County Superintendent organize schools, certificate teachers and examine children efficiently? Once more, it is manifestly absurd to expect good results under these circumstances.

Would Specify Qualifications.

The Report recommends that the law define the qualifications of the County Superintendents, requiring that he devote himself exclusively to his office, and that every superintendent be given such aid as is indispensable to the proper performance of his duties.

It is recommended, further, that one-half the additional expense of the county school organization be paid out of the general school fund, provided the several counties pay the other half.

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Where Politics Disturb.

The Report points out that it is in the selection of county superintendents that the next session's instance of political influence is exhibited. On this subject the Report says:

"The County Superintendents are elected by the politically constituted County Boards. The politicians view the County Superintendency as 'spoils,' and in most counties the indifference of the people permits them to dispose of it on that basis. A general election, bringing about a change in party control, is scarcely over before political candidates are brought forth and 'groomed' for this important office.

"In the four years during which the Republicans were in power—1896-1900—new County Superintendents were chosen in 19 out of the 23 counties of the state, 11 of them in the very year when the County School Boards became Republican. In the first year of the new Democratic administration of 1900, 16 new County Superintendents were appointed, whereas during the ensuing 11 years, aside from removals by death, there was a total of only 11 changes.

"Similarly, the first three years of the present Republican control witnessed the election of 12 new superintendents. Some of these changes were indeed for the better; but as long as a political upset is the inciting cause, there can be no certainty that changes will be based upon public advantage. Luckily, these deplorable conditions are not universal.

"In a few—a very few—counties, politics play no part in either the selection or retention of the County Superintendents. While a dozen Superintendents have served three years or less, three have been in office for four-[illegible]en years."

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MILLINGTON

Sam Hog is dead.

Mrs. R. E. Feddeman returned home last Saturday after spending two weeks with friends in Baltimore.

Washington Camp No. 41, P. O. S. of A., initiated three new members into their camp on Thursday night of last week, and also elected Mr. B. W. Duling chaplain, vice J. B. W. Aydelotte, deceased.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Asbury M. E Church met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. P. Ahern.

Mrs. John E. Woodall was the guest last week of relatives and friends in Philadelphia.

Dr. Philip Turner and his daughter, Miss Anna, of Germantown, Pa., spent a few days last week with Mr. Clarence L. Turner, near town.

Mrs. Morgan King, of Middletown, Del., was entertained last week by her sister-in-law, Mrs. James Moore.

Mrs. J. R. Poore visited friends in Wilmington, Del., this week.

Miss Ella Jones, who has been suffering with neuritis for three months, went to the Hahneman Hospital, Philadelphia, last Saturday for special treatment. She was accompanied by her brother, Mr. William Jones, of near town, and Mrs. Alice A. Stansbury, of West Chester, Pa.

At a meeting of the teachers and officers of Asbury M. E. Sunday-school last Sunday, Prof. Arthur L. Greenwood was elected superintendent for this year.

Services to-morrow, Feb. 13th, at Asbury M. E. Church, will be as follows: 10 30 a m., preaching by the pastor, Rev. G. P. Smith; 2 p. m., Sunday-school, subject, "Humbled and Exalted"; 7.30 p m., preaching by the pastor. Friday, 7.30 p. m., prayer-meeting.

Mr. Charles Stevens and Mr. David Felton, of near town, spent a few days this week with friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. Adolphus Davis has been appointed town bailiff of Millington for the year. Mr. Davis will give strict attention to his duties and we are assured of good order during his term of office. Disorderly persons had better be wise and not come within our limits.

Mr. George W. Evans has disposed of his cannery interests at Millington to C. W. Baker & Sons, who will operate the cannery this season.

Lieut. Francis E. Fitch left last Tuesday for San Juan, Porto Rico, after spending several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ahern. He was accompanied as far as New York city by his wife.

Miss Etta Price returned last Tuesday to her home in Middletown, Del., after spending ten days with Miss Etta Jones and mother.

KENNEDYVILLE

The ladies of Kennedyville M. P. Church will hold a conundrum supper and entertainment in the old school house on Saturday, Feb. 19th, 1916.

Hon. David J. Lewis was present and delighted a large audience with a splendid address on Tuesday evening last. He showed how the farmer by taking advantage of the Parcel Post and using same would be enabled to receive a greater profit and also be a great help to the city consumer.

On Saturday last Kennedyville Grange No. 244, had as their guests quite a number of the members of Galena Grange at which meeting a class was given the third and fourth degrees, after which all were invited to partake of a splendid supper, then at 7.30 an open meeting was held in charge of our Worthy Lecturer, Miss Ada M. Hurlock, who had prepared a highly interesting program which was much enjoyed by all.

Messrs. Wm. T. Archibald and Wm. M. Hurlock were in the City of Brotherly Love a part of last week.

Rev. Frank S. Cain spent a part of last week in the Monumental City.

Miss Lulu VanDyke is on the sick list.

Mrs. John D. McCabe and sister, Laura, were in Philadelphia on Monday where Miss Laura has accepted a position.

Usual service in the Kennedyville Methodist Protestant Church on Sunday next: Sunday school 9 30 a. m., preaching 10 30 a. m. and 7 45 p. m. followed by revival service; Christian Endeavor 7.15 p. m.

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When water freezes in the pipes of a house and the location of the frozen part is known, fill a water bag with hot water and place it on the part frozen, open the faucets to give vent, and before the water in the bag becomes cool the frozen part will be entirely thawed out and the water running. This method has been used to advantage several times, and there is no danger of starting a fire as when using a gasoline torch.

"A Martha Washington Social" will be held at Union School, Friday evening, Feb. 18th. Proceeds for the benefit of the school library.

STILL POND

Mr. Hope Hudson, of Chestertown, has been visiting at the home of his Aunt, Mrs. Wm. H. Krusen.

Mr. Caleb Jarvis, of Pikesville, is at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Atwood Ricards, who has been quite sick but at this writing is much better.

There will be a Leap Year Pie Social given by Mrs. Harris' Sunday school class at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Rasin on Tuesday evening, February 18 Proceeds for missionary cause.

Mrs. Hoffecker, of Chester, Pa., is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. James Warren.

Mrs. Charles Walter entertained her Sunday school class of young ladies and their friends at a turkey supper Friday evening.

Mrs. L. B. Harper has returned to her home after spending some time with relatives and friends in Baltimore.

The primary class of the Sunday school will hold a "bake" at the home of Mrs. Sallie Norris this Saturday.

ROCK HALL

Grippe and kindred ailments are on a rampage in this section. The latest victims are J. E. Apsley, J. T. Stevens, both quite ill; W. H. Creighton and his whole family, Alex Taylor, T. J. Elburn, C. F. Wheatley, and the weather conditions are alright for further captives.

Petitions for Widow Mother Pensions are in circulation here from the Committee of 100 and are picking up numerous signatures. Good cause.

Senator Brown's bill for a curfew law is well thought of here. But oh, you Senator Archer! we don't like your proposed fish bill. Both fishermen and oystermen have their ears close to the line just now waiting to catch on to any oyster or fish scheme, and they are listing names for future use.

This evening in the store building north of the postoffice our ladies will conduct a "Lincoln Tea," and will be pleased to have everybody call in.

Rock Hall Driving and Improvement Association have placed a splendidly executed sign on the front of the postoffice building designating their headquarters.

WORTON

Hon. David J. Lewis addressed a large audience at Worton Grange last Monday night. His speech was enjoyed by all.

Next Monday, Feb. 14, the men of Worton Grange are going to furnish a program under the leadership of Worthy Master Bro. Barney Cooper. We are holding most interesting and helpful meetings. Come and see for yourselves.

Mrs. B. F. Rash has been entertaining her nieces, Misses Beulah and and Rose Walbert. She gave a "Rook Party," in their honor.

Miss Bessie Cooper is visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Moffett.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Finley Sparks last Thursday. They decided to hold a turkey and oyster supper in Worton Hall on Wednesday evening, Feb. 15. It is wonderful the amount of money this society raises in a year.

Mrs. George Williams entertained a few friends at cards on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Barney Cooper and Miss Clara Rasin spent Wednesday in Still Pond.

Miss Helen Rasin spent the week-end with Miss Anna Jones.

Mr. Edward Gooding spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. Ralph Williams.

A special meeting of the Chestertown Grange will be held next Wednesday, Feb 16th, at 2.30 p. m. Full attendance desired.

IN MEMORIAM

In sad but loving remembrance of our dear one, IDA P. MOFFETT, who departed this life seven years ago, February 12th, 1909.

O mother could you speak to us,
And could you live again,
Our aching hearts would then be healed,
But this we wished in vain.

From morning until evening
Sorrow rests upon her brow.
She has gone from earth to heaven,
We have no mother now.
By Her Children, ELLA and VICKERS.

Just seven years ago we laid you to rest
And folded your cold hands upon you breast;
In silence you suffered, in patience you bore
Until God called you home to suffer no more.
BY HER FATHER AND MOTHER.

Tis only a step that divides us, sister,
From glories no mortal has seen.
We shall find you when death's grim figure
Shall have lifted the veil between.
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GRANGE NOTES.

The contest between the brothers and sisters of Still Pond Grange is arousing great interest in the Grange work. Last Saturday afternoon the sisters were in charge and more members were present than have been for several years. The following were appointed for the day:

Master—Sister Hannah Moore.
Overseer—Sister Ollie Medders.
Lecturer—Sister Kather Fogwell.
Steward—Sister Lillie Kelley.
Asst. Steward—Sister Sally Price.
Pomona—Sister Blanch Loller.
Ceres—Sister Duyer.
Flora—Sister Margaret Harris.
Gate-Keeper—Sister Cornelius.
Lady Asst. Steward—Sister Alta Price.
Chaplain—Sister Hepbron.
Secretary—Sister Anna Bowers.
Treasurer—Sister Pennington.

The opening and closing services of the Grange were given without the manuals. One new member, Sister Mattie Gale, was received. After an interesting business session, the following program, prepared by Sister Fogwell, was given:

Instrumental Solo, Sister Schofield.
Discussion, Does it pay a busy mother to make her children's clothes, Sister Evelyn Harris.
Paper, Is it fair for the Government to spend so much on "Bugology" and so little on our boys? Sister Moore.
Song, "Bud and Bloom," Sisters.
Discussion, "Should we teach our boys to do housework? Sister Duyer.
Recitation, "Today," Sister Gale.
Current Events, Sister Medders.
Solo, "De White Folks Gone Away," Sister Schofield.
Grange Life, Sister Cornelius.
Womens Suffrage and Agriculture, Sister Fogwell.

All the numbers were well chosen and presented with much skill. This afternoon the brothers are in charge and great interest is manifested in the proceedings, as the losing side must furnish supper next Saturday.

At a meeting of Kennedyville Grange held Saturday, February 5, at 2.30 p. m., the third and fourth degrees were given four candidates for admission to the order. At the same meeting a goodly number of members of the Galena Grange were present as our guests for the afternoon and evening and subjects of interest to both Granges were freely discussed. After the serving of supper, one of those feasts for which Kennedyville is famed, a program of entertainment was offered, consisting of music by members of the Galena Grange, recitation by the lecturer, song by the children, recitation by little Miss Frances Hill, vocal duet, Mr. and Mrs. Clews, recitation by Vernon Hill, a sunbonnet drill by children, singing by mixed quartette, recitation by Miss Florence Hill, music by Galena Grange, a very well done recitation by Regina Rasin, singing by male quartette, and more music by Galena Grange. On February 8 we again assembled in open meeting at 7 30 p. m. After a short program Mr. James T. Anthony after a short address, presented the speaker of the evening, Hon. David J. Lewis, who gave a very interesting address on Government Ownership of Telephone and Telegraph.

On Thursday afternoon last a large and appreciative audience met at Fairlee Hall and enjoyed Hon. David J. Lewis' lecture on "Government Ownership of Telegraph and Telephone."

Next Wednesday, Feb. 16th, beginning at 3.30 p. m., will be special meeting day at Fairlee Grange. Kennedyville Grange is expected to attend. The Garner and other features will be on the afternoon program. After supper the public is cordially invited to listen to the debate between Kennedyville and Fairlee Granges on the question, "Resolved, that this country is justified in making adequate preparation to defend itself against any foreign foe." This debate was scheduled for the 23rd, but owing to the fact that one of the popular gentlemen is not only a debater but also a performer in the "Ruth" cantata of the 23rd, the date for the debate was changed to the 16th.

Other Outbuildings Burned

The outbuildings on the James W. Lambert Frazier farm, tenanted by Mr. W. E. Loud and son, were burned early Wednesday morning together with corn, hay, wagon, drill, harness, and a lot of long fodder. The buildings burned included barn and stable, corn crib and part of sheds.

The fire was discovered shortly after 2 A. M. by a colored hand who was attending his wife who was sick in the kitchen stairs on the farm. He noticed the blaze in the hay loft, awakened the folks and went out to get the stock and in so doing burned one of his feet quite severely. All the horses cows and sheep were fortunately saved. Mr. Lambert only had $375 on the burned buildings and Mr. Loud had a partial insurance on his loss. Neighbors are kindly caring for his stock until he can get temporary quarters.

The Board of Public Works on Tuesday decided to recommend a thorough financial housecleaning for the state by recommending the sale of the State's mortgage on the Northern Central Railway branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad for not less than $3,000,000, issuance of emergency bonds for $1,500,000 to wipe out the present deficit in the State Treasury, and by an appraisement and inventory of the State's property. State Treasurer Vandiver participated in the meetings and will thus go on record as having had a part in recommending the scheme whereby the State plans to get back on a sound financial basis.

Entertainment

The Calendar Club of SALEM M. E. CHURCH will give an entertainment at the GRANGE HALL, FAIRLEE, on

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CHURCH NOTES.

Chestertown M. E. Church Rev. L. E. Barrett, D. D., pastor. Services Sunday, Feb. 13th, 1916 as follows: 10 30 A. M., preaching by the pastor, subject, "Come—Go"; 2.15 P. M. Sabbath School and Pastor's Bible Class. 7 to 8 P. M. Epworth League Song service, and preaching by the pastor, followed by Altar service. All invited to these services.

Services at Mowbray M. E. Church Sunday are as follows; Sunday school at 2 p. m., Song Service at 7 p. m., preaching by pastor at 7.30. Don't forget the Wednesday night prayer meetings.

The W. C. T. U. met at the parsonage at Fairlee last Friday afternoon, Mrs. J. W. White, presiding. Miss Mary Richardson made a report on the Sunday School work. Miss Ida Crew, Supt, of the Mercy Department, made an address on the subject, "Welfare Plan for Baby Week," It was decided to hold a New England Tea, with a parcel post department on Friday, Feb. 18 Admission 25 cents. Everbody invited invited.

Mrs. C. N. Satterfield conducted an interesting Christian Endeavor anniversary service in Christ Church Sunday evening. It was the 35th anniversary of Christian Endeavor. Recitations by Misses Needles, Coleman and Jones; trio by Misses Nickerson, Maslin and Elliott; male quartet by Messrs. Bowers, Sparks, Thompson and Usilton, and other features were on the program.

The regular monthly missionary offering was taken last Sunday in the M. E. Sunday school. The collection amounted to over $50, the class of Mr Norman Jefferson contributed $15 and received the banner presented by Mr. H. C. Shelley.

Christ M. P. Church, Rev. W. K Graham, D. D., pastor. Services on Sunday, February 13, and preaching by the pastor at 10 30 a. m. and 7 30 p. m., Revival service in the evening. Sunday School 2.30 p. m. Missionary Day in the Sunday school; Christian Endeavor service 6 45 p. m. Mid-week service Thursday evening at 7 30 o'clock.

On Friday, Feb. 4th, Fairlee W. C. T. U. met at the home of the president, Mrs. White, and held a very profitable meeting. After the usual devotional exercises the regular business was taken up. The treasurer gave her report and received dues from several members. The Misses Ida Crew and Mary Richardson gave reports as superintendents of Mercy and Sunday-school work. Plans were made to hold a New England Tea, consisting of stewed chicken, baked beans and hot tea biscuit, next Friday, the 18th, at the parsonage in Fairlee, price 25c. At the same time there will be a parcel post sale. Public invited. The subject of child-welfare was presented, and Mrs. White was appointed a committee to help arrange for "baby week" in March. Miss Ida Crew presented the president with a gavel tied with a bow of white ribbon. One new member joined the Union. A delicious luncheon, consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee, was served.

The beautiful array of new Spring hats shown in Bordley & Sons window ought to make you shed that old winter hat. They are irresistable and the prices are very moderate too. Have a look.

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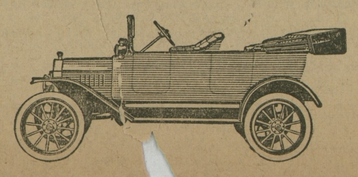
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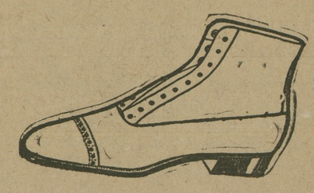
Space does not permit us to quote prices on all goods but we assure you that in every department the greatest values await you. It is not necessary to wait until your crops mature to reap your first profit resultant of these good times, but the opportunity is afforded you now in this big sale.

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