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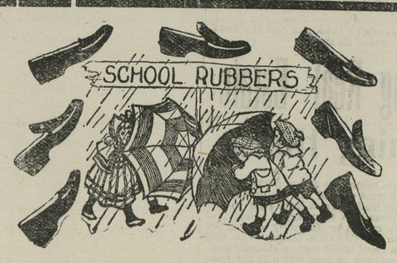

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DR. BARRETT'S PRAYER.

In the absence of the temporary chaplain of the Delaware Legislature on January 25th Rev. Louis E. Barrett, D. D., offered the following prayer:

"O Lord, our Father, we are Thy servants, and before entering upon any duty affecting the interests of church or State, it is meet, right and proper, and our bounden duty, that we should invoke the Divine blessing and the Divine aid. We therefore ask thy blessing to rest upon this legislative body. O, Lord, thou art better acquainted with these Senators than Thy servant who is praying to Thee in their behalf. Before they became Senators, they were men, free moral agents; accountable to Thee for all their words and acts. The election to this responsible office does not absolve them from their responsibility to Thee. They have been sent here to discnarge legislative duties affecting the wealth of this State, but they appear unable to perform these duties. They seem to be involved in the winding passage of a labyrinthe dilema, from which they are unable to deliver themselves. C Lord, open their eyes that they may be able to see their ways out into the clear light of legislative duty. Give to them that spirit of mutual concession and compromise that will enable them to make an honorable adjustment of their difficulties, so that this Senate may become properly organized, and the wheels of legislation may move smoothly and successfully. Bless these Senators in their lives and health. Keep intact the health of their families while they are here discharging their duties. We believe them to be honorable and patriotic, desiring to do right, but how to reach the right they do not see. Lord, open their eyes that they may see. Let Thy blessing rest upon Thy servant, the chairman of this body and the lieutenant governor of this State. May he have that wisdom, prudence and discretion so necessary in the discharge of his duties."

A LAMB AND ITS DAM.

The Way the Ewe Recognizes its Own Offspring.

Although sheep can see and hear very well, it is undoubtedly by the sense of smell that the ewes recognize their own offspring. Sir Herbert Maxwell relates an interesting example of this odd fact, citing the case of a Cheviot lamb which had fallen into a river, and, owing to the steepness of the bank, could not climb out.

An angler, who was fishing in the stream, rescued the shivering animal, and it staggered away, bleating piteously for its dam. It found her without much difficulty, but the mother sniffing disdainfully at the dripping little wretch, pushed it off, refusing to recognize it. The angler appealed to a shepherd who happened to pass that way for an explanation of the ewe's behavior. "Oh," said he, "the bit beastie's been in the water, ye see, and the auld ewe cannot smell it. She'll tak it back as soon as it's dry."

And so it turned out. The fleece was soon dried, the natural odor returning, and the mother and child were reconciled and reunited at once.

FAIR DATES.

The following are the dates of the Maryland and Virginia circuit fairs:

August 1 to 4, Norfolk, J. H. Wright.

August 8 to 11, Tasley, Va., W. T. Wright.

August 15 to 18, Pocomoke City, W. F. King.

August 22 to 25, Rockville, Md., Lee Offutt and D. H. Warfield.

August 29 to September 1, Tolchester, Col. Robert Hough.

September 5 to 8, Timonium, D. H. Rice, Prof. J. S. Nussear, E. Gittings Merryman and John F. Anderson.

September 12 to 15, Prospect Park, John T. Couglar and W. W. Elliott.

September 19 to 22, Easton, Col. Robert Hough.

September 26 to 29, Belair, not represented.

October 3 to 6, Washington, D.C., Dr. C. F. Hadfield.

October 11 to 13, Hagerstown, T. H. Staley.

October 17 to 20, Frederick, J. Roger McSherry.

October 24 to 27, Gentlemen's Driving Park, not represented.

OLD SITE SELECTED.

New P. B. & W. Depot will be Built in Wilmington—Testing Ground for Foundation.

It has been decided to construct the new passenger station of the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad, in Wilmington on the present site. Workmen started on Saturday to test the ground for the purpose of finding how deep they must go to locate firm foundation. The first blow was struck Saturday morning by Philip Flaghouse, of Philadelphia, on the cement pavement around the station, at the northwest corner.

Saturday morning engineers of the office of Assistant Engineer of Construction Riter laid out the positions for the test tubes which will be sunk to test the conditions of the soil, the depth necessary for the new foundations and the best kind of constructing materials needed. These tubes will be sunk to where the solid bottom is situated.

A New Church at Price's.

Price's Station, the beautiful little village on the Queen Anne's & Kent Railroad, and in the heart of the best farming section of Queen Anne's county is to have a church at last. For many years tbese good people have made fruitless efforts to get a church near them and it seems as if their hopes will at last be realized. Last spring, Rev. W. C. Poole, who was appointed to the pastorate of Church Hill M. E. Church, saw children playing in the village who either had to walk from two to four miles to go to Sunday school or stay at home, and began to make plans for a church. Last October he began to look about for available funds and now has over $600.00 in sight with which to begin work. Last Tuesday a meeting was held in the store of F. O. Meeds, and F. O. Meeds, W. H. Cahall abd W. C. Poole were appointed a committee on location. The session of the Wilmington Conference next March will arrange for preaching and after conference meeting will begin in a tent. From now until conference there will be cottage prayer meetings in the various homes of the village every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Last Wednesday they were neld at the commodious home of W. J. Massey, who has done so much for many years to get a church at Price's. There was a special meeting held to further arrange plans, at the store of F. O. Meeds, Saturday, Feb. 4th, at 2.30 P. M., and all friends of the enterprise were invited. Rev. W. C. Poole who was pastor at Queenstown during the first 3 years of his ministry has enjoyed one of the most prosperous years of his ministry as well as in the history of Church Hill charge. About seventy-five souls have been converted The finances are in the best of shape and the quarterly conference in appreciation of his labors gave him a unanimous invitation to return next year, which he has accepted.

To Teach Game Laws in Public Shools.

Under authority of the Legislature there has been issued for use in the public schools of the state a neat pamphet containing the game laws of Maryland and articles pertaining to those birds which domicile within the borders of this commonwealth.

It is not universally known that the annual celebration of Arbor day, besides being designed to instill in the hearts of youth a love of and familiarity with forestry, has also for its purpose the teaching of something about birds, their habits and the means of caring for them. This is the case, however, and the new pamphet seeks to cultivate love for the feathery creatures themselves, as well as respect for the laws which are made for their protection.

The document is issued by State Game Warden John W. Avirett, who urges the school teachers to keep in touch with the wardens. Col. Avirett is an advocate of practical education and it is a dream of his that the day is not far distant when the State game laws will be as zealously taught in our public schools as are the three "Rs," when the pamphets referred to will be one of the regular text books.

What Spell Failure.

Here is a word to young men from a man now far advanced in life, who was for many years the president of a railroad and leader in the commercial interests that center in New York: "Failure springs from the indifference of young men to the details of their work, and their desire to grasp success before they have earned the right to its possession. Success may be explained in a few words: failure is so complex and has so many causes that its definition is difficult. Dishonesty, intemperance, lack of industry spell failure." A good way to learn of success or of failure is to study the careers of the men who have achieved one or the other. When such a man speaks out of his heart, his word is testimony to be heeded by the generation standing on the threshold of the activities and possibilities of life.—Epworth Hearld.

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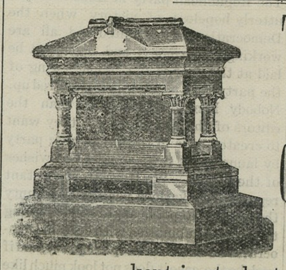

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