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Sale Register.

Notice of sales, for which bills are printed at this office, will be published under this head for 50 cents; when bills are printed elsewhere $1 will be charged. See bills for particulars of sale.

March 20—Stock and farming implements of John T. Shuey, near Warfieldsburg. P. A. Gorsuch, auct.
February 28—Four horses, 8 cows, 2 heifers and agricultural implements of Charles E. Mitten, on the farm of Daniel Mitten, adjoining Westminster P. A. Gorsuch, auctioneer.
March 4.—Stock and Farming Utensils of John R. Wolf, three miles from Westminster, on Uniontown turnpike, adjoining lands of John Royer. Wm. Brown, auctioneer.
March 8—Live Stock, Farming Implements and everything on the farm. Valentine C. Wentz, near Stonesville. Wm. Brown, Auctioneer.
March 11—6 Horses, 14 Cows and Heifers and Farming Implements. Geo. Fiscel, on Alfred Zollickoffer's farm, near Uniontown. Wm. Brown, Auctioneer.
March 13—Stock, Farming Implements, Household and Kitchen Furniture, &c. Wm. L. and Michael T. Frock, administrators, one mile from Bachman's Mill. Wm. Brown, auctioneer.
March 20—Horses, Mule, Cows, Farming Implements, Household and Kitchen Furniture. Emanuel Koontz, near Weist's Mill. Wm. Brown, Auctioneer.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Local Brevities.

Measles are prevalent at Middleburg and Union Bridge.

Some valuable real estate is advertised in the ADVOCATE.

The Ladies of Westminster are getting up a Valentine Party for next Thursday night.

Since the disappearance of the snow the wheat in this county has appeared looking green and healthy.

Mr. F. H. Orndorff has sold his house and lot on Liberty street, this city, to Mr. John Lackabaugh for $1900.

The Billmeyer & Small car works, of York, Pa., have an order for one hundred cars for the Western Maryland Railroad.

Rev. John Edwards, of this city, will occupy the pulpit of Rev. W. F. Speake, Harlem Park, Baltimore, on Sunday.

St. Lawrence, the valuable horse of Mr. H. H. Haines, of this city, died on Thursday night. He was about twenty-five years old.

The rumor here the first of the week concerning a wife murder in Pennsylvania, on the Myers' district line, was wholly untrue.

The office of Joseph Wolfe at Union Bridge was burglarized on Monday night last, and fifteen or eighteen dollars in money were stolen.

Owing to ill health Mr. R. Charles Matthews, auctioneer of this city, has been compelled to discontinue auctioneering sales of personal property.

R. Nelson Norwood, as assignee of mortgagee, recently sold at public sale a farm of 56¼ acres, near Middleburg, to Isaac Trimmer for $1,955.

Mr. Winfield Steele, of Montgomery county, Ohio, has been visiting relatives and friends in Carroll for a few weeks. He will return to Ohio next week.

The ground-hog saw his shadow on Saturday last, and believers in him have settled down to the conviction that six weeks more of winter weather is in store for us.

Full moon on the 10th inst., new moon on the 26th, Shrove Tuesday. Ash Wednesday the 27th, the beginning of Lent. Palm Sunday, April 6. Easter Sunday, April 13.

Texas Siftings, the great humorous paper of the Southwest, has been removed to New York city, and Mr. Harry J. Shellman, formerly of this city, has accepted a position on it.

The annual Missionary meeting at Grace Lutheran Church, this city, took place last Sunday night. W. L. W. Seabrook, Esq., Judge Smith and Rev. Dr. Kuhns, the pastor, each made an address.

The present Junior Class of Western Maryland College is preparing for an entertainment on the 22nd of February, which is to commemorate the memory of Our Country's Father.

Mr. J. P. Baltozer, of Manchester, contemplates removing to Elmira, New York, in April next. We regret to lose so valuable a citizen from Carroll, but hope Mr. Baltozer may profit by the change.

The journeymen cigarmakers of this city have completed the organization of a union. Thos. R. Webster has been chosen president, and C. Adam Gernand financial secretary. It is a branch of the "International."

Mr. Joshua W. Miles, of Princess Anne, Somerset county, Md., a former student of Western Maryland College, and well-known in this city, was married on Monday last to Miss Lillian M. Rider, of Princess Anne.

Miss Sarah Longwell has bequeathed $100 to Ascension Church, this city, and also bequeathed a sum of money to the Piney Creek Presbyterian Church. A bill has passed the Legislature sanctioning these bequests.

The wooden bridge at North Branch, which was built about 1840, has been pronounced unsafe by the Baltimore county bridge inspector, Henry A. Nagle. Steps are being taken to have the same replaced by an iron bridge, 100x16 feet.

Mr. Benjamin F. Pearce, of Wilmington, Delaware, an experienced hotel proprietor, was here on Wednesday looking at the Montour House, and will return next week. Mr. Bond, the present proprietor of the hotel is desirous of giving up the business on account of ill health.

Mr. Daniel L. McSwiney received on Saturday last a life certificate to teach in the public schools of Maryland from Prof. M. A. Newell. On Thursday of last week his pupils at Meadow Branch school, which he so successfully teaches, presented him with a handkerchief and two pieces of gold, as a token of their esteem, which were highly appreciated by Mr. McSwiney.

An election was held on Tuesday night last for a president and board of six managers of the Westminster Cemetery Company. Judge John E. Smith was called to the chair, and John J. Reese chosen secretary. John L. Reifsnider, president of the Company, read his report of the condition of the Company, which was very satisfactory to the lotholders and stockholders, after which the meeting went into an election, and the following were elected: John L. Reifsnider, president; Dr. J. W. Hering, Richard Manning, William A. Wampler, George R. Gehr, Frank K. Herr, Jno. J. Reese, managers.

Samuel Slaymaker Parke, brother of J. M. Parke, Esq., of this city, died of heart disease at his residence in Bloomington, Illinois, on Saturday morning, February 2nd, 1884, in the 71st year of his age. About 1837 he was a student at the Manchester Academy, in this county, for about a year. He went from Chester county, Pa., to Illinois, and has resided there for about forty years. For some years past he has been an active travelling agent of the Chicago and North Western Railway Company. He was buried on Sunday last with Masonic ceremonies. He was also a Knight Templar. He has left a widow, three sons and three daughters.

Much interest is felt in this city and county in the appointment of Cattle Weigher. Mr. Edward Lynch, present Weigher, is an applicant, and is backed by a number of very active friends. Last week he called upon Gov. McLane and presented a petition in his favor sixty-one feet in length and containing about 1600 names. Another delegation in his interest called upon the Governor on Wednesday. Mr. Samuel Cover, of this city, is also an applicant, and has many strong and influential friends. Last week a delegation of prominent Democrats of Carroll called upon the Governor in Mr. Cover's interest, and Dr. Wm. N. Martin presented the claims of Mr. Cover in a forcible speech. Another delegation of prominent Democrats visited the Governor for Mr. Cover on Wednesday. The Senator and Delegates from Carroll are also supporters of Mr. Cover.

The streets of Westminster present a horrible appearance. Mud, piles of stone and pools of water are to be seen from end to end of Main street, while the pavements are muddy and the street crossings are but little better than the middle of the street. This should be remedied. The street belongs to the turnpike company. The company might improve it some, but the citizens could keep the crossings clear of mud and wash off the pavements, and they should do it. Some effort is being made to have Main street piked, but just what the committee are doing or propose to do, is not yet made public. It is hoped their efforts may be successful to permanently improve the street, but in the meantime let the citizens do something for the appearance of the town and for the comfort and health of the city. There are unsightly piles of dirt that should be removed at once.

Sykesville Items.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad through freight cars were broken open and robbed at an early hour Sunday morning, near Gaither's siding, one mile west of Sykesville; 26 clocks, 16 bottles of champagne and a lot of tobacco were discovered secreted under the platform. About three hundred yards from the place were also found parts of boxes in which the wine had been encased. Here the thieves had built a fire and doubtless enjoyed several bottles of wine, as the coverings and corks of the bottles were found lying around. The thieves were followed by officers of the detective force of the company. They were come up with by Detective Hutchinson some distance from the scene of the robbery on Sunday. He was fired at a number of times, and a bullet went through the breast of his coat. Hutchinson was unarmed, and the thieves got away.

This is the second robbery at this place during the last three months. The amount of goods taken is not known, and cannot be ascertained until the cars reach their destination. Many of our citizens visited the scene of the robbery, and some looked wistfully at the sparkling wine. Detective Mellor's long legs were seen in many places, searching for hidden goods. More goods were found on Wednesday at a point higher up the road, and on Monday night one of the supposed thieves was pursued and overtaken near Gaither's, when he turned and fired upon the officer and his support, and repulsed them, making good his escape. We felt inclined to issue special order No. 1, calling out the National Guards, but then we remembered it would take a train of cars to bring the Brigadier Generals and their staff to the field of battle, and thought it would be putting the state to a useless expense just to capture one man.

As the time for the meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Conference approaches, our Methodist friends are speculating as to who their next pastor will be. Rev. A. J. Gill, who has served the flock faithfully for the last three years, will be called to new fields of labor. The people generally regret his leaving. He is a genial gentleman, and always ready for a friendly tilt on any subject. Not only does he work in the vineyard of the Lord, but his garden has borne the fruits of his own hands. He leaves a good record—the collections for missionary purposes are 30 per cent. greater than any former collection, and he will take with him to Conference the best financial report that has ever been sent from the Patapsco circuit.

Freedom politicians have been frequently seen at Annapolis. This week they have been down there in force. Now, as this is a year of over production, we think Freedom district has an over production of politicians. The Lord will have to take care of them, for we don't think Gov. McLane will.

The Springfield Socials met at the residence of Mr. Louis H. Schultz Thursday night, and was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz always have a glad greeting for their friends. Rev. P. P. Flournoy presided. There was music, reading, recitations and the regular mite collection. The programme was delightfully entertaining. The conventional cup of coffee and ham sandwich that followed was refreshingly relished. The Socials will celebrate the night of Washington's birthday at the Springfield Institute.

Rev. Dr. Stephenson, Dean of Cumberland Convocation, preached at St. Barnabas and Holy Trinity on Sunday last. Services will be held in the same churches again on Sunday, 17th.

Horse doctors have been lecturing lately in this neighborhood. Won't somebody lecture on bangs? We saw a lady the other day whose bangs put us in mind of a colt's foretop.

Thieves entered the stable of Mr. Samuel Slack, near St. James, Howard county, Sunday night and took a fine bay mare, valued at $200, and wagon and harness valued at $75. They loaded the wagon with bacon from Mr. Slack's smokehouse. The mare had one white foot. The wagon was black, covered, and had red running gear. The parties who committed the theft are supposed to have gone to Baltimore, as they were last seen at an early hour on the Frederick pike near Ellicott City.

Manchester Items.

The pigeon shooting at the Franklin House last Saturday, caused a lively time in that part of town. The prizes were a breech-loading fowling piece, valued at $30, first prize, and $5 cash second prize. There were Ducker and R[illegible] entries, viz.: Thos. Cockey and Harry [illegible] of Baltimore county; Robert Frizzell and [illegible] C. Matthews, of Westminster; and Jo[illegible] Mr. Bixler, Levi Yost, and Philip Yost, of Manchester. Each was allowed six birds, 21 yards rise; birds to fall within a radius of 40 yards. After the round of six birds each, the score stood:

Cockey	0 1 1 1 1 1—5
L. Yost	1 1 0 0 1 1—4
Ducker	1 1 1 1 1 1—6
Frizzell	1 1 0 1 0 —3
Bixler	0 1 1 1 1 1—5
P. Yost	0 1 1 1 1 1—5
Matthews	1 1 1 1 1 0—5

Ducker was entitled to the gun, and Cockey, Bixler, P. Yost and Matthews were tie for the cash prize, and in shooting off the score stood:

Cockey	1 0 — 1
Bixler	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1—10
Yost	1 1 0 — 2
Matthews	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0— 9

It will be observed that Bixler killed 13 birds, and 15 out of 17, and Frizzel, who shot for Matthews, killed 14 out of 17.

Nelson Warehime has rented Henry F. Warner's house, corner of Main and York streets, at present occupied by Lilly & Murray, to take possession on the 1st of April. Mr. Warehime intends to employ about thirty persons in manufacturing cigars, and also to open a retail cigar and tobacco store.

Henry H. Miller received injuries in his right shoulder by falling on the ice on Friday of last week, rendering his arm useless to a great degree and causing much pain.

The Knights of Pythias received their organ for the fair last Tuesday. The instrument is of the Mason & Hamlin make, and is a "daisy."

The February meeting of Geiger Missionary Society was held last Monday evening. The exercises consisted of declamations, tableaux, dialogues and select reading. The tableaux were all scriptural representations and were presented with fair effect. Martha Washington's Tea Party was superbly rendered by five little Misses, and greatly surpassed any public exercise given in Manchester for more than twelve months; the participants, viz., Emma Rupp, Mollie Baltozer, Helen Yeager, Maggie Yeager and Edith Shaffer were dressed in the costume of '76, and rendered their parts beyond criticism. Miss Jennie Buckingham read "The Polish Boy," and Harry Rupp, Georgie Hoffman and Martin A. Baltozer delivered declamations.

This society has been in operation a year, and at the close of the exercises last Monday evening Mr. G. W. J. Everhart read the report of the executive committee, giving a review of the operations for the year. The society was organized with a view of raising funds for the missionary cause and moral and religious culture of the young. The meetings have been largely attended, which is an evidence that the exercises are appreciated by our people and encouraging to all interested.

A revival is in progress at Bethel U. B. Church.

New Advertisements.

Trustees' Sale of one of the Most Desirable Properties in the Vicinity of Westminster, Md.—Wm. N. Hayden, Wm. A. McKellip, Trustees.
Trustees' Sale of Valuable Real and Personal Property—Wm. A. McKellip, Chas. T. Reifsnider, and Wm. B. Thomas, trustees.
Young Virginia Horses and Mules for Sale—G. Frank Beaver, Westminster, Md.
Trustees' Sale of a Valuable Little Property—Harry M. Clabaugh, Trustee.
Trustee's Sale of a Valuable Young Mare and New Spring Wagon—Trustee.
Farm, Stock and Implements at Public Sale—John W. Kirkman.
Six Cows for Sale—Peter B. Mikesell, Westminster, Md.
Notice to the Public—R. C. Matthews, Auctioneer.
Don't You Forget It—T. W. Norris & Co., Patapsco.
Auctioneering—John G. Shunk, Westminster, Md.
Public Sale—Samuel Swope, Taneytown.
Election Notice—W. A. Cunningham, Sec.
Trustees' Sale—Eliza Jane Sellman, trustee.
Legal Notices. List of Unclaimed Matter.
Auction, Auction—J. F. Rinker.
Wm. H. Blizzard, Auctioneer.

Centre Valley Items.

Mr. Henry Runk, of near Melrose, is quite sick with pneumonia and an attack of consumption.

Mr. Phanuel Wentz lost a valuable young horse last week.

The report of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Dug Hill to Jesse K. Hines, Insurance Commissioner of the state of Maryland, has just been completed, and shows that the risks of the Company up to December 31st, 1883, are $3,510,966.00; premium note capital, up to the same time, $257,018.66; amount of losses incurred during the last year, from December 31st, 1882, to December 31st, 1883, $8,867.49, divided as follows: Frederick Ochs, Hampstead, $273.49; Wm. Shubkegel, Hampstead, $74.00; Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Westminster, $5,000; Thomas Keefer, Taneytown, $515.00; Henry Kesselring, Silver Run, $5.00, and Henry Menges, Middleburg, $3,000. The above report will be published for several weeks hereafter in both the Westminster papers, giving full particulars of assets, liabilities, income, expenditures, &c., &c., of the company.

Proceedings of the School Board.

The Board met on Monday morning last, all the members being present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The bond of the secretary and treasurer was examined and approved. Messrs. Warner and Reindollar were appointed a committee to wait upon the county commissioners in reference to the payment of the county school fund for the winter term. In a short time they returned with a check for $7,000. On motion of Mr. Warner, it was ordered—

That the rates of fees for the use of books in the public schools shall be uniform throughout the county, according to the schedule of prices agreed upon by the Board, which schedule is as follows:—for the 1st grade 25 cents per term; for the 2nd and 3d grades 50 cents per term; for the 4th and 5th grades 75 cents per term; for the 6th grade and all pupils above the 6th grade $1 per term, and that no report of a teacher for any term will be passed by the Board, or payment thereon made, unless proper charges are thereon entered for the books used for every pupil, except such as have been exempted in writing by the trustees of the school, and unless proper vouchers are filed with said report for all incidental expenses therein reported.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. Abbott, Leister and Meyls, appeared before the Board, praying the erection of a new school house for school No. 13, in the 6th district; but, as the Board finds itself embarrassed by a debt of about $8,000, action thereon was postponed. The election districts in the county were assigned to the commissioners for general supervision of the schools therein as follows: 7th and 4th, to Mr. Grimes; 6th and 8th, to Mr. Warner; 2nd, 11th and 12th, to Mr. Slingluff; 1st, 3rd and 10th, to Dr. Reindollar; and 5th and 9th, to Mr. Prugh. Various matters concerning the schools in the districts under their care were referred to them respectively. At twelve o'clock a recess was taken until 1 p. m.

Prof. Newson being present at the afternoon session, a satisfactory arrangement was made with him in reference to the property in his possession belonging to the Board.

The trustees of Snydersburg school sought instruction how to proceed in collecting the book fees due at that school. The matter was referred to counsel of the Board.

A petition for the erection of a new school house and formation of a new school district at Alesia, in the 6th district, was received and filed.

The resignations of Geo. W. Miller and A. H. Huber as trustees of Central Hall school, in Westminster, were accepted, as was also that of Elkanan W. Englar as trustee of the New Windsor school. Uriah Englar was appointed in his place on motion of Mr. Slingluff.

The salary of assistant teachers was fixed at $55 per term.

The reports of the teachers for the winter term and various bills for incidental expenses were considered and passed, after which and some other routine business, the Board adjourned to the 1st Monday in March next.

Weather Signals for Farmers.

"The new system of displaying weather signals on moving trains will soon be put into operation on the Frederick Division, Pennsylvania Railroad. A frame containing red and blue signals, will be placed on each side of the combination car. The signals are made with three characters, in two colors (red and blue,) and are explained as follows:

In *Red*, the sun indicates higher temperature; the cresent, lower temperature, and the star, stationary temperature.

In *Blue*, the sun indicates general rain or snow; the crescent, clear or fair weather, and the star, local rain or snow.

Before the train leaves Columbia these signals will be set to agree with the weather report, each frame showing one red and one blue signal. By these means it is desired to reach the farmers along the line who do not see any weather reports until late in the day. Any man in his home or his field by noting the signals and by preserving this explanation or by having a card to show what they mean, will know what the weather has in store for him during the day. If he should see a red sun over a blue crescent he would know that he might expect higher temperature and clear or fair weather, and so on. These cards will be widely distributed when the use of signals is commenced, but it is desired that the matter should be brought before the people before commencing their use."

The above is from a York, Pa., paper. The adoption of the system by the railroad shows enterprise, and the signals would be valuable to farmers along the line of the road, provided the Signal Service reports were reliable. For more than a year past the Weather Bureau has been useless, the predictions being much oftener wrong than right. If the Bureau should ever become reliable, then the signals would be valuable to farmers.

Leap-Year Party at New Windsor.

(Reported for the Democratic Advocate.)

The leap-year party given by the young ladies of New Windsor and vicinity at Dielman's Hotel, on Friday night last, proved to be the great success of the season, and over seventy persons were present. The ladies, representing different characters in fancy dress, made a beautiful and pleasing appearance. The party was opened with a grand march, which was followed by all the usual dances. Although the parlors were almost crowded to excess, the most perfect order was maintained by the lady floor manager. The reversed order of things—ladies asking gentlemen to dance, etc.—caused great merriment at times. At eleven o'clock the young gentlemen were invited to a sumptuous supper, gotten up by the ladies. The tables, handsomely decorated with flowers and groaning under the weight of good things, looked most inviting, and in a few moments the jolly revelers were seated and doing justice to the ladies' efforts. After supper dancing was resumed with renewed vigor and continued until the small hours in the morning. The "Home, Sweet Home" waltz, the signal for departure, came too soon for all present. On leaving, all agreed that the young ladies had made the occasion a perfect success.

It has indeed been truly remarked, "There is nothing more graceful and becoming in social amusements than good dancing," and it is far superior to the sometimes rude and boisterous playing indulged in by those who are taught to think dancing is a sin. It is one of the refined arts of social life. It has been rightly called "The Poetry of Motion."

The leap-year party will long be remembered by our young folks.

A Pastor Visited.

On last Friday evening the ladies and gentlemen members of the M. P. Church of Uniontown, took quiet possession of the parsonage. Gaining admittance to the dining-room, two large tables were soon filled with everything needful in the pastor's home: two elegant turkies, dressed chickens, butter, apples, canned fruit, articles of clothing, &c. Even "Gypsy" was not forgotten, but had her share in the gifts. The young ladies took charge of the organ, and added greatly to the pleasure of the evening, while several of the older ones prepared refreshments to gladden the "inner man."

Mr. D. A. C. Webster made a brief address on behalf of the friends present—assuring Mr. Cochel, the pastor, of the high esteem in which he is held, and of their appreciation of his labors among them.

Longfellow expresses the sentiments of his reply so beautifully in the following lines:

"If any thought of mine, or sung or told,
Has ever given delight or consolation;
Ye have repaid me back a thousand fold,
By every friendly sign and salutation.

Thanks for the sympathies ye have shown!
Thanks for each kindly word—each silent token,
That teaches me, when seeming most alone,
Friends are around us—though no word be spoken."

Taneytown Items.

Mr. Hezekiah Hahn met with a painful accident on last Sunday. He came to town to attend services at the Lutheran Church and after services were over, and he ready to start for home, he went to the fence that encloses the parsonage to hand a package to Mr. Roth, the pastor of the church, and in doing so slipped and fell on the snow and ice along the fence, dislocating his knee cap and breaking it in two pieces. He was removed to the parsonage and medical aid summoned. He was afterwards conveyed to his home, a distance of 2½ miles from town.

The remains of Mrs. Anna Barbara Eck, who died after a long illness on the 31st ultimo, were interred at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetry last Sunday. She was aged 81 years.

Mr. C. O. Fuss, of this place, and Andrew Sifton, of Emmittsburg, have opened a furniture store in this place.

Mrs. Clara Sponsler (nee Reaver,) wife of Charles Sponsler, formerly of this place, but now living in Baltimore, is lying dangerously ill in the latter place at her home on Frederick avenue.

Appointment of Constables.

The County Commissioners this week made the following appointment of constables:

Taneytown district—James C. Davis.
Uniontown district—Enoch L. Frizell.
Myers' district—David Boose, Jonas Frock.
Woolery's district—Elias N. Blizzard, Wm. Williams.
Freedom district—Joshua Lee, William Lindsay.
Manchester district—William Wilson, Geo. L. Shaeffer.
Westminster district—John A. Macintosh, John Haines, B. W. Buckingham, William L. Corbin.
Hampstead district—Conrad Schnoyel.
Franklin district—Philip Detrick.
Middleburg district—No appointments.
New Windsor district—Simon Bangs.
Union Bridge district—Jacob Gorsuch.
Other appointments will be made at the next meeting of the Commissioners.

Warfieldsburg Items.

Chas. H. Poole and Emanuel Little, two of our young men of ability and promise, contemplate going west the first part of March and permanently locating there, if they should find suitable locations. They go with our best wishes for their future success, only we would remind them that their many friends in Maryland will always accord them a hearty welcome back.

Eighty-two pupils are registered at our public school for the spring term, which commenced last Friday.

Mr. Scott Lloyd, who has been lying critically ill at his father's, is slowly improving. Mr. Wm. N. Sellman and Mr. John Beggs are also much better.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, Wednesday evening, the regular weekly meeting evening of the Gem, found it at the handsome and always hospitable residence of Mr. Levi Manahan. We were welcomed by Chas. F. and his charming sister, Miss Mollie, in their usual pleasant manner. After attending to the routine work, the following programme was rendered: Full chorus, "My Shepherd," by the Society, followed by select reading by Miss Mollie Manahan, subject, "Willie's Delightful Visit," which was very commendable. A vocal solo by Miss C. Belle Poole, "How Long When I'm Gone," was next, after which an essay was read by Miss Nora Gorsuch, subject, "The Society of America." The essay was admirably written, particularly the part descriptive of the modern dude. Humorous reading, by Miss Gertie E. Stoner, followed, subject, "The Fatal Toast," which was very much enjoyed. By request, Miss Addie Manahan rehearsed "Across the Field of Barley." The Society showed their appreciation of her rendition by a rising vote of thanks, after which the Society rendered "The Hush of the Night," as a full chorus. Accepting the kind invitation of Mr. Edwin E. Stoner, the Gem adjourned to meet at his residence on Wednesday evening next. The Gem cordially invites your Lisbon correspondent to meet with it whenever opportunity offers, and thanks him for his "good wishes."

Since she has disposed of her "one [illegible]"

Orphans' Court.

Monday, February 4.—George J. Dutrow, executor of Anna M. Dutrow, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels; also settled first and final account.

Letters of administration on the estate of John T. Humbert, deceased, were granted to Mary Jane Sullivan and Isaac Sullivan.

Wm. T. Boring, executor of Caleb Boring, deceased, reported sale of real estate.

Hannah E. Albert, administratrix d. b. n. of Rezin F. Albert, deceased, settled first and final account.

Wm. L. Frock and Michael T. Frock, administrators of Michael Frock, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, and received order to sell goods and chattels and order to notify creditors.

John J. Reese and Dr. J. W. Hering, executors of William Reese, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, and received order to notify creditors.

Tuesday, February 5.—Letters of administration on the estate of John Rupp, deceased, were granted to Francis Warner.

Ephraim Cover, guardian to Robert L. Cookson, settled eighth and final account.

Ephraim Haines, surviving administrator of Moses Haines, deceased, returned additional list of sales of personal property, list of debts, and settled first and final administration account.

Wm. A. McKellip, administrator of Horace B. Ward, deceased, settled first account.

Sam's Creek Items.

Geo. Kiler, who not long since purchased the farm of John H. Stem, has traded with Joel Roop for his farm, lying midway between New Windsor and Uniontown. The former gives $2,750 besides his farm, and gets half the crop of the latter. Mr. Roop formerly resided near here, and will be welcomed back by all who knew him, as a highly esteemed neighbor.

Stephen C. Chipley has sold his house and lot, containing 8 acres, situated near Oak Orchard, to John P. Naill for $1,050. Mr. Naill will build a barn on said lot immediately. This property was reported in the ADVOCATE as being sold, but on account of the party being unable to comply with the terms, it was resold to the above named party. Mr. Chipley, who is now living near New Windsor, has a creamery in successful operation, and is doing a thriving business.

Miss Emma Whalen, of Frederick city, has been secured as teacher of the public school at Oak Orchard, in the place of Miss Etta Goodwin, whose ill-health caused her to resign the position.

Considerable improvements will take place in our town and vicinity during the spring and summer, which will be noticed in the ADVOCATE.

Eden Items.

On Saturday evening last the Snydersburg Band tendered a serenade to J. J. Abbott & Son at their store here. The Band stayed until a late hour at night and rendered some choice music very creditably.

Our school is progressing finely, under the instruction of Mr. Jos. A. Abbott, who has been the teacher for about seven years. Your correspondent paid the school a visit a short time ago, and was astonished at the progress of the school under the unfavorable circumstances, sixty-three pupils being on the roll in a small, dilapidated hut, with seating capacity for about forty. The building was erected about fifty years ago for a meeting-house, and after it was unfit for that purpose it was taken for a school house. The citizens of this neighborhood have been endeavoring to get the commissioners to give us a larger and better building for eight or ten years past.

Mother earth has put in an appearance again since the snow has left, and wheat is looking well.

The report in the Hampstead *Enterprise* last week concerning John H. Wisner was greatly exaggerated. Mr. Wisner's leg was not broken—only strained, and Dr. R. C. Wells was not called in.

Mme. Fry's Concert Company.

Mme. Fry's Concert Company gave a concert at Odd Fellow's Hall on Monday night, and remained over and gave another on Tuesday night. Notwithstanding the rainy and disagreeable weather the hall was comfortably full both nights, and the concerts more than met public expectation. It is really a first-class Concert Company, the performers being skilled in their specialties. Mme. Fry, as a vocalist, is very accomplished, and her voice has a wonderful scope. While she can sing a high soprano, she also renders a baritone part well. She also handles the violoncello with skill, and as a cornetist she gave an exhibition of triple-tonguing that was very creditable indeed. The daughters are also accomplished. They have good voices and sing with expression. Each one draws a skillful bow upon the violin, and Miss Lulu Fry plays sweetly upon the flute. The novelty of ladies playing string and brass instruments give the concerts additional interest.

Weather Record for January for 6 Years.

FREEDOM, February 7th, 1884,—*Messrs. Vanderford Bros:*—Enclosed I send you the average degree of cold during the month of January in the following years, viz:

January, 1879, 29°; January, 1880, 40½°; January, 1881, 26½°; January, 1882, 30½°; January, 1883, 29°; January, 1884, 27°. January 1st, 1881, the thermometer at my house stood at 7½, a. m., 11° below zero, and at 1 o'clock, p. m., 24° above. Some newspapers lately mentioned the degrees of severe cold early that morning, but said nothing about it afterwards. That day the average was 10½° above zero, whereas on the 6th day January, this year, the thermometer stood at 7½, a. m., 2° above zero, and the average for that day 6½° above. This was a very cold day, the coldest this winter thus far. Yours very Respectly, R. J. Baker.

Fountain Valley Items.

Following are the weights of hogs recently killed in this vicinity:—Wm. Wantz six, weighing 346½, 389½, 244, 296, 279 and 239 pounds, and one beef weighing 552 pounds; Emanuel Forney, three, 357, 374 and 433; Wm. A. Smelser two, six months old, 167 and 176, he has also a cow, which is supposed to be foundered, for which he has refused $75; Frederick Zahn two, four months old, 107½ and 89½; A. J. Koontz, two, six months old, 161 and 160; Edward Schneffer, two, 314 and 342.

Emanuel Wantz has purchased the Zimmerman farm, which adjoins the one he now owns, for $4200.

Weather Record for the Week.

February 2—mercury 22 at 7 a. m. and 44 at 2 p. m.; clear. February 3—mercury 28 at 7. a. m. and 46 at 2 p. m.; clear up to noon, followed by hazy and cloudy weather, with rain at night. February 4—mercury 37 at 7 a. m. and 46 at 2 p. m.; cloudy, with rain in the afternoon and at night. February 5—mercury 36 at 7 a. m. and 48 at 2 p. m.; cloudy. February 6—mercury 54 at 7 a. m. and 61 at 2 p. m.; cloudy, with light rain. February 7—mercury 50 at 7 a. m. and 54 at 2 p. m.; cloudy and rainy. February 8—mercury 36 at 7 a. m. and 40 at 12 m.; cloudy

A curiosity was brought to this office yesterday. It was an egg inside of an egg. The outter shell was large, and between it and the perfect egg within, was only albumen. It was sent to us by Mr. Jeremiah Baublitz, of Uniontown.

The Carroll County Teachers' Institute met at Central Hall school, this city, yesterday.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

Rev. Wm. Richmond will not officiate at Ascension Church tomorrow, as announced last week. Rev. James W. Reese will conduct the usual services morning and evening.

Rev. John T. Ward, D. D., President of Western Maryland College, will preach in the Centenary M. E. Church, of Westminster, tomorrow morning at 10.30 a. m., and the Rev. E. J. Wilson will preach at 7 p. m. The Young Peoples Meeting beginning at 6.15 p. m., will be led by Mr. J. W. Grubb.

Divine service at Trinity Reformed Church, Manchester, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. Rupp, pastor; subject, "Experimental Religion."

TRUSTEES' SALE
OF
A SMALL FARM.

The undersigned, Joseph M. Parke, trustee, by virtue of a decree passed by the Circuit Court for Carroll county in cause No. 1980 Equity, and the undersigned, Jacob Frederick, trustee, by virtue of a decree passed by said court in cause No. 2180 Equity, will sell at public sale, at the Court House door, in Westminster, Carroll county, Maryland, on

Monday, 25th day of February, 1884,

at 11 o'clock, a. m., all that parcel of land, a small farm, containing

36 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS,

situated in Manchester district, Carroll county, Maryland, 3 miles east of Manchester, 1½ miles from Alesia, on railroad, now occupied by J. Frederick Koerner, and adjoining lands of Jacob Bowman and others.

It is improved by a Log Dwelling House, 1½ story, and kitchen, log barn, hog stable, well and pump, orchard, &c.

The decree in cause No. 1980 Equity was obtained to set aside deed of said land from Frederick Koerner to his wife Anna, and to sell the same for the benefit of his creditors; and the decree in cause No. 2180 Equity to foreclose a prior mortgage on said land from the husband to engaged in paid wife to Henry Warner, and [illegible] to give a good title as Koerner and the [illegible] paper, when the joint sale is made to door, which was open, to the purchaser.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash to the amount of the principal, interests and costs of the said Warner mortgage ($500, with interest from April 1st, 1883) to be paid to the said Jacob Frederick, trustee; and for the residue of the purchase money the purchaser shall pay to said Joseph M. Parke, trustee, one-third thereof on the day of sale, or on the ratification of sale by the court; one-third in six and the other third in twelve months from day of sale, with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by the purchaser's notes with approved security.

JOSEPH M. PARKE,
JACOB FREDERICK,
Trustees aforesaid.

Jas. A. C. Bond, Solicitor for Jacob Frederick, trustee.
feb 2-4t R. C. Matthews, Auctioneer.

THE WONDERFUL ROSY MORNINGS AND EVENINGS

Are said to be caused by the reflection of the sun upon the dust cast up by the recent violent volcanic eruptions. We differ with scientists on this point, and think it is but a faint reflection of the success we meet with in selling the

Elegant New Crown Sewing Machine, Weaver's Sweet-Toned York Cottage Organ, and the Neat, Comfortable Florence Oil Stove.

Having sold over 200 Crowns, about 100 Weaver Organs and many Florence Oil Stoves, we think we can afford to stop ten minutes to write up a little poetry which may astonish the world. Here it is, after ten weeks hard work and a little waste of brain (can't stand much of the latter):

New Crown Sewing Machine:
The rose is red,
The nose is too;
I like the CROWN,
And so will you.
Try it! try it! do!

Weaver's York Cottage Organ:
Our face gets cold,
But we are bold,
And when we place a WEAVER
We are always sure to leave her;
And home we come with cash,
If we don't have a smash.

Florence Oil Stove:
Our Stove's name is FLORENCE,
Our dog's name is Joe;
The Stove needs but a match,
But tin pans make dogs go.

Hand made by
M. L. MAIN,

The fellow that was horribly burned but still lives, on Carroll street, next to new Lutheran Church, Westminster, Md. feb 2-tf

PUBLIC SALE
OF A VALUABLE
BRICK DWELLING HOUSE,
IN THE EAST END OF WESTMINSTER.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, the subscriber, as Surviving Executor of Mary Ann Webster, late of said county, deceased, will sell at public sale on the premises, on

Saturday, the 1st day of March, 1884,

at 3 o'clock, p. m., that valuable two-story Brick Dwelling with back-building, containing 8 rooms, good cellars, with all necessary conveniences, in good order. The lot fronts 65 feet on Main street, and is a corner lot, running back 165 feet, being on the corner of Main street and the Manchester road. There is a good stable, wood house, well of good water, fruit of all kinds, &c., on the lot. The property is fee simple.

To any one wishing town property this is a very desirable one and well worthy the attention of purchasers.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid to the said Executor on the day of sale, or on the ratification thereof by the said Court; and the residue in two equal payments, the one payable in one year, and the other payable in two years from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the bonds or single bills of the purchaser or purchasers, with sufficient security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

ELIAS YINGLING,
feb 2-ts Surviving Executor.

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEEDS.

Buy SANFORD'S TESTED SEEDS if you want to grow Flowers or Vegetables. You will find them reliable and true to name. I can supply any kind wanted by the packet, ounce or pound. Send for price list.

VEGETABLE PLANTS.

Jersey Wakefield Cabbage, Early Winningstadt " Early Flat Dutch " Early York "	per doz. 12 cts. per 100 $1.00. per 1,000 $8.00.

Cauliflower, Henderson's Early Snowball, 40 cents